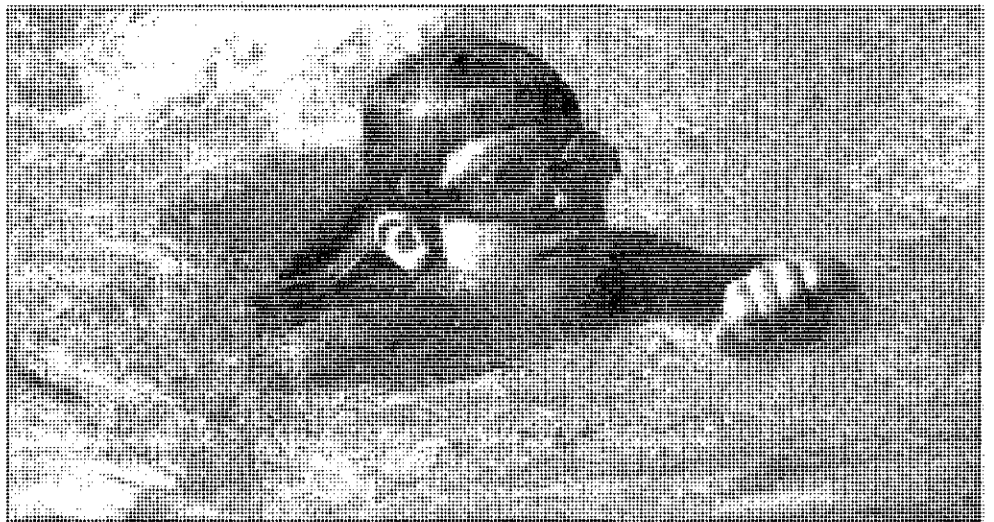


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Instructor Jessica Kuhn, 19, of Redford works with Brendan Ferracciolo, 9, of Garden City on his diving technique during swim lessons at Westland's Bailey Recreation Center pool.



Shelby Strawn, 7, of Canton takes part in the swimming lessons at the outdoor pool at Westland's Bailey Recreation Center.

## Bailey pool's swim lessons attract plenty of interest

If you're thinking about swim lessons, there's still time to sign up for the final session being offered at the Bailey Recreation Center's outdoor pool.

But you may not want to wait until the Aug. 7 start date to sign up. The first three sessions have been near or at capacity, attracting swimmers from ages 6 months to 15.

"It's been pretty good," said Jennifer Marchand, the pool's aquatic supervisor. "We've had a lot of people return from last year. They must like what we've got. I always get compliments that we have good instructors."

The pool offers private les-

sons, which also have seen an increase in interest.

"We have at least five families we've picked up for private lessons," Marchand said.

She's not sure what has contributed to the new interest in the lessons. It could be the closure of Garden City's outdoor pool; it could also be the weather, which "has been gorgeous" this summer.

"And what helps on the not so nice days is that the pool is heated," she added.

Lessons cost \$35 for residents and \$45 for non-residents.

The pool also is available for open swimming from noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. daily

through Aug. 23. Postseason hours Aug. 24 through Sept. 4 are 3-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Open swim costs \$3 for resident children and \$4 for non-resident youngsters 12 years and under and \$4 for adults and \$6 for non-resident adults. There's a charge of \$2 for the wading pool for toddlers, no charge for supervising adults.

The pool is located behind the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland's civic center complex on Ford west of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 729-7620.

By Sue Mason.

### HEAT

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dents a refuge from what weather officials termed a heat advisory.

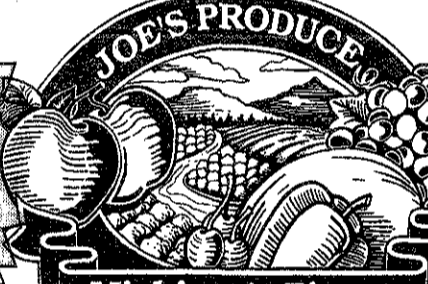
Much of the space inside the Salvation Army building was being used for its sum-

mer camp programs, said Capt. Matt O'Neil. Housing Director James Gilbert, who is based at the nearby Dorsey Center, said he took a ride through the Norwayne subdivision on Monday and didn't see any residents outdoors who appeared to need help.

As for opening the Dorsey Center as a cooling center, Gilbert said, "if there is a future demand, we could look into it."

Staff writer LeAnne Rogers contributed to this story.

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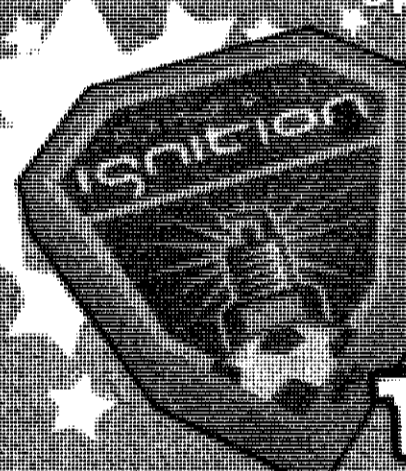
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# Champ drum corps visits Wayne High

People who love to listen to music will want to stop by Wayne Memorial High School on Saturday.

That's when the world champion Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps will be at the school for rehearsal before heading to Madison, Wis.

The corps will be using the Wayne High facilities to prac-

tice in advance of the Drum Corps International World Championships, slated for Aug. 10-12 in Wisconsin.

The Phantom Regiment, from Rockford, Ill., is a competitive youth organization made up of 14-22-year-old men and women dedicated to the development of team work, sportsmanship, self-esteem, civic pride, and con-

tributions of one's personal best to a group effort. These lessons are learned through a musical and marching activity that blends the arts and athletics.

The corps will arrive at Wayne High around 4 a.m. Saturday and rehearse throughout the day before departing for Naperville, Ill., around 11 p.m.

## CASE

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her two nephews, who were placed in her care by state officials because of problems in their mother's home, Borisch said.

Authorities believe the abuse began in 2003 and came to the attention of Westland police this spring, when one of the boys didn't want to go home from Stevenson Middle School.

"He was afraid to go home because of the punishment he was going to get," Borisch said.

Police have photographs that show scars on the boys' arms and legs.

"They've got a lot of scars," Borisch said. "They say he heated a screwdriver with a propane torch and burned them on their arms and legs. They say he burned their private parts, too. And they say he burned them with a hot glue gun in the same places."

Grant confessed to blindfolding the boys and tying them up as punishment for being "bad kids," Borisch said,

but the defendant denies most of the allegations.

"He said he may have accidentally burned one of them with a glue gun, but he says he didn't burn them with a screwdriver," Borisch said.

When police executed a search warrant at Grant's home, they found a screwdriver with a scorched tip, a propane torch and glue guns, Borisch said.

The wife's son has been placed in his grandfather's care, and the other two boys are in foster care, according to police.

Lt. James Ridener, who has climbed the ranks from police officer to sergeant to lieutenant in charge of the Westland detective bureau, put things in perspective when asked if he has personally seen such a gruesome case of child abuse.

"I can't think of one," he said. Although the 9-year-old boy's mother lived in the house, she will not face prosecution along with Grant.

"She claimed that she told him to stop when she found

out," Borisch said.

The boys were taken from the home in May, but authorities continued an investigation that culminated last Friday with Grant being arraigned on three counts of second-degree child abuse and three counts of felonious assault.

Westland 18th District Magistrate Donald Vandersloot ordered him jailed in lieu of a \$100,000 cash bond and scheduled him for today's preliminary hearing, which will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Not-guilty pleas have been entered in Grant's court file. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to four years in prison.

An attorney for Grant couldn't be reached. He has asked for a court-appointed attorney, 18th District Court administrator David Wiacek said, but as of Tuesday afternoon there was no lawyer listed in court records.

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### DEATHS

<b>F</b> Donald "Frog" Forrester Forrester, 62, of Plymouth, died July 31.	<b>M</b> Barbara H. Marzolf Marzolf, 83, of Lake Isabella, died July 30.	<b>T</b> Mary M. Tiell Tiell, 60, of Plymouth, died July 27.	<b>W</b> Julia Knight Whitefield Whitefield, 89, of Birmingham, died July 27.
<b>H</b> Jeffrey Mark Herter Herter, 46, of Plymouth, died June 5.	<b>M</b> Theodore Stanley Marecki Marecki, of Troy, died July 25.	<b>S</b> Gregory Jones-Sieloff Jones-Sieloff, of West Bloomfield, died July 26.	<b>Y</b> William Wakefield McKee McKee, 94, of Troy, died July 26.
<b>M</b> David A. Timcoe Timcoe, 64, died July 22.	<b>S</b> Frank Miller Miller, 90, of Dexter, died July 29.	<b>T</b> David A. Timcoe Timcoe, 64, died July 22.	<b>Y</b> Kam Yuen Yee Yee, of Livonia, died July 25.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A14.

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# Major developer commits to Pinnacle Aeropark project

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Under the hottest sun of the summer, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano Wednesday unveiled what he called "a hot deal."

Troy-based developer Stuart Frankel and Wayne County have reached an agreement to begin the first development in the long-delayed and controversial Pinnacle Aeropark project.

Beneath a tent set up on vacant land at Sibley and Vining, Ficano officially announced the proposed agreement for Frankel to develop 150 acres at the Pinnacle Aeropark on county-owned land near I-275 and Sibley Road in Huron Township, south of Detroit Wayne County Metro Airport.

"This has been nine years in the making," Ficano said. "In the past three years that I have been in office, we have doubled the effort. Stuart Frankel believes in our plans and is putting his money on the table."

Frankel's plans call for mixed-use development, including offices, research and development, light industrial, warehouse and distribution facilities.

The county will provide \$7 million in infrastructure improvements and road construction with \$6 million covered by federal grants. Infrastructure work is expected to begin next spring.

Frankel wouldn't commit to a start date for construction of the buildings, pending necessary approvals and installation of infrastructure.

"We will develop a plan and do something transformative for southeast Michigan," Frankel said.

Stuart Frankel Development Co. owns SMDK, the company that will handle the Pinnacle development. Frankel has been involved in the development of

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Robert Ficano  
Wayne County executive

Somerset mall, Somerset Apartments; manufacturing, warehousing and distribution facilities in Highland Park; 13 retail complexes and five apartment complexes.

## A CREATIVE JEWEL

The Pinnacle Aeropark was first announced in 1999 by then County Executive Ed McNamara.

The plan to create a multi-use project centered around Metro Airport hit a snag when efforts to obtain additional private property through eminent domain were challenged in court.

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled against the county, in a decision that was later cited in last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing use of eminent domain under some conditions for commercial projects.

"What we want to stress today is what we are witnessing is the future of Wayne County," Ficano said. "This will redefine how business is done in Wayne County."

The Wayne County Commission recently began a series of hearings on Pinnacle under Commissioner Ed Boike, D-Taylor. Frankel noted that he hoped the project would be able to move forward without a long approval and permitting process.

Boike and Commissioners Joe Palamara, D-Grosse Ile

and Kay Beard, D-Westland, attended the ceremony Wednesday.

"The project is a creative jewel of future economic growth for Wayne County," Palamara said. "Allow the Commission a few weeks to do our homework and do our due diligence."

Boike made a push to include passive and recreational features in the project.

"This is a step in the right direction," he said.

Frankel has committed to build even if he doesn't have a tenant. He said Wednesday no tenants have been signed.

"We think this will be a catalyst to other development," he said. "We're going to make a national marketing effort."

Frankel said he sees this project as a legacy.

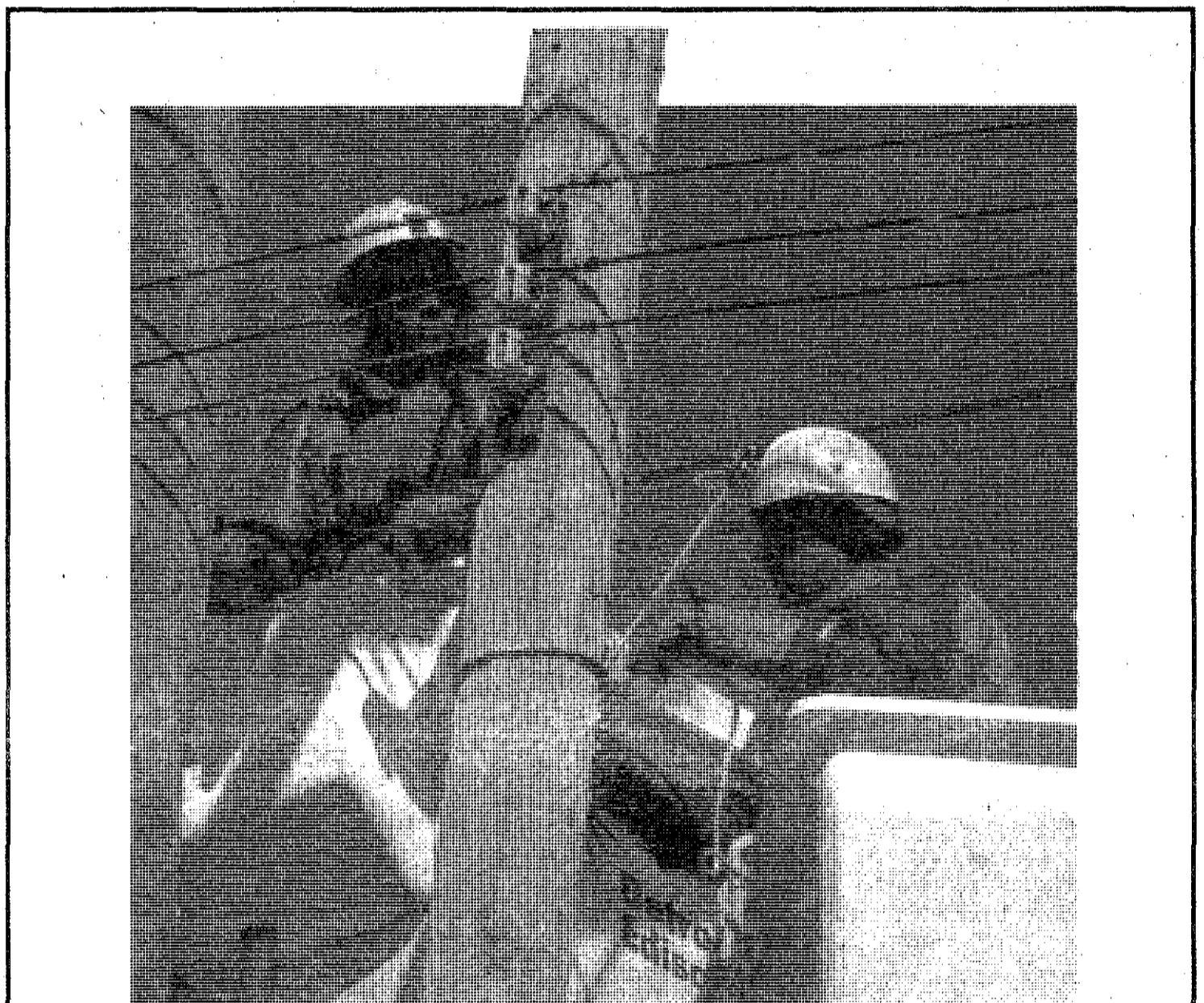
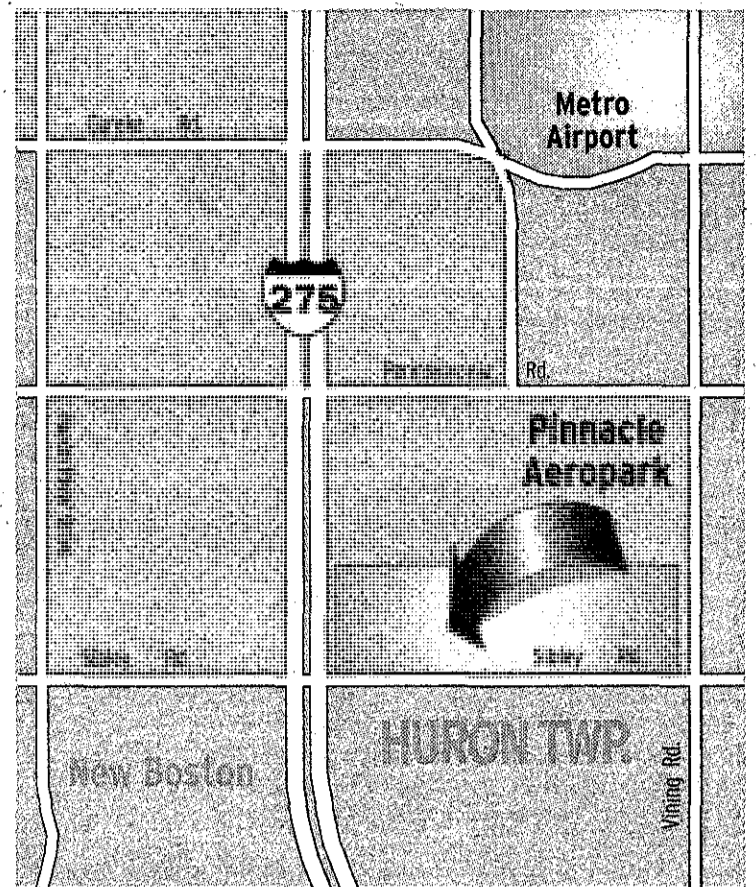
"I've been in business 40 years and I like to do things that are difficult, everyone can do easy things," he said. "I'm willing to take the responsibility, I like the challenge."

Ficano praised the state's

congressional delegation - Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow and Reps. John Dingell and Joe Knollenberg - for their help in getting funds earmarked for the project. He also praised the efforts of Mulugetta Birru, director of economic development for Wayne County, who helped broker the deal with Frankel.

Frank Hennessey, of the Greater Wayne County Economic Development Corporation, said a coalition of nonprofit, private and public groups will be formed to provide funding for the additional costs of infrastructure development.

Pinnacle is part of a wider project to redevelop the areas around and connecting Metro Airport and Willow Run Airport, both airports are owned by Wayne County and operated by the independent Airport Authority. The "aerotropolis" concept was the subject of a project earlier this year sponsored by the University of Michigan.



## Schoolcraft fall registration under way

Registration is underway for fall '06 classes at Schoolcraft College. Students can choose from online, touchtone telephone or walk-in registration. To get their first-choice classes, students should register as early as possible. Classes begin Wednesday, Aug. 30, and Sept. 8 is the final day to register.

The college is offering a number of new programs in the fall including an aviation management skills certificate or associate degree; a homeland security associate degree; a massage ther-

apy associate degree; and skills certificates to qualify as a nursing assistant in extended care facilities or an office specialist.

Students can register easily online at the Schoolcraft Web site, [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu) using the WebAdvisor program. Telephone registration is available at 734-462-4800. Walk-in registration is in the McDowell Center.

New students must meet with a counselor before registering. For more information, call 734-462-4426.

## Van Andel Global Trade Center hosts trade program in Livonia

Grand Valley State University's Van Andel Global Trade Center comes to Schoolcraft College in Livonia to host a program on Aug. 24 that will focus on trade mechanics with Mexico, one of the top trading partners of the U.S.

The program will provide enterprises a wide range of information involving trade within and with Mexico with sound legal perspectives on a number of related topics.

The keynote speaker will be licensed Mexico customs broker Edmundo Elias-Fernandez. He has been practicing Trade and Customs, International Trade and Antidumping with the law firm Baker & McKenzie since 1992. Fernandez received his law degree from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

in 1989 and master degree from the Universidad Panamericana in 1991, concentrating in corporate, international finance, foreign trade and labor law. He has various publications and is the coauthor of the NAFTA Handbook and the Customs Chapter of the Mexican Tax guide.

The program will be in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia on Aug. 24. The program begins at 7:30 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast and continues through 2 p.m. and includes lunch. The fee is \$175 for members and \$300 for non-members, with an extra \$50 for registrations after Aug. 17.

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LETTERS

Feelings are important, too

Maya Angelou, a wise poet and philosopher, once said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

My name is LuAnn Englehart. I am the mother of five wonderful children who are all between the ages of 10 and 3 years old.

My husband and I are very involved in numerous activities. I am a busy person, but I will never be too busy to stand up against unfair treatment.

The school closing rumor started in October. It was rumored that four schools might close. Board members made their rounds to all of the schools, but they were not forthcoming with any information other than some schools would be closed.

People said that this would take some time. It would not be a speedy process. Well, they were wrong. The whole Livonia school system changed with a stroke of a pen right before the Christmas holiday...

LuAnn Englehart Westland

Vote no on recall

I encourage any Westland resident that sends their child to a Livonia school to attend a school board meeting or meet-and-greet session.

You may even overhear rumblings about why Livonia allows Westland or any other cities residents to attend their schools at all.

The facts are that over one-fifth of Livonia Public Schools are populated by north Westland students.

Schools, not Wayne-Westland schools. Westland residents utilizing these schools pay Livonia school taxes just like Livonia residents.

What do these Livonia parents have against Westland? If they really want to take 3,600 students out the equation, let's see how they like the state funding cuts that a lower student body would bring.

Our kids are still going to get the same quality education, and have more programs and resources available to them at the fifth- and sixth-grade levels as a result of the reorganization.

I would also like to go on record and state that the Livonia school board does listen to the community; you just have to provide proper reasoning and present your case without yelling.

Citizens of Livonia AND Westland, I beg you to do what is right. Vote with your mind on what is best for your child on Aug. 8 - not what is best for you personally or emotionally.

Rev. Gary Oke Westland

Who will replace the board?

There is an important question which must be asked that I have not seen addressed in the whole Legacy/recall discussion.

Are there candidates who are better qualified than the board we have, or are we risking a board of inexperienced, possibly unqualified candidates, just because of a decision some are not happy with?

This is an important point! The school board is never completely replaced at one time for a reason.

If you are as concerned about this as I am, you must vote "No" on the recall. The people interested in the recall will surely get out and vote.

Judy Wyzlic Livonia

Strong alliance helps provide for western Wayne's veterans

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, Community Development Director Jay Gilbert and City Council members for their continued support for Michigan's veterans.



Vince Berna

During the past eight years the City of Westland and Veterans Haven have forged a strong alliance to combine our efforts and resources to help veterans living in out-Wayne County.

This organization started in my apartment, we utilized one bedroom after our son moved out for a food bank and storage space.

We received our first large grant in 1999 from the Herrick Foundation. This gave us the means to purchase a property in Wayne, plant roots and establish another first ever in Wayne County, a Veterans Outreach Center.

We purchased a large home in Wayne and were able to hire several employees as case managers and a van driver.

To date we have provided shelter for more than 80 vets that were experiencing bad times. Most have graduated from our program, some were terminated, failure to comply.

In 2002, Jay Gilbert submitted a proposal to HUD to create more housing in Westland for vets.

\$220,000 grant that gave us the opportunity to purchase and totally rehab a property in Westland. This is a four-, one-bedroom apartment building located on Alaska Court that was dedicated on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2004.

We are about to embark into program where no one has gone before. This will be another first of its kind ever, located in out-Wayne County, more specifically the city of Westland.

For the last 12 years, we have worked diligently to expand our services to benefit veterans. This will not be a "kick-back," enjoy-the-free-ride type of a program.

Recently, we submitted another grant proposal to the Department of Veterans Affairs for funding to construct or acquire our own Affordable Permanent Housing Facility.

This project will be located in Westland or Wayne. Any multi-unit, 20-plus property owner that may be interested in selling their property, please contact Vince Berna at (734) 728-0527.

As you can guess by now, we are very proud of our accomplishments. It has been a bumpy road full of obstacles and roadblocks, but we have persevered and beaten the odds to accomplish our mission.

I would like to thank our staff, board members, volunteers and everyone else that has supported and promoted our cause over the last 12 years.

American, Bobby Darin, once said, "to be continued, I certainly hope so."

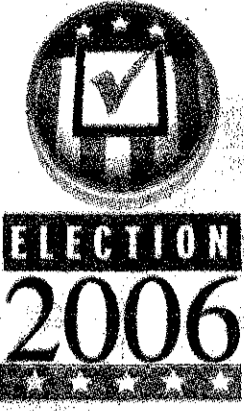
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# Executive faces opposition from former police officer

## Ficano says economy key issue



**ELECTION 2006**

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano faces two opponents in the Tuesday, Aug. 8, primary, former Detroit Police Lt. Ricardo Moore and Marion Ector, 24, of Detroit. Ficano and Moore responded to a questionnaire sent to all candidates as part of Michigan's Gannett Newspapers on-line Voter's Guide. The complete guide is available at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). Ector did not respond to the questions. Ramon Patrick of Detroit and Deborah West of Inkster are running on the Republican side. Neither responded to the questionnaire. The county executive serves a four-year term beginning in January 2007. The executive receives a salary of \$171,690 and oversees a budget of \$2 billion. Here are the responses from Ficano and Moore.

Robert Ficano, 53, of Livonia is running running for his second term as county executive. He has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and law degree from the University of Detroit School of Law. He was Wayne County sheriff from 1982 to 2002. He was elected county executive in 2002.

Ficano is single and has two children.

**Q. What makes you the most qualified to hold this office?**  
 A. As the chief executive officer of the largest county in the state and the 11th largest in the country, I have a view many are not privileged to receive. I see a way for us to work together to help us believe again in ourselves by delivering achievable objectives that take into the new century economy. Sitting on numerous boards, meetings with business leaders, other elected officials and forums such as Town Halls to meet with citizens across the county brings a tremendous responsibility and opportunity

to have all stakeholders represented at the table to identify and solve problems.

**Q. What are the three most important issues facing the county and how would you address them?**  
 A. Most citizens tell me the biggest problem we face is the economy, however, I believe economic transformation is part of life. I would say our lack of self-confidence and aggressive movement for substantive change is the larger issue. Local, regional and national government and business leadership must work together to lead with our strengths to reverse job loss, ineffective education standards, and citizens leaving the state seeking opportunities elsewhere.

**Q. What county services would you consider vital and least eligible for cuts?**  
 A. Core services include public safety, roads maintenance, mental health services for our most vulnerable citizens, economic development, public health, children and family services, emergency management and homeland security, parks. The two Wayne County golf courses had been losing money and running

deficits for years. After a thorough review and assessment, it was decided that we would bid for golf course maintenance and concession services. The vendor that could provide the best services most cost effectively was selected.

**Q. Just a few quick, personal trivia questions: What type vehicle(s) do you own?**  
 A. Jeep Liberty and Dodge Pick-up.

**Q. What was the last book you read?**  
 A. The Defining Moment: FDR, A Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope by Jonathan Alter.

**Q. What was the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months?**  
 A. March of the Penguins.

# Wayne County Fair takes contest entries

The Wayne County Fair is taking entries for two contests. The Car & Motorcycle Show, Aug. 12, is open to entries in muscle car, antique/classic, street machine, sports car, motorcycle and truck. Pre-entry fee is \$8, day of event entry is \$10.

Even day registration is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds, Quirk Road just west of Belleville Road off the I-94 N. Service Drive in Belleville. For information, call (734)635-1828 or (734)697-7002.

A Cutest Pet Contest is taking pre-entry photos through Aug. 6. Winners will be determined by votes. Photos will be turned in at the Community Arts Building at the fairgrounds 3-6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7. Voting ends 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. Photos must be at least 3-by-5 inches and not larger than 8-by-10 inches. Send entries to Cheryl Toms, 18273 Savage Road, Belleville, MI or email to [talisman@aol.com](mailto:talisman@aol.com). For information, call (734) 697-3963 or (734)635-1828.

# Moore hits hard with fentanyl response

Ricardo Rodger Moore, 34, of Detroit is challenging Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano in the Aug. 8 primary for the nomination of the Democratic Party.

He has a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University.

He is a former lieutenant in the Detroit Police Department. He lists his current occupation as candidate for Wayne County Executive.

Moore is single and has a son.

**Q: What makes you the most qualified to hold this office?**  
 A. I am the only candidate that has and will publicly speak out against wrong doing in local government. I also hold a master's degree in public administration which allows me to analyze the current structure of the county and appoint the most qualified persons. I won't appoint domesticated men and women only bold leaders. I don't have any political alliances or prejudices, therefore, I can make things happen for Wayne County!

**Q. What are the three most important issues facing the county and how would you address them?**  
 A. Leadership - The current Wayne County executive has proven with the harmful drug fentanyl to ignore critical issues. The county knew about the drug in September 2005. However, nothing was made public until mid 2006! Accountability - The deficit of Wayne County is being spread over a five(5) year period. This is not acceptable. Political Courage - Wayne County residents need to know they have a county executive that will hold other elected officials to a standard. Robert Ficano lacks the courage to stand face to face against the tone of corruption.

**Q. What county services would you consider vital and least eligible for cuts?**  
 A. All county services are important. The problem is there are too many questionable contracts in Wayne County and too many unqualified appointees in government.

**Q. Just a few quick, personal trivia questions: What type vehicle(s) do you own?**  
 A. 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

**Q. What was the last book you read?**  
 A. Taking Over by Bishop Eddie Long.

**Q. What is the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months.**  
 A. A Few Good Men and The Negotiator on DVD ... my oldies but goodies.

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# Grumpies grill Stabenow on the issues Red Cross urges you to give blood now

BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

The Grumpies are getting as informed as they can.

The self-proclaimed Grumpies — a group of area political watchdogs who pride themselves on being avid letters-to-editor writers — invited U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow as their guest at their monthly meeting in Livonia on Monday.

Comprised of men, women, Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians from around Oakland County and Livonia, the Grumpies have been meeting for 13 years and were dubbed the Grumpies by a former newspaper editor, who joked that they sound like "bunch of grumpy old men." They liked the moniker and it stuck. They've even adopted Grumpy, from the Disney classic *Snow White* as their mascot.

Ray Dubin of Farmington Hills leads the group, and assured Stabenow that the views shared by group members are varied on most issues.

So far this political season, the group has hosted political candidates Michael Bouchard, Keith Butler, Dick DeVos and Stabenow. Gov. Jennifer Granholm meets with the Grumpies about once a year in Lansing.

"We definitely want people who are running for office or who are in office," Dubin said. "We need that input so we can know first-hand and have the opportunity to feel out the different positions."

Stabenow, who served four years in the U.S. House before becoming a U.S. Senator two years ago, said she was impressed by the concept of the Grumpies.

"Thanks for taking the time to do this and just caring enough," she said. "The strength for us, in this country, has been active citizens; our strength has been the fact that people care."

### ON THE ISSUES

Stabenow, who is seeking re-election this fall, has a framework of topics while serving in the U.S. Senate, including health care, trade, jobs, education and innovation.

"I think the biggest challenge for us, as a country, is how to compete in a global economy without losing our way of life," she said, noting there will always be someone who can do our jobs overseas for much less compensation. "We need to work up to keep our middle class. Currently, we do not have a level playing field. We need to raise up education and innovation to allow us to compete at the



U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow joined members of The Grumpies at a recent meeting in the Livonia Library to discuss the ongoing issues and take questions from the group.

high end in the global economy." Steve Sutton, of Farmington Hills, asked Stabenow her thoughts on the oil industry — an issue hitting home with every American.

"First of all, it's outrageous," she said, noting Exxon Mobil recently logged the largest profits ever reported by a publicly held company. "The bottom line is that there are only five oil companies left. There is no competition."

The production of ethanol fuel and other biofuels could be the answer, she said. By the end of the year, Michigan will have five ethanol production plants.

"We've got the researchers, we've got the know-how, we've got the production; the only thing we don't have are the (ethanol fuel) pumps," she said. Tax incentives in exchange for operators acquiring ethanol pumps could be one solution, she said.

"I think we ought to be rushing for this," she said. "If the oil companies won't bring the prices down, we ought to create some competition."

On immigration reform, Stabenow voted against the bill because "it went too far," by including a guest worker program to allow immigrants to work in the U.S. "on the theory that Americans don't want those jobs."

"I totally disagree with the president on this whole idea of a guest worker program," she said. "It's a race for the bottom — it would end up taking American jobs and creating a race for cheap wages."

Neil Goodbred of Livonia spoke about immigration, saying it is a felony — plain and simple.

"There isn't any agreement that would satisfy the likes of me," he said.

A fellow Grumpy, Les Ostrander of Livonia, said the punishment should be severe.

"If we shoot these people, they'll figure it out and stop crossing the border. It's a radical but logical process," he said.

On homeland security, Stabenow explained her efforts to get a fee of \$420 per trash hauler that enters the United States from Canada for inspection purposes. There are radiation panels at the borders, but she said the X-ray equipment is ineffective on the large, bulky trucks.

"There is no one inspecting what goes in," she said.

The bill for the fee is pending in the House. She said the importation of Canadian trash to Michigan landfills cannot be halted without formal action by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Trash is considered a commodity and is covered by the North American Free Trade Agreement, so Michigan cannot ban the importation. She said using homeland security funding and reasoning is a "back-door approach" to discourage Canada from sending its trash across the border.

"The Canadians are going crazy over this (proposal)," she said. "Hopefully, they'll turn those trucks around."

On the Middle East crisis, Stabenow favors an immediate cease fire, but realizes it's only a temporary measure. She said President Bush is unwilling to sit down with the two sides.

"This president has decided to walk away from the Middle East," she said. "He's let the lid come off."

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BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Summer's a great time for family fun, but the American Red Cross is hoping you'll pause to consider donating blood.

"There is a tremendous need this time of year," said Andrea Ward, spokeswoman for the Southeastern Michigan Blood Region of the Red Cross. "Each summer we do see a shortage."

Ward said difficulty tracking down high school and college-age donors is a factor in the summer slowdown. "That's when we go out on appeals." The Red Cross plans ahead by finding sponsors to back blood drives.

The O negative blood type, the "universal donor" which all can receive, is especially needed. Ward noted an increase in summer accidents and elective surgeries which boosts the need for blood.

The "Give a Little, Live a Little" campaign started last summer and helped to bring donors in, she said, although this year things are running behind. The Red Cross summer campaign is with such partners as The Palace, Second City, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle and others and offers tickets to events for donors.

"It's just saying what you did giving blood is priceless," Ward said.

Blood donors must be age 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. To set up an appointment to give blood, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) on the Web.

The local Red Cross can import blood from other cities and regions, but she noted there are shortages elsewhere as well. "We need to get the word out to our community. All we have is healthy donors."

There has been research on artificial blood but nothing has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The Red Cross donor center on Five Mile between Levan and Newburgh in Livonia does well, although Ward noted the Red Cross in the region needs to collect 900 units per day to serve some 50 hospitals.



Red Cross nurse Joyce McLin prepares a donor for a blood donation.

"There's no cushion, there's no buffer." It may be necessary to delay some surgeries, she said, due to a blood shortage. She's found some days, such as Fridays, are particularly challenging in collecting blood.

"We really do need the public support," Ward said. "It's a priceless gift."

Elaine Bain of Plymouth Township is on the receiving end of blood donations for a condition called MDS, myelodysplastic disorder. "When someone gives you their blood, how do you say thank you? It's just truly incredible," the East Middle School teacher said. "I hope more people would give blood."

In her disorder, cells in the bone marrow don't do their job. "It is a gift," Bain added of the blood she receives. Ed Snage of Plymouth Township is among blood donors for Bain, and jokes he hears a bit of a Lebanese accent from her now.

Snage, who's semi-retired and worked in the auto supply industry, has been a donor since college "which was a long time ago." He had a span of seven years when he couldn't donate due to typhoid fever.

"Because people need it and God's given me good blood," Snage said of his giving. He's given to the Red Cross and now is giving to Bain.

"It really makes it special," Snage said of giving to someone he knows. "Thank God I'm healthy. That's my way of giving back."

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

### 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, 3117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman in Livonia. Call (734) 425-2246.

### FOR SENIORS

#### Friendship Center

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

#### Senior dinners

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

#### Crochet & Knit

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

#### Visually Impaired

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

#### Hearing checks

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

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

#### Travel Group

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

#### Dyer Center

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

### ORGANIZATIONS

#### Toastmasters

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

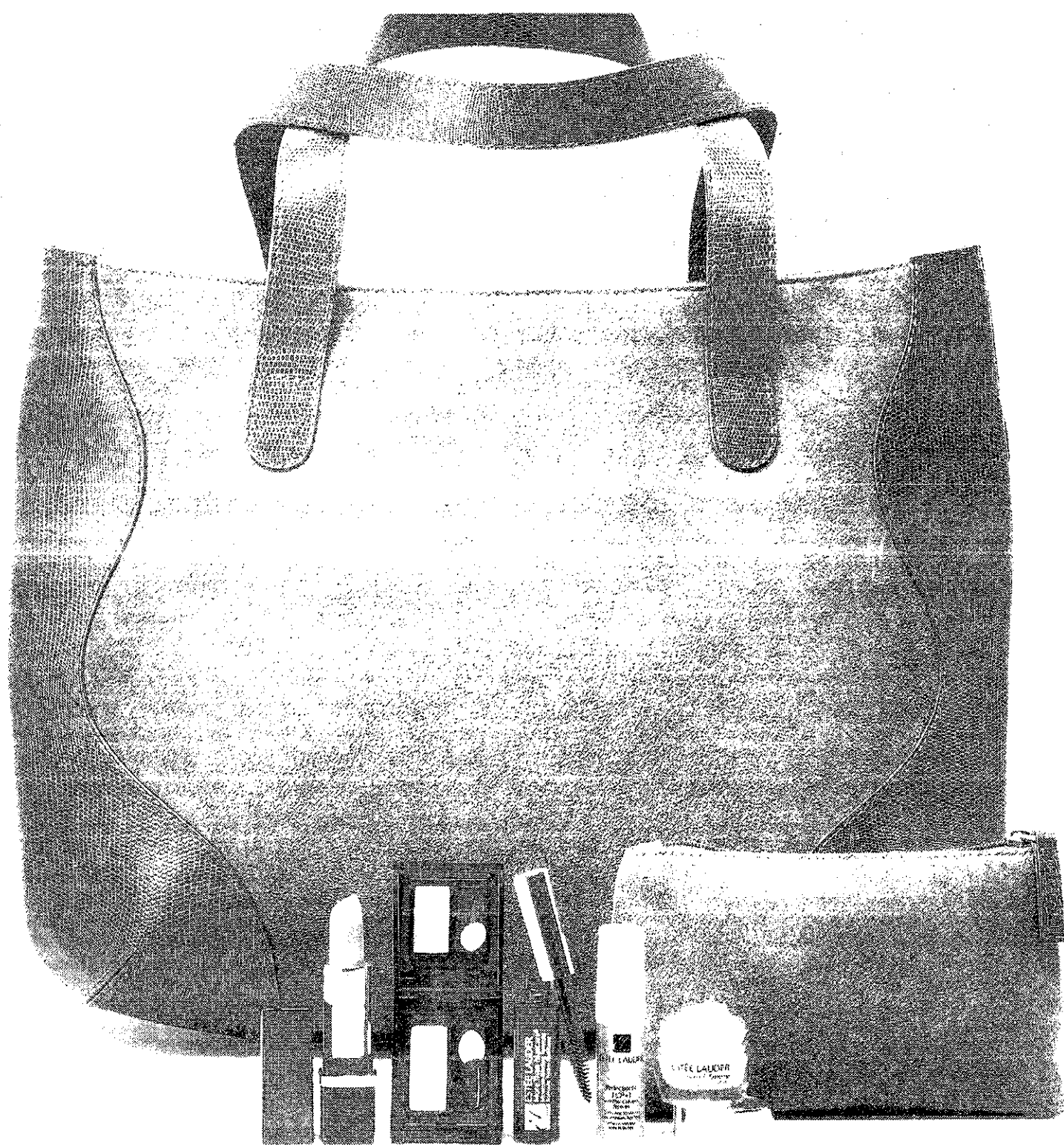
#### Vietnam Vets

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

#### Friends of library

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

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# MHS Berman Center hosts Family Fun Day

The Michigan Humane Society is inviting animal lovers in Westland to attend its "Meet, Greet and Treat: A Family Fun Day" open house Sunday, Aug. 6.

The family-friendly event, with activities for people of all ages as well as their companion animals, will be held noon-3 p.m. at its Berman Center for Animal Care 900 N. Newburgh Road in Westland, as well as its facilities in Detroit and Rochester Hills.

"The open house events will be a combination community ice cream social and fun and festive celebration," said Mike Robbins, director of marketing and communication for the Michigan Humane Society. "We welcome those who are familiar and unfamiliar with the Michigan Humane Society. In addition to increasing awareness of our programs serving the community, the events will highlight the fact that we are now open for adoptions."

Free, kid-friendly activities at the Berman Center include face painting and balloon animals, courtesy of Oddzin Ends, outdoor bowling, courtesy of Community Bowling Center and unicyclists, courtesy of Redford Unicycle Club. Visitors also will have an opportunity to meet MHS mascot "Patches" the dog. Specials, activities and treats

at all three centers will include low cost dog and cat microchipping at \$20 per animal, cat adoption fee specials, free nail clipping for dogs, cats and other companion animals, free MHS balloons for the kids, meet and mingle with MHS staff, volunteers and adoptable animals and free ice cream for people and "Frosty Paws" for pooches, courtesy of Nestle.

Visitors also will receive a \$10 off coupon for your companion animal's first visit to any of our three veterinary centers (new clients only), and the first 50 families will receive a 20 percent off coupon for a dog training class from the MHS Pet Education Center. Pet Education Center representatives will be on hand to answer questions on companion animal behavior and training.

No registration is required for the event or any of its activities. Visit the MHS Web site at [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org) or call the Michigan Humane Society at (866) MHUMANE 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) is a private, nonprofit organization which cares for more than 100,000 animals each year at its three metro Detroit adoption and veterinary centers. Established in 1877, the MHS is one of the oldest and largest animal welfare organizations in the country.

## CLUBS IN ACTION

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

### Mustang Owners Club

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

### Toastmasters

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) teaches public speaking at the club's weekly meetings 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road, next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 414-3401 noon to 8 p.m.

■ The Dearborn Dynamic Toastmasters meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman in Westland. For information, visit [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

■ Toastmasters International meets 7 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month at St. John Episcopal Church, on Sheldon in Plymouth. Guests are welcome, and there is no pressure to speak. Call (734) 459-0715.

### Zonta Club

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

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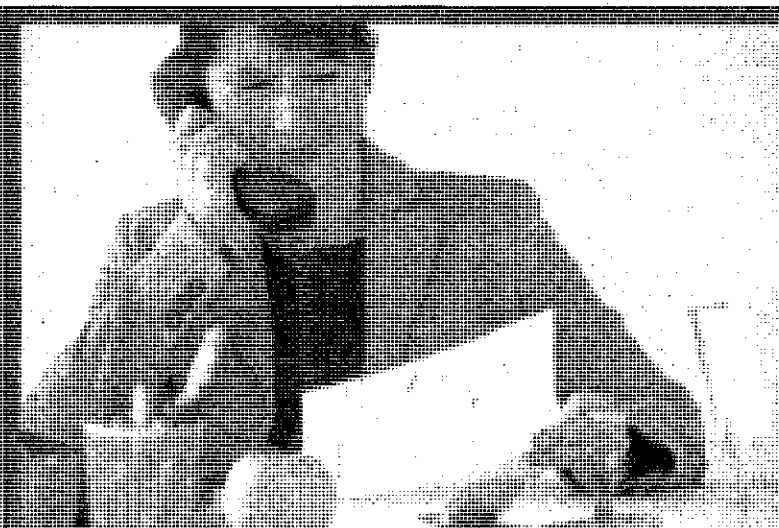
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