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Peer returns to school, awaits next court date

Teen faces 2 felony charges in fatal Florida accident

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Westland teen Jeremy Peer returned to his Livonia Franklin High School classes Monday, one week after Florida authorities said he drove off a Florida road and killed a 33-year-old woman as she walked with her

husband.

As he awaits a May 18 court date in Panama City Beach, Peer resumed his senior year after his parents arranged for his release from jail.

"He got home Friday," his mother, Janet Peer, said. "He's doing the only thing that he can do right now, and that's wait."



Jeremy Peer

According to a Bay County Court clerk, Jeremy Peer left jail after arrangements were made with a surety company to secure his release on bonds totaling \$175,000.

Peer, a star athlete who had earned an academic scholarship to Adrian College, is accused of fleeing the scene after driving a 2006 Jeep Commander off of

Front Beach Road, killing Colleen Martin and injuring her husband, Montey.

"We're asking for prayers for Jeremy, and we're asking for prayers for Colleen Martin's family," Janet Peer said Monday.

The accident happened about 10 p.m. April 17 during Panama City Beach's bustling spring break season. Deputy Police Chief David Humphreys has said the Martins, a Pennsylvania couple, were walking alongside the road near a Wal-Mart store. Authorities believe that Peer

was alone in the Jeep Commander. He was arrested early Tuesday after an alert motel manager, who had heard of the accident, saw the damaged vehicle and notified police, Humphreys said.

Humphreys has said it could be weeks - even months - before authorities will have lab results indicating whether alcohol was a factor in the accident.

However, Janet Peer said emphatically Monday that "there was no drinking involved. There was never any question

about that."

Peer, a Franklin football tight end, basketball player and track athlete, has been described by football coach Chris Kelbert as a model student and "outstanding leader" who has a 4.3 grade-point average.

Peer is charged with leaving the scene of an accident involving a death and with leaving the scene of an accident causing an injury. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to 15

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Yippee!

Graduation is milestone for John Glenn senior

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Like any other high school senior, Michelle Ellswood has been bitten by senioritis. Ask her about graduation and a wide grin spreads across her face. Ask her about the last day of school, May 24, and she yells yippee.

Her excitement about completing high school is matched with the thrill of going on to study at Madonna University in the fall.

"She deserves a party," said her proud father Richard. "She's surpassed what even the doctors thought. She grew more than they thought, she walked better than they thought. She's constantly wanting to learn. She's a go-getter. If she doesn't learn, she gets mad."

Ellswood was born with cerebral palsy and a mild form of epilepsy. With the help of the special education program in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, she will receive a certificate of completion from John Glenn High School.

She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average during her senior year and passed all the necessary requirements to receive her high school diploma. She decided to accept the certificate which will ensure the assistance she has received since she was nine months old will be with her through age 26.

"Once you get a diploma, you're out of the system and on your own," said her mother Connie. "With a certificate, she gets her education through age 26."

SCHOOL DAYS

She took political science in 11th grade because "it was interesting," she said, and favors fiction over non-

PLEASE SEE GRADUATE, A6



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn High School senior Michelle Ellswood which achieve a milestone next month when she graduates. Born with cerebral palsy, the honor student will receive a certificate of completion at the June 3 commencement ceremony.

Developers drop driving range from Cooper School plan

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Plans to redevelop the old Cooper School property have been revised yet again, but officials are hopeful that cleanup efforts will be done this summer on the former landfill site.

And, in what would be a milestone, the Westland City Council could vote as early as June to approve a preliminary site plan allowing developers to move forward.

"We've made a lot of progress, and we're ready to get moving on this," Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli said Monday.

Her remarks came during a 90-minute meeting with council members, developers, environmental consultants and Cooper area residents.

The latest plan calls for four single-story, 12,350-square-foot medical office buildings and a four-floor, 136-unit, independent living facility for senior citizens. Developers have dropped plans for a golf driving range on the 37-acre site.

Cooper School, on Ann Arbor Trail east of Middlebelt, opened in 1965 by Livonia Public Schools but was closed and fenced off in 1991 amid concerns for student safety. The building was demolished last July.

New environmental tests have found municipal-type waste and related methane gas, but nothing that officials believe would pose any health risks or block redevelopment efforts.

Even so, Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt, whose children attended Cooper School, indicated concerns Monday over the finding of methane.

"Now, to hear that there's methane concerns me because my kids were there," she said.

In another development, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has told developers that they will have to remove waste from the site where buildings will be constructed.

Earlier plans called for redistributing the contaminated soil, leaving it on the property and capping it. Officials hope to remove the soil this summer and haul it to a landfill while school is not in session at the nearby, newer Cooper School, said Jack Kirksey, former Livonia mayor and a project consultant hired by Livonia Public Schools. Fresh soil will be brought in.

The latest requirements by MDEQ will result in higher cleanup costs. The state already had approved a \$1.3 million grant for the school district and a \$1 million loan for the city of Westland.

Now, with cleanup costs potentially reaching the \$3 million mark, local officials have asked MDEQ to provide an additional \$700,000. Cicirelli indicated that she is "pretty confident" that the money will be approved.

Some nearby residents welcomed news that old municipal waste will be hauled away.

"Removing it to a landfill - that's good news to me," resident Ruth Dale said.

Moreover, developers would leave in place a monitoring system, including underground pipes, to keep any potential methane from getting into buildings. As a precaution, the buildings would be equipped with alarm systems to warn against any dangerous levels of methane.

One of the developers, David Nona, indicated that officials hope to start construction in spring of next year. The project would start with two medical office buildings off of Ann Arbor Trail. Two similar facilities would be built during a second phase, and the senior housing during a third phase.

In all, the project would take several years to complete.

The Westland City Council is expected to schedule a public hearing on June 5 to hear comments from citizens. That would be followed on June 19 by the vote on a preliminary site plan.

County honors Polich for her volunteerism

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

When the Wayne County Commission recently bestowed its Unsung Hero Awards, veteran member Kay Beard decided to honor Westland community volunteer Barb Polich.

"She's one of those people who's kind of involved behind the scenes," Beard, D-Westland, said. "I thought it was time that we gave her some recognition."

Polich, 69, is involved with the Westland Historical Commission; a group called Fun For All that gives scholarships to low-income youths; a committee called SPARK that's dedicated to raising money for youth recreation programs; the Westland Summer

Festival; the city Zoning Board of Appeals; the Relay for Life cancer-fighting fund-raiser; Rouge River rescue efforts; the civic group Women of Westland; the Westland Civitan Club, which helps the disabled; Kicks 4 Kids, which is raising money for soccer fields; and Special Olympics - to name just a few organizations.

"I enjoy it," Polich said Thursday. "I like to make a difference in some tiny little way. I don't really need a pat on the back."

Even so, she said she was appreciative of the Unsung Hero Award.

"I thought it was really nice," she said.

It isn't the first time Polich has received awards for her community volunteer work. She was Westland's First



Polich

Polich also takes her volunteer work outside of Westland. During this year's Super Bowl in Detroit, she helped out with a variety of events downtown, including the Motown Winter Blast.

A native of Boyne City, Polich has lived in Westland since 1971. She has no plans to stop volunteering anytime soon.

"I haven't learned how to say 'no' yet," she said. But, more important, "I just like to see people smile."

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Local students showcase 1st film

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

As director of the Creative and Performing Arts program in Livonia Public Schools, Gail Susan Mack works with students who are often passionate about singing, dancing and acting on stage.

For the past year, she's seen a handful of those students transform — into a pyromaniac, a shoplifter, a drunken driver, a drug addict and more — on screen.

Collectively, they are all cast members of *Juvie*, a feature-length film based on the original play by Jerome McDonough. Mack said she believes the story was meant as a "vehicle for kids to learn the consequences of their actions."

"Basically, it's the story of 13 juvenile delinquents who have their own problems, obviously, and a particular crime lands them all into the same jail," Mack said.

She adapted the story into a screenplay last summer, keeping the dialogue true to its original form. By August, Mack held auditions for the film project, the first full-length movie ever created by CAPA students.

Juvie premiered last Saturday at the Carli Auditorium of Churchill High School,

"All of the characters are totally different," said Annie Cutshaw, first assistant director and a Churchill senior. One character portrays a rather typical teenager who accidentally hits a child with her car, then flees the scene. Another is a drug addict who lives on the street.

Churchill student Emily Osborn portrayed Phylly, a pyromaniac. Of the cast of delinquents, she said, "You wouldn't want to meet them in a dark alley."

At the same time, many of the characters possess traits to which most teenagers can relate, Cutshaw added.

BEYOND A COMFORT ZONE

For Churchill student Ethan Hedeon, playing a cocky drunken driver named Skip posed quite a challenge. Rather than being the type of person who "picks on the defenseless, nice kids," Hedeon said he was more likely to be "one of the kids who got picked on," which made his character difficult to play.

Filming began last summer, starting with beach and outdoor scenes. Throughout the school year, the cast and crew filmed indoor scenes, including about one-third of the film, which takes place inside a prison cell.

Cast members were literally locked up inside a holding cell



Gail Susan Mack, director of the Livonia Public Schools Creative and Performing Arts program, sits with students Annie Cutshaw, back left, Emily Osborn, back right, Sarah Andrus, front left, and Ethan Hedeon. Each worked on the production of the first full-length CAPA film, titled *Juvie*.

for a full day of filming at the Detroit House of Corrections, at Five Mile and Beck roads.

For students, like Osborn, the experience was nothing less than "terrifying." As a result, she said she plans to go out of her way to obey the law.

"We were the only ones in there and it was scary," said Sarah Andrus, third assistant director on the film.

Hedeon noted that the cell was "filthy" and really got the point across that it was "not where you want to be."

MOVIE WITH A MESSAGE

Filming on *Juvie* was held sporadically throughout the school year, after classes and on weekends. The project gave a group of stage actors and crew

members their first film experience. And it held a strong message.

"It was an experience that opens your eyes and makes you think twice about hanging out with your friends and doing things that teenagers aren't supposed to be doing," Cutshaw said.

Mack said students learned that their emotions "had to be much more subtle" on film. And they got used to filming scenes out of sequence, rather than completing a full play from start to finish.

"The whole experience was just amazing," Andrus said. "It was so much different than anything on stage. It was just as much fun, if not more."

Tom Wright served as director of photography, and used state-of-the-art recording and editing equipment for the film.

Mack said she and Wright will team up on another CAPA Pictures project. She plans to write an original screenplay this summer, which could serve as the basis for the next movie.

"I can put a lot of my own experience into the film," Mack said.

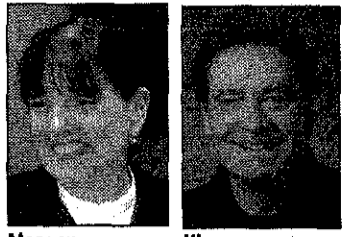
Cutshaw said she hopes a lot of people have a chance to see *Juvie* because "it's going to be a real eye-opener."

For more information about, or to watch the trailer for *Juvie* online, visit www.starringcapa.com.

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Issues divide 2 board candidates

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Morgan King

Incumbent Joanne Morgan and challenger Steve King debated everything from the Legacy Initiative to the importance of MEAP scores during the third and final candidate forum held Thursday by the Livonia Democratic Club.

The two candidates are vying for one four-year seat, which begins July 1.

King told the crowd gathered at Livonia's Civic Park Senior Center that he chose to run for the spot in an effort to "change the culture of the board and district." He vowed to bring robust dialogue and openness to the board, if elected.

Morgan, a 10-year board veteran, shared her accomplishments as a board member, including rising MEAP test scores, a long history of PTA involvement and advocacy for sustainable school funding.

Audience members posed the questions and covered topics ranging from budget woes to closing schools to changing high school graduation requirements. Some issues, such as the Washington Elementary School lease, have not yet come before the board for a formal vote.

The board is considering a lease which would allow Plymouth Canton Community Schools to use Washington for about a year. The lease stipulates LPS would receive \$24,000 a month. After costs, the district would earn \$4,000 a month in revenue. Morgan was questioned by an audience member who said the district would not make enough profit from this deal.

"The building will be cared for and we will profit from the short-term lease," she said. "It makes us good neighbors with Plymouth Canton. It gives us some time to decide how to manage the building, rather than paying money to maintain the property."

Despite Morgan's explanation, King said he didn't believe there would be any profit in the Washington School lease. "There will be wear and tear on the building," he added.

King said he believes the district is spending more than it can cover with state funding. "The most effective way to save money is to change how we spend it," he said. King suggested enforcing a zero-based budget, changing the bid process to allow bargaining, and eliminate waste. He contends that the district has a "spending problem."

Both candidates were asked to specify ways in which they have served as advocates for the school district.

"I came to this job because of legislative advocacy," said Morgan. Her work began as a PTA member and continued as board trustee when she "could come as a representative and tell all state legislators how important funding is," she said.

King said he became an advocate by "becoming a public school teacher" though he's also worked as a coach and custodian in the schools. King is pursuing his master's degree in educational leadership, he added.

LEGACY VS. ALTERNATIVE

The Legacy Initiative, a plan to close seven schools and reconfigure grades into lower and upper elementary schools, has been a topic of debate in the district and throughout both campaigns.

"It violates everything this district was founded on — neighborhood schools," said King.

Morgan asked: "What's the alternative? Increasing class size? Cutting teachers?" She said the district could either run half-empty buildings or use that money to educate children.

Morgan supported the Legacy Initiative and said the plan allows the district to save money while increasing programs.

King said there may be a better solution. "We need to include everyone. It's seven schools, not a school. We're talking about the heart and soul of our community."

Some questions were asked of specific candidates. Morgan was asked about past legal issues the school board has faced, involving Open Meetings Act accusations. She explained that the board has never been found guilty of violating the act, adding that one lawsuit was summarily dismissed by the court.

King was asked if he had either received campaign contributions from or given funding to the Citizens for Livonia's Future group, which opposes the Legacy Initiative. He said he had not, though he did sign recall petitions being circulated by the group.

Frank Kalinski served as moderator for the Livonia Democratic Club's annual forum. The event allowed for more open dialogue between the competing candidates compared to previous community forums.

No specific time limit was set for answers, which raised some questions of fairness from audience members including former Livonia mayor, Bob Bennett.

Kalinski noted the candidates have different styles of communicating. One spoke more concisely than another, he said.

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Employees of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan looked like tourists but were there to help at Seashore Manor in Biloxi, Miss.

Presbyterian Village employees lend hand at Biloxi, Miss., home

The phrase "weathering the storm" took on a whole new meaning as three volunteer groups of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan (PVM) employees spent two weeks assisting residents and employees at Seashore Manor in Biloxi, Miss.

Seashore Manor is part of the United Methodist Senior Services of Mississippi, an organization that has assisted PVM's planning and

development of the Green Houses at The Village of Redford.

In partnership with Lutheran Homes of Michigan (LHM), the first of three PVM volunteer teams provided daily living care and staff assistance to residents and employees.

The first team arrived in mid-February and included a mix of employees and retirees. Two subsequent volunteer teams arrived in

Biloxi in March, and represented The Villages of Oakland Woods, Westland, Rosebush Manor, East Harbor as well as PVM Executive Staff.

PVM volunteers provided companionship and emotional support to Seashore residents, and their hands-on assistance allowed staff members to take much-needed breaks from their tireless efforts over the past several months.

Summer school options set for LPS

As the weather grows warmer, thoughts turn to summer and, for some, summer school.

The Livonia Public Schools program is open to residents and non-residents, and recommended for students who failed an academic course, want to complete requirements over the summer, or just need extra help in core subjects.

Students interested should visit a school counselor to obtain a registration form. Some students may be recommended to the program by teachers, counselors or administrators.

At the middle school level, LPS summer school will be held Monday-Thursday from July 10 to Aug. 3, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road.

Students can take advantage

of courses such as: Strategies for Reading, Language Arts Review, Social Studies Review, Science Review and Math Review.

Small class sizes allow for more teacher-student interaction.

Registration is open through June 23 for middle school summer school classes.

Classes cost \$175 each, or \$200 each for non-residents. For more information, call (734) 744-2589.

High School students eligible for summer school classes can register by mail or at their home high school's guidance office from May 22 to June 2. Walk-in registration will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 12-16 at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile.

Classes meet Monday through Thursday from June

20 through July 26. No classes will be held July 3-4. In order for students to receive credit for the classes, they are only allowed two absences for the summer school term.

The first class of the day meets from 7:30-10:30 a.m. and the second class meets from 10:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., all at Stevenson High School.

Cost is \$250 per class for residents, \$275 per class for non-residents attending high school summer school.

Course offerings include elective and core classes in subjects like art, language arts, math, physical education, science and social studies.

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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 OB district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

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PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26 T.2S., R.9E., CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 26, T.2S., R.9E., THENCE S. 89° 29' 43" E. 60.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MERRIMAN ROAD (120 FEET WIDE); THENCE DUE NORTH 454.22 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE DUE NORTH 1283.38 FEET; THENCE S. 89° 24' 27" E. 564.65 FEET; THENCE S. 00° 01' 18" E. 260.18 FEET; THENCE N. 89° 59' 30" E. 467.14 FEET; THENCE S. 00° 03' 00" E. 71.28 FEET; THENCE N. 89° 59' 30" E. 44.79 FEET; THENCE S. 00° 01' 18" E. 316.83 FEET; THENCE S. 89° 58' 52" W. 682.37 FEET; THENCE S. 00° 00' 38" W. 310.28 FEET; THENCE S. 70° 02' 10" W. 107.64 FEET; THENCE S. 43° 01' 14" W. 385.81 FEET; THENCE DUE WEST 30.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID MERRIMAN ROAD AND POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 17.08 ACRES AND BEING SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD AND RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC OVER MERRIMAN ROAD.

PARCEL 2

PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26 T.2S., R.9E., CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 26, T.2S., R.9E., THENCE S. 89° 29' 43" E. 60.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MERRIMAN ROAD (120 FEET WIDE); THENCE DUE NORTH 1737.60 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE DUE NORTH 292.70 FEET; THENCE S. 89° 59' 53" E. 564.51 FEET; THENCE S. 00° 01' 18" E. 298.52 FEET; THENCE N. 89° 24' 27" W. 564.65 FEET TO SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MERRIMAN ROAD AND POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 3.83 ACRES AND BEING SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD AND RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC OVER MERRIMAN ROAD.

PARCEL 3

PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26 T.2S., R.9E., CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 26, T.2S., R.9E., THENCE S. 89° 29' 43" E. 60.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MERRIMAN ROAD (120 FEET WIDE); THENCE DUE NORTH 454.22 FEET ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE DUE EAST 30.00 FEET; THENCE N. 43° 01' 14" E. 385.31 FEET; THENCE N. 70° 02' 10" E. 107.64 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N. 00° 00' 38" E. 310.28 FEET; THENCE N. 89° 58' 52" E. 682.37 FEET; THENCE N. 00° 01' 18" W. 316.83 FEET; THENCE S. 89° 59' 30" W. 44.79 FEET; THENCE N. 00° 03' 00" W. 71.28 FEET; THENCE N. 89° 59' 30" E. 102.80 FEET; THENCE S. 00° 01' 18" E. 45.09 FEET; THENCE N. 89° 58' 42" E. 35.00 FEET; THENCE S. 00° 01' 18" E. 653.34 FEET; THENCE N. 89° 59' 48" W. 774.80 FEET; THENCE S. 70° 02' 10" W. 0.77 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 6.39 ACRES AND BEING SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

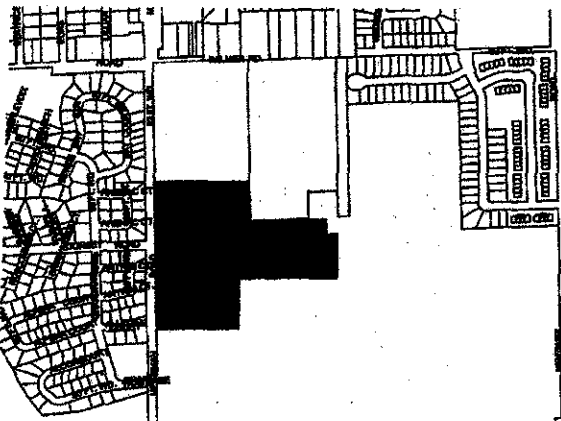
Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

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

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

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

Case #2044B and #2044C Proposed Rezoning and Preliminary Plan Approval Oakmont PUD



EILEEN DEHART Westland City Clerk

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Weaver committed to keep district sound

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER



Fred Weaver

While Frederick Weaver jokes that he could be one vote away from losing next Tuesday's election to a write-in candidate, he talks like a man ready for another four-year term on the Wayne-Westland school board.

"It's a labor of love, and I want to thank the public for their continuing support. I appreciate every vote of confidence I receive," said Weaver.

Weaver is seeking a second four-year term on the board in Tuesday's school election. He is a Westland resident and pastor of the Abundant Life Church of God in Canton Township.

Weaver has served as board secretary and is completing his second year as its president. He decided to seek a second term to continue helping keep the district financially solvent.

Weaver credits the district's administration in its ability to rein in expenses and hang onto some of its budget surplus. The cost containment began four years ago and as a result, Wayne-Westland is in better shape than some neighboring school districts.

"I have to give kudos to the administration," he said. "Because of their diligence in preserving the district's finances and being careful with expenses, Wayne-Westland is one of the few districts that has any money left."

"We've had to cut significantly into our funds, but because of the administration working diligently to save every penny, we will be able to stay afloat for the next two years."

But that may not be the case by the end of the 2007-2008 budget year.

"It's a tough situation," he said. "If things don't change by 2007-2008 and we don't get a miracle, we'll be out of money and we'll have to borrow to meet payroll."

The problem stems from the state's financing of public education. While the state will give districts at least \$175 more per student in the new budget year, it doesn't cover the increased costs of doing business, especially the cost of health care and retirement.

An example is the recently approved high school curriculum. Its passage means a need for more mathematics teachers, and more staff, "but there's no talk about who's going to pay for it," he said.

Weaver estimates that the state is shortchanging the Wayne-Westland Community Schools \$600-\$800 per student because of freezes and proration of the state school aid payment.

"It's definitely frustrating and even more frustrating when you see the inward workings," he said. "No one in Lansing wants to take the bull by the horns to give districts more funds to work with."

"They're saying it'll be another five years, before the state turns around economically," he added. "I'm thinking that at some point, if things don't get better, we'll see districts brought together just for survival."

He also stresses that residents shouldn't confuse the money being used to improve schools with general fund money. Work like the gym expansions at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High schools are being

paid for with money from the district's sinking fund.

"It's important they know that the money is designated, it can only be used for the purposes the community set up - improving our buildings and grounds," he said. "We're restricted in how we can spend them."

Weaver is proud of the unity the board has developed under his leadership and likes "how we've come together."

"Everyone on the board is working diligently," said Weaver. "It's something I wanted to accomplish as president, to not have sides and to have everyone work together."

Under his leadership, the board staged its first Project 180 Can Do! in 2004 for residents in the Jefferson Barns and Lincoln elementaries' attendance areas and is preparing to present Project 180 Too, a May 13 program for parents throughout the district.

"As president I wanted to do something unique, something the school board had never done before," he said of Project 180.

"We're in the schools, showing our support, but this is something we've done on our own." smason@hometolife.com | (734) 953-2112

Firefighters battle blazes at 2 homes

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Two house fires - one involving arson - erupted early Tuesday in Westland but caused no injuries, Fire Chief Michael Reddy said.

The first fire started about 2:20 a.m. in the garage of a new house being built in Covington Estates West, northeast of Glenwood and John Hix roads, Reddy said.

"It's ruled as an arson fire," he said.

No one had moved into the

house, which was nearly finished until flames destroyed most of it, Reddy said.

"They won't be able to salvage much of it," he said.

The fire was set inside an open garage where scrap construction materials had been piled up, Reddy said. He urged anyone with information about the fire to call the Westland Fire Department at (734) 467-3201 or the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600. He welcomed anonymous tips.

The second fire started about 20 minutes later on the opposite

end of town, on residential Cavell near Warren and Inkster.

The fire started in a chair or couch of a house that was vacant, Reddy said.

It appears that either a vagrant or someone renovating the house had been there, the chief said, but authorities hadn't located the owner Tuesday afternoon.

The fire apparently started in a breezeway connecting a garage and the main part of the house, Reddy said.

"No one was living there," he said.

Firefighters put out the blaze "relatively quickly" and kept it from damaging any other houses, Reddy said.

"There was pretty minimal damage," he said.

Westland firefighters handled both incidents without any help from neighboring communities, Reddy said.

Firefighters from a north-end station responded to the fire on Cavell, while their counterparts from the city's four other stations battled the blaze near Glenwood and Hix, Reddy said.

Woman takes bite out of 2 officers at mall

CRIME WATCH

A Detroit woman is facing multiple charges for allegations she assaulted and bit security officers who stopped her from stealing merchandise from Westland Shopping Center.

The incident happened about 5:40 p.m. Saturday as the 20-year-old woman was leaving the JC Penney store on the mall's west end, police said.

The woman is accused of putting several items of jewelry in her purse and leaving the store as security officers

approached her. She ran toward her car and started it with a remote starter, but an officer caught up with her and tried to handcuff her, police said.

The woman began fighting back and ultimately bit two officers on the arm before a Westland police officer arrived and placed her under arrest, according to reports.

When the police officer went

to the suspect's car to turn it off, he discovered other stolen items from several stores, the reports said.

The defendant is charged with unarmed robbery in addition to assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer. She was jailed in lieu of a \$50,000 bond and ordered to appear May 4 for a preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court.

Car break-in

A 22-year-old man told police that someone smashed out a window of his car and stole a stereo sometime between 11 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, and 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 19.

The incident happened at Huntington on the Hill apartments, on Ann Arbor Trail

near Inkster.

Hit-and-run accident

A 76-year-old woman driving west on Warren near Wayne Road told police that another driver hit her car and didn't stop.

The woman had just pulled out of the McDonald's at the Warren-Wayne intersection.

The incident happened about 1:15 p.m. Saturday. The car that hit hers was described only as a black vehicle.

Theft of money

A manager for Family Diner in the 500 block of South Wayne Road told police that someone broke into the business about 2:30 a.m. Monday and took a can of money donations from a counter near the cash register.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF WESTLAND

Sealed proposals for the City of Westland, Bailey Center Emergency Generator Project, will be received by the City of Westland, at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI until 2:00 p.m., local time on Thursday, May 4, 2006 (No exceptions will be made) at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Description of Work:

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

One pad mounted Emergency Generator, complete with automatic transfer switch, modification of the existing power system, installation and connections with operators manual and training.

Contract Documents on File

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

Contract Documents may be obtained at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices. A non-refundable charge of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), check only, payable to the City of Westland will be required for each set of Contract documents. Contract Documents will be available beginning Thursday, April 27, 2006.

Each proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked with the Name of Bidder and shall be plainly marked on the lower front left hand corner "City of Westland Bailey Center Emergency Generator Project".

Proposals must be addressed to the Purchasing Agent of the City of Westland and delivered to the Purchasing Agent's office on or before the time specified above. No exceptions will be made.

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

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

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

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

MR. DWAYNE HARRIGAN Purchasing Agent City of Westland

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AROUND WESTLAND

Recycling benefit

Madison Elementary School is collecting empty laser and inkjet cartridges and used cell phones between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday, April 28, at the school, at 1075 S. Carlson, south of Avondale, Westland.

The school participates in the FundingFactory Recycling Program throughout the school year and is expanding its collection to include the community in observance of Earth Day 2006.

Companies interested in demonstrating a commitment to education and the environment also can participate free of charge in the FundingFactory Business Support Program.

FundingFactory will send each supporting business free, postage-paid shipping boxes for the return of collected cartridges and cell phones.

By donating to Madison Elementary, businesses help them earn the technology and recreational equipment.

To learn more about supporting the school, call FundingFactory toll-free at (888) 883-8237 and mention Madison Elementary in Westland.

Bowling benefit

The Westland Jaycees will be hosting a Bowl-a-Thon Sunday, May 21, to raise funds to purchase a Thermal Imager for the City of Westland Fire Department.

The fund-raiser will be held at Town and Country Lanes on Wayne Road at Avondale. Registration

begins at 1 p.m. The cost is \$20 and includes three games, shoes, pizza and a pop, mystery games and door prizes. Or get in free with \$40 in donations.

For more information or to confirm a spot, call the Westland Jaycees hotline at (734) 26-0400 and leave a message or Bryan Lakotas at (734) 326-7380.

Baby shower

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital's Childbirth and Maternal Services Department will have a Community Baby Shower 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 18, in the second floor conference room of the hospital, 33155 Annapolis at Venpy in Wayne.

All pregnant and perspective couples are invited to attend the evening of fun, information and prizes. Child birth educators, pediatric nurses, car seat specialists and physicians will be on hand to answer questions. Formula representatives also will have information available.

Registration is preferred and women and couples interested in attending can call the Maternal Services Department at (734) 467-457- or (734) 457-5588 or by e-mail at gerakd@oakwood.org.

Spaghetti dinner

The friends and neighbors of Gary Pinko or sponsoring a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 28, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. The dinner will benefit Pinko, a

mail carrier with the Westland Post Office who has been battling cancer for five years. The cost is \$10 per person and includes a spaghetti dinner with soft drinks, 50/50 raffle, silent auction and entertainment by Earth Angels

For more information, call Barbara Allen at (734) 722-5369 or Helen Stevens at (734) 728-9946.

MHS program

The Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland is offering spay or neutering of cats and vaccinations for \$20 for families with financial difficulties now through May 31.

The center is at 900 Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road.

People must provide proof of financial need, such as 1

Mother's Day benefit

The YWCA Western Wayne County has Mother's Day Cards available for a minimum donation of \$25.

Donations from the Mother's Day cards will help the YWCA to create more programs to help women and their families. Approximately 1,000 families benefit from the programs and services offered by the YWCA, and there are more who need help everyday.

For more information, about the Mother's Day Cards, or to purchase a card for one of the wonderful women in your life, call the YWCA Western Wayne Co. at (313) 461-4110, Ext. 20.

Flower sale

The John Glenn High School Instrumental Music Parent Booster Program will be holding a flower Mother's Day weekend in front of Harlow Tires on Wayne Road just south of Ford.

The sale will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, and will feature hanging baskets for \$15 each.

Healthy Living

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne is in line to host an Oakwood Healthcare System Project Healthy Living next month.

Project Healthy Living offers a wide array of helpful and practical health-related activities and provides a variety of screenings to adults 18 years and older.

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital event will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Friday, April 28, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren at Wayne Road.

Many of the health screening tests and services are offered free of charge.

There is a nominal cost for some screenings and all tests are administered by healthcare professionals.

For more information, call (800) 543-WELL.

That's entertainment

The Westland Friendship Center will feature impersonators of Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond and other performers during a variety show 8-9

p.m. Friday, May 5, at the center, 1119 N. Newburgh.

Michael Carluccio as Frank Sinatra and former Westland City Councilman David James as Neil Diamond will be among the performers, according to senior center Director Peggy Ellenwood.

Tickets are \$6, and proceeds will go to the Westland Relay for Life - a benefit in June to help the American Cancer Society. The show is being sponsored by the Westland Jaycees.

For more information, call the senior center at (734) 722-7628.

Spring Bazaar

Come one, come all. Bring your friends and family to shop for crafts and home party goods 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, at Wildwood Elementary School, 500 N. Wildwood, Westland.

The vendors will include Mary Kay, Tupperware, Arbonne, Parti Lite, Avon Pampered Chef. There also will be a bake sale and door prizes. All money raised will go toward guided reading books.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children age 12 and under.

Senior volleyball

The Westland senior citizen Friendship Center hopes to start a co-ed volleyball team to compete in Wayne County's 2006 Senior Olympics.

If interested, call Mel Tockstein at (734) 733-0159.

ACCIDENT

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years in prison.

Peer has been ordered to return to court May 18 for an arraignment in front of Judge Dedee Costello, after which a pretrial hearing will be set, according to court officials.

Janet Peer said that other teens have been unnerved knowing that "if this could happen to Jeremy, it could happen to them."

At Franklin High, Principal

Dan Willenborg said Monday that the school convened counselors to discuss the situation.

"We spoke to Jeremy," he said. "We're marching on, as is he. He'll answer to the legal system down the road."

School counselors will be available for Peer or any other student who needs them in the aftermath of the accident, Willenborg said.

"It's a tragic situation for everyone involved," he said.

Staff writer Stephanie Angelyn Casola contributed to this story. dclm@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2110

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GRADUATE

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fiction and anything that's informational. "English is the subject I hate because I always have homework," she added. "She wants to get her homework done and even does extra," said her mother, drawing an "except in English," from Ellswood. Her parents say she has accomplished a lot during her time in school. She's been on the honor roll since middle school, is a member of the National Honor Society at John Glenn, and received a Presidential Award in Academics. She also was honored as a Student of the Month in eighth grade in recognition of her leadership abilities and commitment to education. Ellswood is one of 10 students from the Livonia Skills Center picked for the pilot program at Madonna University. They will be enrolled in a two-year business program. The first year the students will be in Montessori-style classes with the hope of being placed in to regular college classes during the second year, according to her mother. She also will remain at the Skills Center where she will work on her everyday living skills. "She doesn't want to sit home, she wants to learn," Connie said. "She's excited to hear she's going to Madonna. We've always encouraged her to do what she wants to do and she's always had an enthusiasm to do things."

ACTIVE IN SPORTS

Because of her cerebral palsy, Ellswood has no fine motor skills in her right hand, but that hasn't

kept her from learning to tie her shoes and put on nail polish with the help of an apparatus the husband of her physical therapist made for her. She also wears a brace on her right leg and has had several corrective surgeries, but the limitations haven't kept her from an active sports life that includes bowling, horseback riding, water and snow skiing, ice skating, baseball and kayaking. She's gone through four bowling balls on the way to achieving a 127 average. She bowls on three leagues year-round and has competed in three tournaments, coming away with a second place in one of them. She has her own saddle and bridle for western-style riding and rides independently at Therapeutic Riding in Ann Arbor and enjoys downhill skiing at Pine Knob with Michigan Adaptive Sports. Her father laughs when asked if he has his own version of Dick's Sporting Goods in the back yard. "She's done so well in school that this is her reward," he said. "Her activities are expensive, but she's earned them." She has worked at Meijer and JC Penney in the stockroom and folding clothing and has helped out with birthday parties and bumper bowling at Wayne Bowl in Wayne. Now all she needs is a summer job to cap off an awesome senior year. "We don't try to hold her back, we're letting her do what other kids do," said her father. "We treat her like 'if this is what you want, go for it.'"

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Once IKEA opens, it is expected to draw more than a million visitors annually, which has many people worried about the increased traffic on Ford Road.

Here comes company

Canton braces for major influx of traffic on Ford Road once IKEA opens in June

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Ask people who live or work in Canton about Ford Road traffic, and most will tell you it's bad.

Township polls regarding the quality of life in Canton back up that assessment, as do traffic studies and intersection crash studies (which point to the intersection of Haggerty and Ford as being the third most dangerous in Wayne County).

But when the numbers are black and white — the hour-by-hour count of traffic on Ford Road — the impact of a spike in traffic volume becomes more clear.

According to a traffic study, produced for IKEA as part of its site plan approval process, 5,314 vehicles pass through the intersection at Ford and Haggerty during weekday peak hours (5 p.m.-6 p.m.). The signal just to the west of there, in front of the future furniture store, has 3,408 vehicles pass by it during the same time period.

During peak weekend hours — 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Saturday — 5,035 vehicles go through the Ford and Haggerty intersection and 3,232 pass by the store front on Ford Road.

But after the store opens, an additional 380 vehicles will go through the intersection during weekday peaks (195 entering the parking lot and 185 exiting), and 1,400 will pass through during the Saturday peak hour (790 entering and 610 leaving). Existing levels of service at Ford and Haggerty are at

TRAFFIC CRASHES AT FORD AND HAGGERTY

Year	crashes
1997	58
1998	56
1999	45
2000	50
2001	41
2002	53
2003	37
2004	62

Total: 402
Total fatalities: 0
Total injuries: 77
Source: SEMCOG

best average. Level of service is measured in terms of seconds of delay per vehicle, and are assigned a rating, with A being the best and F being the worst.

What it looks like on paper is a delay ranging from 31.8 seconds per vehicle (a C rating) during the weekday rush to 128.5 seconds per vehicle (an F rating) during the Saturday peak.

What it looks like in real life is cars backed up onto exit ramps and stacked up at stop lights. The overall average at the intersection is 60 seconds of delay during the week, and 139.9 seconds of delay on Saturday.

However, road improvements are expected to bring those numbers down to 34.6

seconds and 42.7 seconds respectively (a C and D rating). Improvements include adding through lanes and an exclusive right turn lane at east and westbound approaches.

"The basic analysis includes information on how the traffic is now and how the new development will impact the existing roadways," said Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas. "It looks at whether or not additional signals are required, or more turning lanes, or if the road needs to be widened."

In this case, the answer was affirmative on all three counts, and work has begun — or has been completed — for most of the issues.

"IKEA's is more complicated than the typical study because it's a retail development that has a broad geographical region that it draws from, as opposed to the liquor store on the corner that services the neighborhood," Faas said.

What the study suggested was widening of ramps at Ford and I-275, extra lanes from Ford to the freeway.

Also recommended were improvements to the traffic signals.

Soon the new signals will be installed, Faas said. They work on radio frequencies and send information through radio waves from antenna to antenna at each intersection.

"That keeps the lights along the corridor in sync with each other," Faas said.

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DEATHS

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Irving L. Burns
Burns, 78, formerly of Livonia, died April 22.

D
Lillian M. Davids
Davids, 91, of Salem Township, died.

William J. Denvers Jr.
Denvers, 82, of West Bloomfield, died April 21.

E
George W. Engelhardt
Engelhardt, 85, died April 25.

Dolores Greyerbiehl
Greyerbiehl, 79, of Rochester Hills, died April 22.


Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A22.


Where are Rich, Karen and Barry?


Rich, Karen, and Barry invite their previous customers to stop in and receive a complimentary oil change

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MERCURY

Postal Service warns about dog attacks

The spring and summer months are the times of year that the public is more at risk for dog attacks. The American Veterinary Medical Association reports small children, the elderly and letter carriers, in that order, are the most frequent victims of attacks.

Last week, three letter carriers have been attacked, one severely bitten by dogs in southwest Detroit.

"Dog attacks are clearly a nationwide problem and not just a postal issue," said Lloyd E. Wesley Jr., postmaster of Detroit. "As part of helping to clean up Detroit, we want to work closely with the city to identify areas that are overrun with loose dogs."

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Nationally, last year dog attacks resulted in 3,300 letter carriers being bitten.

carriers being bitten. That's about 10 dog bites every delivery day. But as high as that number is, it pales in comparison to the approximately 800,000 people admitted to U.S. emergency rooms annually with dog bite associated injuries, and another 386,000 are seen in other medical settings. A study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention identified 310 dog bite-related fatalities that occurred in the United States from 1979 through 1997. Seventy percent of fatal attacks involved a family pet. Twelve deaths involved three to 22 dogs running in packs.

The Postal Service gives these tips on how to avoid being bitten:

- Don't run past a dog. The dog's natural instinct is to chase and catch prey.

- If a dog threatens you, don't scream. Avoid eye contact; try to remain motionless until the dog leaves, then back away slowly until the dog is out of sight.

- Don't approach a strange dog, especially one that's tethered or confined.

- Always let a dog see and sniff you before you pet the animal.

The Postal Service suggests these tips for being responsible dog owners.

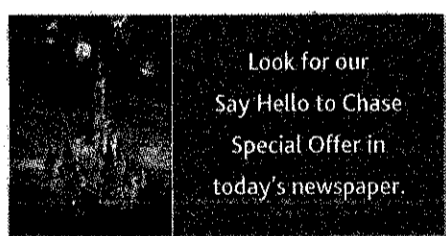
- Obedience training can teach your dog proper behavior and help you control your dog in any situation.

- When your letter carrier comes to your home, keep your dog inside, away from the door, in another room, or on a leash.

- Don't let your child take mail from the letter carrier in the presence of your dog. Your dog's instinct is to protect the family.

- Spay or neuter your dog, Humane Society statistics reflect that dogs that have not been spayed or neutered are up to three times more likely to influence biting behavior.

- The Postal Service and Humane Society agree that, in most cases, dog bites are caused more often by irresponsible dog owners than by bad dogs. Dogs that haven't been properly socialized, that receive little attention or handling or that are left tied up for long periods of time, frequently turn into biters.



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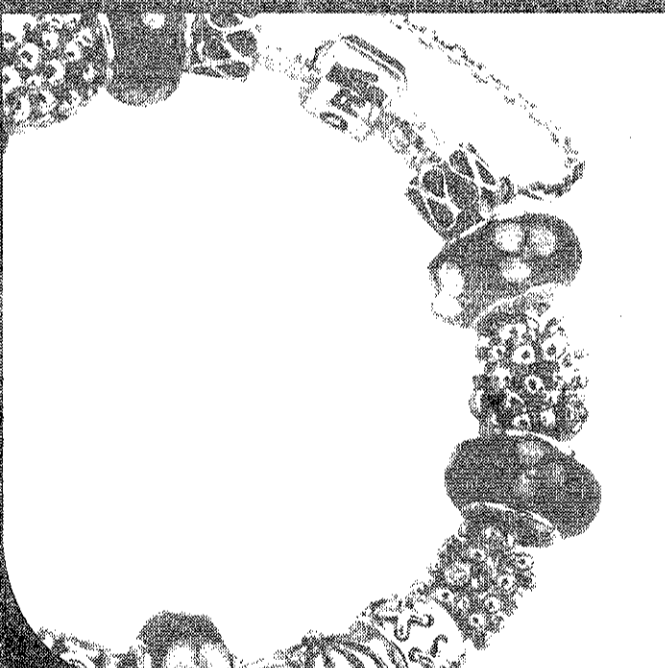
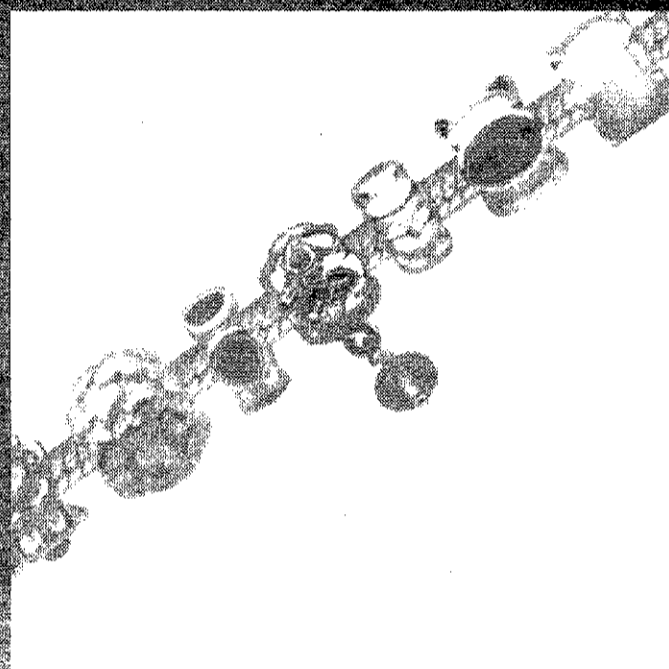
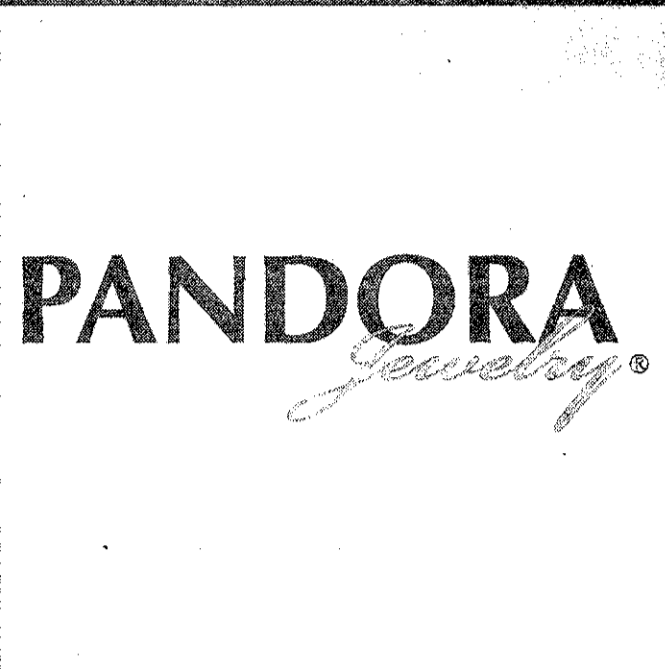


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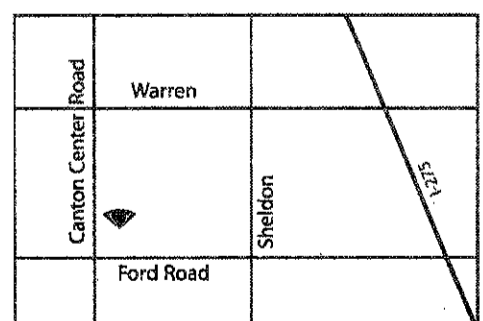
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MHS offers low-cost sterilizations

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It's the photo that catches your eye first. A cat's meow of a feline decked out in a pair of sunglasses and a \$20 bit of glitter around her neck.

Meet the poster kitty for the Michigan Humane Society's latest spring campaign to "take the bling out of her thing."

Thanks to a \$25,000 grant, the MHS is offering affordable sterilizations and vaccinations for 600 cats in 60 days. The program is targeting low-income and fixed-income pet owners.

"This time of year we see a tremendous amount of kittens," said Dr. Robert Fisher, director of clinics for the Michigan Humane Society. "One of the main reasons we're doing this is because of the overpopulation. There's just too many cats out there that are homeless or can't find a home."

It was Fisher who applied for and received the grant from the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation to do the 600 procedures at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.

The goal is to complete the 600 sterilizations by May 31, and the MHS is on track to do just that with just 250 slots left to be filled this week.

"There's definitely a pretty good need out there," said Fisher. "With their reproduction, this number of cats in a couple of generations could have tens of thousands of cats."

Estimates are that a single unspayed female cat, her mate and all their offspring can produce a total of 420,000 kittens in just seven years.

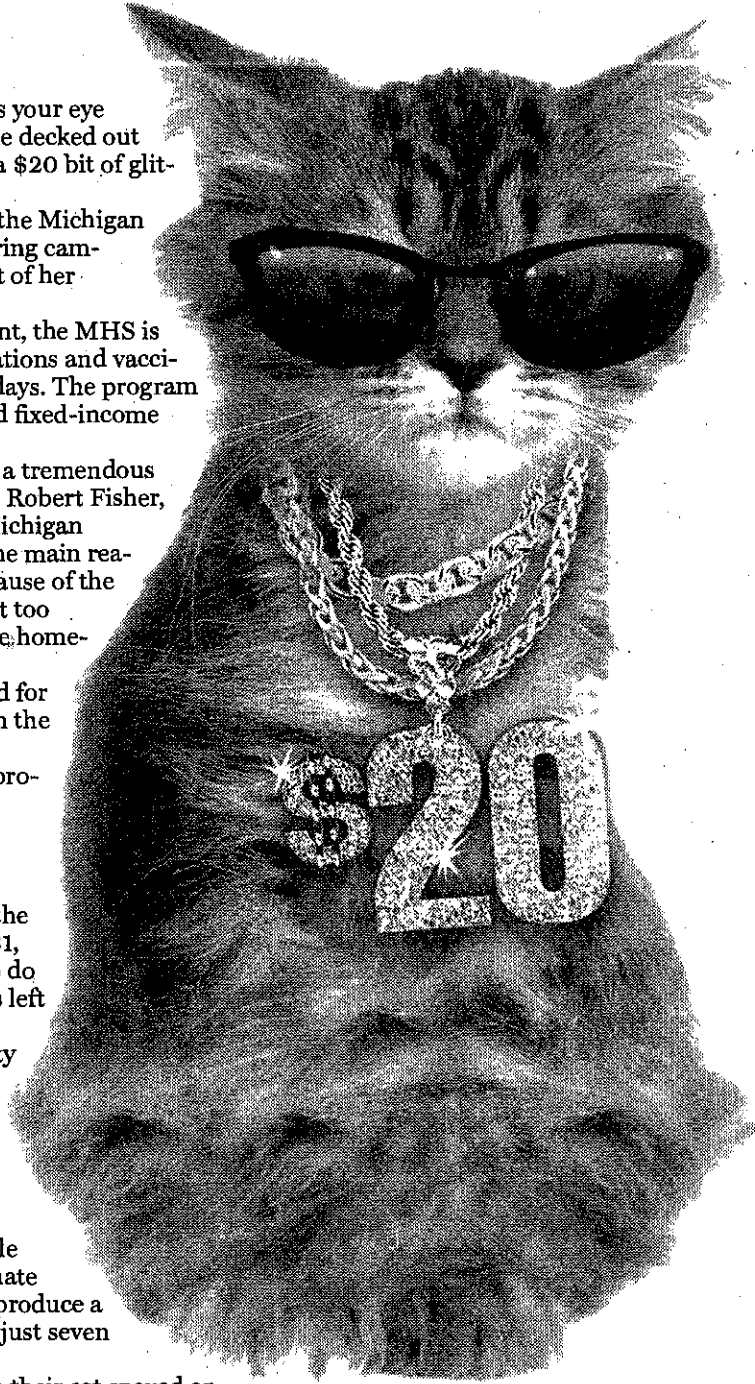
For \$20, people can have their cat spayed or neutered and also brought up to date on vaccinations, including rabies, panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis and calici virus. A maximum of three cats per household can qualify for the program.

Appointments can be made by calling (734) 722-1415 and will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pet owners need to provide proof of financial need at the time of their appointment, such as documentation from government-funded programs like the Family Independence Program, State Disability Assistance, Food Assistance Program, WIC Program and Medicaid.

"Millions of unwanted animals are euthanized at shelters each year, so an affordable spay and neuter sterilization program can help make a great difference," said Fisher. "In addition to helping prevent the problem of animal overpopulation, sterilization offers many significant health and behavior benefits, including a decreased risk for cancer."

So far, more than 300 pet owners who have taken advantage of the reduced priced services.



Many have come from the Detroit area and Westland and as far away as Flint and St. Clair Shores.

According to the MHS, the benefits of feline sterilization include less territorial spraying, a reduced urge to roam and the elimination of howling, pacing and house soiling associated with a cat in heat which can last up to 21 days and occur three or more times a year.

"Sterilizing 600 cats can definitely have a positive influence on overpopulation," said Fisher. "We're specifically targeting cats, but in the future, we may expand it."

MHS cares for more than 100,000 animals each year at its three metro Detroit adoption and veterinary medical centers in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland. Established in 1877, it's one of the oldest and largest animal welfare organizations in the country.

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OUR VIEWS

Weaver deserves vote of confidence

On Tuesday, residents of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will go to the polls to vote. And if the past school elections are any indication, very few residents will take the time to do that.

Some may rationalize their decision to stay home by saying it doesn't matter. Incumbent Frederick Weaver is the only candidate for one four-year term on the Board of Education.

Weaver has made a commitment of his time and energy to making the Wayne-Westland schools the best they can be even in these troubling times.

First elected to the board in 2002, he is the current school board president, a position that suits him well. He has shown strong leadership in bringing about Project 180 I can!, that brought a message of hope and the tools to change lives to residents in the Jefferson-Barns and Lincoln elementaries' attendance area. And it will be back as Project 180 Too, a program for parents throughout the district.

Wayne-Westland is facing some serious challenges, as are districts around the state, and it needs people like Weaver helping to steer it through the rough financial future ahead. Weaver has stepped forward and accepted the job of representing residents on the school board, but he can't do that if people don't let him know how he's doing. A vote in Tuesday's election is one way to let him know he's on the right track.

Weaver hasn't shirked his responsibility, and Wayne-Westland residents shouldn't either. Residents should not use the lack of competition as a way of disenfranchising themselves. They must vote in each and every election, no matter how unimportant they may seem.

That is why we encourage residents to take the time to vote Tuesday for Frederick Weaver. He may not face any competition, but he is good candidate who deserves to know that his educational community supports him.

K-16 initiative would set bad public policy

Many of our public school districts are in crisis. They are cutting programs and laying off teachers at a time when the federal and state governments are demanding better schools and more accountability.

And while there has been an effort to encourage more students to seek higher education, the state has cut aid to Michigan's community colleges and public universities.

It's understandable why the K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future was started. Education is the state's top priority and the coalition of educators, teachers unions, parent-teacher associations and school and university administrators has legitimate concerns about whether the state will fulfill its obligation to provide adequate funding at every level of education.

We support its efforts to find a reasonable legislative solution to the school funding issue. We know that serious negotiations are going forward to reach an acceptable accommodation before the coalition moves ahead on a legislative initiative that we believe is ill-advised.

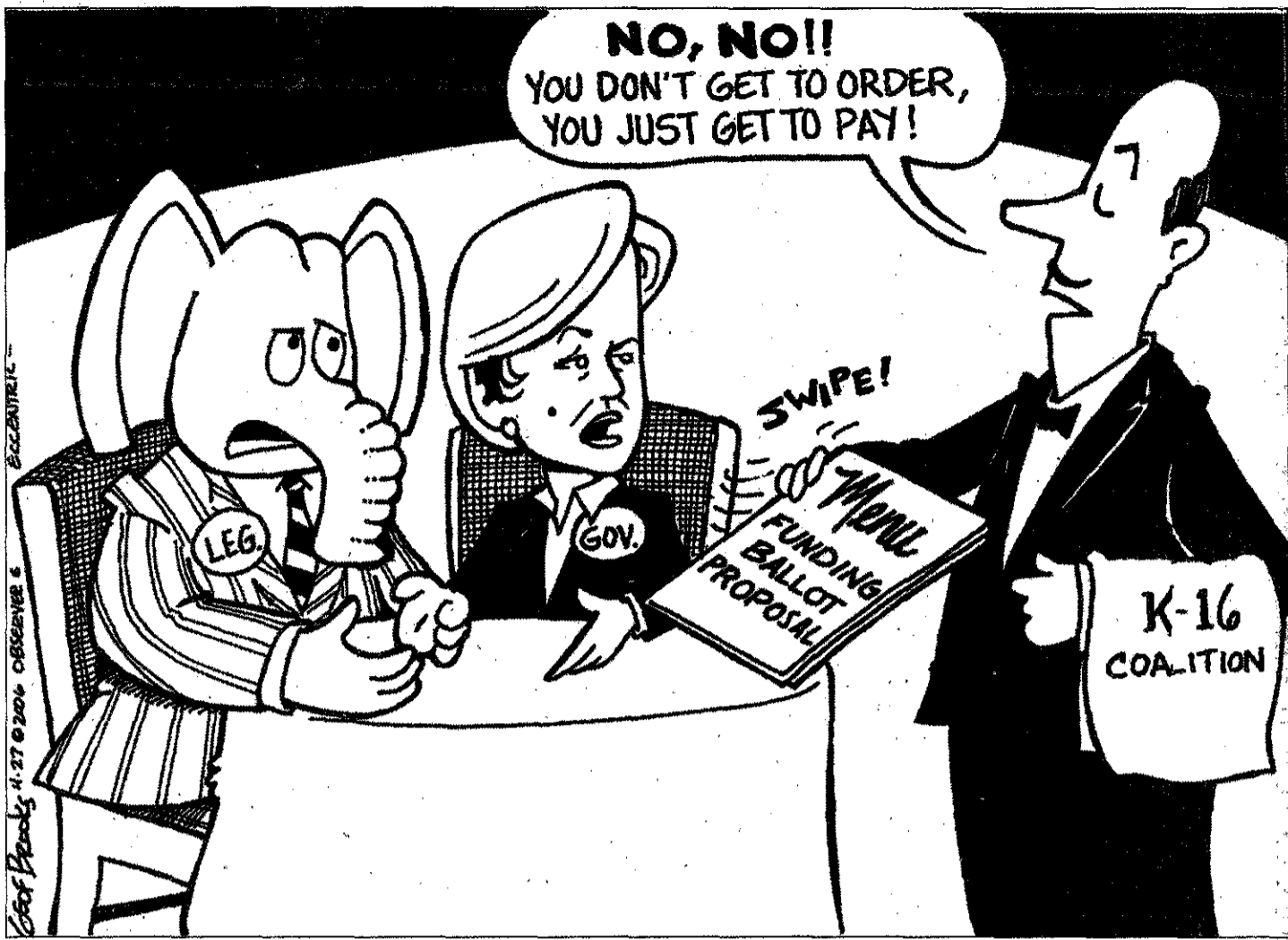
The coalition is proposing that K-12, intermediate school districts, community colleges and state universities receive minimum funding levels tied to the rate of inflation based the previous year's Consumer Price Index. It is also asking for more equity between school districts, base funding for districts with declining enrollment and a cap of retirement contributions at 14.87 percent of payroll for K-12 schools.

The proposal has drawn strong opposition from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, municipal and township associations, Realtors and health care providers. They argue that the state has many other obligations beyond education and that setting an annual inflationary increase jeopardizes general funding for other critical services.

A letter sent to state legislators by the Stop K-16 Spending Mandate group says it best: "This proposal circumvents the state budget appropriations process and sets a very bad precedent for allowing special-interest groups to have guaranteed funding no matter what it means to other critical services or taxpayers' wallets."

If the Legislature rejects or fails to act on the initiative, it would go on the November ballot.

We understand the concerns of the education community and we urge them to continue working with the governor and state legislators to find a solution that doesn't tie the hands of the state in deciding how revenues will be allocated and seriously harm other important state programs.



LETTERS

Visit Perrinsville School

Springtime! A time when you might expect some activity on the grounds of the Perrinsville one-room schoolhouse. As I frequently drive along Warren Road and pass by the brick schoolhouse just west of Merriman, I ponder about why there are no school teachers taking advantage of a golden opportunity to bring their classes there for a day, or two, to experience schooling as it was 100 years ago.

The Perrinsville School Teacher's Manual is available as a guide to assist third- and fourth-grade teachers. It has suggested lesson plans, songs, games and other historical and informational suggestions for the 1890s time period.

What has been done in the past to promote visitation by school classes to our local one-room? Publicity from two of our local newspapers, as well as the daily, on the schoolhouse has not increased visitation by school classes. Since 1997, both the Westland Historical Commission and Friends of the Westland Historical Museum have distributed flyers to third and fourth grade teachers in the Wayne-Westland school district, elementary schools in the Livonia school district located in Wetland and Garden City elementary schools.

There must be other venues to explore to promote the use of the 1856 one-room schoolhouse for educational purposes. Possibly parents could encourage their children to ask their teachers about field trips to the school. A concerted effort between local city officials and school officials at Wayne-Westland, Livonia and other neighboring school districts to partner in an effort to utilize the schoolhouse is another possibility.

A brochure was designed during the schoolhouse restoration which states that "visits by schoolchildren will find curriculum, methods of teaching and furnishings of a 1980s classroom." A visit to the past would be a wonderful learning experience for today's students.

The purpose of restoring the schoolhouse was to preserve the educational heritage of our community.

For your information: The Perrinsville One-Room Schoolhouse which stands on its original site celebrates its 150th birthday this year. An open house is held at the school the last Sunday of the month May through September. The first open house will be held 1-4 p.m. May 28. The school is available for tours. For more information on visitation by school classes or tours, contact Virginia at (734) 427-4648. Come visit the past.

Ruth Dale
Westland

Curriculum improvement?

When a student at Tappan Intermediate and Cooley High in Detroit to complete four years of high school, my classes included eight semesters of English, eight semesters of math, eight semesters of Latin, eight semesters of physical education, three semesters of typing, music, art, civics, American history, economics and biology.

Later, as a teacher, I was paid a full-time salary to work on the high school curriculum, trusted to improve on the business education selections and to suggest innovations in other areas of study.

It has been reported for several weeks

that improvements in curriculum be made, that the curriculum be made more demanding, more meaningful and important in the student's development. What curriculum arrangement now being suggested will make the four years of study as inclusive and demanding as the requirements of my studies at Cooley in the 1930s?

How very long I've waited for improvement.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Raise the bar

I have just read Phil Power's commentary, dated April 6, regarding new graduation standards.

When parents ask state Supt. of Instruction Mike Flanagan the tough questions — like why is he making it harder for their child to graduate — his response should be, "You should be grateful that this school system cares enough about the well-being and future of you children. This school system will not support the 'dumbing down of America.'"

Parents should be asking what took so long. The United States ranks 24th in the world in math. That is a frightening statistic. The high school dropout rate is staggering. Kids are dropping out because they are bored. Raise the bar, raise the dropout age to 18 and heighten the challenge.

If parents would spend time with their children, rather than the children spending time with their computers, MP3 players, iPods, cell phones, the TV and couch, there would not be a concern over these changes.

I applaud Mike Flanagan and the governor. Stand firm and do not back down. It will hurt a little in the beginning but will definitely be worth the pain.

Gini Zrenz
Livonia

A 'Victory Committee' now?

On the day after President Bush admitted that he had no plan for getting out of Iraq by saying that the next president would make that decision, I received a colorful mailing from Rep. Thaddeus McCotter showing him with the troops in war zones of Iraq, Afghanistan and other places. The mailing was to highlight the support that McCotter has shown for our troops and now he is introducing the idea of creation of a "Victory Committee."

I would like to ask McCotter why it has taken him three years, almost 3,000 deaths of American soldiers to arrive at the conclusion that we needed a "Victory Committee."

During this time we have squandered several trillion dollars that we don't have. We have used over \$3 trillion of Social Security Trust Fund money by borrowing for this war. Now every man, woman and child would need to pay the government \$30,000 to pay for this deficit that this administration has run up by fighting this needless war that McCotter has supported every step of the way, and still does.

If this money had gone to the funding of Social Security, it would have made it solvent for the next 75 years. What are the objectives of your "Victory Committee" McCotter? To stay the course as we have while hundreds more Americans die, or do you have a plan to bring them home. Slogans and committees won't do it.

Americans want answers, we don't want to fund any more fact-finding missions to war-torn areas, we want answers. Do you still fully support the president in this endeavor?

Goebel Bartley
Livonia

Celebrate safely

It's spring time and that means teens' thoughts are turning to the fun and excitement of spring break and prom. In addition, April is Alcohol Awareness Month, making it the perfect time to encourage safe, responsible celebrations by taking steps that help prevent underage drinking.

Parents rule when it comes to influencing their children about important decisions, such as whether or not to drink before they are 21. According to the 2005 Roper Youth Report, the overwhelming majority of 13- to 17-year-olds — 74 percent — reported that parents are the primary influence on their decisions about whether or not they drink alcohol.

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Thanks to these kinds of education efforts and many others, our nation has made tremendous progress in the fight against underage drinking. Additionally, the number of fatalities in teen drunk-driving crashes has declined 64 percent since 1982, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

That's good news, but there's more work to be done. As we help our teen prepare for spring break and prom, let's all do our part to remind them that responsibility matters and to respect the law.

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— Westland City Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt, about a report on work being done at the former Cooper School site

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Unfunded obligations have potential to sink state's boat

Thomas Carlyle dubbed economics the "dismal science" back in 1848. These days, however, responsible columnists seem to have inherited the "dismal" crown, since part of our job is drawing attention to the possibility that this time, Chicken Little may be right.

Or in other words, the sky is indeed falling, at least in Michigan. Want some evidence? Here goes:

If you think Michigan is in a bad place now, just hunker down. You ain't seen nothin' yet. In a few years, the "unfunded" pension and health care liabilities for public employees — municipal and state, together with teachers — will make the pension and health care problems of the auto industry look pretty small.

Unfunded, by the way, means money that employers have agreed to pay in the future without any idea where the money will come from. Since Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's budget plans are all over the news this week, let's start with Detroit.

Last year, the Detroit auditor general reported the city is obligated for more than \$7 billion in unfunded health care benefits for its retirees. Of course, that isn't due all at once — but the cost of covering retiree health care has increased from 12.8 percent of the city's payroll to 20.7 percent, according to the J.L. Boyle consulting firm. Calling the situation "dire" (in a *Detroit News* column), John Boyle projects that health care benefit costs will cost more than \$247 million by 2008, nearly one-third of the city's entire payroll.

Other local governments are just now beginning to face up to their coming tidal wave of unfunded pension and health care obligations. To its great credit, Oakland County has taken the lead in pre-funding some of its costs, in part by substituting a defined contribution plan for its old-fashioned, increasingly expensive defined benefit plan.

The situation for state employees is equally alarming, according to Tom Clay, the highly respected chief policy analyst for the Citizens' Research Council. Clay reports that the state of Michigan's total unfunded health care obligations for teachers was \$16 billion and around another \$6.8 billion for other state employees.

The teacher situation is particularly grave. After Proposal A was adopted, full responsibility for contributions to retired teacher pensions and health care benefits fell to local school districts.

Funding for these benefits comes in the

form of contributions to the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System. According to Clay, the contribution rate for both pensions and health care paid by school boards is estimated to jump significantly from the 14.87 percent charged by the state for fiscal year 2005 to more than 20 percent for 2008.

The budget effect these escalating costs will be dramatic, according to the Citizens Research Council report.

For fiscal 2005, the increase in MPSERS contributions for teacher pensions will average around \$90 per pupil, an amount greater than the increase in per-pupil state support.

Projections are that increases for the next three years will exceed \$100 per pupil per year, with the total per-pupil costs of teacher pensions estimated to reach \$1,200 by 2008.

It's worse for retiree health care benefits, if only because the cost of health care is increasing at such a rapid rate; for example, the annual increase from fiscal year 1995 through fiscal year 2003 was 12.7 percent.

When the sky starts falling, Chicken Little says, it falls in little bits and not all at once. We know about the problems of Detroit, thanks to the auditor general's report. We know about teacher retiree pension and health care costs, thanks to the Citizens Research Council. But we don't know much about the accumulated unfunded pension and health care obligations of the many other cities and counties throughout Michigan.

I suspect we're about to find out, because the Governmental Standards Board has issued Statement 43, setting standards for reporting the costs of post-employment benefit plans.

The new standards will require disclosure of liabilities for retiree benefits such as health insurance.

The state has reported the unfunded health care liability for school employees for years, but we're soon going to get a much better picture of the overall unfunded costs for retiree pensions and health care.

The total figure is bound to curl what remains of your hair. And it will set off a round of agonized hand-wringing and angry negotiating that will make negotiations between the auto industry and the United Auto Workers Union look like a civilized tea party.

Note: Ari Adler, press secretary to Michigan Senate majority leader Ken Sikkema, writes to correct an assertion I made in last week's column. The "Agreement to Lead" was initiated by Sikkema, not Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

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Phil Power

Advocates miss the mark on issue of teen drinking

Recently, a team of community leaders held a town hall meeting in Troy to address the very real problem of underage drinking. To their dismay, attendance was inadequate, especially from the intended target audience of Troy parents. The question then posed to the community at large was, "Where were the rest of you?" I can't speak for other parents of teens, but I can sure tell you why I wasn't there.

Simply put, I don't think these well-intentioned leaders are speaking to the real problems, and my own experiences convince me that the offered solutions have actually exacerbated the problem.

Criminalizing the behavior has certainly not worked, yet these groups tout more police enforcement. Getting a minor in possession citation for Michigan teens has almost become a rite of passage. The acronym "MIP" is a distinct Michigan thing and not even recognized by people in other states. We hand out so many MIPs and probations that it isn't taken seriously by teens anymore.

It is time to admit that criminalizing our kids, even honors students, is just not an effective solution to this problem. Ironically, since that hasn't worked, now they want to criminalize the parents.

Showing medical evidence of brain damage in front of teens' faces falls way short when they weigh this information against what they know about teens in other developed countries who allow drinking at earlier ages. They don't see brain-damaged German exchange students sharing our homes; they see smart, successful kids who are allowed to drink, but not allowed to casually get a driver's license.

Drinking and driving is a sophisticated issue taken very seriously in other countries, even by teens. But they are allowed to join the adults in their communities for social activities where drinking can occur in safe places. Drinking should be addressed, but drinking and driving should be our focus.

Setting a good example is probably the best solution, if we mean showing kids that drinking can be done responsibly. It's time to admit that alcohol is a complex part of the fabric of our lives. Trying to remove alcohol from our communities is simply not a viable solution, yet these groups want us to help change social norms.

I know many policemen and judges and clergy members who drink. Many of us have family and holiday celebrations where alcohol

is cultural and relevant. We complain that our kids don't listen, but I think we appear hypocritical with our moralizing and judgmental speeches.

Zero tolerance is another solution that has totally missed the mark. I believe zero tolerance is the bane of common sense. How many of us have stories to tell where zero tolerance was the cause of unintentional results that made a situation much worse than it needed to be?

The drinking age of 21 is arbitrary at every level. In fact, according to our other laws, both criminal and civil adulthood begins at 18. By that time, teens can be married, have children, vote for a president, or even die for our country. Because the drinking age law is tied to federal funding, effectively ensuring the compliance of every state in the union, we're probably stuck with it forever.

However, the individual state governments still have autonomy in deciding how to punish, the crime, and that's where we need to be smart. It's a shame that because of this law, coupled with zero tolerance, we have lost the chance to promote responsible drinking to our young people, but must "take a stand against underage drinking."

So if you want me to attend your next meeting, here is what I'd like to know. What can we do to bring our teens back into the folds of our community without expecting them to "act like adults" and punishing them for every time they don't? We keep doing and saying things that push them farther and farther away from our safe arms. It horrifies me to know that our kids are choosing to drink and drive rather than call for help for fear of harsh retribution.

Every parent holds their breath until their child turns 21. I have two children, ages 16 and 20.

How about relieving the fear of criminalization by allowing parents to make supportive pacts with our children, like the one I've covertly made with mine? I've promised them that they can call me for a ride or a rescue anytime day or night — no questions asked. I've promised to not react with anger or shock and to be available for guidance and discussion first thing the next day.

I breathe much easier when my children and their friends arrive home safely, and I'd rather take the heat than force them into even more risky situations.

To those of you who might exclaim loudly that I am trying to shelter children from the consequences of their decisions — to which consequence do you refer?

Yvonne Solis is a resident of Troy.



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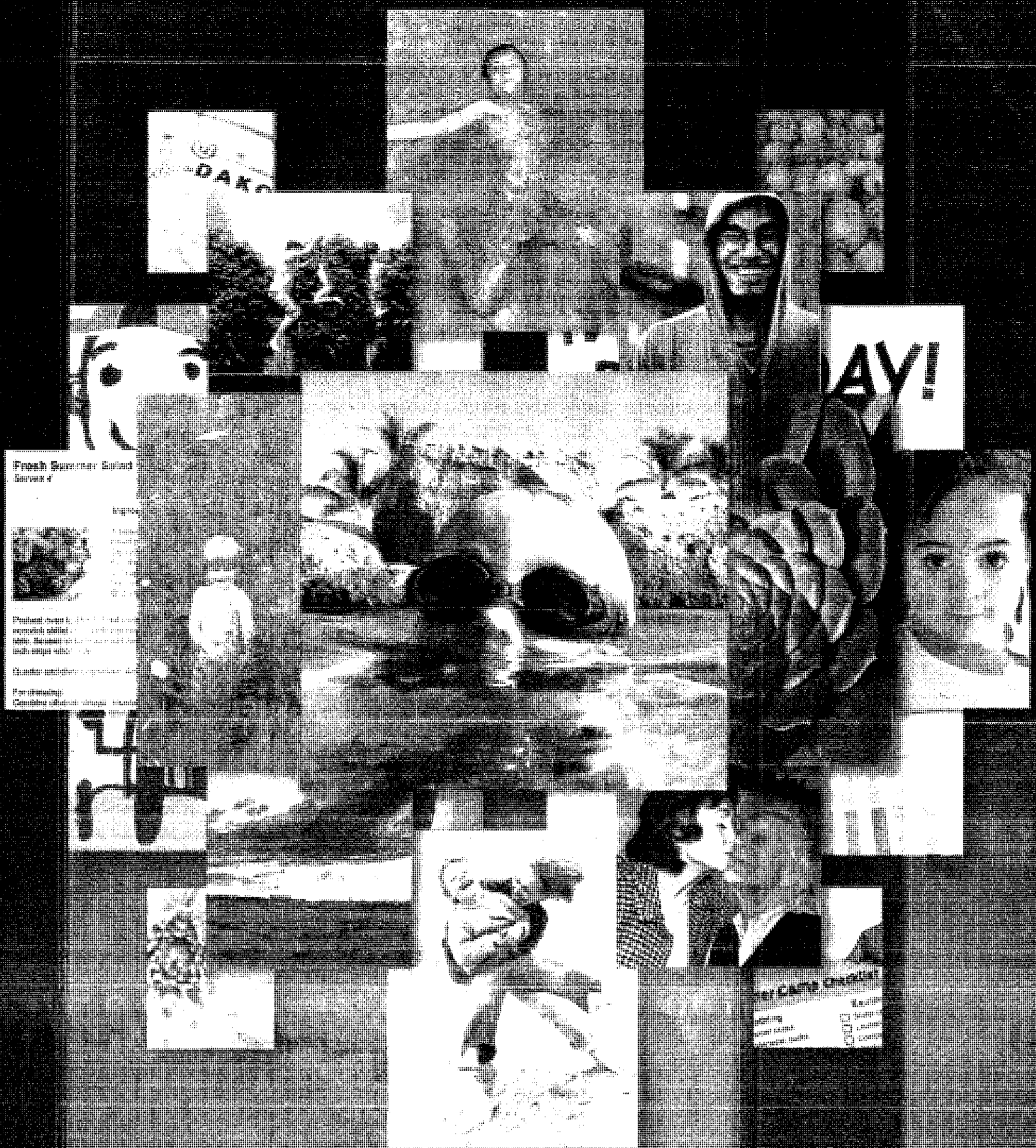
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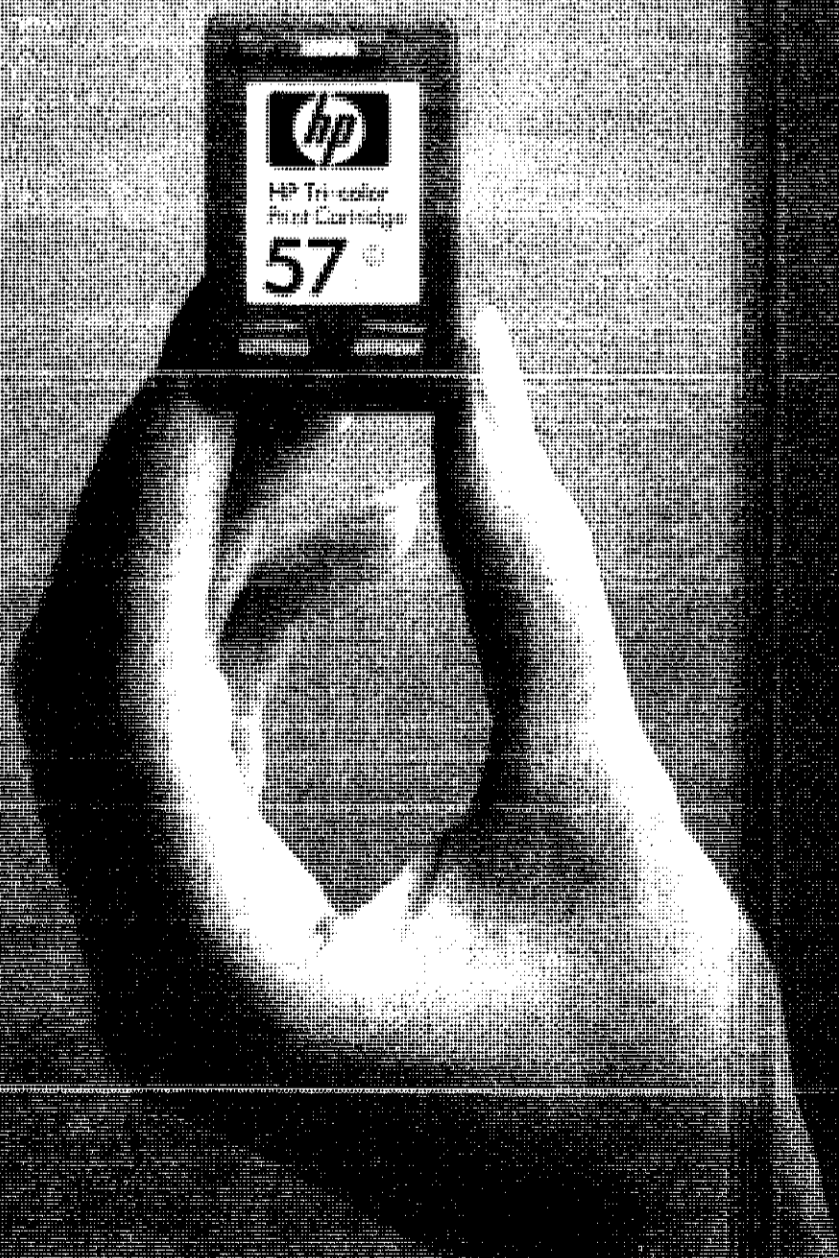
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Bookstock provides a home for books, support for reading

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The annual Bookstock sale at Laurel Park draws hundreds of shoppers, from bargain scavengers to treasure hunters, and everyone who walks away with a purchase supports literacy programs.

Some shoppers want to resell their cheap finds and others are in search of something extra hidden away in the pages of family heirlooms. All the profits support the Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy and the Oakland Literacy Council helping thousands of children and adults learn to read.

Volunteers hear countless inspirational stories from patrons who have found obscure books that have sentimental value and other savvy shoppers who know the true worth of used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records selling for pennies, according to Irma Glaser, co-chair of the Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy in Bloomfield Hills.

One man last year bought a record, Glaser said, recounting how proud he was to show her the book he purchased was valued much higher by experts.

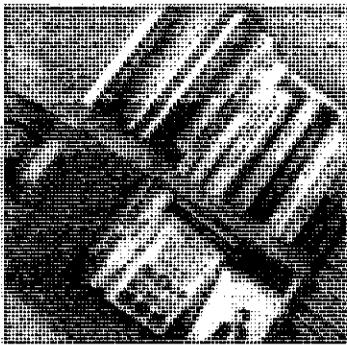
"I told him, 'You got a bargain. Come again,'" said Glaser, a West Bloomfield resident. "This is a wonderful way of raising money and it ties into literacy so well."

Most books sell for \$1; some items go for \$2-\$5 and the exceptional "beautiful" books are priced individually.

HELPING HAND

Each dollar raised goes to DJCL sponsoring reading programs for students in kindergarten through third grade in Detroit and Oakland County public schools, as well as OLC, which helps adults who read below the eighth-grade level.

Bookstock was launched four years ago to replace the annual book sale at Tel-Twelve Mall sponsored by the Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Detroit Chapter for more than 50 years. The women of that group were aging and decided it was time to stop.



A wide array of material will be available this weekend during the sale.

Not wanting the effort to die away, Roz Blanck, a West Bloomfield resident, took the lead role and enlisted volunteers throughout metropolitan Detroit to launch Bookstock. "Without their (Brandeis women) good will and mentoring we couldn't have done it," Blanck said.

"It's all volunteer-driven," said Blanck, who co-chairs Bookstock with Jodi Goodman, also of West Bloomfield.

Every year the amount of money raised increases and last year the nonprofit group earned more than \$50,000.

Each of the donated books came from "somebody's house," Blanck said, adding that the process of collecting the books, sorting them for the sale and setting up the sale is daunting.

"It's not worth it as a fundraiser in and of itself," said Blanck, calling it a "labor of love" to give all these books, records, CDs and DVDs "second lives."

"We're recycling all these books for educational and enjoyment purposes," she added. "For a buck it's worthwhile. You can't even get a cup of coffee for that. It gives you more enjoyment for so little money."

CIRCLE OF GOOD WILL

And the circle of good will continues when the money is given to help others learn to read. Hundreds of volunteers give their time to help others master fundamentals.

"We have one volunteer who is in her 70s and she attended the elementary school in Detroit that she volunteers at," said Glaser.

The money provided by

Bookstock is DJCL's major source of funding, according to Beverly Phillips, public relations coordinator for the Jewish Community Council in Bloomfield Township. DJCL is a project of the council.

DJCL literacy volunteers go to elementary schools in Farmington, Southfield, West Bloomfield, Ferndale, Oak Park, Walled Lake, Detroit and Royal Oak, as well as other the metropolitan Detroit districts.

The funds raised from Bookstock allow DJCL to employ a part-time coordinator who oversees the schools' needs for more than 400 volunteers; to conduct training sessions for tutors and to hold book drives for the schools and students served.

"We serve as an umbrella organization for Jewish synagogues and temples and organizations in recruiting and training their members to serve as literacy volunteers," said Phillips, a Farmington Hills resident.

"Some go to schools two or three times a week, because they get such satisfaction knowing what a tremendous difference they're making in the lives of the students they reach," Phillips said.

"We're impacting hundreds and hundreds of students in the schools we serve," she said. "Some are high school students who do this after their school day ends. Many are just retired citizens who want to give back to their community. We're always looking for more volunteers."

LEARNING ENGLISH

Of the money raised from Bookstock, \$5,000 goes to the Oakland Literacy Council in Pontiac, which recruits and trains volunteers who help adults to read and speak English.

"We have basic American born reading students who are learning to read and foreign born students who are learning to read and speak English," said Cathryn Weiss, executive director of Oakland Literacy Council.

"It's another outreach activity that publicizes our organization and we appreciate the financial contribution as well,"



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Volunteer Phyllis Levy of Oak Park sorts through the children's books as she works with other volunteers preparing for this weekend's Bookstock Used Book & Media Sale at Laurel Park Place.

Weiss said.

Detroit Free Press columnist Rochelle Riley is honorary chair. Bookstock is presented by The Friends of Literacy, a group of area literacy and educational organizations.

Sponsors include Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy; Jewish Community Council; Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield; Hadassah, West Bloomfield; Oakland Literacy Council; Detroit Jewish News; Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit, West Bloomfield; The National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section, Southfield; CBL & Associates Properties Inc.; American ORT; Hillel Day School, Farmington Hills and other Jewish nonprofit organizations. For more information, call the Bookstock hotline at (248) 291-1235 or visit www.bookstock.info.

BOOKS BY THE THOUSANDS

What: Bookstock, the area's largest used book and media sale, with thousands of donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records.

When: Sunday, April 30, through Sunday, May 7.

Hours: The sale runs from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Where: Livonia's Laurel Park Place mall.

Who: Hundreds of volunteers from the Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy and the Oakland Literacy Council.

Why: Proceeds benefit Detroit area literacy and education projects.

Specials: The pre-sale is from 8:45-11:45 a.m. April 30. There is a \$10 admission charge for the pre-sale only. On the last day of the sale, May 7, books sell for half-price.

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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.

ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

In Harmony
The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

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

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

Veteran's Haven
Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of

Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

Pet-A-Pet
The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved and must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Marie Johnson, (734) 326-1200), and Marquette House, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392).

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

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

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

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

FOR YOUR HEALTH

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

on the second Wednesday of the month while parents support is on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information, call Darlene at (734) 324-3089.

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

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

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

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

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

Angela Hospice
As part of its service to the community, Angela Hospice offers a variety of grief support groups free-of-charge to community residents. The groups are held at the Angela Hospice Care Center at 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, and are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers who aim to provide useful coping strategies and tools to facilitate the healing process.

■ General Grief Support Group - Open to all losses. Meets at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
■ Loss of a Spouse Support Group - Meets 6:30-8 p.m. the first Tuesday of

each month, beginning in February.
■ Women's Grief Support Group - Held each Spring and Fall. Call (734)953-6012 for dates and times.
■ Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child - Meets 6:30-8 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. Call to register at (734) 464-2683.
■ Grief Support Quilter's Group - A new Grief Support Quilter's Group is looking for community members interested in making a quilt in memory of a loved one. No quilting or sewing experience is necessary. Dates and times to be determined. Call (734) 953-6012 for more information.
Groups by Appointment - Loss of an Adult Child, Men In Grief. Call (734) 953-6012 for more information.
Programs for Children- Reservations required for all children's programs. Register by calling (734) 464-2683.
■ Children's Grief Support Group - For ages 6-8 and 9-12. Meets winter, spring and fall 5-6 p.m. Thursdays for eight consecutive (April 6-June 1, Sept. 14-Nov. 2).
■ Children's Spring Workshop - 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 4.
Angela Hospice also provides one-on-one grief support. For more information about Angela Hospice's grief support services, or to register for a group, call Joan Lee at (734) 953-6012.

Childbirth classes
Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a refresher childbirth education course and a new support group for expectant teens. For information on programs, call (734) 458-4330.

Childbirth Association
Classes for childbirth preparation are offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes are available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Cesarean birth preparation are also offered. Call (734) 459-7477.

Fibromyalgia
The Garden City area chapter of the Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and CFS Association Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There are guest speakers and discussion on a variety of topics. There is no membership fee, however a small donation is greatly appreciated. For additional information, call Tina Wing at (734) 338-2226 or Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

HISTORIC

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 7 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. 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

Maltese American
Maltese American Benevolent Society, a non-profit organization, is holding a bingo at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Wayne Ford Civic League 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The hall opens at 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

FOR SENIORS

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

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

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

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

Choir
The Senior Choir, under the leadership of Robert Cassidy, is open to those who like to sing. It meets 9:30 a.m. Thursday. For information, call the Friendship Center, (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.

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ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-50**

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

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-1 district classification where CB-4 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

Lot 308; WAYNE HIGHLANDS SUB NO. 4, of part of the N.E. 1/4 of Sec. 17, T2S., R.9E., Nankin Twp., 1 (now city of Westland), Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 52 of Plats, Page 33 of Wayne County Records.

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.

Case #2142

**Proposed Rezoning
CB-4 to CB-1**



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EILEEN DeHART,
Westland City Clerk

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**WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT
GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AND THE CITIES OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, INKSTER, ROMULUS, WAYNE AND WESTLAND, County of Wayne: NOTICE is hereby given that a General Wayne-Westland School Board Election will be held in parts of the Township of Canton, and parts of the Cities of Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Romulus, Wayne and Westland on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates for the following office will be voted upon: **One (1) Board of Education Member to serve a four (4) year term; term to expire June 30, 2010.**

List of polling place locations -

Township of Canton
School Precincts Locations
02 C Tri-City Christian Center, 3855 Sheldon Road
15 C Walker-Winter School, 39932 Michigan Avenue
28 C Agape Christian Center, 45081 Geddes Road

City of Dearborn Heights
School Precincts Locations
04001 Hicks School, 100 Helen Avenue, Inkster, MI

City of Romulus
School Precincts Locations
06 R Rudgate Clubhouse, 7040 Shawnee Drive

City of Wayne
School Precincts Locations
01 WA Senior Activity Center, 3500 Sims Avenue
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04 WA Taft-Galloway School, 4035 S. Gloria
05 WA Taft Galloway School, 4035 S. Gloria
06 WA Hoover School, 5400 Fourth St.
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08 WA Roosevelt-McGrath School, 36075 Currier

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01 Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson
02 Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard
03 Stottmeyer School, 34801 Marquette
04 Patchin School, 6420 Newburgh Road
05 Edison School, 34505 Hunter
06 Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
08 Patchin School
09 Jefferson-Barns School, 32150 Dorsey
10 Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse
11 Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
13 Schweitzer School, 2801 Treadwell
14 Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
17 P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20 Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
22 Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born Road
24 Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan
26 Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
29 Edison School, 34505 Hunter
31 Hayes School, 30600 Louise Ct.
34 Dyer Social Service Center - Senior Wing, 36745 Marquette
38 Dyer Social Service Center - Senior Wing, 36745 Marquette
39 Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview

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 closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are wheelchair accessible and ADA compliant.

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Canton Twp. Clerk Dearborn Hgts. Clerk Romulus City Clerk

MARY CARNEY
Wayne City Clerk

EILEEN DeHART
Westland City Clerk

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BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Academy of Inkster will be holding its annual budget hearing on **May 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.** The location will be 28612 Avondale, Inkster, MI 48141. The budget is available for public inspection at the same address. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Published: April 27, 2006

**CITY OF WESTLAND
CORRECTED PUBLICATION
ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-26-13**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, SECTIONS 46-1(60) OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO AMEND THE FEES FOR CROSS CONNECTION INSPECTION

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. that Chapter 46, Section 46-1(60) of the Westland City code is amended to provide as follows:

Cross-connections (section 102-186), per inspection \$150.00
The cost of this inspection shall be added to the property owner's water bill.

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 46 of the Westland City Code, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

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

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

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

EILEEN DeHART,
Westland City Clerk

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First 500 to pay will get rally slots

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Competition is fierce among hundreds of people who want to pay \$20 to sample food from 10 or more Westland restaurants.

In all, 600 people sought reservations for the Westland Chamber of Commerce's third annual "restaurant rally" - set for 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 25.

The rally allows food connoisseurs to drive or ride a shuttle among participating restaurants. The event showcases local eateries in hopes that customers will return.

The problem is, 600 people are competing for 500 slots in this year's rally.

"The first 500 people who pay will get to go," chamber President Lori Brist said.

To pay for a seat, stop by the chamber office, on Ford Road east of Newburgh, or register online at www.westlandchamber.com.

This year's restaurant lineup hasn't been announced, but Brist said she is hoping for as many as 13 participating eateries, compared to last year's 10.

Rallygoers wear special T-shirts that flag them as participants when they go into the restaurants.

The event has grown in popularity, but Brist said she didn't want to expand it beyond 500 participants.

"I think 500 is a comfortable number so that people aren't pushing and shoving," she said.

Some people who participated in last year's rally put Brist on notice that same night that they wanted to be involved this summer.

The rally not only is a big draw among Westland residents - it also lures people from neighborhood communities, Brist said.

For more information, call the chamber office at (734) 326-7222.

dclen@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2110

CLUBS IN ACTION

Listings for Clubs in Action 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 smaison@oe.homecomm.net. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

Mustang Owners Club

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

Zonta Club

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

Genealogical society

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

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Local dentist sees many changes in 45-year career

After nearly five decades as a dentist, Dr. Ronald Paler says it's "unbelievable to see what has happened during my career."

He has witnessed amazing changes in prevention, technology, making today's dental care dramatically different from what patients and dentists once experienced.

Paler is closing out his career and is being the guest of honor at an open house 2-6 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the practice 32363 Ann Arbor Trail, between Farmington and Merriman, in Westland.

He began his dental career in 1961 after graduating from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

"At that time, being a patient at the dentist's office was not very comfortable," he said.

"Not just because most patient came in only when they were in pain, but equipment at that time added to the discomfort. Patients would sit upright, since the reclining dental chair was not yet in use and we dentists would stand through the entire procedure, using a dim light, and bulky steel drills run with belts and pulleys."

There was no suction wand to conveniently remove saliva or dental debris. A patient would have to lean over to spit

in a bowl called a cuspidor. Needles used for Novocain injections could be dull and were routinely reused. Pulling a tooth was a common treatment. Crowns were all metal and dentures were an expected event by age 45.

It wasn't pleasant for the dentist, either. Procedures were long and tedious, and there were no assistants. Doctors practiced solo and were predominantly men.

By the time they retired, dentists suffered from bad backs, flat feet, poor eyesight and varicose veins. When a dentist retired the practice closed its doors and patients were forced to find a new dentist.

Forty-five years later, dental care has become a more comfortable experience. For patients and professionals alike. Today's dental office is a bright, efficient, friendly setting. Advanced training, equipment and research have led to sophisticated patient care in sanitary conditions never imagined years ago.

The impacts of fluoridated water and sealants have brought prevention to the forefront. Patients have become more aware of their smile as dentistry has evolved toward more esthetic and cosmetic

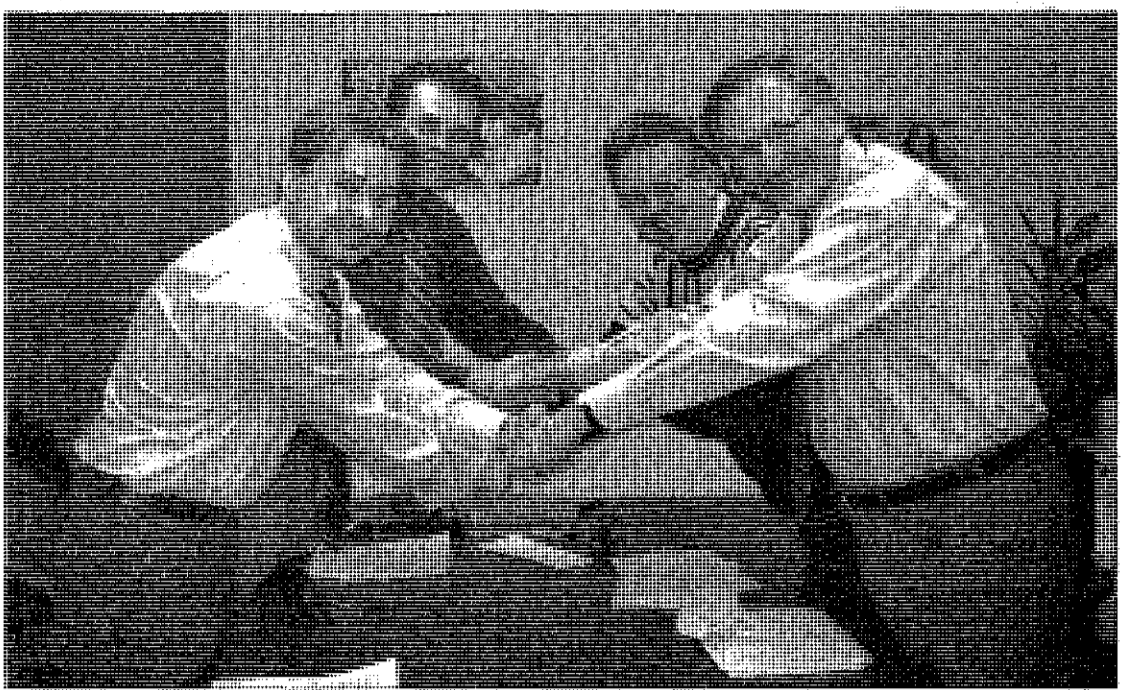
results. Porcelain crowns, white fillings, one-hour whitening and gum surgery have given dentists the ability to enhance a person's smile and overall appearance.

Correcting chipped, darkened and crooked teeth is routine. Root canals can be completed in a single visit. Invisible braces are available. Implants are taking the place of bridges and dentures. Tooth loss, extractions and dentures have been reduced by more than 80 percent.

Other changes in practicing dentistry include, more group practices rather than solo practitioners and now more than 50 percent of the graduating dentists in Michigan are women and that trend is continuing nationwide.

And even greater dental advances are forthcoming. A few of the anticipated improvements include:

- Integrating dentistry into a comprehensive health care.
- Increased focus on the link between oral health and overall health.
- Advances in implant and laser dentistry.
- An anti-cavity vaccine
- Genetic determination of susceptibility to gum disease.
- More knowledge base and computer-assisted technology



Retiring dentist Dr. Ronald Paler (right) joins hands with Dr. Shawn Morris (from left), Dr. Daniel Simmons and Dr. David Wheeler.

approach for diagnosis and treatment.

Altering the genetic structure of teeth to make them impervious to decay. Some researchers are now investigating the possibility of growing new tooth structure around weakened enamel and even regeneration of teeth.

Paler practiced with his partner, Dr. David Wheeler in Westland. He attributes much of his success in organized dentistry to this partnership.

"Dr. Wheeler took great care of my patients, so I could stay involved in organized dentistry at the state and national level," Paler said. He is the past president of the Michigan Dental

Association, chairman of the Michigan Dental Foundation, fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry; fellow of the International Congress of Dentists and the Academy of Cosmetic dentistry.

"When I decided that I had reached the retirement phase of my career, we both agreed that we would take our time and find the absolute best dentists for our patients," he added.

Their nationwide search ended very close to home. Dr. Shawn Morris of Wyandotte and Dr. Daniel Simmons of Plymouth were chosen from more than 100 candidates to continue in the tradition of Paler and Wheeler.

"We felt that they provided the type of dental care that would keep our patients happy for years to come," he said. "Their philosophy of dentistry is strikingly similar to ours."

The practice will continue to be active in applying the latest advances offered in equipment, materials and techniques. The dentists are committed to investing in continuing education to offer the finest service possible while improving oral health.

"As I move into the next phase of my life it will be exciting to see how dentistry evolves to meet the oral and overall health needs of our patients," Paler said.

Civitans convention is in July

What is Civitan? Civitan is an international community service organization. The focus of Civitan International is helping people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.

Westland Civitans accomplish this goal through community activities and fund raising to support the Civitan International Research Center in Birmingham, Ala. This year's International Civitan Convention will be held in Detroit at the Marriott Renaissance Center from July 26-29.

Westland Civitans?

Civitans are men and women who enjoy doing hands-on service for their community. You can find Civitans working Special Olympic events, helping distribute Toys for Tots, ringing bells for the Salvation Army and assisting at the ARC Fun Run.

Each year the Westland Club volunteers to help with the Wayne County Christmas Light Festival-8K Run and the Easter Marshmallow Drop at Hines Park.

Civitans volunteer at many Westland City events. If you've purchased a flag pin and proudly attended Westland's

Flag Day Ceremony, you were with Civitans.

At the Westland Festival, Civitans march in the parade and work with many of the children's activities. Club members enjoy helping with the Nursery School Olympics program and helping to make the Halloween Walk a fun-filled safe evening for Westland kids.

Monthly Club dinner meetings are educational and fun. People interested in serving the community and participating in these and other activities, call Pat McRannolds at (734) 525-4186.

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An open letter to DFCU Financial

MEMBERS

We are extremely disappointed to learn that a small group of members has submitted a petition to recall our Board of Directors, which is a reckless and irresponsible act that is **putting our credit union, our money and our jobs at risk**. This small group of people is led by former employees and board members who want to take us back to the days when the credit union had huge financial losses and wasted millions. **Many of us have been part of the DFCU Financial team for a long time and can speak firsthand of what it was like to work under the previous board and management team – and we don't want them back.**

We, the employees of DFCU Financial, believe in and fully support our Board of Directors and management – and we say this of our own free will.

As employees who work hard each day to earn your trust and meet your financial needs, we hope you will take a moment to read how we feel about this risky and dangerous proposition. Below is just a sampling of what some of us have to say:

I am a longtime employee of DFCU and have never been more proud to be a part of this organization as I am today. I feel secure as an employee and a member under the leadership of the CEO and the current Board of Directors. I know firsthand the integrity, due diligence and effort that is put into each decision and I am confident that every decision made is in the membership's best interest.

Barb Agius – 29 years

I drive 150 miles round trip. My husband said I'd never last when I took the job. People are surprised I would drive so far and I tell them I enjoy my job so much and the way the credit union is run, that the drive is worth it when you're happy.

Jacquelyn Kusler – 4 years

Thanks to the CEO and the current Board of Directors, DFCU Financial has become a strong, healthy and successful business, both for members and employees. The CEO and the Board are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to this organization.

Susan Paplin – 17 years

With more than 16 years of service here at DFCU, plus 13 years of service at National Steel FCU, I can say that this Board of Directors and management team have done and continue to do a very good job of operating the number 1 credit union in the state.

Tim Flaim – 16 years

Several years ago I considered leaving the company. I was dissatisfied with certain self-serving individuals, who always put the members' interests **last**. Reluctantly, I stuck around and **I'm glad I did**. Under new leadership, things started changing. Members were again "Job 1." Employees were treated with respect. With the members' needs always in mind, services and branches were expanded. I won't be leaving DFCU any time soon.

Charlene Soderquist – 14 years

I have to say after working for other credit unions, this is the most efficient company I have ever been a part of. Under this leadership, we always look for ways to better serve our members or for what services we can improve upon. Striving to be our members' one and only financial institution. To meet the financial needs of *all* our members.

Angela Valentine – 6 years

After I hired in on June 1, 1998, I wondered if it was a good move on my part. There was talk of the NCUA taking control of us because of gross financial mismanagement. We were on our way down. I decided to stay on for a few years, get some experience under my belt and go somewhere more secure. I was recently *offered* a position elsewhere and turned it down. I can't think of a better place to be. I work with the BEST of the best! What a difference eight years can make!

Steven Prinz – 8 years

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Fun gala raises more than \$90,000

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Ninety thousand dollars and still counting. Karen Sanborn is delighted to report that

Madonna University students can count on at least that much in scholarship money.

The gala on April 21 at Laurel Manor in Livonia did more than raise money

though. Guests experienced a little bit of Hollywood that night from the time they stepped onto the red carpet.

"It was just such a nice event," said Sanborn, the uni-

versity's new marketing director. "There were students involved in every aspect. From the moment they walked in there were students posing as paparazzi taking their photos.

One of the students Vince Zambo (a scholarship recipient) talked from the heart about how important scholarships are and thanked the people for making scholarships possible.

"Students in the Lyrical Theatre ensemble performed West Side Story selections."

The 20 live auction items, including a one week stay at an abbey in France, raised more than \$20,000.



Sister Damascene goes over the grand prize of the Benefit Auction, \$2,000 worth of jewelry, with 'Mrs. Hollywood,' Cari Mitter, who works in the Food Service Department at Madonna.

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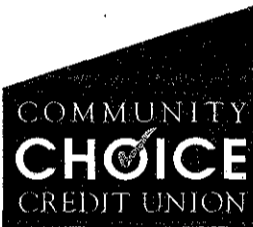
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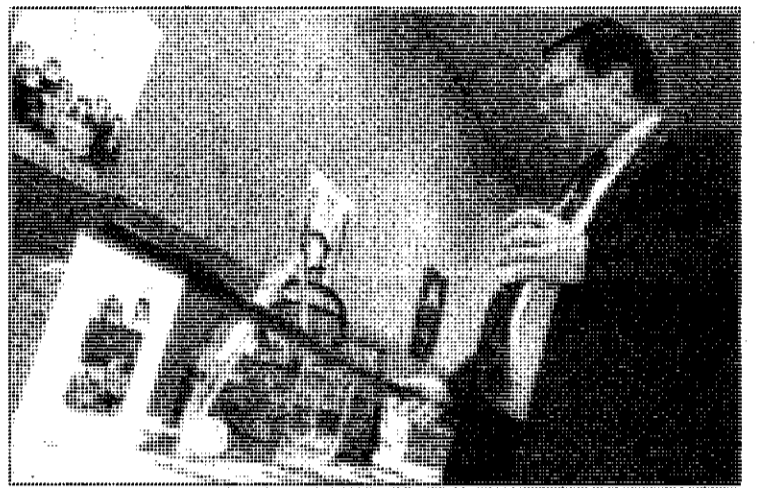


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Participants browse the tables of goodies out for the silent auction before the start of Friday nights Madonna University Benefit Auction.



Madonna University professor William McMillan looks over some of the sports items on the table for the silent auction during the Benefit Auction.

Back Pain?

Southfield, MI - According to a recently released back pain relief report, most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain. Some use heat, others ice. From sleeping on the floor, to pillows underneath the legs, back pain relief techniques vary. But thanks to a free report, local back pain sufferers finally know exactly what to do. To get a copy of the free "Back Pain Relief Report", call toll-free, 1-888-744-2225. (Toll-free, 24 hour recorded message)

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Cooking fires are still most common

We don't normally think that starting an unwanted fire in the kitchen is a good thing to do. Most of us will not throw a kitchen cloth onto a burning stove, intentionally help spread a fire from a pan to the cupboards or add additional oxygen to get the fire going faster, but that happens in this country far too often. Let's take a look at how we can use some safety sense in the kitchen to reduce our chances of having an unwanted fire.

Fire Safety
Lt. Tom Kiurski

Cooking is the leading cause of fires and civilian fire injuries in the United States. Two out of three reported home cooking fires start with the range or stove and usually when food, grease, rags, bags, cabinets, curtains or other common household items ignite. In 2001 alone, there were over 117,000 home fires involving cooking equipment. These cooking fires resulted in 370 civilian deaths, 4,290 civilian injuries and about \$453 million in property damage. And those statistics reflect just those fires that were reported. Who reading this is guilty of having an unwanted kitchen fire and not reporting it?

The main reason cited for kitchen fires is inattention. Whether leaving the room, or leaving the house with the stove on, this action can cause plenty of damage. Often at

home, our attention is diverted for a short period by the doorbell, phone, radio, television, children or a pet. Other times after cooking has started, we forget about it. Once started, the fire can easily spread beyond the initial pot to other combustibles in the area.

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind when cooking:

- Never leave cooking unattended, and monitor food in the oven.
 - Wear short sleeves or tight-fitting clothes, to avoid loose clothing coming into contact with hot objects.
 - If your clothing catches fire, remember the "Stop, Drop and Roll" behavior to put the fire out.
 - Keep kids away from the cooking area by setting up a 3-foot area around the stove where kids should avoid. Keep them close enough to watch, but away from hot objects.
 - Use oven mitts when handling hot cooking items.
 - Don't cook when you are tired, or have taken medicine to help you sleep.
 - If a pan of food catches fire, do not use water. Slide the lid over the top and shut off the heat to the burner.
 - If there is a fire in the oven, shut off the heat to the unit and keep the door closed.
- Remember that calling the fire department brings a fast response by professionals who can assist you. Don't hesitate to call us for any fire or medical emergency. We're happy to help!

Tom Kiurski is a lieutenant who handles public information for the Livonia Fire Department.

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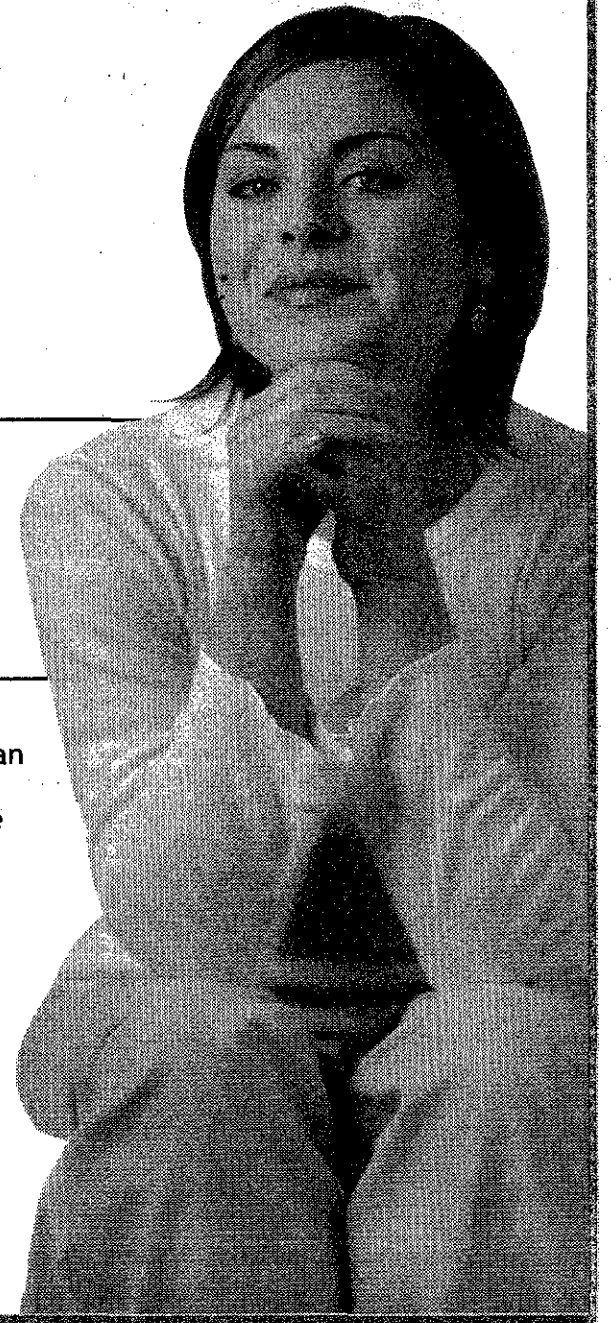
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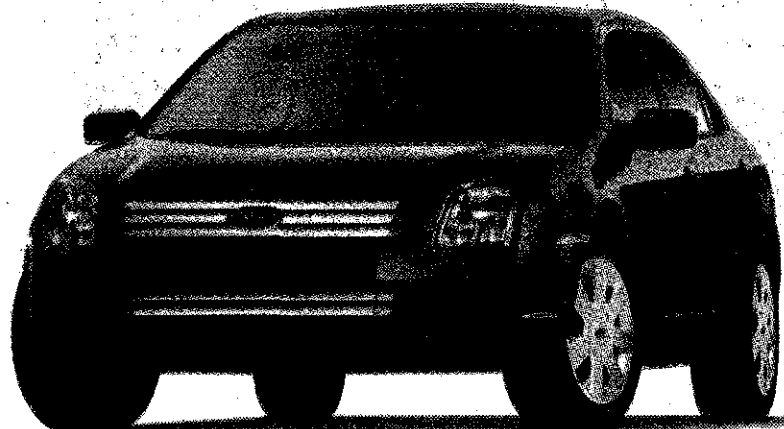
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There's still time to avoid foreclosure

Low- and moderate-income homeowners in Wayne County who failed to pay 2003 property taxes still may be able to avoid foreclosure auctions of their residences, according to Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc.

Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz extended the deadline for residential property taxpayers to apply for a financial hardship extension to May 4, said Michele Hall-Edwards, deputy chief counsel of Legal Aid and Defender's Civil Law Group.

"Legal Aid and Defender has been working closely with the Treasurer's Office to save occu-

ried homes from foreclosure," Hall-Edwards said.

Low- or moderate-income homeowners who may qualify for a financial hardship extension are encouraged to contact Legal Aid and Defender at (313) 964-4111, Ext. 6239, she said.

Homeowners must be income-eligible under federal guidelines, and their property facing foreclosure must be their principal place of residence, Hall-Edwards said.

Staff attorneys for Legal Aid and Defender will evaluate requests for assistance on a case-by-case basis, and where appropriate help homeowners

file for hardship extensions, she said.

The County Treasurer's Office also announced that it will accept payment of delinquent 2003 property taxes until April 27, Hall-Edwards said.

Payments must be made in full by certified funds. Partial payments will not be accepted. The Treasurer's Office will then return title to foreclosed property.

For further information, visit the Treasurer's Web site at www.treasurer.waynecounty.com or call the Treasurer's taxpayer hotline at (313) 224-5990.



Show offs

Cars sitting with their hoods up and tops down in a parking lot are a good indication that it's car show season. And ready to roll out their weekly show is the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528's CRUZ'N 528. Pull in and park 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Wednesday, May 17, at the Mayflower/ Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 at 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. There will be food, refreshments, a 50/50 raffle and prizes available for original, restored and custom cars, hot rods and bikes. A disc jockey also will be spinning oldies.

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Anderson co-sponsors ethics bill package

State Rep. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, has co-sponsored an eight-bill package that will strengthen ethics laws and require state elected officials and candidates to disclose financial interests for the first time.

"This plan will help ensure that elected officials are serving the people of Michigan, not themselves or special interests," Anderson said. "Voters deserve to know their elected officials' outside income, which might influence their decisions."

The Center for Public Integrity has consistently ranked Michigan among the worst in the nation for its public financial disclosure laws. The need for increased financial disclosure and comprehensive ethics reform has been cited by the Michigan Law Revision Commission.

In addition, many laws in

Michigan don't apply to all state elected officials in the same way, creating different standards for different officials.

The Democratic package:

- Enhances powers for the State Board of Ethics to ensure compliance with ethics laws.

- Prohibits state contract managers from acting on any contract matter when the manager has a conflict of interest.

- Bars contract managers from soliciting or accepting campaign contributions and restricts contract managers from negotiating job offers with state vendors in order to ensure integrity in state contracting process.

- Extends the current ban on paid speaking fees for legislators to all elected state officials and officials in the executive and legislative branches subject to the state's lobbying law.

- Bans soliciting, delivering, or accepting political contributions when in government facilities where government business is conducted.

- Creates a new Ethics Act for Executive Branch Officials.

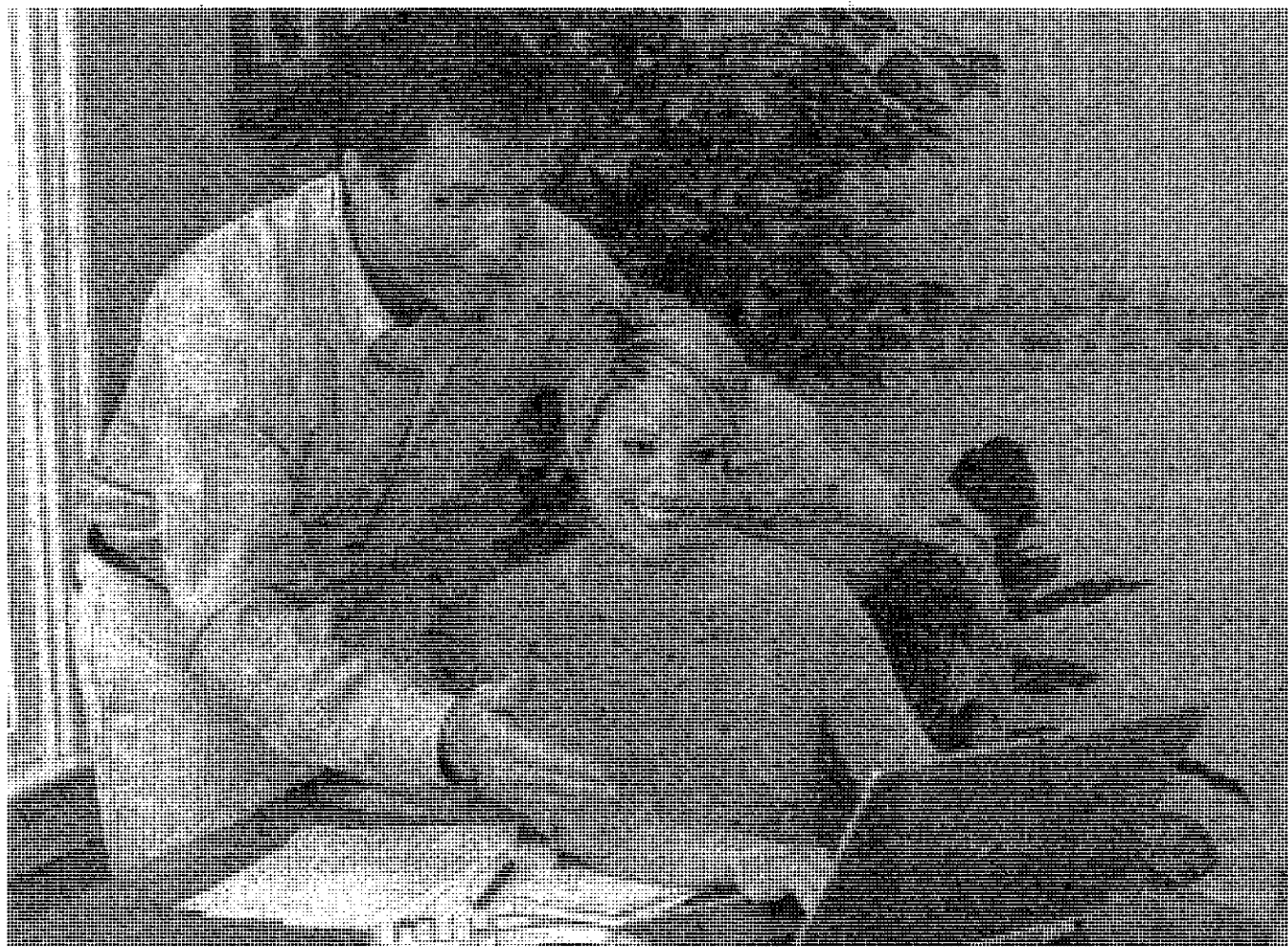
- Prohibits lobbyists from paying honorariums to elected officials.

- Creates a new Legislative Ethics Act.

These new acts would extend comprehensive ethics standards and conflict of interest regulations to all elected and appointed officials within the executive branch and all members of the Legislature.

"This package will help give Michigan voters accurate, honest information about political candidates," Anderson said. "It also provides concrete ways to deal with those politicians who fail to uphold the public's trust."

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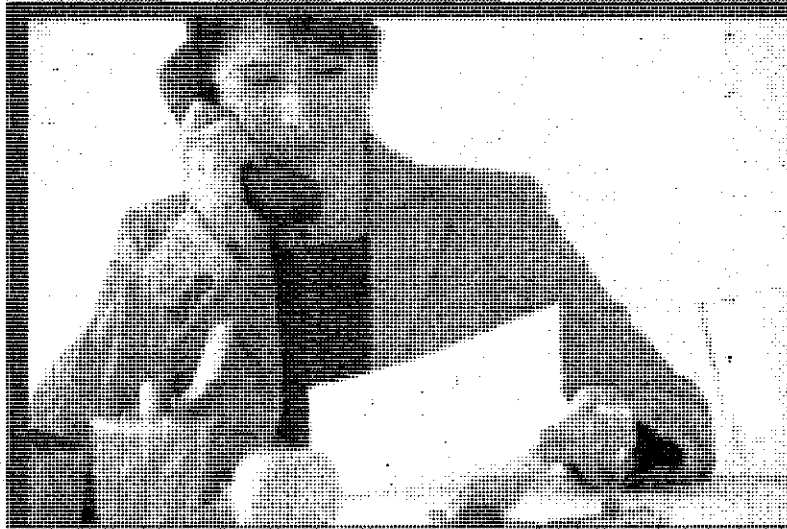
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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APRIL

Concert

BUILDING429 and TAIT perform music while showing segments of reality TV series Travel the Road about two young missionaries 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Faith Baptist Church, 3411 Airport Road, Waterford. Tickets \$24 reserved, \$18. Call (888) 627-5808.

Rummage sale

Toys, clothes, books, small appliances, shoes, boutique (fine clothes) and more 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April

28-29, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly. Proceeds benefit missionary projects. Call (313) 937-3170.

Lighthouse cafe

Cards, board games, ping pong, specialty coffees, snacks, music 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 28, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Cost is \$5 payable at door. Free child care provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

Mom to Mom sale

Gently used or new items at deep discounted prices, includes clothes, toys, music, books, shoes, games, video games, and baby items such as car seats, cribs and strollers 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at St. John Bosco, 12100 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and I-96, Redford. \$1 admission. Call (313) 937-9690.

Plant swap

9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at Kenwood

Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Call (248) 476-8222.

Dance

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, presents a dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 29, at Divine Providence Church Hall, 25335 W. Nine Mile, between Telegraph and Beech Daly, Southfield. \$12 admission fee. Proper attire. For information, call (248) 390-7771.

Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 462-1222, ext. 309.

Lay caregiver series

Adjusting to changes within the family system, a workshop to help families cope with potentially damaging effects of predictable life stressor 2:30-4:30

p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29877 W. Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$10. To register, call (248) 474-4701.

Health fair

Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Getsemane Missionary Baptist Church, 29066 Eton, Westland. No charge. Blood pressure, family practice doctors, optometrist and more. Join us for an afternoon of healing, mind, body and spirit. Call (734) 721-2557.

David Phelps concert

With Anthony Evans and newcomer Ana Laura with comedian Darren Streblow 7 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Detroit 1st Church of Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Free to public, but pass required. Call (248) 348-7600.

Leadership and self-deception

Lecture series with Rev. Dennis Skiles began 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, and continues to May 31, at Unity of Livonia,

28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 421-7760.

Wine, cheese and theology

Evenings of conversation asking the question, Is there a place for the church in the 21st century? 7 p.m. Wednesdays to May 31, at Church of Our Savior, Presbyterian U.S.A., 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. Rev. Jim Fialle leads the discussions. The public is invited. The church holds worship and Sunday School 10 a.m. Sundays. For more information, call (248) 626-7606.

UPCOMING

Free spaghetti dinner

Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church wishes to invite the community for a free spaghetti dinner 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago roads. A short drama follows dinner. Call (313) 937-3170.

Prayer breakfast

7:15-9 a.m. Thursday, May 4, with guest speaker Lem Barney, former Detroit Lion, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia. Tickets \$17 before April 7, \$20 beginning April 8, \$10 students, call (248) 476-9427. RSVP by Friday, April 21.

Interfaith symposium

When Strangers Become Neighbors: The Emerging Religious Landscape of Metropolitan Detroit - Implications for Workplace, Civic Arena, Educators, Media and Faith Community, guest speakers include Ralph William, professor in the English Language and Literature department at University of Michigan; Kurt Metzger, director of research for United Way for Southeastern Michigan 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, May 4, in the McGregor Center & Auditorium at Wayne State University, Detroit. Program begins with Metzger, share the latest data. Williams then delivers a keynote on what this change means and how we move from tolerance to appreciation. Following an overview of William Bridges' Transition Framework, workshops offer best practices and discussion of how this challenge is being dealt with in our faith communities, city government, schools, the workplace and the media. An added benefit of the symposium will be the 6th Interfaith National Day of Prayer which takes place immediately following the symposium in Wayne State's Gullen Hall. Cost is \$20, \$10 seniors and students. For information, call (313) 567-

6225 or visit www.nccj-mi.org.

Rummage/bake sale

Pre-sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 4 (\$2 donation for adults). Big-Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 5, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 6 (no charge), at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Grief recovery seminar

And support group in cooperation with Hospice of Michigan, begins 9 a.m. Sunday, April 30, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, continues for 13-weeks, at Romulus Wesleyan Church, 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive. No charge. For information, call (734) 941-1511 or visit www.griefshare.org.

Laugh out loud

Fun with the 321 Improv Comedy team 7 p.m. Friday, May 5, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Tickets 5. Free child care provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

Choral festival

Metropolitan United Methodist Church hosts its second annual choral festival from May 5-7, by presenting three evening concerts and a series of workshops for vocalists, conductors, and ensembles of all levels, at the church, 8000 Woodward (five blocks north of West Grand Blvd., Detroit). Opening night performance is 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. with Tapestry Vocal Ensemble, Detroit Concert Choir, and Metropolitan Festival Soloists and Choir. Workshops, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 6, focus on performance and vocal techniques. Amy Chivington, director of the Otterbein Children's Chorus, leads a workshop for children's choirs. Several youth choirs perform 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, including the Southfield High School Chorus. The final concert is 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at 7 p.m. and will feature Mendelssohn's beloved oratorio and testament of faith, "Elijah." Performing this much-loved choral masterpiece are baritone Daniel Washington, soprano Elaine Linstedt, along with the combined choruses of Birmingham First Presbyterian, Detroit Archdiocesan, St. James Episcopal, and Metropolitan Festival Soloists and Orchestra. Tickets for each musical performance are \$15, \$35 for three-day pass. Students can get a discounted rate of \$12 for individual performances with college identification. Workshops \$5, includes materials. Free lighted and supervised parking available. To purchase tickets or register, call (313) 875-7407 ext. 324 or visit www.metroumc.org.

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Memorial Service of Phyllis Reid to held Saturday April 29, 2006 at 11:00'clock at Ward Presbyterian Church Ms Reid pass away March 1,2006 is survived by brothers William , Floyd, and sister Joyce Reid.

LORRAINE J. BRICKMAN

Age 74, April 17, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Frank. Dear mother of Nancy (W. Stephen) Lawrence, Mark Brickman, Lois (David) Balsillie and Bruce (Lona) Brickman. Also survived by seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one sister, Cordelia Hayes. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

GERALDINE THOMAS

Age 74, of Westland, April 23, 2006. Beloved wife of Paul Thomas. Loving mother of Judith (Bruce) Austin. Dear grandmother of Kevin (Mary Beth) Naegel. Also leaves five great grandchildren, one brother, Stephen (Marilyn) Talaga, and many nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held Wednesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland, Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Memorial donations to Arbor Hospice would be appreciated by the family. To leave a message of condolence for the family, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

CHARLES P. WERTHMAN

Charles Paul Werthman, 56, of Plymouth, MI and Englewood, FL, died Thursday, April 20, 2006. He was born March 4, 1950, in Detroit, MI, to Charles R. and Lillian J. (Hermann) Werthman. Charles moved to Florida recently from Michigan, where he retired as a plant manager for plastics manufacturing. He is survived by his three siblings, Sister Linda Werthman, RSM of Silver Spring, MD., Eugene (Rita) Werthman of Pickney, MI. and Mrs. Claire Werthman of Conyers, GA; one aunt, Claire Mushen of San Juan Capistrano, CA, and his two beloved cats, Bunea and Rustee. Charles is predeceased by his beloved wife Doris Steinhauer in December 2005. Englewood Community Funeral Home and Cremation Services have been selected to handle the arrangements.

NORMA JEAN QUALMANN

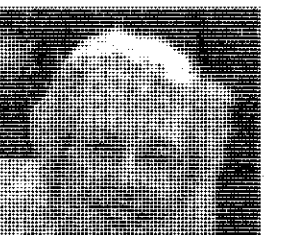
Age 85 of Rochester Hills April 23, 2006. Loving wife of the late Ralph. Dear mother of Marcia (Bob) Gilliland, Molly Navarre R. Lynn Qualmann, Julie Qualmann and the late C. Roger Qualmann. Sister of: The late Roland L. Braun, Grandmother of Gage and Eli Qualmann, Bob and Andy Gilliland, Nick and Jesse Navarre. Norma Jean was active in her church, was a cub scout den mother, active in girl scouts, substitute school teacher and also employed by Gow's gift shop in Troy. Retired to Asheville North Carolina in 1989. Returned to Michigan in 1991 upon spouses death. Memorial service Thursday, April 27, 2006, 11:00am at First United Methodist Church of Troy, 6363 Livernois, Troy. Arrangements in the care of the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, Rochester. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

DOLORES GREYERBIEHL

Age 79, April 22, 2006, of Rochester Hills. Born July 11, 1926, in Pigeon, MI. She was married to Donald on May 16, 1953, until his death in October 2002. Dear mother of Deborah (Mark) Schneider, her one and only child. Grandmother of Christian, Kati, and Evan. After graduation, she went to cosmetology school and worked at Cora's Beauty Shop in Bad Axe until her marriage to Donald. Mrs. Greyerbiehl was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Rochester, and a resident of Rochester for 45 years. She worked as a baker at Adams High School from 1976 until 1988. Dolores moved to Davisburg in the fall of 2003. The family will receive friends at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, Thursday, 2-5pm and 7-9pm (Rosary at 7:30pm). Mrs. Greyerbiehl will lie in state at St. Daniels Catholic Church in Clarkston, Friday, 9am, until time of Mass at 10am. Graveside services at St. Francis Borgia Cemetery in Pigeon, MI, Friday at 5pm. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

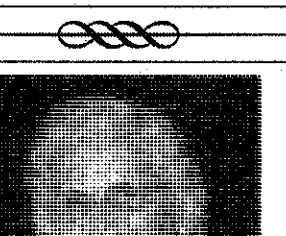
IRVING L. BURNS

Age 78, of Gladwin, MI and previously of Livonia, MI, passed away on April 22, 2006. Irving was born in Underhill, Vermont, on May 11, 1927 to Clark & Margaret (Roberts) Burns. He was a Computer Analyst for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn and retired in 1987. He was a United States Marine and served in WWII. He is survived by wife, Valois (Frye-Wilcox) Burns of Gladwin, MI; daughter, Leslie Kimble, Roanoke, VA; son, David (Cathy) Burns, Livonia, MI; son, Allen Burns, Novi, MI; daughter, Victoria (Mark) Tondreau, Livonia, MI; and their mother, Anata McCarthy, Novi, MI; also, step-children, Marlene & Jack Starr, Gladwin, MI, Darlene Hobbs, Gladwin, MI, Marlene & Judy Wilcox, Gladwin, MI, Pamela & Marty Muma, Gladwin, MI, Loren & Toni Wilcox, Gladwin, 24 grandchildren & ten great grandchildren, and brother, Evertt Bruns, Vermont. He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother & two sisters. Memorial service was held April 26, 2006 at Hall Funeral Home in Gladwin, MI. Memorial contributions to donor's favorite charity.



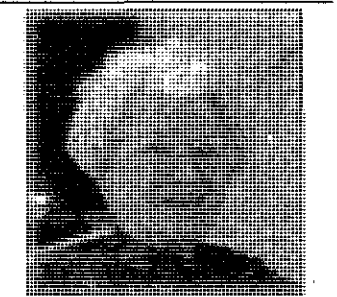
MAUREEN THERESA O'CONNOR

Age 64, of Plymouth, died April 23, 2006. She was born September 29, 1941, in Detroit. She is survived by her husband, Jon C.; her children, Jon (Suzanne) O'Connor, Colleen (Matthew) Otto, and Kevin M. O'Connor; her grandchildren, Emma and Meghan O'Connor, and Truth and Freedom Otto; her brothers, Jack (Fran) Quinn, Dick (Penny) Quinn, and Jim (Chris) Quinn; and her sister-in-law, Barbara Quinn. She is preceded in death by her brothers, Joseph and Michael Quinn; and her sister-in-law, Terry Quinn. Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, Friday 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am.. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Thursday 1-9pm. Rosary 7pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, the Michigan Humane Society, or the Humane Society of Huron Valley.



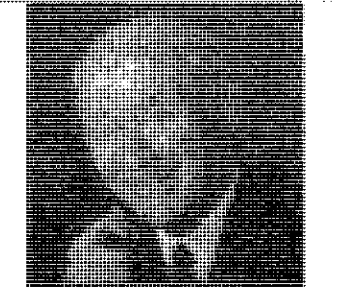
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Age 83 died April 15, 2006 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac from a long illness. She was born September 9, 1922 in Morrisville, Pennsylvania and was currently a resident of Bloomfield Hills since 1956. Wife of the late H.G. Sims who was an Executive with General Motors Corp.; he died in 1999. She was a graduate of Morrisville High School in Pennsylvania and a graduate of Comptroller School in New Jersey. Ann was an adamant bridge player and belonged to the Neighborhood Bridge Club. Ann is survived by two daughters: Cynthia Ann Sims of Bloomfield Hills and Eileen (Robert) Seale of Huntington Beach, California. Grandmother of John and Michael. Also survived by 7 Brothers and Sisters including the two living in this area: Lynne Eichinger of W. Bloomfield and Marjorie Habel of Chesterton, Indiana. Memorial Service at The Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple, Birmingham on Saturday April 22, 2006 at 11:00 A.M. Pastor Jim Ackerman of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of Bloomfield Hills officiating.



LILLIAN M. DAVIDS

Age 91 of Salem Township. Dear wife of the late John. Beloved mother of Karen (Michael) Wagner. Loving grandmother of Melissa Wagner. Dear sister of Harry Ryba, Virginia Bostwick, Bernice Marquardt, Theresa (Joe) Godlewski, Claire Poole and Marie Ryba. Visitation was held Tuesday April 25, and services Wednesday April 26 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Interment United Memorial Gardens. To leave a message of condolence, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



GEORGE A. SHAIIB

Age 94, April 22, 2006, in Naples, Florida. Owner of Whitlam Label Company. Beloved husband of the late Marie. Dear father of George (Kathy), Rachel Gill (the late Michael), Edward, James (Diane), Richard (Theresa), John (Christine), Robert and Michael (Brent). Loving grandfather of Stacie (deceased), Scott & Shannon, Matthew & Melissa; Lynn & John Mair, Elizabeth; Marie, James; Jeanette & Andrew Holland; Lindsey, Edward (deceased); Michelle, Richard; and Emily. Great-grandfather of Anthony, Cameron, Brendan, Ethan, Charlie, Lindsey. Brother of Harriet, the late Olga, and Sue. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Thursday 2-9 pm, with Scripture Service Thursday 7:30 PM. Funeral Mass Friday 11 AM at Annunciation Church, 1265 Parkview, Detroit. Visitation at church begins Friday 10 AM. Memorial Tributes to Hospice of Naples or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ROBERT A. SCHUELE

Age 41, of Birmingham, died suddenly on April 20, 2006. An active man, Mr. Schuele loved golf, sailing and travel, however, Rob derived his greatest pleasure spending time with his wife and three daughters. Mr. Schuele was the President and owner of Air Systems of Royal Oak, Michigan. Mr. Schuele was born June 13, 1964, in Royal Oak, Michigan. He attended Lahser High School and later Purdue University where he graduated from the College of Mechanical Technology. He remained an enthusiastic "boiler maker" throughout his life. Known for his tremendous charisma and great sense of humor, Rob was a larger than life presence in the community. Mr. Schuele was an entrepreneur, self-starter and career handyman. He enjoyed adventures, surrounding himself with his many loyal friends, and was an involved parishioner at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham. He will be deeply missed by all those whose life he touched. Mr. Schuele is survived by his wife of 16 years, Lori, and his daughters, Hailee, Hannah and Emma. He is also survived by his parents, Bob and Nancy Schuele, his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Elaine and Don Spitzer, sisters, Joanne (Joe) King and Susan (Bill) Ridenour and many other loving relatives and friends. Funeral at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, Thursday 11am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Memorials appreciated to Robert A. Schuele Memorial Scholarship Purdue Foundation, University Development Office - Alumni Center, 403 West Wood Street, West Lafayette, Indiana 47907 -2007. Arrangements Lynch & Sons Funeral Home.

GEORGE W. ENGELHARDT

Age 85, April 25, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Frances. Loving father of Gary (Gail), Lynne (Larry) Haggart and Janice Bass. Dear grandfather of Kathy (Michael) Radtke and Alexander Haggart. Great grandfather of Isabel Radtke, Sibling A.J. Engelhardt. Funeral Service 11 AM Friday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia. Visitation Thursday 3-9PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to Shriners Hospital for Children. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rgharris.com

WARD JAMES HAIDLE

Age 45, of Carefree, Arizona, passed away on April 20, 2006. He was born in Royal Oak, Michigan and resided in Arizona the last three years. He is survived by his wife, Diane; daughter, Sara; son, Joe; parents, William James and Virginia Haidle of Birmingham, Michigan; sister, Susan (Fran) Schmidt of Germany and Jane Sigers of Birmingham, Michigan. Memorial services will be held Saturday, May 13, 2006, 11am at St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to MDAnderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77021 (www.mdanderson.org/gifts) or Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St, Phoenix, AZ 85014. (www.hospiceofthevalley.org)

WILLIAM J. DENVERS JR.

Age 82 of Westacres in West Bloomfield. Date of death April 21, 2006. Beloved partner, beloved friend, beloved man. Veteran U. S. Army WWII. Bill was a man of many interests. After earning his law degree from the University of Detroit, Bill worked for the Chrysler Corporation. During his time at Chrysler, he served as President of the Michigan Insurance Adjusters Association. He left Chrysler to become a partner in the Royal Oak law firm of Buchanan, Martin, Bromley and Devers. He then moved on to become a member of the Anderson and Green law firm located in Lansing, Michigan. In 1966, Bill was recruited by James Hill esq. to join the Ford Motor Company's Office of General Council. While with Ford, Bill was the President of the Michigan Bar Association's Sectional. He retired from Ford Motor Company, 1986. In addition to his professional activities, he was active in his community as well. He served for many years on the West Bloomfield Library Board as well as the West Bloomfield Planning Commission. Additionally, he served on the Selective Service Board during the Vietnam War. Bill's true love and compassion was for his neighborhood, Westacres! Along with his many friends and neighbors, Bill donated his time and efforts to help the Westacres Association to be a strong and vital force. As a member of the board and unofficial legal council, he worked to help preserve the association's heritage. Predeceased by parents William Sr. and Emily and wife Marion Lois. Dearest brother of Ruth LaCroix Bradenton, Florida. Dearest father of William III (Deborah), Janet, Paul, Katie, Mark (Margaret), and Ruth Ellen (Gary). Proud grandfather of William IV, Emily, Katey, Kevin, Sarah, Elizabeth, Carolyn, Marcus, Avance, and Jacob William. Funeral mass was held at Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church, 3725 Erie Dr., Orchard Lake. Tuesday 10 am (Instate 9:30 am). Interment All Saints Cemetery. Friends visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 340 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake (3 blks. S. of Maple Rd). Sunday 2 pm. to 8pm. Monday

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Rabbi Sherwin Wine

Humanistic Jews hold annual conference this weekend

Humanistic Jews from across North America will meet April 28-30 in Cambridge, Mass., for the Society for Humanistic Judaism's annual conference. Kahal B'traira Congregation hosts the weekend-long event for adults, young adults and teens. This year's theme is "Thinking Outside the Box: Building, Growing and Inspiring Humanistic Jewish Communities."

Among the featured speakers are Heeb magazine editor-in-chief, Joshua Neuman; Rabbi Sherwin Wine, the founder of Humanistic Judaism; and authors Catherine Reef and Mitchell Silver.

Wine, a Birmingham resident, is also founder of The Birmingham Temple of Farmington Hills, the first Humanistic Jewish congregation in the world.

Rabbi Wine will deliver a talk on Hamas and Israel, just weeks after the installation of the new Palestinian cabinet led by Hamas. Coinciding with the 150th anniversary of the birth of Sigmund Freud, author Catherine Reef will discuss how she developed a literary portrait of a man whose Jewish heritage shaped his identity and who lived according to humanistic Jewish values.

"Not your grandpa's klezmer," Klezperanto will lead Saturday's evening of music and dancing.

Liz Pacheco will lead a drumming circle.

Longtime leader of the society, Rabbi Miriam S. Jerris, will receive the Sherwin T. Wine Lifetime Achievement Award. It was established in 2003 in honor of Rabbi Wine's 75th birthday.

Rabbi Jerris was the national president of the society prior to becoming SHJ's first executive director from 1980 to 1995. She is currently the society's community development coordinator.

Formed in 1969, the Society of Humanistic Judaism is the national outreach vehicle for the humanistic movement. It includes more than thirty congregations, communities and havurot in North America, each with rabbinic and/or lay leadership and serving more than 2,500 families.


Humanistic Judaism embraces a human-centered philosophy that affirms the power and responsibility of individuals to shape their own lives independent of supernatural authority. It maintains that ethics and morality should serve human needs, chiefly the preservation of human dignity and integrity.

For more information visit www.shj.org or contact M. Bonnie Cousins, executive director, Society for Humanistic Judaism, 28611 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334, (248) 478-7610.

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Individuals interested in challenging the signatures collected during the Citizens for Education petition drive have until 5 p.m. Friday, May 5, to review the signatures sampled from the petition.

Interested parties are asked to contact the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections to make arrangements to purchase or inspect copies of the petition sheets with the sampled signatures. The bureau is on the first floor of the Richard H. Austin Building, 430 W. Allegan, Lansing. For information, call (517) 373-2540.

At its April 11 meeting, the Board of State Canvassers established that the public would have 10 business days to review and

Additional information about the petition challenge is available on the department's Web site at www.michigan.gov/sos.

challenge the signatures from the time they are made available.

The Citizens for Education petition seeks to amend the State School Aid Act to establish minimum funding levels for school, colleges and universities.

Additional information about the petition challenge is available on the department's Web site at www.michigan.gov/sos.

Governor signs high school curriculum bill

Gov. Jennifer Granholm last week signed legislation establishing a more rigorous high school curriculum.

Granholm also renewed her call for a \$4,000 scholarship for all students to receive education or training beyond high school.

"If Michigan is to compete in a global economy, we must have the best educated workforce in the nation to attract jobs and investments to our state," Granholm said. "This new challenging curriculum will help ensure that every student in Michigan is prepared for college or technical training when they finish high school."

The legislation signed by the governor requires:

- four credits of math and English language arts;
- three credits of science and social studies;
- two credits of foreign language;
- one credit of physical education and health;
- one credit of visual, per-

forming or applied arts; and one online learning experience.

The requirements will be in place for incoming eighth-graders in the fall of 2006. The foreign language requirement, which can be fulfilled by coursework completed prior to high school, will be in place for students entering third grade in the fall of 2006.

Granholm called for a new Merit Scholarship in 2005 State of the State Address. The scholarship, which is a key of the Cherry Commission on Higher Education and Economic Development, will give \$4,000 to every Michigan student who successfully completes two years of higher education at a university, community college or in technical training.

The Senate curriculum bill was sponsored by Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, and the House bill was sponsored by Rep. Brian Palmer, R-Romeo.

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