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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brandon O'Sullivan didn't expect to win national honors for the poster he did for Westland's Martin Luther King Day ceremony let alone one he did to promote the saving of antiques. But he now has two gold awards from the National Scholastic Art and Writing competition.

Artwork wins national honors

Career Tech student earns 2 awards in scholastic competition

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Brandon O'Sullivan didn't think he'd win with the portfolio he entered in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition.

Now, after winning two national gold awards, the John Glenn High School senior thinks he needs to do a bit more.

I was surprised, I didn't think I'd win anything, he said. It kind of makes me

think I need to do extra work on my portfolio. It means I have more work to do.

And two to boot, said his teacher, Steve Paulsen. It's pretty crazy, unnatural. It's hard enough to win one.

O'Sullivan won the awards for work he did in Paulsen's graphics design class at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. Principal Ginny Kowalski believes this may be the first gold award a center student has

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WAYNE HIGH STUDENTS' PORTFOLIOS WIN SILVER

Brandon O'Sullivan isn't the only Wayne-Westland student to win in the National Scholastic Arts and Writing competition.

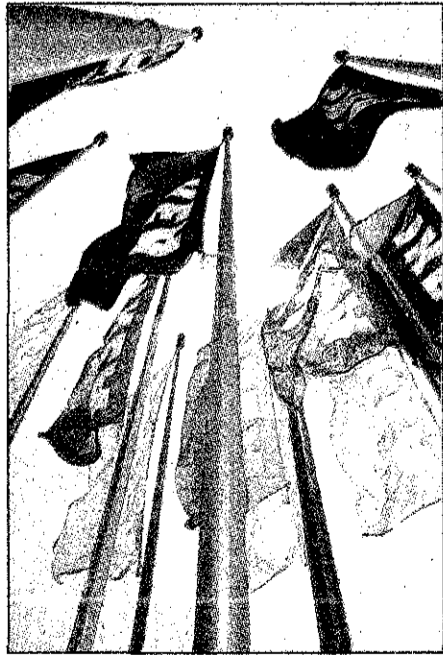
Two students at Wayne Memorial High School, Noe'lf Love and Alison Gardiner, received national silver portfolio awards in the contest. The two teens were among 100 students from across the country whose portfolios were selected for recognition and among eight students from Michigan to receive national recognition.

They both submitted portfolios containing eight pieces which were juried in New York for exhibition in Washington, D.C., this month. In a presentation before the Wayne-Westland school board in May, Love said that had she not been introduced to art, my days would be dull and lifeless.

Every day is like another picture waiting to be printed, she said. Gardiner thanked everyone for helping her with her artwork.

I get my inspiration from my family and my teachers, she said. The two students received certificates of recognition from board Vice President Cindy Schofield, who called their art pieces phenomenal.

I look forward to seeing your artwork with your name on it and saying we knew you when you were in the Wayne-Westland schools, she said.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The IKEA banners are whipping in the breeze, seemingly ready for the store's June 7 grand opening. The store carries more than 10,000 different items, displayed in 56 room settings, and three complete modular homes, ranging from approximately 250 square feet up to nearly 700 square feet.

Shoppers start your engines: IKEA opening a week away

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

In just a little less than a week, IKEA Canton will open its doors and show its customers - as if they needed instructions - how to shop.

So what's inside the big yellow and blue building in Canton? Just about everything for the home, said IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth. The store carries more than 10,000 different items, displayed in 56 room settings, and three complete modular homes, ranging from approximately 250 square feet up to nearly 700 square feet.

The shopping experience begins just inside the front door, where a large sign tells shoppers,

Canton, go to your room. Shoppers can pick up baby strollers, or check children into a supervised play room. There are pencils, a map and shopping list, and tape measures available at the front door, so shoppers are prepared to select everything they need for the home.

The escalator just inside the front door is the starting point for nearly 2 million shoppers expected to visit every year.

Arrows on the floor direct shoppers through the 311,000 square feet of shopping space. Displays are set up to include every element - from sofas to shelving and entertainment stands, to tables, can-

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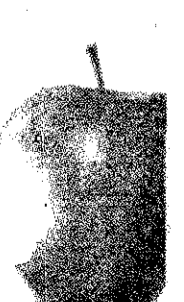


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Coming Sunday

An apple a day keeps the doctor away. New research is discovering the benefits of eating apples. In Health.



AROUND WESTLAND

Flag Day

Help wish 229th happy birthday to "Old Glory" at a Flag Day ceremony on Wednesday, June 14, at the flagpole between Westland City Hall and the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

Hosted by Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 and its Ladies Auxiliary, the Westland Civitan Club and the city of Westland, the ceremony will be at 5 p.m.

The ceremony will include the Pledge of Allegiance, a performance of the Star Spangled Banner by Stevenson Middle School trumpet player Bennie Clemente and a sing-along of patriotic songs.

Spaghetti dinner

The friends of Ruth Schultz will hold a fund-raising spaghetti dinner 5-11 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the Romanowski VFW Post 6896, 28945 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets cost \$10 each and include spaghetti, salad, rolls, desserts and beverages. There also will be entertainment and raffles.

Schultz was recently diagnosed with breast cancer, and family and friends are staging the benefit to help defray medical expenses.

Monetary donations or gifts for the raffles can be dropped off at Lane Plumbing, 6738 Middlebelt, Garden City. Make checks payable to Ruth Schultz.

Outdoor flea market

Harris Kehrer VFW Post 3323 is holding an outdoor flea market 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. The post is at 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call Richard Eberhart at (734) 812-7978.

Team Up for Cure

CVS Store No. 8221 and ALS Therapy Alliance are teaming up for a cure for Lou Gehrig's Disease with a bowling night Saturday, June 3, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

The benefit starts at 5 p.m. and costs \$15, including a hot dog, pop and chips. For more information, call (734) 722-7570.

Benefit for Joe

A bowling benefit will be held noon-4 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, to benefit long-time Westland resident Joe Wollschlager who is battling stage IV glioblastoma (brain cancer).

The cost is \$20 per person, \$35 per couple for three games

of bowling, shoes and food. Bowling will start at 12:30 p.m., and there also will be raffles throughout the event.

Wollschlager, a retired Marine, has made it through the surgery, but is facing mounting medical expenses.

For more information, call William Leonard at (734) 525-0288. Contributions can be made by calling Tonya at (734) 762-9374.

Summer Picnic

The Westland senior Friendship Center will hold its annual summer picnic noon-3 p.m. Friday, June 16, at the center on Newburgh Road south of Ford.

The cost is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members and includes entertainment by the Tommie James Trio and a meal of chicken, barbecued ribs, potato salad, green salad, fresh fruit salad, baked beans, corn bread, rolls and butter.

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

School fund-raiser

Heads up, residents in the John Glenn High School attendance area. Representatives of the school will be calling you between 4 and 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday for he next few weeks in an effort to raise money for the purchase of uniforms, music supplies and equipment and to support student activities.

Callers will be offering a choice of frozen pizza, home-style fudge, gourmet coffee samplers, eight varieties of cookie dough, roasted mix nuts, flexible driver tool sets, fire extinguishers, long-life light bulbs, first aid kits and durable 13- and 33-gallon trash bags.

All to the products are guaranteed and will be delivered to residents' homes at no charge.

Summer camp

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for 2006 Summer Day Camp at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne.

Registration will be accepted in person 4-6 p.m. June 6, 8, 12 and 13. For an appointment, call (734) 721-7400, Ext. 1306.

Day Camp begins June 14 and runs through Aug. 25. It will be 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday for children ages 5-13. Daily, weekly and full season rates are available.

Daily activities include swimming, ice skating (August only), arts and crafts, sports and board games, wallyball, outdoor play and more. There also will be field trips every week and special events.

What's in a name?

Candidates hope familiarity breeds election success

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Some candidates running for public office hope family names connote good things — including votes — headed into the campaign season with August primaries and the November general election.

Running for office with a recognizable last name could be a plus, but only if it brings positive reactions from voters who remember those family members who previously held or currently hold public office.

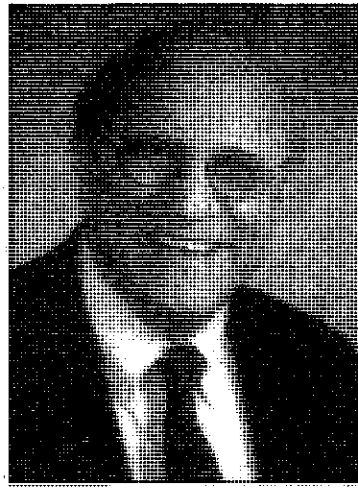
James Plakas' surname is well-known around political circles.

Plakas, a Northville resident is seeking a 35th District Court judgeship in Plymouth, said he's often drawn into conversations about his father and uncle.

Father Angelo Plakas has been practicing law since 1969 and is the city attorney for Westland. Uncle Jim Plakas was a city councilman and mayor in Garden City before being elected to represent the 16th House District in Lansing.

"Without a question it's a positive thing," said James Plakas, an 11-year attorney with his father's Westland law firm whose experience includes representing plaintiffs, as well as prosecuting cases as an assistant city attorney for Westland. "They have been very good at what they do, and very well-liked and respected. So, it can only benefit me."

Beth Stewart, Republican candidate for the 20th House seat, believes the current office holder — Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) — has



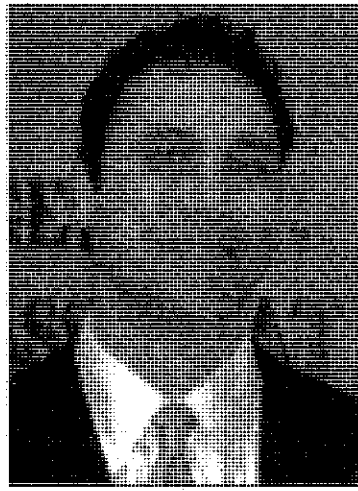
Jim Plakas
State representative

done an exceptional job the past six years, and that is a positive in efforts to succeed her term-limited husband in Lansing.

"Name identification is a big thing, and a lot of people ask if I'm related (to John)," said Stewart. "A lot of people, who don't understand term limits, ask if I'm running against him."

"John's been out there meeting and greeting and doing things in the community, and I get people telling me all the time he calls them back and answers their e-mails," she said. "I think they hope I would continue to do the same thing, if I'm elected."

Mention the name Jerry Vorva, and you most likely will get a positive or negative reaction to someone well-known for speaking his mind. Vorva has a long legacy in Plymouth, serving as a city commissioner, a state representative and as the main plaintiff in a lawsuit that held up, for several years, the bond issue that eventually



James Plakas
35th District Court hopeful

built Plymouth High School and Discovery ar-old son, Jason, is also a candidate for the 20th House seat. And the elder Vorva isn't sure how the surname will affect his son's run for state office.

"I don't know if it will help him or harm him," Vorva said. "But, I think with a familiar name, it will cause voters to inquire about him, as opposed to someone with an unfamiliar name."

Jason Vorva thinks his dad's name and reputation will generate some votes.

"I think it's a plus because you're known for saying exactly what you think," said Jason Vorva. "I consider it a huge plus, and accept the label of straight-talker."

Others running for office with familiar last names include Ron Lowe, who is seeking re-election as 35th District Court judge.

His dad James Lowe was a Garden City mayor and councilman and was a former



Angelo Plakas
Westland city attorney

Plymouth city attorney, the latter a position Ron Lowe also held before being elected to the bench.

Kevin McNamara of Canton Township, the son of the late former Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, is seeking a seat on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

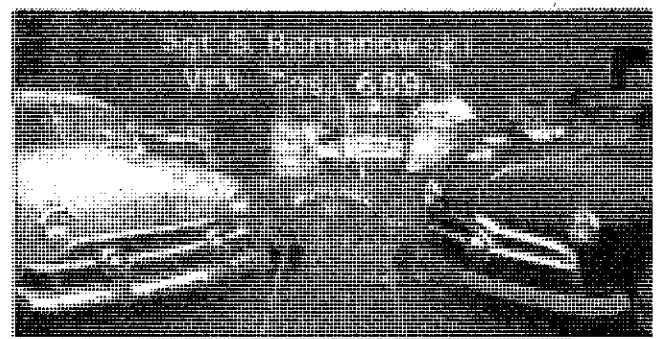
Political expert Bill Ballenger, the editor of Inside Michigan Politics, said those seeking election to political office are almost always successful — especially at the state level — when tied to a familiar last name.

"Amazingly, the track record is very good for family members with the same last name as those who have held, or are currently in, office," said Ballenger. "In the era of term limits, since the late 1990s, virtually every one of these (state) candidates have been elected."

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DEATHS

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| <p>A</p> <p>Alice S. Aho
Aho, 94, of Northville, died May 28.</p> <p>D</p> <p>John William (Jack) Dewalen
Dewalen, 84, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died May 29.</p> <p>E</p> <p>Walter H. Ekberg Jr.
Ekberg, 84, formerly of Birmingham, died May 26.</p> <p>G</p> <p>Helen Giacobazzi
Giacobazzi, 91, of Farmington Hills, died May 21.</p> <p>Teresa Giffels-Byrne
Giffels-Byrne, 79, of Novi, died May 27.</p> <p>K</p> <p>Claudette Krumm
Krumm, 71, of Plymouth, died May 25.</p> | <p>L</p> <p>Mary Alice Leyh
Leyh, 73, of Bingham Farms, died May 24.</p> <p>M</p> <p>Leah S. Morton
Morton, 98, formerly of Rochester, died.</p> <p>R</p> <p>Mary Jane Roberge
Roberge, 84, of Redford Township, died May 22.</p> <p>T</p> <p>Robert B. Thompson
Thompson, 87, of Birmingham, died May 7.</p> |
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- Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A18.



Cruisers of the Week

The Westside Rod and Custom Car Club's Cruiser of the Week for May 24 goes to Tom and Cathy Haas of Livonia with their 1932 Ford 5-window coupe. An old school hot rod, it has a 322 cubic inch nail head Buick motor and 4-speed top loader transmission. It has 1932 Chevy hood side customized to fit and seat from a military truck with flat brown paint. Member of the Week is Dave Poirier of Westland with his 1951 Chevrolet pickup truck. It's also an old school hot rod with a 350 cubic inch motor and 350 transmission. Poirier has shaved the door handles and lowered the truck body which has been mounted on a Chevelle frame with flat black paint. The Westside Rod and Custom Car Club's show is 5 p.m. to dusk Wednesdays at the Romanowski VFW Post on Joy Road in Westland. The next show was Wednesday, May 31.

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Volunteers put green in park with plantings

Natalie Thurmond had a goal of planting 1,000 trees this spring ... with the help of a few people, of course.

A local Shaklee entrepreneur, Thurmond was participating in a Shaklee Corporation campaign to plant one million trees in celebration of Earth Day 2006.

That day has come and gone, but not before Thurmond distributed more than 2,000 white pine seedlings for planting.

"I had such a wonderful time with the white pine seedlings and all the terrific people I met," the Westland resident wrote in an e-mail. "Your cooperation and enthusiasm helped my project to exceed 2,750 trees."

Five elementary schools, two day cares, one church and Westland Parks and Recreation Department helped her exceed her goal, and in the case of the later, the seedlings are helping forest the city's Merriman Park.

Twenty of the seedlings were planted along the north edge of the park on Merriman north of Palmer.

Boy Scouts, Brownies and several families helped with the planting as part of the Parks and Recreation department's Earth Day Delayed program.

"In the past, the Earth Day program, held two weeks later than the actual Earth Day, focused on filling the planters around the Bailey Recreation Center, but this year, with Thurmond's help, the focus shifted to the park.

"We decided to do the park in part because there's not a lot there," said recreation supervisor Margaret Martin. "It has a pavilion, a parking lot and a play structure."

Day-long rain made it somewhat of a muddy event and held down participation, but those who did show up received certificates, an Earth Day coloring book and lollipop and seedling, provided by Thurmond and State Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

Those who participated were charged 50 cents to cover the cost of the seedlings.

"We chose white pines because they're the state tree," said Martin, adding that the volunteers received a talk about planting trees before the work started.

In spite of the small turnout and wet weather, Martin rated the event a big success.

"It was very sweet," she said.

By Sue Mason



Jacob O'Connor and his dad Mark add soil around the roots of the white pine seedling they planted during the city's Earth Day celebration.

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Natalie Thurmond and Shaklee, a company she represents, supplied the trees for the project.

District looks at updating textbooks

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Public School trustees are considering the purchase of updated textbooks and materials to support secondary-level foreign language classes.

At the next regular board meeting, on June 5, trustees will vote on a recommendation to purchase materials for German and Japanese language classes. The books, teacher's manuals and supplemental materials total almost \$36,000, though the district stands to receive an additional \$22,000 in materials at no cost.

"Last year you approved Spanish textbooks for middle school and high school Spanish 1-5," said Sheila Alles, director of academic services. "Staying with the world language theme, we're recommending new textbooks for Japanese and German classes at the high schools."

Alles described the committee process and research leading up to her recommendation for textbook adoptions.

She said foreign language teachers first analyzed the current curriculum and sample textbooks to ensure the new materials would be aligned to both national standards and state benchmarks. Committees then reviewed the organization of the texts, coming from multiple publishers, and evaluated the contents.

After selecting their top two choices, teachers asked students for their perspective. Students reviewed whether the books were clear, understandable and easy to follow, Alles said. Finally high school principals reviewed the choices before recommending that they be purchased.

The books under recommendation include: *Adventures in Japanese*, levels 1-4 to accommodate various classes; *Deutsch Aktuell* 1-3 and *Kaleidoskop* for German IV students.

Trustee Rob Freeman questioned the cost of shipping for this purchase, which makes up about 10 percent. "It's highway robbery," said Freeman.

Alles said 10 percent is "in the ballpark for shipping and handling charges." She said it's about the most the district will pay for that service.

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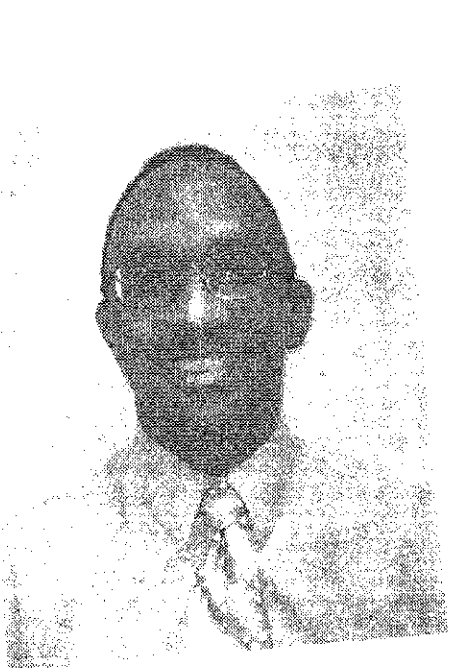
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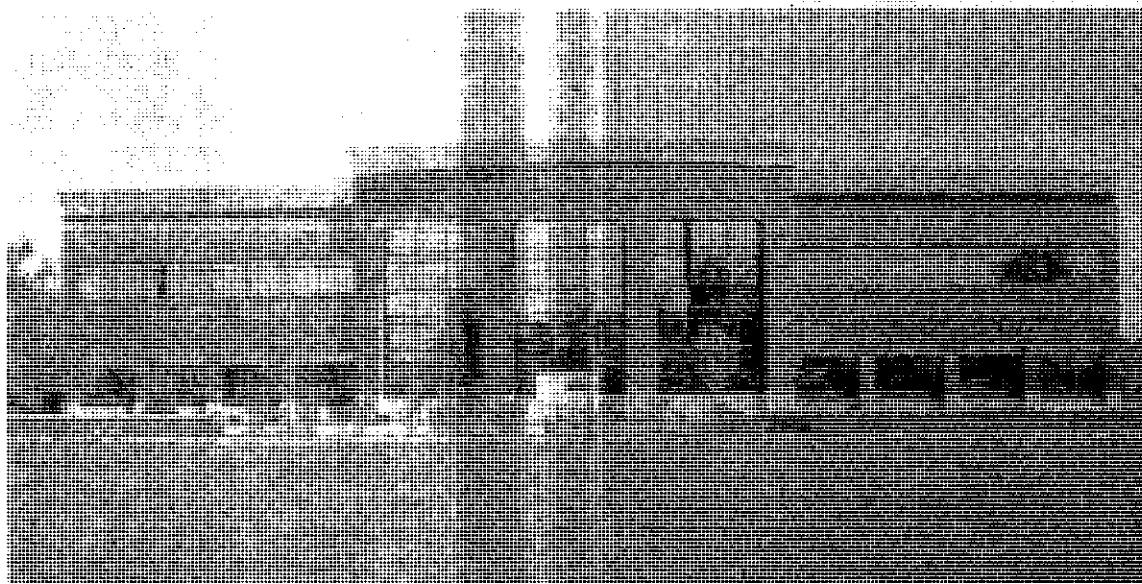


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School will soon be out for the summer and while children can chant about no more teachers, that can't say that about books. Especially if they're signing up for the William P. Faust Public Library's summer reading program.

Registration for the annual event is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the library on Central City Parkway north of Ford Road. Chester Cheetaah will be there, and every child will receive free Cheetos and a treat bag.

Children who register will receive a reading log to keep track of the minutes they read. For every 100 minutes, a child will receive a prize. Children need to read 500 minutes to complete the program.

Program materials will be handed out as well as detailed calendars to help kids make their plans. A calendar of events also is available on the library Web site at www.westland.lib.mi.us.

All finishers will receive a free book, an invitation to the Summer Reading Program Party and an entry form for a chance to win a grand prize.

The theme is "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales," and there's plenty for kids to see and do between June 10 and July 29.

Maureen Schiffman's puppet artistry will bring music and magic in "Animal Fair." Ron Blauet from the Michigan Humane Society will offer a wealth of experience to guide young animal owners

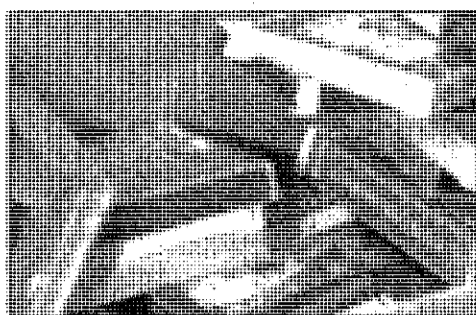
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The Home Again Avian Rescue team will bring birds rarely seen, and explain how to keep these colorful creatures safe. The library's guest chemist, Dr. Rick Brudzynski, makes science fun with hands-on activities and children will even be able to take "flubber" home.

The Plymouth Symphony Quartet will also perform and Michigan author Ron Meyer will feature his beautifully photographed book, *Freddy Fox*. Children also will meet Michael Brophy of R.E.P.T.I.L.E., Inc. and Science Alive visitors, each hosting two shows.

Craft sessions appeal to young artists and there's a variety available. Whether deciding on 3-D animal art, pet rocks, fancy fans, sidewalk chalk, pet books or cake decorating, children will find programs unique to their interests. Make It Take It craft 2-4 p.m. Thursdays are open to all ages.



Tales with Tails story times also are a fun way to bring family and friends together. Teens also can get involved with Creature Feature @ Your Library. The summer reading program is for lids in sixth-12th grades.

There will be weekly raffles, contests and prizes, including an Under the Sea art contest and teen poetry contest, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, visits by the Reptile Guy, movies and Teen Creature Creations.

Teens who finish the program will be entered in a grand prize drawing for a \$100 shopping spree.

Kids can sign up for the summer reading programs at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway, or online at www.westland.lib.mi.us

For more information about the summer reading programs, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

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GOLF OUTINGS

D.A.R.E.
Westland police have announced the 16th annual golf outing for the department's D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program on Tuesday, June 13.
Registration will start at 7 a.m. with the event following at 8 a.m. at Woodlands of Van Buren, 39670 Ecorse Road, east of I-275, in Wayne.
Cost is \$125 per person and includes a golf cart, lunch and dinner.
Businesses and others also may be a par sponsor for \$100, which includes getting a sign placed on the course and a quarter-page ad in the program; a birdie sponsor, which includes providing a cash or door prize and being recognized in the program; or an eagle sponsor for \$700, which includes four green fees, two signs placed on the course, a full-page ad in the program and a special framed certificate.
There will be a hole-in-one contest sponsored by North Bros. Ford.
For more information, call D.A.R.E. instructor Ken Kline at (734) 722-3273.

Cause," golf packages at \$160 per golfer, \$600 for a foursome and \$685 for the Eagle, a four-some and birdie hole sponsorship, and includes a 11 a.m. shotgun start, scrambles format, prizes and filet mignon dinner and banquet.
Sponsorships - birdie hole for \$100, classic premium for \$300 and community champion for \$1,000 - are available.
For more information, call (734) 326-6123, Ext. 222, or (248) 474-1503.
Proceeds to Salvation Army Summer Camp and Westland Rotary Charities.

Garden City Hospital
The Garden City Hospital Foundation's annual golf outing Monday, June 26, at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. Registration will be at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Call (734) 458-4331 for more information.

Lyman Foundation
The 27th annual Lyman Foundation Golf Outing Aug. 12 at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township. All proceeds benefit Burger School for Students with Autism. Shotgun starts will be 7:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Donations, volunteers and players are needed.
To register, call (734) 454-1850. For information, call Sharon Lundie at (734) 728-4919.

Rotary
Westland Rotary Club will have its 2006 golf outing Thursday, May 25, at the Golden Fox Golf Course, 8768 N. Territorial Road.
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Beardslee honored for service



Beardslee

Co-op Services Credit Union recently recognized Westland resident Marie Beardslee for 40 years of outstanding service to the credit union. Beardslee currently serves as senior vice president of operations, and has no intentions of retiring soon.
"I've truly enjoyed being part of our credit union's growth," she said. "When I started, we had only \$3 million in assets, and now we have more than \$270 million."
Beardslee began her career in 1966 as a switchboard teller, handling member transactions over the phone," said Anthony Carnarvon, president and CEO. "She modestly acknowledges that she has held nearly every position within the credit union prior to assuming her current

role as senior vice president of operations in 1991.
"Marie has been an anchor for all of us over the years," said Anthony Carnarvon, president and CEO.
"Our credit union would not be what it is today without Marie's incredible dedication, experience and expertise."
Looking back over the years, Beardslee recalled the credit union offered simple loans and savings accounts, when she first started.
"Today, we offer a wide variety of financial products and services, from fixed and

adjustable rate mortgages to retirement plans," she said.
Beardslee played an integral role in implementing Co-op Services ATM card program and introduction of the credit union's first ATM machine in 1971. She also was instrumental in the development of IRA products for members during the 1990s.
"We are fortunate to have so many loyal employees like Marie," said Carnarvon. "She is such a wonderful role model."
Co-op Services Credit Union has approximately 43,000 members and branch offices in Dearborn, Livonia, Walled Lake, Westland and Downriver. For more information about Co-op Services, where anyone can join, visit the credit union Web site at www.cscu.org or call (800) 321-8570.

AWARDS

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ever won in the national competition.
"Brandon's a very unique student, a great, great student," said Kowalski. "He's one of those kids who's overcome insurmountable odds to succeed."

WINNING PIECES

The two posters selected for gold awards include one of Martin Luther King that O'Sullivan did for the City of Westland's Martin Luther King Day ceremony. The other, entitled "Teach the Young with the Old," promotes SAFE - Save Antiquities for Everyone - a campaign to save stolen antiquities.
"I like the idea of collages, I like the square theme," O'Sullivan said of his King poster. "I've used it in other pieces."

The poster features squares of muted gray, mauve, brown and a random pattern of blue with a dropout of King as an overlay.
O'Sullivan used an antique vessel as the focal point of the SAFE poster, with color bars to highlight the text.
"I really like the color bars," he said. "I was looking for something to put with the picture. The color helps with the layout of the type."

O'Sullivan entered a portfolio of eight pieces in the competi-

tion. The eight pieces also were entered individually.
Career Technical students dominated the southeast Michigan regional competition, taking all of the gold and most of the silver. O'Sullivan's entries were among the 800 entries from the state level went on to the national competition.
O'Sullivan discovered he had won at the state level when he went with Paulsen and several other students to the Center for Creative Studies to help set up the state show.
Paulsen initially didn't think O'Sullivan had won, but then a few weeks later heard he had won "something." It took another few weeks to determine that he had won gold awards.
"I thought I had other pieces in my portfolio that were good, if not better than these," O'Sullivan said.
"To put this in perspective, his two posters were chosen from 17,000 works of art and 3,000 selections of writing. He is one of 1,450 national award recipients," said Kowalski.

His winning artwork will appear at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. and he has been invited to accept his award at Carnegie Hall.

PLANS FOR FUTURE
O'Sullivan is mapping out his future which includes one-two years of study at Washtenaw Community College before hopefully transferring to the Art

Institute of Chicago to study graphic design and videography, something he's been "tinkering with on the side."

"I've been editing my friends' videos for classes for a small fee," he said. "There's a lot of freedom with the job."

He calls himself a Renaissance Man. As a child, he wanted to be a cartoonist, played hockey for awhile and did some karate. He had never done anything with computers until he got in Paulsen's class.
"I didn't think I'd enjoy it and it wasn't until my second year that I realized I did," he said. "That's when I started taking it seriously instead of coasting along."

He already has a leg up on his collegiate studies. Through an agreement with Washtenaw, Henry Ford, Schoolcraft and Oakland Community colleges and Ferris State University, O'Sullivan will receive nine credit hours for completing Paulsen's class.

"The one thing I hear a lot from students is that you're not learning, you're doing," Paulsen said. "We expose students to the real world and they either love it or don't."
Paulsen is proud of O'Sullivan's accomplishments. "He's the luckiest I've ever seen," he said. "Now we need to try and get him some scholarship money. We need to get him some scholarships."

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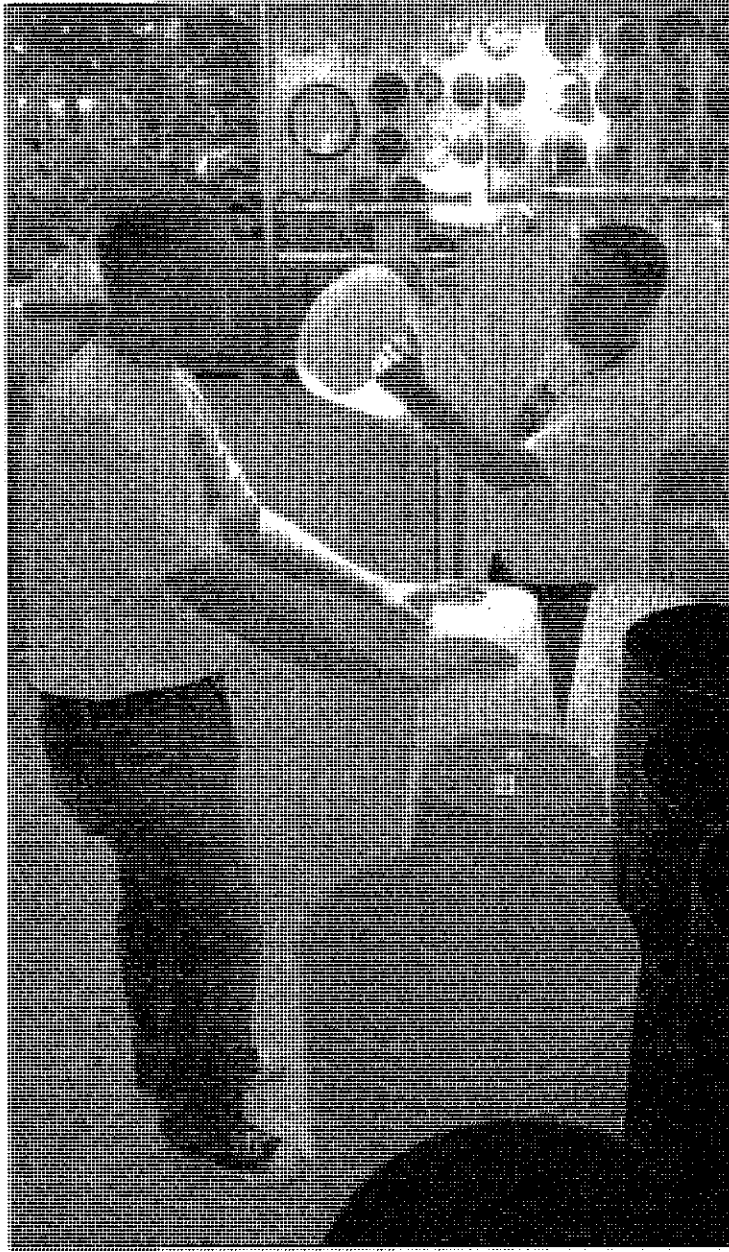
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Visual marketing specialist Josh Elliott, at right, of Canton, shows Anthony Garcia how to set up a display. Elliott tells Garcia to treat the display of \$1.49 waste baskets the same as you would treat a display of expensive items. Garcia lives in White Lake.

Welcome mats raise money for research

Independent Carpet One in Westland is selling the fall 2005 collection of specially-designed pink ribbon welcome mats to show support for the fight against breast cancer.

The sale marks Carpet One's fourth "Carpet One Welcomes Your Support" campaign, which raises funds for the American Cancer Society's breast cancer programs through sales of the distinctive welcome mats.

During the previous three campaigns, Carpet One stores nationwide have raised more than \$340,000 for the American Cancer Society and the Canadian Cancer Society.

Independent Carpet One will donate 25 percent of the sale price from each mat to the local American Cancer Society office. All funds from the store will be earmarked for breast cancer awareness, research and advocacy.

"We are really looking forward to continuing our support for this cause in the upcoming campaign," said Tina Marie Sutherland of Independent Carpet One. "We feel it's extremely important to be a

socially responsible business and to give back to our community."

Four designs are available - Autumn Welcome with maple leaves and a border of rich autumn tones surround the simple message of optimism captured by the word "Hope;" Celebration, a unique pattern of brilliant swirling colors complemented by a warm background to welcome guests; Seasonal Stripes, contemporary stripes featured in a range of vibrant fall colors backed by a warm inviting tone; and Fall Bouquet with its wandering vines and flowers in a variety of blues and pink tones, framed by a distinct black border.

The indoor/outdoor welcome mats are durable, stain- and water-resistant and machine-washable. The mats are available through June at Independent Carpet One for \$19.99 each. Twenty-five percent of the sale of each welcome mat will go to the local American Cancer Society chapter.

Visit Independent Carpet One at 1400 N. Wayne Road, or call (734) 729-6200.

IKEA

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dles and picture frames, to throw rugs and blankets - and are designed to look as if the people living there simply left the room for a minute.

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Red tag items can be found and carried out of a massive warehouse area on the first floor. Yellow tag items (such as large furniture - sofas and the like) must be retrieved by IKEA staff from a warehouse located just off the self-serve warehouse area. Tags specify what warehouse aisle, row and bin number each item will be found.

Shoppers are directed through home office and IKEA in the workplace areas, bedrooms and kitchens, the most important area of the house,

according to Roth.

"We believe the kitchen is the heart of every home," Roth said.

Just before shoppers head back downstairs is a 300-seat restaurant featuring sandwiches, several salmon and herring dishes, meatballs, a children's menu, and a 99-cent bacon and eggs breakfast.

Downstairs shoppers find the marketplace, which Roth said is the heart of the store. It's the area where visitors find everything from pots and pans and dishes to rugs, artwork, flooring, bedding and linens, and even plants. It's also where they find the least expensive item in the store - a 25-cent cat food dish.

IKEA Canton opens June 7, at 9 a.m., one hour earlier than usual hours. Normal business hours are 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily.

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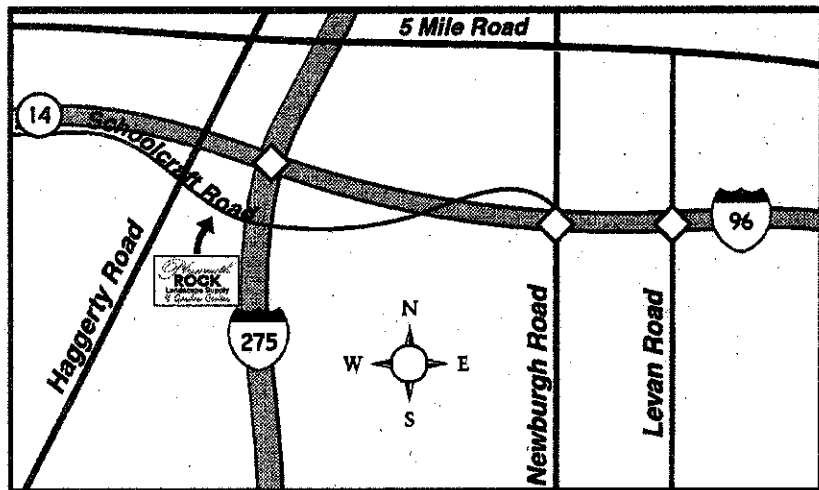
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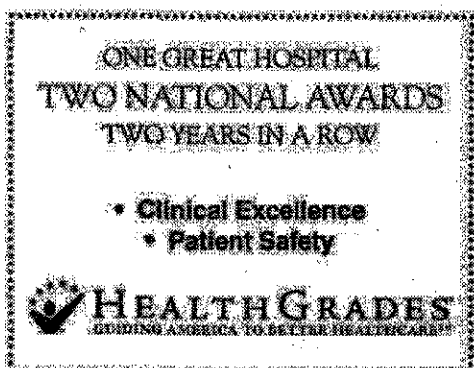
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Metro authority unveils model of north terminal

The Wayne County Airport Authority May 25 unveiled a model of the north terminal which is under construction at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. The eight-foot-long model of the 26-gate terminal was displayed at the Authority Board's meeting along with 13 large conceptual renderings including interior views.

"We have been talking about this terminal and showing drawings over the past couple of years," said airport CEO Lester Robinson. "But the three-dimensional model provides the viewer a much better understanding of how the terminal will look and operate."

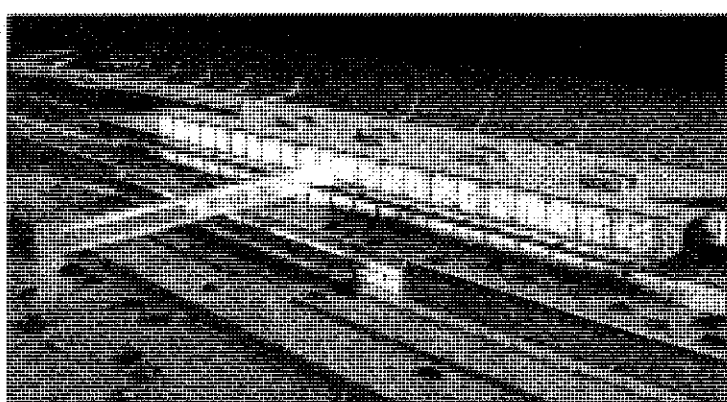
Also on display at the meeting were samples of a variety of materials and interior finishes proposed for the \$418 million project.

Site preparation is well under way, with the old Davey Terminal demolished and massive wrecking equipment continuing its assault on the former Marriott Hotel, which should be down early in June.

Work on installing a mat foundation for the north terminal check-in building has begun and soon the old apron (aircraft parking area) will be broken up. Bids have been received for structural steel and steel piles and the construction and installation of a hydrant fueling system which are being reviewed by the project team. In the meantime,



Artist's view of the passenger waiting area in the new North Terminal.



An artist's rendering of Detroit Metropolitan Airport's new North Terminal

Spirit Airlines will soon be closing three gates on the north side of old concourse C and shifting those operations to gates on the south side to make room for the north terminal project. This will have no impact on customers.

According to north terminal project director Jon Hypnar, the design should be 100 per-

cent complete by the end of June and approximately 7,000 tons of structural steel will begin arriving on the construction site early this fall. Twenty-six jet bridges have been purchased and the baggage system contract has been awarded.

"With its simple linear design and modern conveniences, the north terminal will

represent a significant upgrade in customer conveniences compared to the Smith and Berry Terminals," said Robinson. "It will also provide a considerable improvement in efficiency for the airlines."

Scheduled airlines to relocate from the aging Smith and Berry Terminals to the new north terminal include: Air Canada, American, Air Tran, Frontier, Southwest, Spirit, United, USAirways/American West and USA 3000 as well as non-scheduled airlines such as Champion Air, Ryan Air and others. International carriers

British Airways, Lufthansa and Royal Jordanian will move from the McNamara Terminal. Northwest Airlines and its SkyTeam partners, Northwest Airlink, Air France, Continental and Delta will remain in the McNamara Terminal which opened in February 2002.

The north terminal is still on schedule for a 2008 grand opening. The Airport Authority plans to install the model in the check-in lobby of the Smith Terminal and display renderings at www.metroairport.com.

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After 20 years, Rouge Rescue lives up to name

It's been 20 years since a group of volunteers embarked on an ambitious journey to restore the Rouge River, which had become one of the most polluted rivers in the country after decades of mismanagement.

At the time of the first Rouge Rescue, in June 1986, many areas of the Rouge were filled with trash, smelly and dangerous. Although organizers weren't sure how many people would show up, some 2,000 volunteers came out, proving there was plenty of interest in restoring the highly urbanized watershed.

In that first year, volunteers descended on the river at 18 different sites and concentrated their efforts on pulling shopping carts, cars and other manmade debris from the river, and cutting away the many logjams that impeded the river's flow.

The Rouge River, and Rouge Rescue event itself, have come a long way since that first year. The health of the river has improved dramatically, as municipalities, flooded with federal money, have fixed aging sewer systems and enacted stricter planning laws to comply with the federal Clean Water Act. Public education has also been a big part of changing people's habits and attitudes. Most people now know you shouldn't pour used motor oil down a storm drain at the end of the street.

While there is much work to do before the restoration is complete, the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project is now a model of how to reclaim a river system. Throughout the Rouge, dissolved oxygen levels, so important for aquatic organisms, have improved and dangerous E. coli bacteria levels have dropped.

Rouge Rescue, always held the first Saturday in June, has also evolved. Because trash isn't as prevalent as it once was, volunteers now perform more constructive activities, such as planting native plants or removing non-native invasive plants, building trails, or just going on a guided nature walk. They also don't tear out all the logjams anymore, something that proved harmful to the river in the past.

This Saturday, about 3,700 volunteers are expected to come out to 44 sites in 27 Rouge communities, according to Friends of the Rouge, the organization that was born of that first Rouge Rescue 20 years ago. And while the volunteers will do plenty of work, the event will also be a celebration of how far the Rouge River has come since the spirit of those first volunteers changed its course. We can't wait to see how the river looks in another 20 years.

Authority best plan for mental health

The Wayne County Commission is moving forward on a plan to transfer control of the Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Agency from the county to an independent authority.

A resolution was introduced last week to separate mental health services from county government.

Under the proposal, the authority could begin replacing current staff by September 2007. Mental health workers would become employees of the authority and not the county.

The executive director would hire top staff members instead of the county executive. The authority would approve purchases and make contracts without county approval.

The county's allocation for mental health funds would be frozen at the 2005-06 level of about \$177 million.

The authority would have control over millions of dollars in state and federal Medicaid funding, currently at risk.

The commission is expected to move on the resolution in the next two weeks.

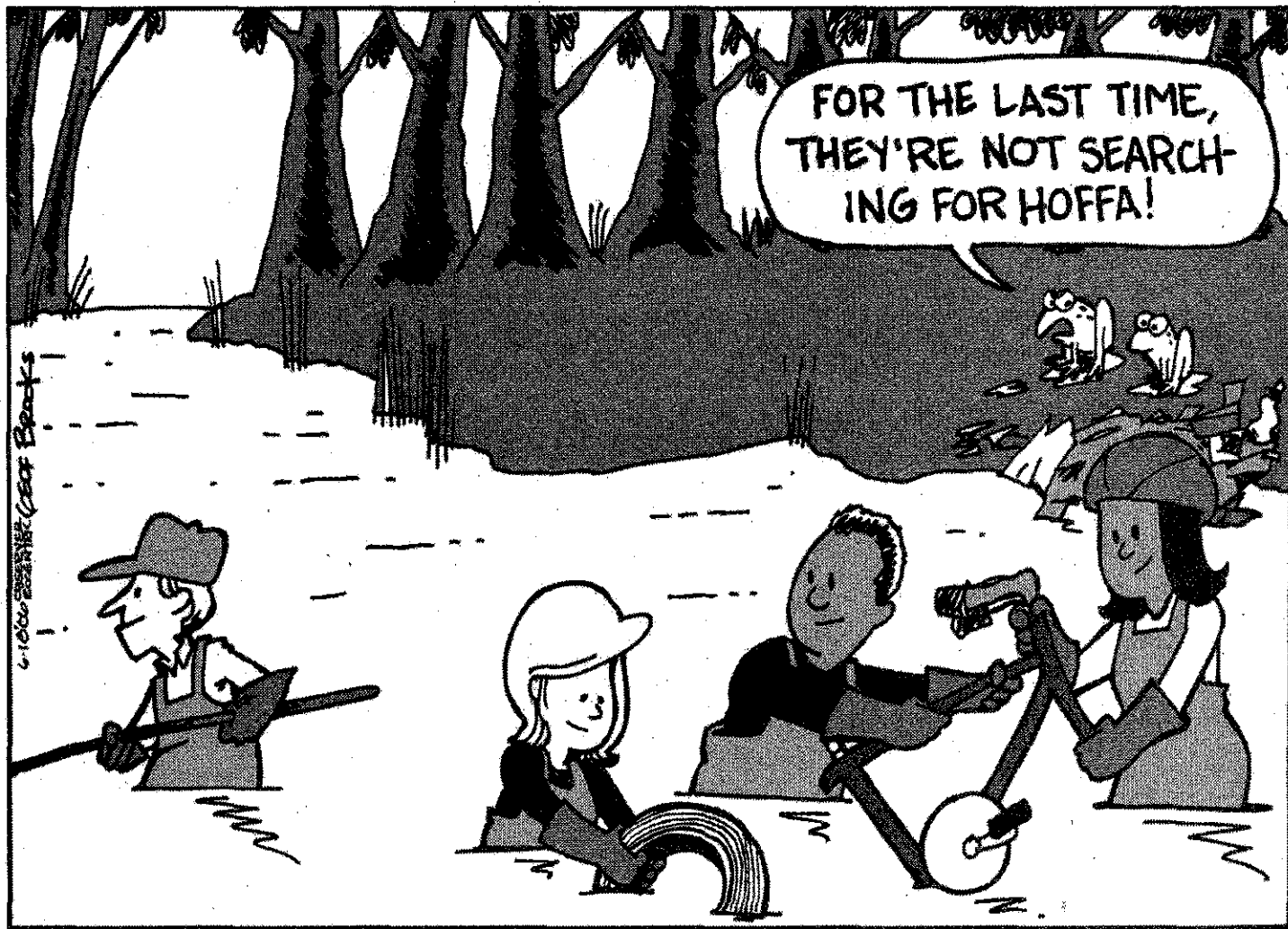
The action follows years of wrangling over the county's handling of state and federal funding. Proposals in the state House and Senate threaten to withhold funding unless an authority were created to replace county control.

County Executive Robert Ficano has long argued that many of the problems within the county Mental Health Board were caused by the current board makeup of six members appointed by the executive and six by the mayor of Detroit. Last week, the commission passed a resolution to change the board makeup to 13 members all appointed by the executive, subject to approval by the state Legislature.

Ficano has said he wants what's best for mental health clients and wants a "local solution" short of an independent authority.

At this stage, it looks like the commission will move ahead on an authority. It is also clear that the current state Legislature, which controls the purse strings, will not accept anything less.

It is time to move forward on creating an authority.



Rouge Rescue is June 3

Deserving award

I read last week that *Westland Observer* Community Editor Sue Mason has been honored by the Wayne-Westland Board of Education for her professional and insightful coverage of school district events and issues.

As the person who hired her in the fall of 1985, I can enthusiastically concur with Ms. Mason's latest honor. Being involved with her journalistic career first as a competitor and later as her editor and more recently as a retiree who reads her stories and editorials, I can only comment, partly in jest, "What took so long for others to appreciate her talents and skills?"

Ms. Mason is an excellent example of someone who grew up in Westland, spent most of her adult life here and watched the school district and the community at large grow, mature, and change with the times.

At the *Observer* for more than 20 years, she has excelled in several positions but has really made her mark in serving as a community editor.

I hope the school district award is merely the latest. I must also comment that the Wayne-Westland school board and administration also deserve praise. It has been the most and transparent public institution I have ever dealt with as a community editor. The staff at all levels has always been professional, cooperative and helpful.

I devoted many of my Monday nights covering school board meetings as well as other events during the week and weekends. In covering Harry Howard from 1966 through Greg Baracy in 1999 when I retired, I feel the past and current administrators and their cabinet members also deserve public support for their ongoing professionalism.

Leonard Pogor
Westland

We the People

Last year, I was able to attend some of our parades and celebrations of our Independence. So, what's the matter with "We the People"?

We who squeal the loudest don't show our Americanism to they that watch. I was appalled as our flag passed by the crowds and no one stood, placed their hand over their heart or saluted. That was a disgrace!

Come on, America! Have you forgotten what you were taught in school and by your parents? How will your children and others know the true meaning of our country and what it stands for, if you don't honor it? Do we truly know the meaning of our freedom? THINK what it's really all about and do something about it. This year's American patriotic celebrations are about to take place. Be thankful and show your spirit to all by honoring your flag when it passes by you.

My dear neighbor lady was straight from Poland. Each morning she walked our flag to the pole in her yard. She kissed the edge of it and raised it. Each evening, she came to take it down, kissed the edge of it. She told me, "You Americans don't know how good you got it." She also said, "Don't take it for granted."

One nation under God. May we all

enjoy a blessed American Independence celebration.

Lana Reinhart
Westland

Where's stroke awareness?

I volunteered to take in the American Stroke Association's main fund-raiser, Train To End Stroke, in January and have been trying to raise the target amount set by the association. The Train To End Stroke involves running or walking a marathon. I will be walking the marathon in San Diego, Calif., on June 4. I can't run because I had a stroke 15 years ago.

Strokes are the third leading cause of death and a cause of serious disability in the United States. Every 45 seconds someone in American has a stroke and every three minutes someone dies because of a stroke.

I contacted the Westland mayor, Sandra Cicirelli, and she was very good to me and I contact Peggy Ellenwood, the director of the Westland Friendship Center and met with her and the board, and was asked to take part in the Health and Fitness Day at the Friendship Center May 19.

Peggy had a table set up for me with a sign reading American Stroke Association and I brought pamphlets and other information for the people to take. I also was asking for donations to help me reach the target set by the American Stroke Association.

Peggy was very kind to me and has a donation jar at the center's main desk. She asked everyone at the Health and Fitness Day to donate to my cause. I was very surprised when people came up to my table and told either my wife or myself, they had never heard of the American Stroke Association, but what shocked us the most was some vendors had never heard of the American Stroke Association. These vendors have been to many shows and talk to many people, but didn't know about the American Stroke Association.

I knew then why it has been hard to raise funds. If people haven't heard of the organization, they will not donate money to it, and I can't blame them.

I don't understand why the American Stroke Association couldn't let people in the Detroit metro area know that there would be people out trying to raise funds for them. They are a part of the American Heart Association and very small it seems. You can call the office and the phone is answered the American Heart Association, nothing is said about the stroke part of it.

Detroit is a large city, but they are losing the Train To End Stroke program because it doesn't make enough money to pay for itself. You think if they let everyone know they are here they might make some money, but maybe the Heart Association won't let them. I would think there are many editors in newspapers that would gladly print a story about their fund-raising program as a feature article or article of interest and not charge them.

The same goes for TV, how many shows have health awareness on them and would be more than happy to announce the American Stroke Association's Train To End Stroke cam-

aign, and the same for radio. But did they utilize any of these, no. That made it extra hard for us volunteers to raise the funds they said we had to if we wanted to take part in their program.

I have talked to many businesses in town that are good at letting groups raise funds in their place and was turned down or never heard back from them after sending or giving them the information they wanted.

The Westland Police and Fire Department would not even talk to me and we have supported every donation drive they have had. I think that has stopped, they could have at least talked to me or given the individual members the right to make up their own minds, if they wanted to support the American Stroke Association and myself in the Train To End Stroke campaign.

I didn't feel it right to go into the fire houses when there are signs saying only fire personnel and the same for the police, you can't get to them when they are in the station and don't want you to bother them while they are on the street.

At the Health and Fitness Day at the Friendship Center, the Fire Department and EMS were one table from us and they didn't even come over. I would say many of their calls are for people that have had a stroke. You would think they would like to see a reduction of strokes, but I guess not.

I am very happy to be taking part in this. The funds that are raised go toward research to end strokes and education of all of us. I don't think they are doing a good job on the education, if people don't even know about the American Stroke Association. I was able to at least inform some people at the Health and Fitness Day of them.

If anyone cares to donate you can go online to <http://teamdetroit.kintera.org/sandiego> and donate to anyone you know who is taking part in this.

You can also mail a donation to the American Stroke Association at 24445 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075. Make your check out to American Stroke Association and write on it or a piece of paper who you want to donate for or just general donations.

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"We don't know the whole story of what's going on. I'm not comfortable with the level of information that has been disclosed."

- Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt, about the Westland Library Board's recent firing of library Director John Patane

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Campaign 2006: Focus on jobs through creativity and change

In 1982, I served as deputy campaign manager for the first Jim Blanchard for governor campaign. Interest rates and unemployment were in double digits. I remember the top three campaign issues — jobs, jobs, jobs. Four years later, in the re-elect Blanchard for governor campaign the rallying cry was jobs, jobs and more jobs.

Bill Clinton rode to the presidency in 1992 during another economic downturn with the slogan, "It's the economy, stupid!"

With Michigan in a single state recession (some would say a depression in our urban areas), with unemployment at 7.2 percent compared to 4.2 percent for the rest of the country and more middle-class jobs to be shed as we transform our industrial economy, politicians from both sides of the political spectrum are dusting off the local and national slogans of the past to help make them the "jobs" candidate in 2006.

Certainly, we need entry-level jobs for teenagers and those new to the workforce. Yet, if Michigan is to be a state that provides hope and opportunity today and tomorrow, we need jobs that provide a livable middle-class wage with decent benefits. Further, we must never lose sight that behind unemployment statistic are workers without a paycheck, a family without income and a community and a state heading for stagnation and decline.

While "jobs" and other economic issues are again on everyone's mind as we stumble into the 2006 statewide elections, I beg to differ with politicians that will attempt to ride the "jobs wave" to victory in 2006. Election 2006 needs to be about more than simply "jobs," it also needs to be about results, innovation/creativity and change.

We need honest dialogue about what we need to do as individuals, families, communities and regions and as a state to be prepared to compete in this unforgiving, competitive global economy.

Unless we have leaders willing to address these issues, Michigan will continue to fall by the wayside as other states and nations pass us by. Unless we demand results, innovate in all we do, find ways to be more creative and change the way we address our problems we will not produce the high-paying, middle-class jobs of the future that our current displaced workers and children need and deserve.

Two governors, Mark Warner, a Democrat from Virginia, and Mitt Romney, Republican from Massachusetts, each from different geographical and political landscapes, provide examples of results.

Warner, a moderate Democrat in a Republican-leaning state and with a solid majority of Republicans in the Legislature, was able to reform Virginia's antiquated tax code and raise taxes to improve roads and schools. In fact, his leadership provided the single largest investment

for K-12 school funding in Virginia's history. He has planted the seeds that will bear fruit for generations to come.

Romney rode his successful results of pulling the near disastrous, scandal-ridden Winter Olympics in Utah that were hundreds of millions in debt to the Massachusetts governor's office. As a Republican governor, he worked with one of the most Democratic Legislatures in the country to draft and sign into law the most comprehensive mandatory health care insurance program for all Massachusetts citizens, without raising taxes. Now those are results!

Michigan needs to accept the fact that the world has changed. What we once had as the manufacturing center of the universe is now gone. We have a new reality and what we make of it is up to us. We need to move boldly as pioneers into the future, not as settlers of the past. We need to build on our entrepreneurial strengths, leverage the talent of vast numbers of skilled workers and engineers centered in southeast Michigan and tap into our world-class community colleges and universities to create something new, not simply attempt to put an "addition" on what once was.

Some areas that are ripe (in fact, overly ripe) for change include:

- Available, reliable and affordable regional public transportation systems.
- Investment in students from preschool to graduate school and from the cradle to the grave to assure our children can compete not just with the school district or state next door, but with the children of the world.
- Massive investment in the retraining of the current workforce being displaced by the global, economic tsunami that has hit our shores. We cannot treat our current workforce as no deposit/no return, un-recyclable refuse.
- Regional collaboration and consolidation of schools districts, municipalities and other units of government to maximize efficiencies and effectiveness and for the better utilization of limited public resources.

Of course we need jobs and I expect everyone running for office from dog catcher to governor will be running on the "Jobs Ticket."

We also need bold decisive leadership that will help us not just fish for today's job, but help enable us to catch the decent-paying middle-class jobs of tomorrow. This will require an honest conversation with Michigan citizens regarding our critical needs.

Our collective future is predicated on results, innovation, creativity and change.

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Tom Watkins

Lowering flag the least we can do for soldiers serving in war

I spent many years covering high school sports, and after seeing the American flag wrongly displayed in so many gyms, it came as no surprise to me to hear Mary Rowland of Canton was having trouble getting businesses to lower their American flags to half-staff to honor Michigan soldiers killed in Iraq.

I've seen the flag positioned on the wrong side of gyms, positioned with the stars in the wrong position, and with the American flag positioned wrongly when grouped with other flags.

One of the things I did during my 15-year U.S. Air Force career was answer questions about the proper display of the American



Brad Kadrich

flag, so I never had a problem pointing out the errors to athletic directors. And the athletic directors in nearly every case, after checking to make sure I was right, made the appropriate changes to make sure the flag was accorded the respect it deserves.

That apparently is where my experience differs from Rowland, the Canton mom of a soldier recently assigned to Iraq. Rowland wants businesses to lower their flags when Gov. Jennifer Granholm calls for it following the death of a Michigan soldier, even though Granholm's authority extends only to state buildings.

However, she's apparently running her suggestion up the wrong flagpole; only Flagstar Bank has given her a positive response.

"It makes me angry. Whether you are for or against the war, we have young men and women dying. It's too easy to forget we're in a war," she said.

As botched as the war has become, it shouldn't be difficult to remember we're in one. And judging by the turnout at Monday's Memorial Day parade in downtown Plymouth, fewer people have forgotten it than one might think.

While there is a feeling Memorial Day has become nothing more than a long weekend to many, the number of people crowded into Kellogg Park would suggest it means much more to many more.

I heard last week about some legislator somewhere wanting to make Memorial Day a permanent date — May 30, I think — no matter where it fell in the week, the thinking being perhaps people would pay more attention to the holiday's actual purpose: Honoring those who serve our nation, particularly those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

I wanted to ask Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone about that. But the Canton resident, the assistant adjutant for the state Department of Veterans Affairs and the featured speaker at Monday's parade, answered

the question during her speech (actually, she answered it again when I asked it afterward, but the answer was the same).

"We need to salute the dedicated men and women serving this country today ... they are preserving the legacy (of freedom)," Fausone said. "Memorial Day is the one day of the year we set aside to honor them. We should be doing this every day of the year."

That's what Granholm aides say the governor is doing when she orders flags lowered, something she's done more than 60 times since December 2003.

Now, she's drawing criticism for doing it so often. Critics are saying it violates the U.S. Flag Code, which they say was intended to honor only high-ranking government and elected officials, not soldiers or National Guard members.

In an Associated Press story over the weekend, John Truscott, campaign spokesman for Republican Dick DeVos, said his guy "would take a more literal approach."

"While he certainly believes that honoring veterans who have given their lives is extremely important, lowering the flag has typically been reserved for heads of state."

So some high-ranking elected official — a president, for instance — who some say didn't even show up for National Guard duty, much less serve in a war, gets the flag lowered. But if Mary Rowland's boy dies while fighting for his country, DeVos is saying he shouldn't?

And this even sillier observation comes via the same AP story from Jeannine Trybus of Grand Rapids, who said "every time that flag comes down it cheapens the gesture." Trybus, a member of the Grand Rapids Civil War Roundtable, said this of lowering the flag for soldiers killed in the line of duty: "I don't think we should (be) denigrating one of our own symbols and its meaning."

Fausone, who actually serves her country, vigorously disagreed.

"The reason (Granholm) is doing it so much is we've lost so many," Fausone said. "They serve their country, and they sacrifice for their country. When (Granholm) lowers the flag, it's in their honor."

Dick DeVos is running against Granholm for governor, so you have to expect him to latch onto anything he can find. I have absolutely no idea whether Trybus is a DeVos supporter, but it wouldn't surprise me.

Chapen the gesture? Politicizing this particular issue is cheap. Lowering the flag to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice?

It's the least we can do.

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Patterson: SBT initiative to go forward

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Despite a tight timeframe and discouraging early projections, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's initiative to repeal the state's Single Business Tax will move forward to the petition phase.

At a press conference Tuesday afternoon, Patterson said the effort will move on. "I'm pleased to announce that we've reached our goal," he said. "We've taken in more than \$615,000 in pledges and have another \$185,000 in underwritten corporate loans."

Originally, the plan as announced at the State of the County address was to raise \$800,000 in pledges for the effort. A week later, based on lackluster fund-raising, he amended that figure to \$600,000. At the Tuesday conference, he said the fund-raising effort would continue as the petition drive got under way.

Whatever the financial goals set or met, he said the response to the effort was a sign that the times are ripe for change.

"To achieve numbers this strong is evidence that we're ready for change in Michigan,"

Patterson said.

Changes, he said, are needed. Citing statistics that place Michigan near or at the bottom of the heap for job creation, job retention and personal income growth, he said the SBT has to go to make the state a more attractive place to start or expand a business. Others have made similar, ground up changes in their tax and business structure.

"In the 1980s, Ireland was the doormat of Europe, not somewhere you would want to do business," he said. "Now it's the second strongest economy in Europe."

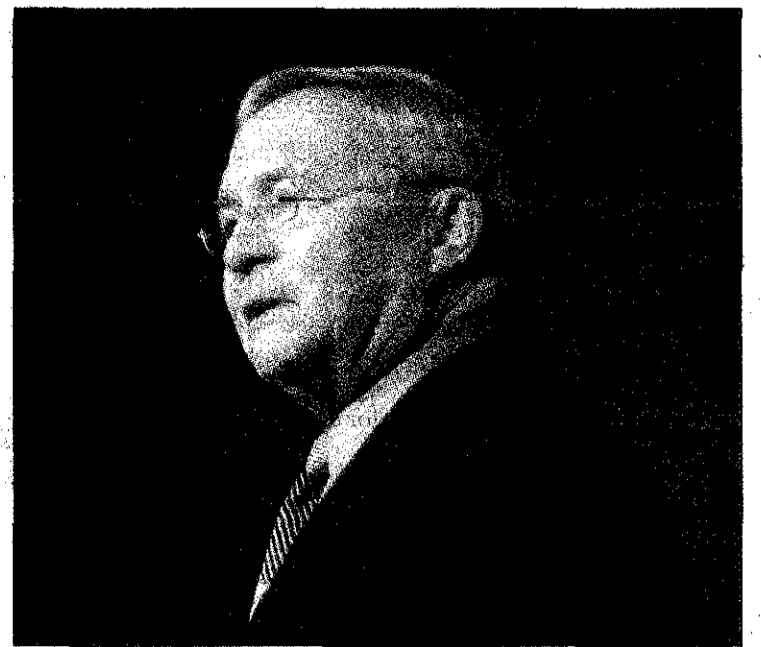
The SBT generates about

\$1.8 billion in revenues for the state's general fund.

Patterson's plan says nothing about where replacement funds would come from. The petition drive, he said, would be an intervention for the state.

"The tax money is heroin for the state," he said. "This will force the legislature to rewrite the tax code."

A California firm, National Petition Management, has been secured to get the initiative on the November ballot. Patterson said the company has a 100 percent success rate in getting ballot questions before voters.



L. Brooks Patterson

Patterson talks taxes with local business leaders

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Steven Maltzman, a long-time CPA, has an easier time explaining out-of-state tax laws to his clients than he does explaining Michigan's single business tax.

"Businesses can lose real money and at the end of the day, there is a tax owed to the State of Michigan. It's mind-boggling," said Maltzman, a managing partner with MSW Group, PLC in Farmington Hills. "And, when I explain to my clients why, they get angry." His clients are mainly small

businesses throughout the tri-county area.

"That's been our major problem - it's a very difficult tax to understand," he said.

Michigan is the only state in the nation with a single business tax, which basically taxes assets, payroll and property - not profits. Throughout its 31-year history, the single business tax has been enjoyed by profitable businesses in good economic times and despised by struggling businesses in tough economic times. In good times, businesses are not taxed on large profits, like they would be in other states. In

tough times, businesses are taxed, even if profits are small.

"It's a disincentive for businesses to add employees to their companies," said Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, who is leading the charge to repeal the SBT before it is ready to sunset at the end of 2009.

Patterson said Michigan must act now.

"We can't wait until 2009 to help ourselves," said Patterson at a recent

Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce luncheon, noting Michigan is in a "single state recession" with the highest unemployment and lowest economic stimulation of all states not hit by hurricanes.

"It's just awful news out there," said Patterson. "We're suffering through the longest recession since the Great Depression."

Patterson decided to tackle the tax by drafting petition language that calls for the

issue to be placed on the ballot later this year.

The language mirrors legislation passed earlier this year by the Michigan House and Senate. The bills were vetoed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm because there was no plan to replace the estimated \$1.8 billion the SBT generates each year.

Patterson hired a firm, for \$810,000, to collect and certify at least 360,000 signatures, which is 106,000 more signatures than he needs. Petitions were filed Tuesday.

From there, the language is

certified and it then goes back to the House and Senate for 40 days. Because the issue is brought by a ballot initiative, the House and Senate may approve it, making it a veto-proof law. The legislation would sunset the SBT in 2007.

"This would leave the governor as a spectator in this issue," said Patterson.

He's confident the plan will work. He said there are several options to replace most of the \$1.8 billion generated by the SBT. But, he said only about \$1.3 billion should be replaced.

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Rouge Rescue has been a labor of love

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

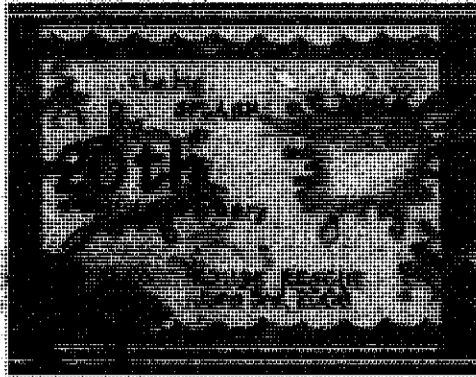
Two decades ago, many areas of the Rouge River could probably be compared to an open sewer. In fact, that's pretty much what they were. Raw sewage regularly coursed through the river and overburdened antiquated sewer systems. The river was also a depository for tons of trash - everything from old cars and appliances to shopping carts and just about anything else one might imagine.

That is the Rouge River that was inherited by a group of about 2,000 volunteers, who, in 1986, participated in the first Rouge Rescue. Their task: help jump-start the restoration of one of most polluted waterways in the country. Two decades later, as organizers prepare for the event's 20th anniversary, the river and the event itself have both come a long way.

Rouge Rescue is scheduled to take place Saturday in communities throughout the Rouge watershed. Organizers are expecting about 3,700 volunteers to come out to a total of 44 sites. They will find a very different river than those first volunteers had to deal with. In most areas of the watershed, most of the trash has been removed, and the water quality - thanks to upgraded sewer and stormwater systems - has improved dramatically.

As a result, Rouge Rescue isn't as daunting a task as it once was.

"As the Rouge has been restored, we're



The Rouge Rescue is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

encouraging celebration, not just work," said Carolyn McCaughey, executive director of Friends of the Rouge, the organization that was born out of that first Rouge Rescue and has been coordinating the event ever since.

McCaughey said Rouge Rescue is no longer about picking up trash and tearing out logjams like it once was. At this year's event, volunteers will concentrate on other activities, including planting native plants and creating buffer strips along the river, as well as conducting nature walks. One site will even have poetry readings. As for the logjams, volunteers will take out only the trash and debris that has collecting in them, but not all the "woody debris" that is important wildlife habitat and helpful in preventing erosion.

"In the beginning Rouge Rescue was just pulling trash from the river. Unfortunately, some of that still needs to be done, but it has evolved over the years," McCaughey said. "We no longer rip logjams out of the river like we used to. Instead we do woody debris management. We really are starting to do a better job managing the river."

According to organizers, many of the volunteers that will come out Saturday have been coming out for years. Sharon Sabat has been coordinating Rouge Rescue in Livonia for years. In fact, she said the city actually had river cleanups before the first Rouge Rescue. Over the years, she has seen the same faces come out.

"We've had the same people with us, the same stalwarts, year after year. I think what keeps them coming back is the sense of accomplishment, and the fact we've gone from cleanup to reclamation," said Sabat, who is expecting about 50-60 people Saturday at the city's Rotary Park.

Livonia resident Michele Larson, who is coordinating Livonia's other site (also at Rotary Park), said the reason she got involved is a sense of ownership of the Rouge River. She said she and her two daughters often go down to the river to pick up trash.

"We're very conscious about our community and our environment," she said.

2006 ROUGE RESCUE SITES

The following list provides the location, time, coordinator contact information, and a brief description of the activities for some of the local Rouge Rescue sites. There will be a total of 44 sites throughout the Rouge River watershed.

For more information, contact Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9900 or visit the group's Web site at www.therouge.org.

■ Canton: Flodin Park (southeast corner of Salt and Morton-Taylor roads), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Erika Hidalgo at ehidalgo@canton-mi.org or Bob Belair at either rbelair@canton-mi.org or (734) 394-5150. Activities include educational programs, native plantings, invasive plant removal, nature walks, stream-bank stabilization, living science/animal exhibit and bird house building.

■ Canton: Meadows of Canton subdivision (Palmer and Lotz roads), 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Kesh Raizada at kraizada@co.wayne.mi.us or (313) 999-6256. Activities will include trash removal, storm drain marking, education displays and a bug hunt.

■ Farmington Hills: Memorial Park (West 11 Mile

at Middlebelt), 8 a.m. to noon. Contact Tracy Slintak at tslintak@ci.farmington-hills.mi.us or (248) 871-2860. Activities include invasive species removal, woody debris management and native plantings.

■ Farmington Hills: Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus (Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696), 8 a.m. to noon. Contact Mike Kadrofske at mkkadrof@oaklandcc.edu or (248) 522-3405. Activities include storm drain stenciling and trash removal.

■ Livonia: Rotary Park A (Six Mile and Hubbard roads), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Sharon Sabat at ssabat@ci.livonia.mi.us or (734) 466-2540. Activities include streambank stabilization, invasive species removal, native plantings, trash removal and woody debris management.

■ Livonia: Rotary Park B (Six Mile and Hubbard roads), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Michele Larson at (734) 578-6779. Activities include native planting project, info tables, trash removal, etc.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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For those men who are looking to learn about common diseases that effect males Henry Ford Health System will give you a chance to "Tune-up" for life when it hosts two educational sessions for men at the Livonia Medical Center 6-7 p.m. Monday, June 5, and Thursday, June 8. Females are encouraged to bring their loved ones to get a "Tune-up for Life" and learn about heart disease, cholesterol, diabetes and prostate cancer. Participants will have a chance to ask Henry Ford providers questions and get more information about services offered at Henry Ford Health System. For more information or to register for the educational sessions, call (800) HERNYFORD (436-7936). The Livonia Medical Center is at 29200 Schoolcraft, east of Middlebelt, Livonia.

WWII Tank Destroyer Reunion

Tank Destroyer veterans and families will meet for a nationwide reunion at 12 p.m. on Saturday, June 3 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn. A U.S. general will speak and a banquet lunch will follow. Veterans will enjoy a trip to the Henry Ford Museum on Friday, June 2. The Tank Destroyer Unit was created as a new arm of the U.S. Army and was heavily used throughout World War II, in Northern Africa, Europe and Japan. A concentration camp survivor will attend the event, hoping to seek and thank the Tank Destroyer veteran who helped with his release. The reunion is sponsored by the 807 Tank Destroyer Battalion. For information, call Nick Waskul at (517) 546-2548 or (517) 294-4868.

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Pioneer trek

The Nankin Township Pioneer Trek has been designed to introduce travelers

to the history of the area. Travelers will visit sites that affected the development of Westland as a community. Those who complete the trek will receive an embroidered patch. To start the trek, first visit the Westland Historical Museum and pick up a packet. The museum is at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, except before a holiday. The trek is sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Friends of the Westland Museum. For information, call (734) 326-1110.

Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise group meets 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. the second Tuesday each month except December at the Collins House, located at the museum complex, 857 N. Wayne Road. Call Jim Franklin at (734) 595-8119. Everyone is welcome.

BINGO

VFW Bingo

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

St. Mel Church

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

Shamrock Bingo

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

K of C Bingo

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

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

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

Senior dinners

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

Crochet & Knit

A crochet and knit group meets 9:30 a.m. every 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. For information, 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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Travel Group

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

Dyer Center

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

ORGANIZATIONS

Toastmasters

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

Vietnam Vets

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

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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

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Pet-A-Pet

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

Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392).

Zonta Club

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

Franklin PTSA

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

Tutorial program

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

M.O.M.S.

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

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Eating Disorders

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

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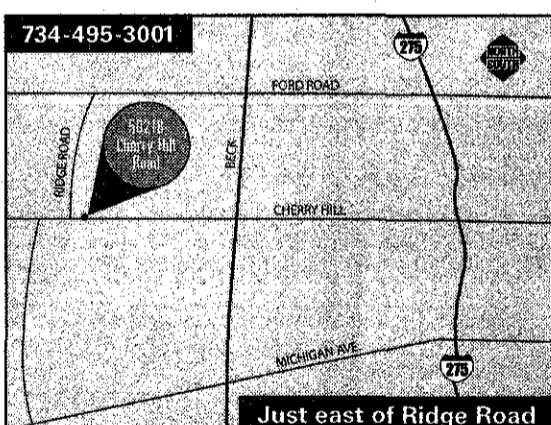
TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Wednesday at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Weigh-in is 6:30-7:15 p.m., with the meeting 7:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call Rosalie at (734) 728-0299.



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 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
 PROPOSED 2006-2007 BUDGET
 MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2006**

Please take notice that, on June 12, 2006 at 7 o'clock p.m. at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2006-07 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2006-07 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2006-07 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

MARTHA K. PITSENBARGER, Secretary

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Dwayne R. Harrigan
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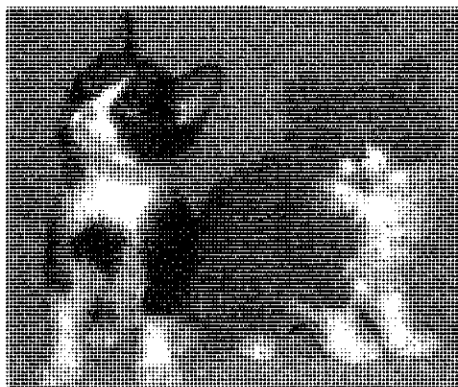
Have you been waiting to find that special companion? Maybe you've been looking for one who's sweet and affectionate, or perhaps you're hoping for one a little more independent?

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"The warmer months lead to a significant increase in the number homeless cats and kittens arriving in our shelters daily, so June is the perfect time to add a furry friend to your family," said Jennifer Rowell, Detroit shelter manager for the Michigan Humane Society. "We encourage people to come out to our shelters



Willy and Kirby

and be 'adopted' by one of the loving cats awaiting a special person of their very own."

In addition to visiting the shelters, potential adopters can 'meet' many of the cats and kittens looking for new homes online at www.michiganhumane.org. Simply click on 'Adopt' to check out their photos and detailed descriptions.

The Michigan Humane Society's shelters in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland, have felines of every age, size, color and activity level, with everything going for them except a good home.

The adoption fee is \$75 for a kitten under four months of age and \$60 for those four months or older. Also, consider adding twice the love into your life by adopting two cats within 30 days and save 50 percent off the second adoption fee.

In addition to a lifetime of love, cat adoptions also include sterilization, age-appropriate vaccinations, a medical check-up and 10-day health plan.

Last year, nearly 20,000 stay and unwanted cats and kittens were sheltered and cared for by the Michigan Humane Society. For more information on adopting from the Michigan Humane Society, call 1-866-MHUMANE (648-6263), 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit the Web site at www.michiganhumane.org.

PRESCHOOLS

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

Willow Creek

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool, on Cherry Hill between Newburgh and Wayne Road in Westland, is a non-profit co-op preschool for tots, 3 and 4 years old. It serves Westland, Canton and surrounding communities. The Moms and Tots program meets Friday mornings. Three-year-

olds meet Tuesday and Thursday and four-year-olds meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Morning and afternoon sessions available. For more information, call Lucy Arunachalam at (734) 453-5959.

Preschool program

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has registration for preschool programs at Stottlemeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Included are an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a preprimary impaired

program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration takes place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 419-2635.

McKinley

Looking for a great preschool? Choose McKinley Cooperative Preschool at 6500 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Nondiscriminatory and fully licensed, the program is open to youngsters ages 2-4. Morning and afternoon classes are offered. For information, call (734) 729-7222 or visit the Web site at www.mckinleypreschool.org.

Little Lambs

Little Lambs Preschool in Canton is

now accepting applications for their 3-4-year-old preschool programs for fall 2006. Call (734) 981-0286 to set up an appointment to come in for a visit or for more information about its programs.

Methodist

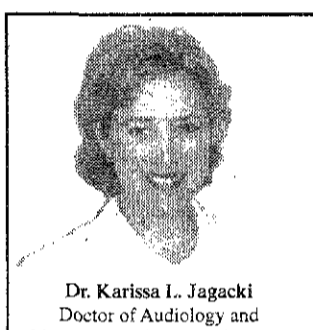
The Westland Free Methodist Preschool is now enrolling for the 2004-05 school year. Four-year-olds attend on Mondays and Wednesdays; three-year-olds attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the preschool office at (734) 728-3559. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9-11:30 a.m.

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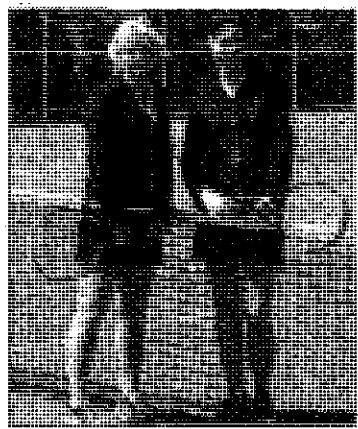
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This summer, Chris Haddad (left) and Karen Buddenborg unite to teach kids about the fun of playing tennis.

Kids can learn to play tennis the fun way

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Karen Buddenborg and Chris Haddad have one goal – to introduce kids to tennis the fun way.

The game not only encourages fitness, but friendship. The two Livonia women met 16 years ago on a tennis court at the Livonia YMCA. On June 13, they begin a new adventure teaching Little Tennis to chil-

dren ages 7 to 11, at the Livonia City Tennis Courts on the southwest corner of Five Mile and Newburgh.

The cost is \$65 for a 6-class session. Kids use lower nets and lighter equipment to learn basic skills while playing games such as Four Corner Relay, Silly Tennis and Rallyball.

"The sessions are game based approach and geared to kids developmental stages,"

said Haddad. "In the past tennis was taught in a laborious manner. There were 10 stages to learn proper forehand."

But Little Tennis isn't all fun and games. Designed by the U.S. Professional Tennis Association (USPTA), the structured program takes children through a series of stages to actually learn the game.

Haddad and Buddenborg are USPTA certified instructors who have won tournament

championships as a doubles team. They have taught tennis to kids at the Livonia Recreation Center, Plymouth-Canton Community Ed after school program, and Lifetime Fitness in Novi where students were as young as 3-years old.

"This is more team oriented," said Buddenborg. "Kids learn it's fun being outside on a real court."

Buddenborg and Haddad will offer three, six-class ses-

sions beginning June 13, July 11, and Aug. 1. Classes run 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Registration will be held at the City Tennis Courts 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 1, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 3. For more information, call Haddad at (734) 591-0487, Buddenborg at (734) 464-0279, or send e-mail to kbudd5@aol.com, or chris@georgesvideo.com.

"Tennis is one of those sports you can play forever," said Haddad. "It's a sport for an entire lifetime. There's no reason why little kids can't enjoy it."

RESCUE

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"We know that what we do today will have repercussions on future generations."

After 20 years, McCaughey believes Rouge Rescue has made a huge difference, both in the appearance of the river and the way people perceive it.

"It's made a big difference, because so many people now appreciate the Rouge instead of looking at it as a cesspool," she said. "Every time you get a new person out there, there is this 'wow' factor, because people just don't know what's there until they experience it. That is probably the biggest impact Rouge Rescue has had."

SITES

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Elementary School (Byron and McKinley streets). Contact Matt Best at (734) 726-3936. Activities include streambank stabilization, grow zone installation, invasive species removal and native plantings.

■ Plymouth: Byron Creek (Byron and McKinley streets), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Chris Porman at cporman@ci.plymouth.mi.us or (734) 453-7737. Activities include trash/debris removal and storm drain stenciling.

■ Plymouth Township: Plymouth Township Park (Ann Arbor Trail and Beck Road), 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Susan Vignoe at svignoe@msn.com or (734) 453-8131, Ext. 33. Activities include native plantings around pond, fishing derby (possibly) and bird box construction.

■ Redford Township: Lola Valley Park (Lola and Puritan roads, east of Beech Daly, between Five Mile and Six Mile), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Carl Van Aartsen at kaho@redfordtp.com or (313) 794-5740. Activities include invasive plant removal, trash/debris removal and storm drain stenciling.

■ Superior Township: southeast corner Ford and Prospect roads, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Jack Smiley at smileysml@aol.com or (734) 484-6565. Activities include trash pickup, demolition of old hunting blinds and invasive plant removal.

■ Wayne: Dynamite Park (Josephine Street, north off of westbound Michigan Avenue, west of Venoy), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Kurt Kuban at kkuban3240@aol.com or (734) 716-0783. Activities will include trail maintenance, trash removal, woody debris management and removal of invasive plants.

■ Westland: Holiday Nature Preserve – Cowan entrance (Central City Parkway at Nankin Boulevard), 8:30 a.m. to noon. Contact Bob Patterson at pattersonwestland@wowway.com, or James Gilbert at (734) 595-0288, Ext. 223. Activities will include removing shopping carts, invasive species removal, bridge building and trail maintenance.

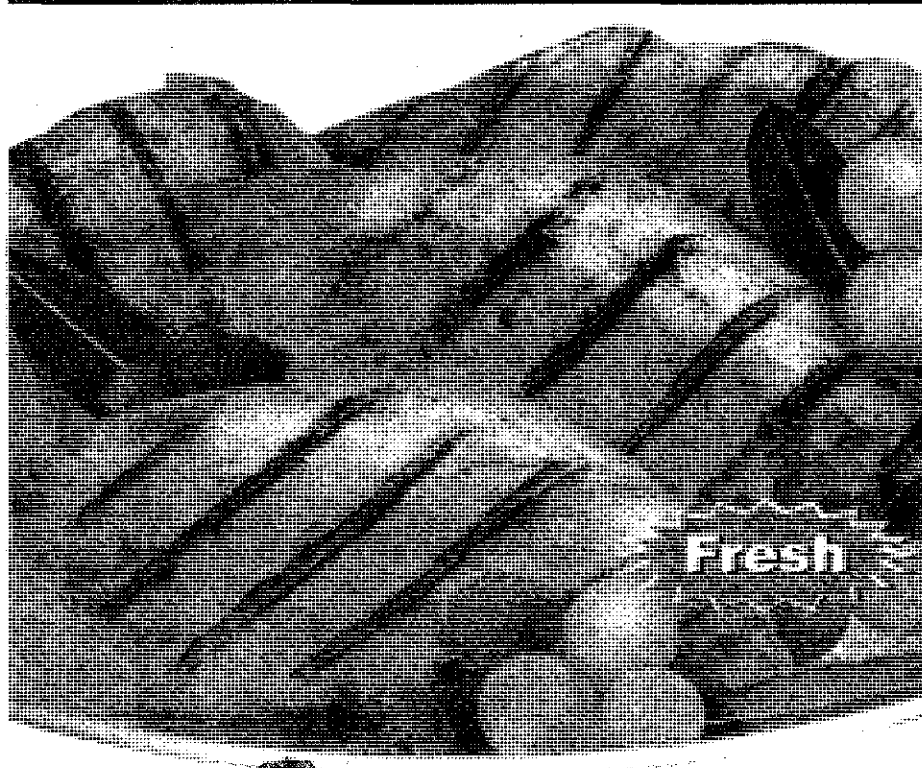
Paper wins kudos

The Schoolcraft Connection, the student newspaper at Schoolcraft College, received a first-place award for overall excellence from the Michigan Community College Press Association this spring.

Staff members won 14 individual awards, including first and second place for editorials written by editor-in-chief John Parsell from Livonia. Other awards included a first place in sports news for managing editor Michael Siegrist of Canton. Layout and photo editor Rena Laverty of Redford won first place in the sports news photo and photo essay categories.

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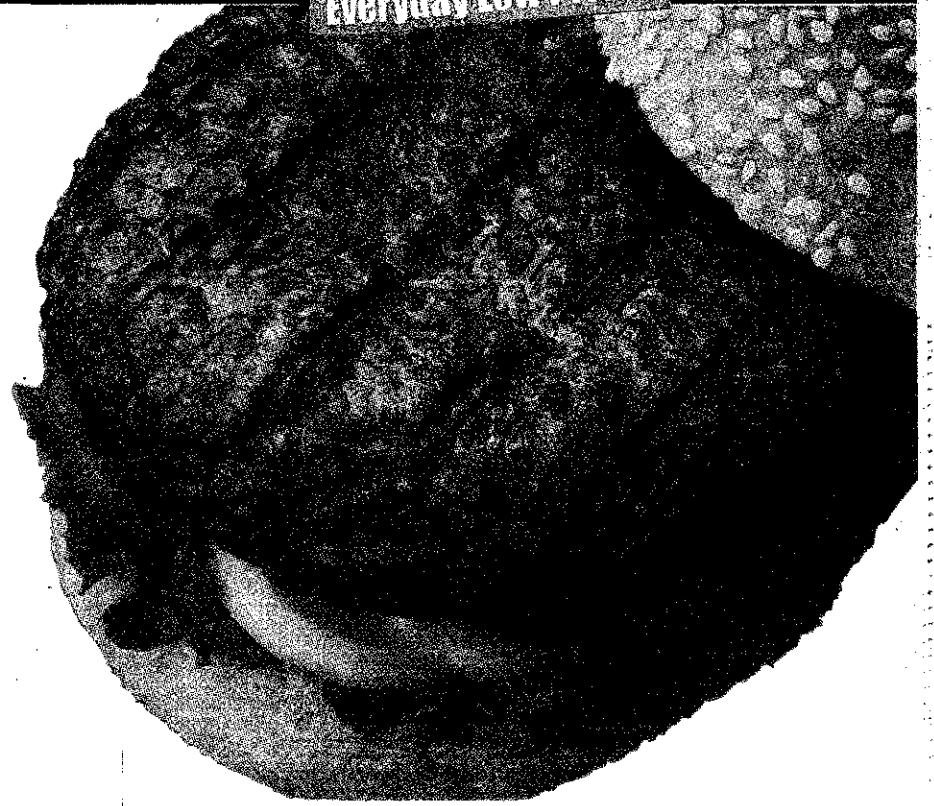


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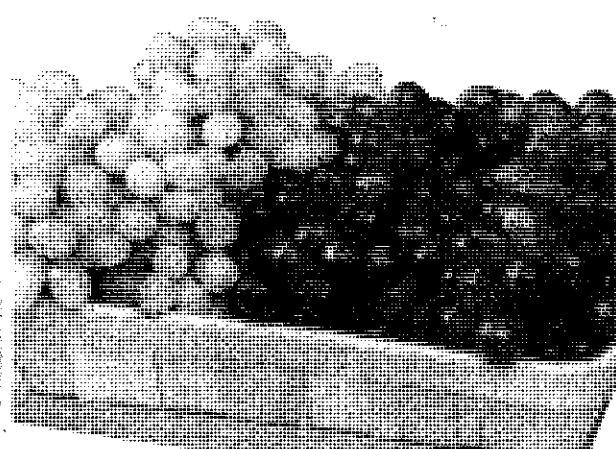
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JUNE

Praise and worship concert

Featuring a reunion of the praise and worship band Crossfire 7 p.m. Friday, June 2, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Ice cream social follows in Knox Hall. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Flea market

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Call (313) 255-6330.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, June 3, at Nankin Mills Administration Office parking lot on Hines Drive, one mile east of Farmington Road, Westland. Single Point bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Monthly dance

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization to provide peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Cost is \$10, includes refreshments. Doors

open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

Classic senior singles

Orientation meeting for Aug. 10-12 grandparent/grandchild vacation, 12:45 p.m. Sunday, June 4, in Room D450, at Ward Presbyterian Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a special one-on-one time with your grandchildren. Call (248) 374-5920.

Discussions

Study and discuss questions of the current importance to the thoughtful Christian in a complex world 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 4 (The Immigration Debate: What's a Christian to Think?), and June 11 (Should the Ten Commandments be Displayed in Public?), Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m., church school and adult study forum at 9:30 a.m., nursery care available, at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., west of Farmington Road, north of Grand River, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6880.

Sunday message series

Inspired by The Da Vinci Code 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Is the New Testament credible?; June 4, The Questions of Jesus' Identity part one; June 11 part two; June 18, What about Mary Magdalene?; and June 25, Women, Jesus and Christianity, at Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power, between 10 and 11 mile roads. Call (248) 477-9144 or visit www.fhchurchofgod.org.

Crosstalk

With Paul Clugh addressing the issues raised by the book and movie, The Da Vinci Code 7 p.m. Friday, June 9, in Knox Hall, at Ward Evangelical

Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Dinner and concert

Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass 7 p.m., Thursday, June 8 (dinner at 6 p.m., \$6 per person), at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon. Call (734) 455-2300 for tickets and information.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, June 10, Willow Metro Park, I-275 south to Ext 11A (South Huron Road), east on Huron Road to park entrance, south to Washago Pond. Single Point bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Relationship workshop

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, authors Ron and Danyelle Jones lead a workshop for singles called "How to Create the Relationship You Really Want in Life," at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. Eleven Mile Road in Warren. Tickets \$50 and can be purchased online at www.renaissanceunity.org. The Jones' workshops continue 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 11 with "Yeah...I'm a Co-Creator...But!" Tickets \$20.00. Workbooks (\$15) required and will be available at the Renaissance Unity Store on day of workshop.

Patriotic/pops concert

The Americana concert of familiar American music and favorite patriotic selections 7 p.m. Sunday, June 11, in the sanctuary of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The concert features the

Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra and a bluegrass band called Cat n' Fiddle. We will honor our servicemen and women and ask that they come in uniform, if possible. Bring the entire family. Ice cream social follows. Childcare provided through age 4. Call (248) 374-7400.

Vacation Bible school

Festal Join us 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 12-16 for 5 fun filled days of high energy, Christ-centered activities, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Fee is \$25, and includes T-shirt. For more information, call David Conrad at (734) 425-5950.

Preschool program

Begins 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, June 12-15, and runs weekly through July 17-20, for ages 3-5, at Mt. Hope Preschool, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Cost is \$80 per week, \$70 for second child, and includes snack. Special rates if parents assist in classroom. Topics include dinosaurs, kids in the kitchen, underwater adventures, on safari, and fun with science. Call (734) 261-9540.

Summer fun

Two sessions from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3:30 p.m. begin June 12 and continue weekly through week of Aug. 21, at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton. Each week children will engage in activities including the sciences, math, health, music, arts, and exercise. For ages 4-10 (children who are 3 but have been enrolled in preschool are welcome. Cost is \$60 per week and includes T-shirt, snacks and field trip fees. Call (734) 981-0286.

Sock hop

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization to provide peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 16, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Cost is \$15, includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

Choir concert

Sacred music by the High School Chancel Choir from Second Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Illinois 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit Birmingham-First Music, a community music outreach organization which is sponsoring the event. Call (248) 644-2040, ext. 136.

Treasure Cove

Vacation Bible School, vest treasure hunt ever for ages 3 to sixth grade, Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and snacks (students 7th through 12th grade will enjoy being treasure seekers) 6-8:40 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, north of W. Chicago, east of Inkster, Redford. Register in advance and receive a VBS music CD. Adult helpers welcome. For

more information, call (734) 591-6367 or (734) 422-3536.

Vacation Bible school

Treasure Cove theme 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30, for ages 3-11, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org

The church's summer worship schedule continues to Sept. 3, with a Family Service at 8:30 a.m., Traditional Service at 10 a.m., both with Communion, Adult Study following at 11:15 am, from June 4 to Aug. 27 Wednesday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m., informal setting with Communion.

Scripture studies

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

Fall registration

Spiritus Sanctus Academy is accepting registration for fall for its academies in Plymouth and Ann Arbor. The private, Catholic schools grades K-8, are run by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at 10450 Joy Road, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430, and 4101 East Joy Road, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

UPCOMING

Crafters wanted

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

ONGOING

Learner's Bible study

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

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Donuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Bible study

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455.

School registration

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2006-2007 school year, at 9600 Leverage, Redford. After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for information.

Bible study

Classes 9:30 a.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m.

Wednesday, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. On Sunday Family Worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

Purpose Driven Life

Members, friends and neighbors of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren during Lent. Small groups will meet at homes in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and South Lyon on Wednesday evenings during Lent. All faiths are welcome. Call (248) 349-3140 for more information.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. First we enjoy a wonderful lunch together then we fellowship with some games and stories.

Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible, the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison. Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner, at 6 p.m., for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m., at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Scripture from scratch

No previous Bible study required, began 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. The units include the New Testament (April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, and Gospels (May 16, 23, 30 and June 6). Each session includes video presentation, small and large group discussions. Be one of the first 10 to receive the participant's manual for \$5. After that, the cost is \$10. To register, call (734) 425-5950.

Kabbalah classes

Presented by the Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center, the classes began 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 5595 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The classes are open for both beginners and more advanced students. Call (248) 855-6170, ext. 1 or send e-mail to bctc770@aol.com.



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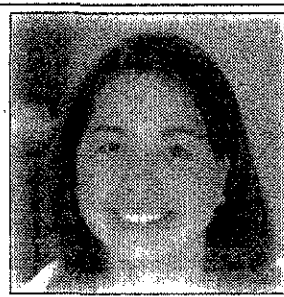
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JOHN WILLIAM (JACK) DEWALEN

Age 84, of East Ridge died Monday, May 29, 2006 in a local hospital. A native of Sagetown, MI. He had lived in Chattanooga for the past 18 years. He retired from advertising and had formerly been employed with Burroughs Adding Machines, Detroit News, and Matthews Bender. He was a Sergeant with the US Army during World War II and was a member at O.L.P.H. Catholic Church. Mr. DeWalen graduated from Northern High School in Detroit and attended Wayne University. His wife, Shirley DeWalen, preceded him in death in 2004. Services will be held Thursday at 10am in O.L.P.H. Catholic Church with Father Mike Nolan officiating. Burial will be in National Cemetery with military honors. Condolences may be sent at www.heritagefh.com Arrangements are by Heritage Funeral Home, Chattanooga, TN

ALICE S. AHO

Age 94, of Northville, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2006. She was born on January 27, 1912 in Liminga, Michigan to Matt and Selma (Walstrom) Riipi. Mrs. Aho was very family oriented; she adored her family and took great care of them. She was married to her loving husband, Wayne J. Aho, for 49 years, until he passed away in 1985. Survivors include her daughters, Margaret Hushen of PA, Ilona (Don) Monteith of Charlevoix, and Nancy (Gary) Fischer of Northville; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, whom she adored. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and seven brothers and sisters. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 3, 11am, at our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church, 54899 Eight Mile Road, Northville (south-east corner of 8 Mile and Currie). Pastor Jered Niemela will officiate the service. Mrs. Aho will be laid to rest at Askel Cemetery in Pelkie, MI. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Ste 100, Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.



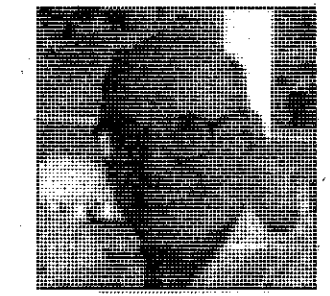
RILEY DANIELLE CHURCH

Riley Danielle Church passed away peacefully in the loving arms of her family in San Carlos, CA, on May 24, 2006 at the age of 14. Beloved daughter of Jim and Andrea Church. Loving sister of Sam Church. Devoted granddaughter of Jim and Ethel Church and Arthur and Joan Schott. Dear niece of Jim and Kay Whitaker, Benecia Price, Ted and Georgia Whitaker and Michael and Kari Schott. She will also be missed by numerous cousins and other family members, many devoted friends and by her sweet kitties, Minnie and Lulu. Riley had a passion for horses and was a skilled equestrian. She will be greatly missed by her beloved horse, Louie, and her friends at Webb Ranch. Her family wishes to express a special thank you to Dr. Paul Fisher and all the wonderful staff at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Funeral Services were held Sunday, May 28 at Peninsula Temple Beth El, 1700 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Research c/o L.P.F.C.H., 770 Welch Rd., Ste. 350, Palo Alto, CA 94304. Sinai Memorial Chapel, 650-369-3636



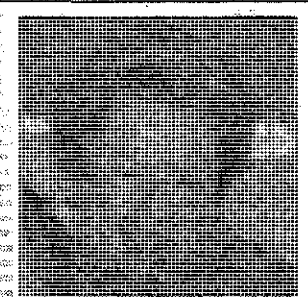
MARY JANE ROBERGE

Age 84. Passed away May 22. Beloved wife of the late Edward. Beloved mother of Edward (Elizabeth), Matthew (Dayle), Roger (Doris), David Philip (Cyndi). Grandmother of Matthew, Danielle, Alexander, Vincent and Jacqueline. Great grandmother of Dylan. 56 year resident Redford Township. Founding member of St. Hilary Parish. Volunteered for many years at the Sienna Literacy Center. Leaves many friends and loving neighbors who would always see her with her canine companion, Finnegan. Funeral services were held May 26 at St. Hilary Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliot Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48207-3496



WALTER H. EKBERG, Jr.

Age 84, died peacefully on May 26 in Portland, Oregon, after fulfilling a wonderful life. He was husband to his best friend and love of his life, Mary, for 64 glorious years. Walt was a great Dad to his son Jim Ekberg and daughters Jo Anne Lewis and Jan Brown. He was Grandpa to Geoff, Doug, Jenny, Nikki, Ian, David, and Sarah; and Great-Grandfather to Zachary, Henry, Elizabeth, Lily, Joshua, and Seth; and big brother to Robert Ekberg of Grandville, MI. Walt and his wife, Mary, were Michigan State sweethearts and graduates, and Walt was member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. They lived many years in Birmingham, MI, and were active in the Christian Science Church. Walt served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and the Korean War. Born and raised in Royal Oak, MI, he started his career at Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, and always drove a Ford. He served the remainder of his career as Comptroller for A. J. Miller, Inc. in Royal Oak. Walt and Mary semi-retired in 1983 to Newcastle, Maine where they ran a small gift shop, called "The Maine Sale", out of their charming 1800's home by the sea. They fell in love with Maine and stayed there, happily, for 22 years. In April 2005 they moved to Portland, Oregon, to be near their son, Jim, who would lovingly care for them. Walt was a true gentleman, a loving husband and father, with a good, pure, and generous heart. He left his family with wonderful memories and 110 beautifully written personal essays. He will truly be missed. A service is not planned. Naturally, he didn't want one. But one day, the ashes of the mariner he once was will rejoin the sea on a slack tide at the Damariscotta River Bridge in Maine, just down the street from their Maine shang-ri-la. If you care to send a memorial donation in his name, please send to: First Church of Christ Scientist, P. O. Box 428, Damariscotta, ME 04543



TERESA GIFFELS-BYRNE

May 27, 2006. Age 79 of Novi. Wife of the late Stevenson Giffels, Lawrence Blumenfield and William Byrne. Dear mother of James Giffels (Nancy), Betsy Berardino (Peter), and the late Rhyllis Lee Giffels. Loving grandmother of Alexander and Christopher Berardino. Sister of Virginia King (Ken), and Rosemary Lindow (Richard). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral mass was held Wednesday St. Regis Church. Memorials to St. Regis Church 3695 Viewpoint Bloomfield Hills, 48301. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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Conference for Christian Scholars to be held at Rochester College

Rochester College will host the 25th Annual Christian Scholars Conference June 29-July 1. The conference was created in 1981 under the direction of Dr. Thomas H. Olbricht, scholar and faculty in both communication and religious studies. First hosted on the campus of Abilene Christian University, CSC moved with Olbricht to Pepperdine University in the mid '80s. In the mid '90s CSC began to re-locate each year at selected university campuses associated with Churches of Christ. Rochester College will host the conference in 2006 and for four successive years. The CSC calls together Christian scholars from a wide variety of disciplines in the liberal arts and sciences to develop their own academic research and to reflect on the integration of scholarship and faith. Specifically, the conference asks academics to consider how their spiritual heritage serves and strengthens the Christian academy and scholarship within their discipline. The 2006 conference features five plenary sessions with more than 20 discipline-specific sessions. This year's theme is "Mind, Word and World: Christian Scholarship, Scripture and Political Realities." Dr. Richard Hays, Duke University, will present two keynote talks with the opening session entitled, "The Scripture Project: Reading in Community and Dialogue with Those Outside the Christian Community." The 2006 Conference will introduce an African American Studies Section chaired by Dr. David Holmes, professor of English at Pepperdine. Additionally, to encourage, mentor and support African American Scholars amongst Churches of Christ, travel and registration stipends are available to encourage fuller representation in all academic disciplines from African American scholars. More information on the stipends and the conference is available at www.rc.edu/csc or directly from Fleer at (248)218-2144. Rochester College is located at 800 W. Avon Road, Rochester Hills.

Cantata celebrates freedom around the world

Cong. Shaarey Zedek in Southfield presents a momentous concert with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Orchestra Hall in the Max M. Fisher Music Center. The performance, designed to be a grand communal and interfaith event, features the cantata Liberation, composed by Shaarey Zedek Cantor Meir Finkelstein. Leading the orchestra will be Yoel Levi, chief conductor of the Flemish Radio Orchestra and principal guest conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Underwritten by Alvin and Henrietta Weisberg and the Laker Family, the concert will feature the 140 member Vanguard Voices from Dearborn, as well as guest violin soloist Ittai Shapira and several vocal soloists. These include Finkelstein, Cantor Michael Smolash and cantorial soloist Neil Michaels of Temple Israel, and Cantor Stephen Dubov of Chaye Olam. Also appearing are Inga Filippova, a member of the Canadian Opera Co. Chorus and Margarita Boshoev, a well-known Russian soprano. Many of Detroit's religious leaders will participate in dramatic readings that introduce various movements of the cantata. Designed as a fundraiser in support of the congregation's educational and cultural programs, the concert will feature benefactor and patron tickets that include VIP seating, your name in the program and an afterglow. Liberation was composed in 1995 for the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps. The inspiring and moving work was recently updated by Finkelstein. It not only memorializes Holocaust victims, but gives awareness of the ongoing genocides that continue to plague mankind all over the world. "There is an urgent need to focus on the many millions across the world who are in desperate need of liberation from poverty, hunger, and torture," says Finkelstein, who uses eclectic musical styles, ranging from classical to gospel, to express the exhilaration of being liberated. Tickets range from \$24 to \$300. They are available at the Max M. Fisher Music Center box office, (313)576-5111, or Cong. Shaarey Zedek at (248)357-5544. Tickets can also be purchased 24-hours-a-day at www.detroitssymphony.com.

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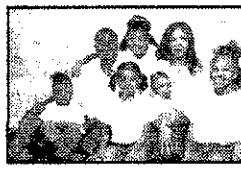
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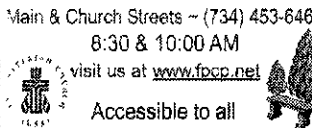
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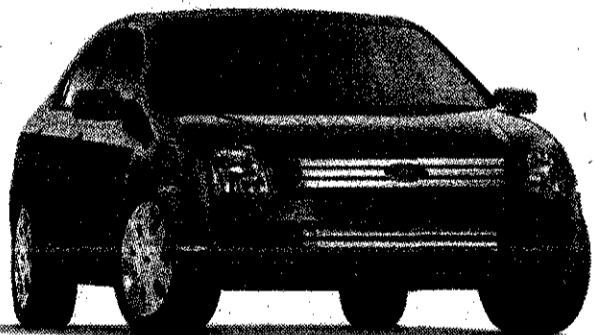


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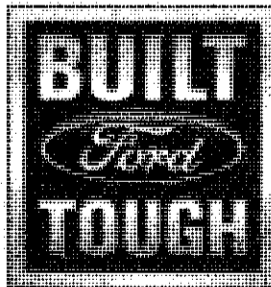
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