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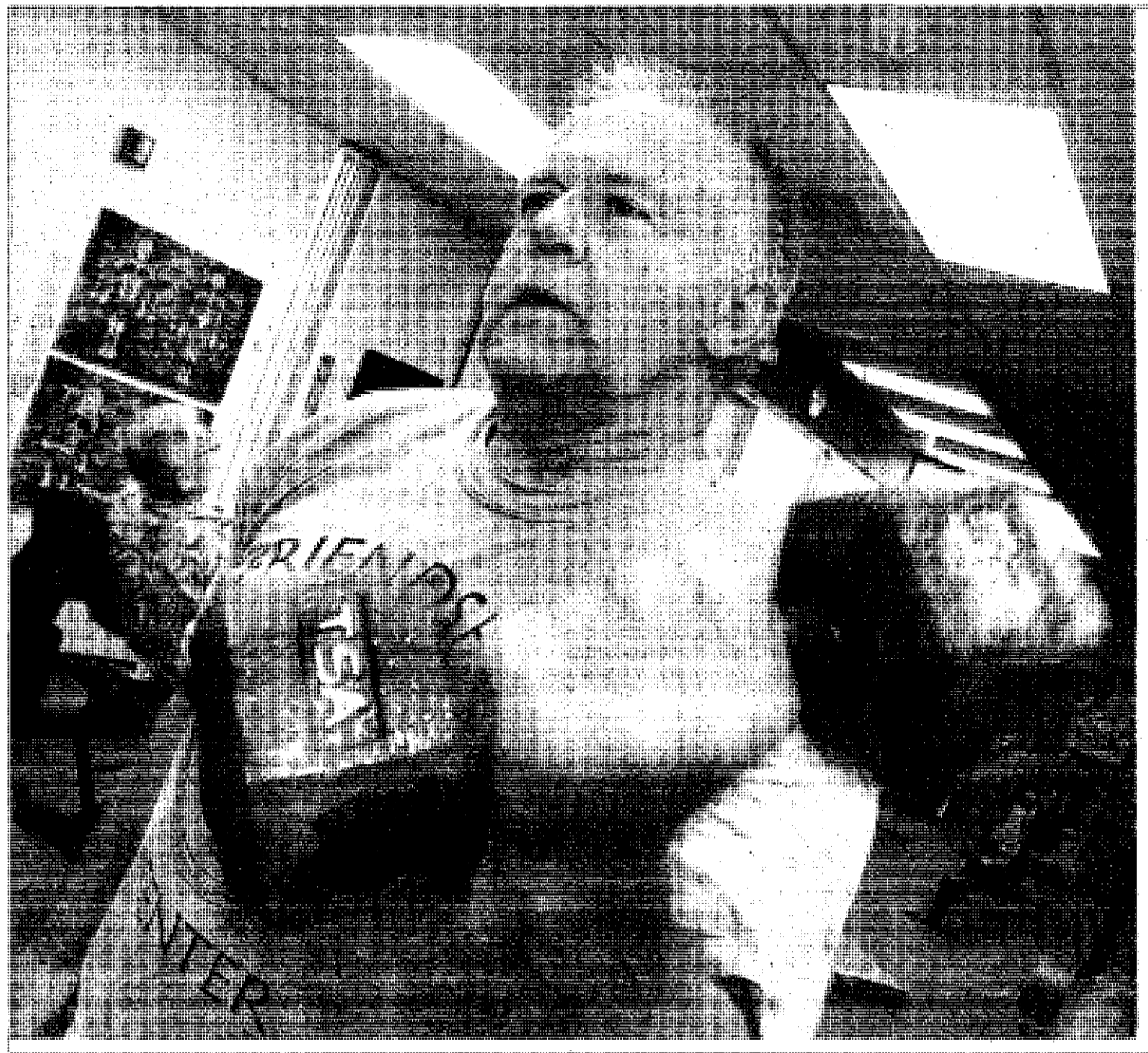
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Senior athlete Mel Tockstein works on his biceps curl repetitions at the Westland Friendship Center in preparation for next week's Western Wayne County Senior Olympics.

Judge adds to probation of driver, 90

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A 90-year-old Livonia man will remain on probation for hitting and killing an 82-year-old woman with his car in the Westland Meijer parking lot.

George Kosmyna, who surrendered his driver's license after the June 2, 2005, accident will be on probation for another year following a decision Tuesday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton.

Kosmyna avoided jail time for killing Josephine Gregory, but his case will be reviewed each year. Authorities have said he will likely never drive again.

Gregory died nine days after Kosmyna veered wildly in the Meijer parking lot, striking two shoppers. One survived.

Gregory's daughter, Anita Gillman, flew in with her husband from their home on Long Island, N.Y., to address the judge.

"He had no business behind the wheel of a car," Gillman said after Tuesday's hearing. "If the state of Michigan wouldn't take his driver's license away, his children should have."

Gillman, who has filed a civil lawsuit against Kosmyna, said the state should have a better system for identifying older drivers who are potential killers when they're behind the wheel.

Reached at his home, Kosmyna recalled losing control of his car.

"It went this way and that way, and before I knew it I was sliding around in the parking lot," he said. "It's like a mystery that something like that happened."

Kosmyna said that his wife is in a wheelchair and that he never drove more than 15 miles from their home. He said he has a difficult time getting around because those who help him "are far and few."

"I'm sicker than a dog right now," he said. Gillman offered little sympathy in the negligent homicide case, saying Kosmyna took away her mother - a vibrant woman who remained independent at age 82.

Gillman recalled how she would take her mother for rides.

"She used to love to get in my car with me, put the top down and go cruising," Gillman said. "She traveled a lot, and she had her wits about her. She ran her own home. Even in the hospital on her death bed, she was independent and giving orders."

Gregory spent some months with her daughter in New York, but she didn't want to give up her home on Canyon Drive in Westland.

"When she was staying with us, we had to nail her down not to do the cooking and cleaning," Gillman said. "We would go shopping together. We were buddies."

"She adored my husband, too," the daughter said. "This is a big loss to us, and this man has shown no remorse."

Gillman recalled how she and her husband, Steve, would send money to her mother to pay for home chores, such as lawn-mowing.

"She would keep the money and do it herself," Gillman said.

The daughter has never been satisfied with the outcome of Kosmyna's case. "Do I feel any better? No, not really," she said. "All he got as far as I'm concerned is a slap on the hand. He took away a part of my life."

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Going for the gold

Seniors prepare to work out at 2nd annual Olympics

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Mel Tockstein might not be Superman, but he can move 25 tons of weight by himself.

Tockstein, a Westland resident, works out two or three times a week inside the city's senior citizen Friendship Center. After riding a stationary bike for 40-60 minutes at

20 mph, he uses weight machines to exercise his shoulders, arms, chest, stomach and legs, pushing and pulling a cumulative 25 tons during his routine.

"Some people think I'm crazy," Tockstein said, doing sit-ups with two 20-pound free weights resting on his chest. Crazy? Nah.

And don't be surprised if Tockstein brings home some

medals when he participates in the Western Wayne Senior Olympics, Aug. 21-25.

Northville and Northville Township will host this year's Senior Olympics, with numerous competitions planned in Northville Millennium Park. Other contests will be held in Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland, among other communities.

Tockstein played sports in high school and in the U.S. Air Force, but he had slacked off over the years until he retired four years ago as an electrical

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Mel Tockstein does sit-ups with an additional 40 pounds of weight on his chest.

School aid bill is mixed news for local district

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

At first blush, the state school aid bill that's been sent to Gov. Jennifer Granholm is good news for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

In all, the district will get \$3.1 million, or \$232 per student, in new money this year - a \$2.8 million increase in state school aid, \$150,000

for declining enrollment and \$150,000 to bolster its middle school math and science programs.

But the not-so-good news is that the district will be \$2 million short, or \$148 per student, when it comes to covering increases in health care, retirement and energy costs and salaries and the projected loss of 109 students.

"We're grateful for the \$210, but we're still extremely frustrated and

disappointed with the leadership in Lansing because they have failed to solve the structural problems as they relate to the budget," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "They have taken no action to solve the problem. They don't like to hear us express that, but they take actions that hurt us. The money for our students would be more if they stopped raiding the School Aid Fund."

The district is facing at least an 8

percent increase in health care, while retirement costs will be 17.74 percent of payroll. The latter cost is higher than Social Security and represents a 36-percent increase in cost since 2003-2004, Gary Martin, deputy superintendent of administration and business services, recently said.

Like everyone else, the district is feeling the pinch of higher energy costs, projecting an almost \$500,000 increase, but has been able to hold

salary increases to a "very, very modest" 1.5 percent.

"That's far below the state average and several of our neighboring school districts," Baracy said. "We have no step increases this year, we were able to negotiate a freeze, so those won't go up. A step increase is usually 6 percent."

The shortfall is even larger when

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Coming Sunday in Health



School is about to begin and it's time for children to get their vaccinations. Learn what you need to know.

Group drops lawsuit

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

The Citizens for Livonia's Future group announced Monday it has dropped its lawsuit against five Livonia Public School trustees and Supt. Randy Liepa.

The move followed a failed attempt to recall five board members last week, in a special vote during the primary election.

Steve Futrell, president of the grassroots organization, congratulated the board on their success at the polls at the school board meeting Monday and reiterated that after nine months, the CFLF will continue to be an active part of the community.

"We've seen an opportunity to make change, in the community and with the board," said Futrell. "It's our responsibility as citizens to hold people accountable."

He said the group will continue communicating with the

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board, and will continue to address issues of concern. He said the CFLF accomplished a great task - garnering the support of nearly 9,000 voters.

Trustee Cynthia Markarian said she truly understands what a task it was to organize the recall election. The experience changed her, she said.

"I do still have concerns about the Legacy Initiative," added Futrell. "We will bring our resources to work with you if you will open up and work with us."

The CFLF formed after the board voted in favor of the Legacy Initiative plan to reorganize schools. Dan Lessard, Rob Freeman, Markarian, Lynda Scheel and Kevin Whitehead were named in the suit, which contended that the board and district acted in an "arbitrary and capricious" manner in supporting the plan.

All along, the board and

trustees defended the Legacy plan, which closes seven school buildings and creates lower and upper elementary schools. It is being put in place in time for the start of school on Sept. 6.

Freeman said he would like to look back and consider "this a positive experience we can all learn from. We can be better leaders. It's time now for us to look to the future."

Scheel, who recently was elected board president, said Monday: "What a great force this would be" if the opposing groups could join together and aim their energy at Lansing, to communicate with legislators and fight for adequate school funding.

Lessard said with the lawsuit behind them, "we can truly move forward."

"School will be starting very shortly," he said. "We need to work together for what's best for kids."



Splashing smiles

Twins Austin and Andrew Grzywacz of Westland enjoy their first visit to Redford Township's new splash park, accompanied by their grandmother, Cindy Grzywacz, who lives in Redford.

Workshop focuses on native plantings

A native plant specialist from Laingsburg, Mich., will talk about Michigan wildflowers at a workshop Tuesday, Aug. 29, at the Bailey Recreation Center.

Vern Stephens with Designs by Nature will discuss "Native Wildflowers for the Home Landscape: Planting and Maintaining an Earth-Friendly Fall Garden" 7-8:30 p.m. at the center at 36651 Ford behind Westland City Hall.

The program will review the origin of native wildflowers, identify easy-care plants for the fall garden, and provide maintenance tips. Native wildflowers also will be available for sale before and after the slide presentation.

Native wildflowers can be found in the prairies, wet meadows, wetlands, and woodlands throughout the state. When used in the home garden, they can attract butterflies and birds, add natural beauty, and help protect the Rouge River. The program sponsored by the Westland Department of Public Works, Parks and Recreation Department and Community Relations.

The workshop is free of charge. Register in advance by calling Community Relations at (734) 467-3198 or by e-mail at LFDean@aol.com.

Finishing touches put on Legacy

Livonia Public School officials and employees are putting the finishing touches on a restructuring plan, to make sure the schools are ready before students file in on Sept. 6.

"A lot of activity continues to go on, and has been going on this summer," said Supt. Randy Liepa.

He said staff members have contributed a "tremendous amount of work" as the transition has taken place. This school year the district will operate seven fewer buildings and has divided schools into upper and lower elementary, middle and high schools.

The new upper elementary schools will house grades five

and six. Those buildings - Cooper, Johnson and Riley - will host orientation programs on Monday, Aug. 28.

As for buildings across the district, Liepa said, "We are in great shape. We're working on a variety of outside projects. The schools are beginning to shape up. They're looking great. Teachers are setting up their classrooms."

Playscapes are being constructed at Riley and Rosedale schools. The district continues to work with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to make sure the site across from Cooper Upper Elementary School is safe. Residents can watch LPS-

TV for a video program detailing the history of the once-contaminated site. The program is set to air at 8 p.m. on Aug. 19, Aug. 26 and Sept. 2, as well as at noon on Aug. 20, Aug. 27 and Sept. 3. Tune in to Channel 15 for Bright House Network and Wide Open West subscribers and Channel 19 for Comcast viewers.

For Trustee Rob Freeman, the start of a new year brings excitement. "I'm looking forward to being in the classroom and seeing learning going on with our kids," he said.

By Stephanie A. Casola

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Wonderland Mall is no more

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

A Livonia landmark that stood for 47 years was eliminated in about two months.

All that's left of Wonderland Mall is its corner sign, the Target store and several piles of dirt and debris. For the first time since the late-1950s, the homes south of the mall property are visible from Plymouth Road.

"There are still some parts of the foundation, basement and utilities that have to be pulled from underneath the surface, but we're pretty much on schedule with the demolition," said project manager Bill Cote, an executive with Schostak Brothers and Co.

In the coming weeks, Cote said the priority for work crews will be preparing sites for the construction of the new Target

store, Wal-Mart Supercenter and three buildings for the village shops. Demolition crews are scheduled to be replaced by construction crews in early October, he said.

"We should start going vertical sometime in the late fall or early winter," Cote said.

Target, Wal-Mart and the first Village Shoppes at Wonderland are scheduled to open at about this time next year. When that phase is completed, Cote said the existing Target store will be leveled to make room for two more buildings for village shops and undetermined construction for the west end of the property and the 11-acre former Kmart parcel.

Cote confirmed his company is talking with the Imagine movie theater as a possible third major user for the proj-

ect. "We're talking to them, but it hasn't gone really far," Cote said. "We could have more than one user for that and the Kmart site. We have some options."

He added there have been talks a number of perspective tenants, including chain restaurants such as Chili's Restaurant.

"We have a lot of leases out and under negotiation right now," Cote said. "We have a lot of activity, but we're just not ready to go public with those deals yet."

Construction for all elements of this project, estimated to cost between \$80 million and \$100 million, is expected to be completed sometime in 2008.

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A fan sprays water over the Wonderland Mall demolition site earlier this month, as workers tore down the shopping center, originally built 47 years ago.

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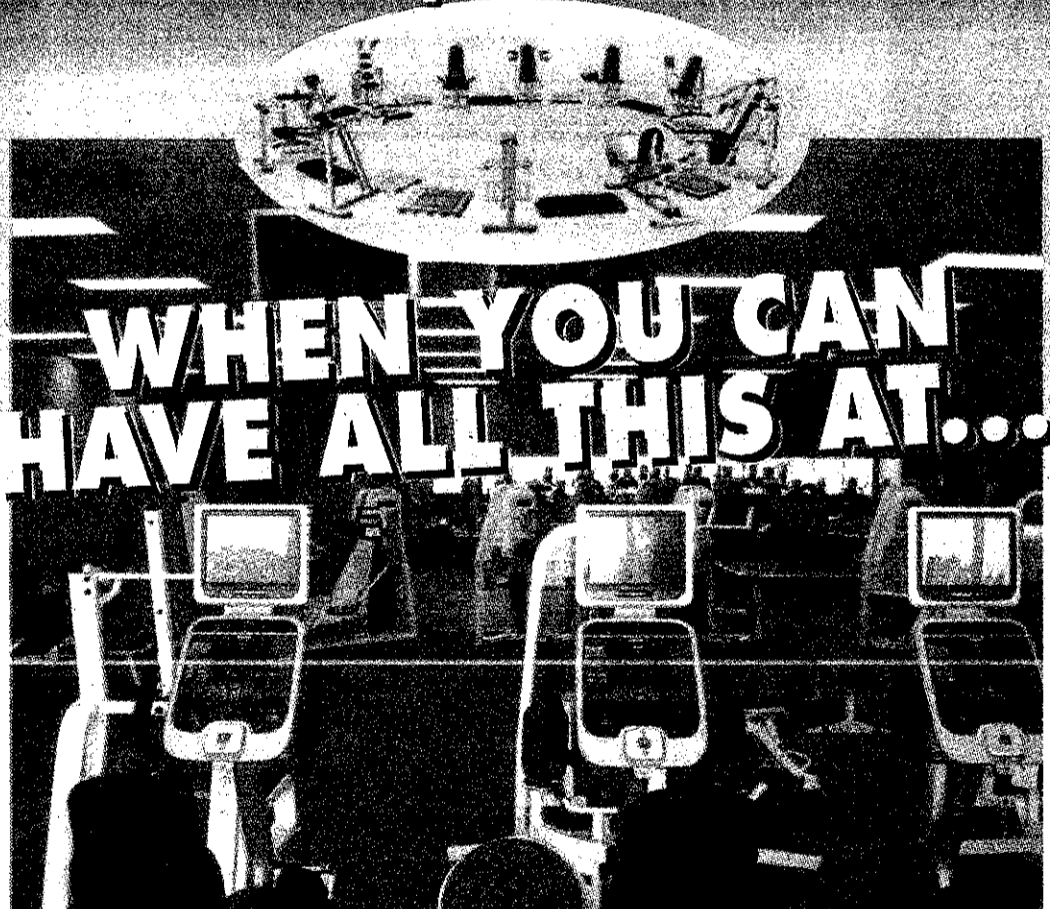
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Girl Scouts plan camp improvements

Change is coming to the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council.

The council's Board of Directors has negotiated the sale of Camp Hilltop, one of three camp properties, to the City of Ann Arbor for \$2.2 million.

Ann Arbor officials intend to transform the Camp Hilltop property — which is between two existing parks — into a city park, linking three other public parks or greenbelt areas.

"We believe this sale is in the best interest of the Huron Valley Girl Scouts and future Girl Scouts," said Gail Scott, CEO, Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council, which serves the Westland area. "The transition provides Huron Valley with needed resources for necessary improvements at our Camps Linden (Linden) and Crawford (Milan) and provides the city with an additional public park."

For more than 60 years, Camp Hilltop in Ann Arbor has been an introduction to camping for thousands of girls. The camping lodge was gutted by fire in April and, based on the insurance assessment, the property sustained a consider-

able amount of damage.

Some of the proceeds from the sale of Camp Hilltop and the insurance settlement will be used to develop the "village" concept on the Camp Linden property.

The village is a central troop house/bathroom-shower building surrounded by small sleeping/living "pods" to sleep anywhere from 6 to 12 or more girls or summer camp staff.

The separate pods will also house small, medium and large troops with shared spaces that even accommodate dads or male summer camp staff. To view architect's rendering visit www.gshvc.org

"Our main objective is to keep girls camping and expanding their natural curiosity about the out-of-doors," Scott said. "This project will meet our objectives and is a win-win for the Ann Arbor community and also the Girl Scouts."

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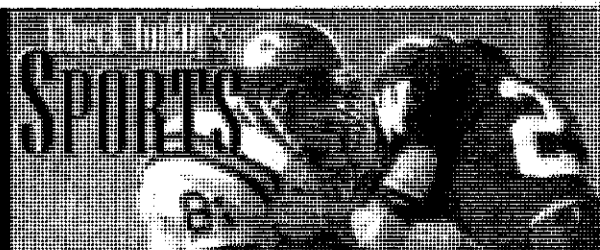
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engineer for Ford Motor Co. After shedding 50 pounds, he now weighs 205. He rides his bike and swims. He benches 120 pounds, doing three sets of 12 repetitions. He moves 265 pounds on the leg press, despite having had several arthroscopic surgeries. Tockstein plans to compete in the Senior Olympics in swimming — freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke — softball and football. Just for fun, he'll spin the music as a disc jockey during some events, such as the opening ceremony. In all, some 360 seniors, including 70 from Westland, will compete in the second-annual Western Wayne Senior Olympics. Westland senior resources Director Peggy Ellenwood said. Seniors will compete in four

age groups, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80 and over. Van Buren Township served as the primary host last year; Westland will have its turn in 2007. Spectators are invited to watch all senior competitions except golf. Seniors will compete in activities ranging from a 3K run to a baking contest and from volleyball to bridge. "I like to do the physical things," said Tockstein, who also chairs the Westland-based Commission on Aging. His wife Marge exercises, too — although, like most seniors, not as strenuously as he does. Ellenwood lauded seniors for participating in a Senior Olympics event that is rapidly growing in popularity. "It's better than sitting on the couch," she said. "It's good for their mental health and their physical health."

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Will to dance

Performer, instructor back on stage after life-threatening injuries

BY WAYNE PEAL
STAFF WRITER

Sometime today, Alan Onickel will put a troupe of young dancers through their paces at a local studio. That's not unusual, the former Livonia native and former Southfield resident is one of New York City's top professional dancers and dance instructors. What is unusual — even inspiring — is that a just few years ago Onickel could barely walk as a result of a life-threatening automobile accident. "It's a terrific story," said longtime friend Suzie Slagle who will feature Onickel at her Gotta Dance studio at the Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield. The two go back more than 30 years, when they shared the stage during numerous Southfield High School productions. From there, Onickel was

featured in professional productions throughout the world and even released an instructional video in jazz and tap dance. He's also on the faculty of STEPS, a Broadway dance studio. Onickel's recent history began with a 1999 trip to teach dance in South Africa. "I was in a car crash and I was broken up pretty badly," he said. Left comatose, Onickel also suffered a closed head injury and lost virtually all his motor skills. Yet, his dance background is credited with having saved his life. "The doctors said if I wasn't in such good physical shape I might not have made it." It was extensive care and support from his parents, Sheldon and Fern Onickel, as well as a stint at a Beaumont Hospital rehab center, which put him on the road to recovery. But it was his own will

which drove him not only to walk but to dance again. "I worked my ass off," Onickel said. "I didn't want my life and career to end like that." Born in Livonia, Onickel moved to Southfield as a boy. His recent return to the area was prompted by his 30th high school reunion. He's the first to admit that his recovery is far from 100 percent even after undergoing 16 surgeries as well as continual physical therapy. Off stage, Onickel continues to walk with a cane and his speech is occasionally halting. On stage, his recovery has been remarkable. Not only has he been able to continue teaching classes like Sunday's two-session dance master class, but he's currently preparing for a dance recital of his own. "To see him perform, you'd never know what had happened to him," Slagle said.



Alan Onickel overcame many obstacles to return to dancing professionally.

"He's a dancer."

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LET THE GAMES BEGIN

The Western Wayne Senior Olympics will kick off the morning of Monday, Aug. 21, during a breakfast with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano at Northville Millennium Park. The event will end Friday, Aug. 25, with a senior banquet. The following is a list of events, their times and locations. Spectators are welcome. For more information, call (734) 349-4140.
Monday, Aug. 21
The following events will be held opening day at Northville Millennium Park: a baking contest, 8:45 a.m.; the opening ceremony, 10 a.m.; a fun walk, 11 a.m.; a 3K run, 11 a.m.; a softball throw, 11:15 a.m.; a ring toss, 11:30 a.m.; a Frisbee toss, 11:45 a.m.; a football toss, noon; and a soccer kick, 12:15 p.m. The euchre competition will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.
Tuesday, Aug. 22
Tennis, 9 a.m., Capitol Park, Redford Township; horseshoes, 9 a.m., Freedom Park, Canton Township; volleyball, 10 a.m., Northville Recreation Center at Hillside; bridge, 12:30 p.m., Livonia Civic Park Senior Center; basketball shoot, 1 p.m., Summit on the Park, Canton Township; shuffleboard, 1:30 p.m., Quirk Park, Van Buren Township.
Wednesday, Aug. 23
Golf, 8 a.m., Inkster Valley Golf Course (not open to spectators); swimming, 9 a.m., Ford Community & Performing Arts Center Dearborn; billiards, 9 a.m., Wayne Bowl; pinocle, 9:30 a.m., Friendship Center, Westland; bocce ball, 1 p.m., Ford Field, Dearborn.
Thursday, Aug. 24
Bowling, 9 a.m., Wayne Bowl.
Friday, Aug. 25
Awards banquet, noon, Northville High School.

DISTRICT

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the district factors in such items as textbook purchases, technology costs, maintenance and school supplies. Rather than being in the hole \$148 per student, the amount is closer to \$350 per student. The district gets 95.3 percent of its revenue from state and local property taxes and has been using cost containment and its budget surplus to offset shortfalls to avoid cutting the educational program. "We can't get ahead," he said. "We've literally done everything we can possibly do to preserve the educational programs for the children. That's our number one priority. I give credit to the employee groups who have negotiated cost containment and helped the bottom line immensely. Without our cost containment and reasonable contract negotiations, we would be in deficit." Baracy added that the state would have an additional \$100

million to give to schools this year, if it "stopped robbing Peter to pay Paul," referring to programs and costs it has shifted from the general fund to the healthier school aid fund. Former general fund costs now coming out of the school fund are the \$34 million to cover Durant lawsuit payments, \$1.3 million for school bus inspections once handled by the State Police, \$20 million to pay for the MEAP testing program and \$36.7 million in renaissance zone payments, Baracy said. "The question remains, if they're going to talk quality global education, they have to step up and fund a quality program that allows us to deliver a quality global education program to children and stop raiding the school aid fund," he said. "We have to stop beating each other up and unite to provide the best education we can to meet the demands of a global society."

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Ashford Court updates its senior residences

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

When you meet Barbara Frye, one of the first things she'll ask is if you know the different types of senior citizen housing.

"The average person doesn't know," said Frye. "They'll say something like mom shouldn't be in that big house, she needs assisted living and when you stop and talk to them about it, what they mean is she shouldn't be alone all day."

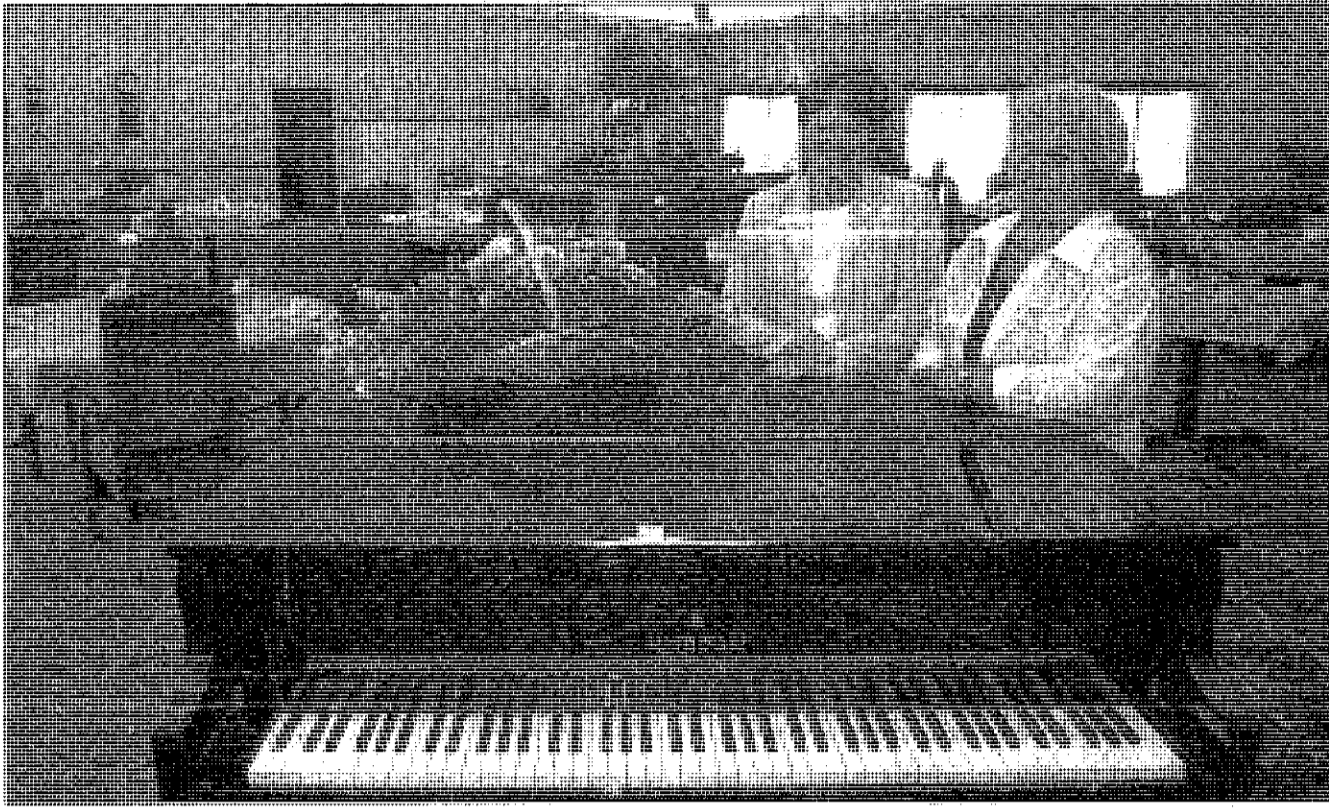
That's one of the issues Frye helps families to sort out when they come to Ashford Court, an independent living retirement community on Joy west of Newburgh in Westland.

Ashford Court offers its residents the "comforts of home without the responsibilities of home ownership." It provides apartment living with such amenities as meals served restaurant style, housekeeping and laundry services.

The residence has undergone a \$1.5 million update, after a change in ownership in 2004. Gone are the interior's pinkish hues, there's new furniture in the dining room, and the lobby looks more like that of an upscale hotel than a senior residence.

"When residents ate their dinner it was the old furniture and they got up Friday to new furniture," said Frye of the transformation.

According to Frye, there are new lights, new carpeting, a fresh coat of paint throughout. Some of the 152 apartments are being converted in deluxe one-bedroom apartments with two baths, a large den and large master bedroom. Even the residence's seven courtyards are getting a



Ashford Court Managing Director Jeanne Krakowiak and Marketing Director Barbara Frye show off the senior residence's dining room that was redone as part of a \$1.5 million makeover.

makeover.

"The residents are so proud, they're really excited," Frye said.

The residential community has been a part of Westland for more than 15 years. It opened in 1987 as Abington Manor, later changed to Grand Manor before becoming Ashford Court last year.

It features kitchenettes in studios and one-bedrooms and full kitchens

in the deluxe one-bedrooms. The apartments are unfurnished. The cost also includes evening meals in the main dining room - breakfast and lunch are optional - weekly housekeeping and linen service and all utilities except cable and telephone.

"This is like an apartment building for seniors," said Frye. "Seniors are put off about moving in because they think of it as an old folks home. But

when they find out it's not what they thought it would be, they call it a luxury hotel and laugh about it."

The residence also has a coffee shop and a small store staffed by volunteers like Ella Luckie who moved into Ashford Court following her husband's death. She loves the facility, she says, because "everyone is so wonderful and they take good care of you."

"My daughter lives in Farmington

Hills and I wanted to be close to her," said Luckie. "It (moving) was easy to do, and I liked that I could bring my own furniture with me."

Frye hears a lot of statements like Luckie's from other residents who "love it because there's so many activities."

"They tell us they didn't realize they were so alone, they tell us they love it and why didn't they do it sooner," she said.

Love also is word used by employees like Theresa Kilian, Cindy Dziewit and Jackie who work in housekeeping.

"I love the building, I love the atmosphere, I love the elderly and I love being around them," said Kilian. "I call this the building of knowledge. I learn stuff from them."

"You do things for them and they become family," added Dziewit. "You get so attached. I could do another job, but I love this one."

Frye visits senior expos, inviting people to come for lunch and a tour to which some seniors tell her they're not going to move there. She tells them to still come, because "someday we'll have a conversation."

"Seniors have to be knowledgeable about these places, whether they need them or not," she said. "They have to find out these places exist. There's many around and they're all the same, but they're all different. I believe we're the friendliest and bestest senior community in the area."

Ashford Court is at 37501 Joy, west of Newburgh, Westland. For more information, call Barbara Frye at (734) 451-1155.

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Area Muslims fear backlash

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Around the world, and at Metro Airport, tensions were higher than usual, as more news of another terror plan developed, following two dozen arrests of suspected plotters in London. The day before the arrests, two Dearborn men were arrested in Ohio, accused of money laundering and supporting terrorism. The news has members of the mosque in Canton on edge.

"Any time there is a news story where there is a high degree of visibility connecting Muslims with a negative event, the community is on guard for potential backlash," said Dawud Walid, executive director of Michigan CAIR, Council on American-Islamic Relations. "The community braces itself, like a flinch before a car crash."

Crescent Academy, the Muslim school at the mosque, is today hosting an open house, and there are security measures in place, Walid said.

The mosque itself has received no phone calls or letters of backlash, but Walid said Muslims from all over the metro area are experiencing it individually.

"We've had calls from people, telling us that people will yell statements at them, saying things like, 'Why don't you go back to where you came from,'" Walid said.

It's a sign of lack of understanding, he added.

"There is a general lack of knowledge about the Muslim community in Southeast Michigan," Walid said. "One of the greatest misperceptions is that the majority of Muslims are immigrants. In fact two-thirds were born as American citizens, and at least one-third are African-American or Caucasian-American."

Further, the majority — some 60 percent — of Arabs living in Southeast Michigan are Christians, Walid said.

"Islam is seen as a foreign ideology," Walid said. "But the reality is Muslims are not so different from people who observe any other religion. We're all much more alike than some people think."

But even with the ideological differences, stereotypes and some of the rhetoric Walid said is being perpetuated from Washington (he specifically mentioned Pres. George Bush's comment regarding Islamic fascism), is wrong.

"To dehumanize a faith and religion of 1.6 billion people is wrong," Walid said.

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■ 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.

■ 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 for information.

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

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

Hospital retirees
The Oakwood-Annapolis Retirees meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne. All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

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Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, penny-whistle, ukulele and upright bass. Call (734) 482-2902 or check out the Web site at http://geocities.com/ssdsociety.

Westland Rotary
The Westland Rotary Club meets 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at the Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post on Joy east of Middlebelt, Westland.

Spirit of Detroit
Spirit of Detroit Chorus rehearsals are 7-10 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster. The group is for women who love to sing. It is active in chorus competition. For information, call (734) 721-7742.

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Sisters of Mercy elected to regional leadership team

The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Regional Community of Detroit have elected the following members to their regional community leadership team to serve from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008.

■ Sister Gilmary Bauer, RSM, President; Sister Judith Frikker, RSM; Sister LuAnn Hannasch, RSM; Sister Margaret Platte, RSM. Sister Gilmary Bauer has been a member of the Regional Community of Detroit leadership team since 1998 and was elected President in August 2005. She holds a bachelor's degree in history from Mercy College of Detroit and a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University.

Sister Gilmary lived and ministered with poor persons in Argentina for four years and taught at high schools there and throughout Michigan for nearly ten years. She was adjunct faculty at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich., and assistant professor at Mercy College of Detroit, University of Detroit Mercy, and Mercy College of Northwest Ohio.

Sister Gilmary developed the women's program at Mercy Education Project in Detroit and served as its coordinator. She serves on the board of Our Lady of Guadalupe Middle School for Girls and chairs East Detroit Not-for-Profit Housing Corporation (McAuley Commons).

■ Sister Judith Frikker has been a member of the Detroit Regional leadership team since 2002. She holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Mercy College of Detroit and graduated from Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine with an MD.

Sister Judith worked as a medical doctor at Mercy facilities in Michigan and Guyana before moving to Chile in 1987, where she was a primary care physician for 12 years and did pastoral work in parishes. Upon her return to the U.S., she worked in a clinic for the uninsured in the Detroit area before her election to the regional leadership team. She serves on the board of Freedom House and of St. Joseph Mercy - Oakland in Pontiac.

■ Sister LuAnn Hannasch holds a bachelor's degree in Nursing from Nazareth College near Kalamazoo and a master's degree in Nursing from the University of Iowa.

Sister LuAnn has ministered in health care in Iowa and Michigan as a nurse, manager, parish nurse and board member. She was director of mission services and parish nurse liaison for Mercy Health Services North in Grayling and most recently was director of mission and spiritual care services for Mercy Hospital in Port Huron. She serves on the board of Mercy Medical Center - North Iowa, in Mason City, Iowa.

■ Sister Margaret Platte has been a member of the Regional Community of Detroit leadership team since 2002. She holds bachelor's degrees in English and Education from



Standing: Sister Margaret Platte, RSM and Sister Judith Frikker, RSM; Seated: Sister Gilmary Bauer, RSM (president) and Sister LuAnn Hannasch, RSM.

Mercy College of Detroit, a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Detroit and a master's in pastoral ministry from St. Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.

Sister Margaret served as a principal and teacher at middle schools in Michigan and Iowa for more than 20 years. She served in pastoral ministry at St. Mary Cathedral Parish in Gaylord for six years and then as director of pastoral care at McAuley Center, the Regional Community of Detroit's retirement center, for six years, during which time she was a member of the Farmington/Southfield Vicariate Pastoral Council. She serves on the board of Mercy Education Project in Detroit.

The Regional Community of Detroit is part of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, an international community of Roman Catholic sisters who address human needs through collaborative efforts in education, health care, housing, and pastoral and social services. The Detroit regional community includes 178 sisters and 42 associates serving in Michigan, Iowa and several other U.S. states.

The Sisters of Mercy have been an important part of the Farmington Hills community for more than 40 years. They built their administrative headquarters and Mercy High School at the corner of 11 Mile Road and Middlebelt in 1965. The campus also housed the corporate offices of Mercy Health Services. In 1984, the Sisters of Mercy consolidated their Iowa and Michigan facilities for retired sisters at McAuley Center on the 11 Mile Road campus. McAuley Center today is home to some 50 retired Sisters of Mercy.

In 1992, the Sisters sold a portion of Mercy Center to the city for what is now the William M. Costick Activities Center. In recent years, the Sisters of Mercy and the city have collaborated to plan environmental improvements to the shared campus.

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OUR VIEWS

Feud must end to save league

The Wayne Ford Civic League occupies an important place in Westland's history. Started by residents interested in making their hometown a better place, in its heyday, it was the hub of activities in the community.

Candidates met there to answer citizens' questions and to get the election day results. Mayors brought their supporters there for balls and even the police and firefighters rocked the rafters with parties. Long before the senior Friendship Center, seniors would fill the hall for their holiday parties.

There's no denying the civic league was at one time a great place, but now it's just an aging institution caught in a limbo filled with bickering and feuding and one side sitting and waiting for the other side to fail.

Even as late as a few years ago, the league was a shining star in the city, when it offered its ballfields for the circus after the Shriners were rebuffed by Westland Shopping Center.

But its reputation and fortunes were headed south when then league president Neal Greenfield was arrested in June 2004 for drug possession and stealing money from the building.

Depending on who you listen to, the league is struggling to maintain its kids' and senior programs since losing its bingo license after Greenfield's arrest. Others subscribe to a conspiracy theory that the goal for many years has been to sell the property for development.

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Now may be a good time for the two sides to call a truce and sit down to collectively figure out what it is they want to do with the civic league. If they want it to remain a viable part of the community, then they need to agree to work together to make that happen. If they can't do that, then it's time to call it quits.

The civic league can't go on as it is and forcing it to do so just to say I told you so is an insult to a once-proud institution. It's time to stop the bickering and feuding and do what's right for the Wayne Ford Civic League.

Make understanding music to our ears

Reach out and touch somebody's hand, make this world a better place, if you can ...

Those words of Motown legend Diana Ross in 1970 in her first solo hit form advice we all could use now, following the terrorist plot thwarted last week in Britain. Officials say a group of extremists had planned to blow up 10 airplanes headed to the U.S.

By now, we all know those officials were talking about a group of Muslim extremists. And with that ethnic designation, the line separating the area's Arab community from others in the metropolitan area got a lot less imaginary.

Yet it is our imaginings that are the real threat to peace in our Wayne and Oakland communities, such as Troy, which is known as the second most diverse city in the state, behind Ann Arbor. Or in cities like as West Bloomfield with its Jewish and Chaldean populations, and Canton with its mosque and Hindu temple.

Stereotypes about these groups live because they are nourished by anger and fear as we conjure up misdeeds, real or imagined, that fit within the amorphic outlines of misunderstanding.

Remember the World War II Japanese camps, created in reaction to an act of war? We now are at war again, a war with terrorists. But we must battle against another kind of war, a war of terror in which suspicion rampages within our communities.

It is not only our sons and daughters who are going off to war in Iraq and Afghanistan. We have our own war here at home, a war to fight prejudice by starving stereotypes.

We must look to the religious clergy to initiate dialogue, and to our schools to foster understanding.

That, however, isn't enough. We must all reach out to someone with a smile or a handshake, instead of a snarl.

Ultimately, bombs and bullets aren't what will create a better world for us all.



Parents, be responsible

Parents, talk to your kids about civic responsibility and destroying property. Recently our neighborhood was again vandalized by young people who had nothing better to do than destroy lawns, new trees and mailboxes.

It doesn't matter whether they are 3 or 23, they need to hear from you how you would feel if this happened to your property. They need to hear from you about the legal consequences if they got caught doing this. You need to go a step further and explain what kind of consequences they will face at home, such as losing their driver's license for six months (if they drive) or not being allowed to ride in a car with anyone other than you for six months.

Do you think they'll get the message that this type of behavior is wrong and won't be tolerated? Will this create more work for you? Of course it will, but that's what responsible parenting is all about. Talk to your kids!

Ronaele Bowman
Livonia

Thanks to volunteers

We won! While it may sound like a simple statement, it was the result of lots of hard work by many people. The incredible margin of victory was unexpected, and I wish to extend my gratitude to the Westland community for allowing my campaign for election as the 18th District State Representative to proceed to the general election.

Several "core volunteers," deserve a special mention:

Everyone who volunteered to distribute literature one or more times, or to work a polling place. We had the best volunteers a candidate could ever hope to have.

My wife Cheryl and our sons, Glenn and Gail, Ron and Cheryl, Jo and Ernie, Georgia, Deane, Paul and Sandra, and others for their daily assistance.

Erica Graunstadt and Ron Graunstadt who both operated their personal vehicles as refreshment wagons for the voting precincts. AMVET's Post 171 and their members for making it such an inviting place to assemble and to celebrate our victory. Our families, our friends, the UAW and other labor unions, the newspapers, the MEA and AFT teacher groups, and all of the other organizations who provided solid support throughout the campaign. Without a network of supporters and experienced people, the task is more difficult. Without family, it just doesn't work. We had nearly everyone on our side, and the results were indeed impressive.

Perhaps most of all State Rep. Glenn Anderson for his encouragement, endorsement and advice. He is a true friend, and if I am elected in November, he'll be a great resource for information.

The local candidates in this election did a good job of conducting election business during the past several months. Thank you to Former State Rep. Vince Petitpren for endorsing my campaign immediately after the results were posted. My hope is that residents who voted for him or Mr. Godbout might choose to join us for the November election. The General Election is now less than 11 weeks away. To those who voted on Aug. 8, I say thank you. To all residents, I encourage you to vote on Nov. 7.

Richard LeBlanc
candidate for State Representative

Politics, school vouchers

It was gratifying to read Hugh Gallagher's editorial on politics and school vouchers. Dick DeVos has cleverly distanced himself during this campaign from the failed attempt for school vouchers. In addition, he fails to mention Amway Corporation, from which his fortune came, or that his wife is the former state Republican chair. All the while claiming not to be a politician. Go figure!

The funds for public schools would most certainly be negatively affected by vouchers, one of Mr. DeVos' top priorities. As you pointed out, the public schools, which must accept and educate all children, are the backbone of the democracy and must be supported by the populace.

It is important for the state's electorate to realize the hidden agenda of his candidacy for governor. You have served this purpose well with your editorial.

Janet Muir
Farmington Hills

Get real in illegal immigration

I read Les Ostrander's comment to Sen. Debbie Stabenow in the Aug. 3 article ("Grumpies grill Stabenow on the issues") in which he said concerning illegal immigrants, "If we shoot these people, they'll figure it out and stop crossing the border. It's a radical but logical process."

My first thought when I read it was: "I wonder if he's really pleased that quote made it into the paper. Is he going to show it proudly to his kids, neighbors or people at his church?" Then I wondered what the senator thought. Did she ask herself, "What am I doing here talking to a group with a member who suggests we murder defenseless people?"

For goodness' sake folks, if you have the opportunity to grill a U.S. senator, at least give her logical suggestions - and maybe include a dose of compassion. I think most, if not all of us, want to stop illegal aliens from crossing our borders. They take American jobs and they can include criminals and even potential terrorists. But shooting anyone crossing the border on sight? Come on now. Let's be real.

Martin Johnson
Livonia

Whose interests, McCotter?

(A recent) letter regarding "Showing McCotter the Door" from Matt Haran brought forth only a few of the issues surrounding this man who claims to represent us as citizens. Mr. McCotter, when he is not practicing or on tour with his rock and roll band, is representing what is in the best interest for the Republican Party, not for us as his constituents.

As you fill your gas tanks with fuel costing \$3 a gallon and more, keep in mind that Mr. McCotter voted against cracking down on oil industry price gouging, and voted for the bill that gave billions to oil, gas and nuclear industries.

As you see your paycheck dwindle after tax deductions, keep in mind that we are supporting our troops at war with overpriced goods and services, which Mr. McCotter endorsed with his vote to continue the government no-bid contracts with Halliburton, even though Pentagon auditors confirmed overcharges and price gouging.

As you pass a bumper sticker shouting

"Support Our Troops" and agree that is the right thing to do, keep in mind that 40 percent of our reservists between the ages of 19 and 35 do not have health care coverage at all, and will not get it through the government, thanks to Mr. McCotter's vote against expansion of military health plans to reservists and National Guard.

As you feel content that the corruption is being weeded out of our government with the prosecution of those such as Tom DeLay, keep in mind that Mr. Cotter aligned his support with Mr. DeLay in 92 percent of his issues.

Is Mr. McCotter working in the best interest of you as a citizen in the 11th District by supporting high gas prices, wasting tax money in non-competitive contracts, and denying defenders of freedom health care for them and their families? Whose best interest is being supported by Mr. McCotter?

It is time for a change. Mr. McCotter needs to find the door and get out fast before it hits him in the rear.

Sandy Filippo
Livonia

Smokers' disorder

The little things matter. Here's another reason not to choose to smoke. It looks like smoking diminishes an individual's ability to grip items in their hands. This condition affects a majority of smokers - even those that have just chosen this behavior.

We all see afflicted smokers dropping cigarette butts on the ground without realizing what they have done. At times, the smokers' hands will even have muscle spasms. The other day, I witnessed a spasm from a driver who was smoking. The spasm resulted in a burning cigarette flying out the vehicle window. Certainly, the person would have picked up the litter had he known. This is a chronic condition. Evidence abounds at most traffic intersections and many public places throughout the country - take a look on the ground. Fortunately, this reduction of tactile control is immediately reversed when individuals stop smoking. It can also be controlled with awareness and practice.

Some smokers have been known to train themselves to use what is referred to as an "ashtray." Ashtrays are similar to garbage cans, but are designed to accept discarded cigarettes. I hear it is not difficult.

Scott Freeman
Farmington

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In governor's race, voters will be looking for 'hope'

The 2006 governor's race has primarily narrowed down to a race about jobs, who can save them and who can create them. The old theme of jobs, jobs, jobs and more jobs will permeate the airwaves for the next three-plus months.

As the election heats up and Gov. Jennifer Granholm revs up her campaign spending, I am certain we will hear a few other issues creep into the race, from abortion and the "extreme" views her challenger, Dick DeVos, promotes to the fact that he was a prime sponsor of the 2000 unsuccessful voucher program for failing public schools.

Both candidates and their "independent" support groups will spend millions of dollars getting their "jobs" message out. DeVos will promote his business acumen, stating that in these tough economic times we need a businessman who has made the tough decisions and has grown a business in today's global market. He will continue to be attacked for "exporting" or "outsourcing" Michigan jobs to China. He will be wrapped so tightly with President Bush that before the election is over you will think they are Siamese twins.

Granholm will tout her "plan" to diversify Michigan's economy and point to the landing of Google in Ann Arbor as exhibit A that the plan is working. She will be challenged every step of the way by the DeVos camp, which will point out that "Michigan remains in a single state recession." Voters will be asked the proverbial campaign question: "Are you better off now, than you were four years ago?" Before the election is over, you will think Granholm's middle name is "layoff" or "recession."

Yet, I believe that the candidate that will prevail in November will be the one that gives Michigan a reason to believe in itself again. Hope and faith in our future is what the voters want from the leader of our state.

Who will paint a believable picture of a shared vision and common agenda that will move us forward? Who do we truly believe cares about our children and grandchildren? Who do we believe, when the TV commercial lights are turned off, will truly stand up and fight for our future? Who can capture the core of hope? How do

Michigan and America are best when we believe in ourselves and have hope for the future. We need a true leader, not a cheerleader mouthing the old cheer "Lean to the left, lean to the right, stand up, sit down, fight, fight, fight!" We need to move past the historic political gamesmanship of the past and understand that we are fighting for our future.

We take the reality we face and make it work for the working people of Michigan? We need to believe that tomorrow will be better than yesterday, that our best days lie ahead and not behind us. We need to have a leader that can inspire confidence that we can build strong families and communities, not around "jobs of the future," but jobs for today.

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Michigan's gubernatorial races are historically close. We have chosen Democrats and Republicans. We want leaders that can inspire trust and hope, like Lincoln during the Civil War, FDR during the Great Depression, Kennedy during the Cuban Missile Crisis and Reagan during the Cold War.

We need leaders that can recapture our historic sense of innovation, ingenuity, creativity, hard work and opportunity for all.

As voters enter the voting booth, the names that will appear on the ballot will be DeVos and Granholm, but the voters will be looking for "Hope."

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There was nothing dreamy about the origins of the auto

This is Dream Cruise Week, a time when the automobile is exalted to unimaginable heights and placed on a pedestal of glorified nostalgia.

Even people who have had a hot-and-cold relationship with their vehicles, as I have, over the years, find it fascinating. Dream Cruise brings out some of the most remarkable cars ever created, as well as a host of interesting people.

But it's the cars that make the show. I have never found cars to be anything more than a means of transportation, which is what they originally were designed to be. The earliest cars were little more than metal boxes with wheels. They didn't work very well, either.

It didn't take long, however, for designers to embellish the vehicles with all manner of decorations ranging from flower vases to big chrome fenders. Engineers continually made improvements, replacing crank starters with switches and carburetors with fuel injection, among many, many other changes.

Owners did their part with such amenities as suicide knobs (remember them?) and fuzzy dice.

I do a lot of local historical research and inevitably the auto industry pops up. Everyone knows that the auto manufacturers played a critical role in the development of the whole metropolitan Detroit area. The early auto barons, like Henry Ford, the Dodge Brothers and William Durant, were fascinating people who amassed vast wealth and wielded the power of medieval kings.

Indeed, their factories grew to be fiefdoms populated by thousands of people who were little more than serfs. A lot is being made today of how workers' benefits have put a stranglehold on automakers' profits, but few speak about how that came about.

In the early days of the auto industry, working conditions in the plants were abysmal. They were excruciatingly hot in summer and dirty and dangerous all year round. The Dodge Brothers, who were two of the most colorful characters in Detroit's history, were considered among the better bosses by the workers. They were known to bring in kegs of beer for the workers on hot summer days.

Good for morale, questionable for quality control. But when the Dodge Brothers died — both within a year of each other — the workers held silent vigils.

Back in the plants, working conditions remained pretty awful. Aside from the dirty,

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dangerous conditions, workers were treated as chattel. If you wanted to keep your job, you were expected to supply "gifts" to the bosses. Attempts to form unions were crushed, often violently. If you were even suspected of union activity, you were summarily fired. Corporate spies operated through the plants, reporting on workers' activities. And if you happened to be black, you could expect to get the absolute worst jobs, such as working in the foundry.

Even so, the workers did unite. But not without a battle — sometimes literally. My mom was a nurse's aid years ago and she remembers seeing union organizers being brought into the emergency room, bloody and beaten.

Eventually the pendulum swung, and unions — for better or worse — took up a dominant role in the plants. But they remained a tough environment. My father was a Chrysler plant manager in the 1960s and he used to tell me the most incredible stories. (One guy brought a spear to work. He wasn't planning on hurting anyone. He just wanted to practice throwing it on the roof.)

The auto plants have always been a tough place. My dad made it clear to us that he didn't want any of his kids working there. My brother did end up at a Chevrolet plant, but as an electrician in skilled trades. Even so, it was a grueling, dangerous job.

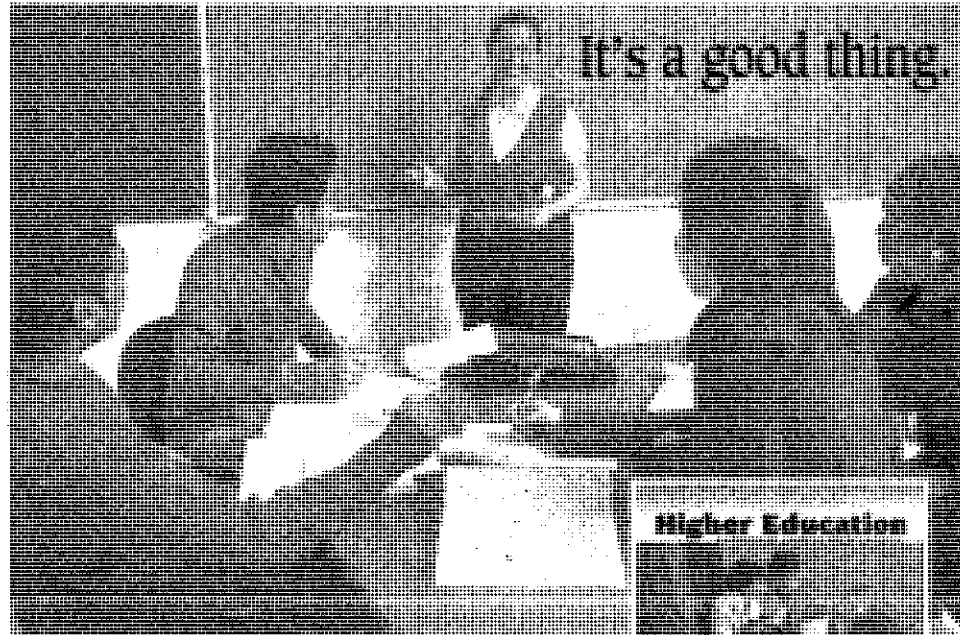
In a way, the automobile has brought out the best and worst in our society. It was created by brilliant businessmen and engineers and powered by hard-working individuals, some of whom gave their lives for their jobs.

Think about that, too, as you watch the classic cars roll down Woodward.

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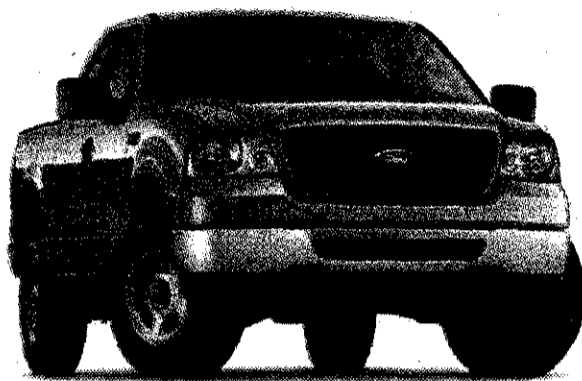
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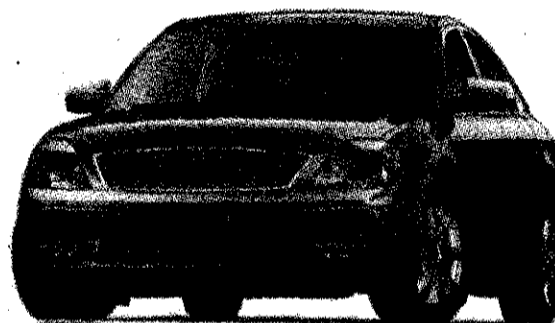


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At 90, CRC still leading source for analysis of public issues

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

In November, Michigan voters will decide on five and possibly six state ballot issues. Serious voters will turn to the Citizens Research Council of Michigan for detailed, well-researched and balanced analysis of the issues before casting their ballots.

For 90 years, the CRC has been providing credible research on public issues that has won the respect and endorsement of political leaders across the spectrum.

"We have three essential principles that we operate by," said Earl Ryan, CRC president, "accuracy, objectivity and independence, and we think that adherence to those three principles will result in credibility and I think that is what the council is known for."

The CRC, now with offices in Livonia and Lansing, began March 22, 1916, at the height of the Progressive Movement as the Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research (the name was changed in 1951). Civic-minded business leaders such as Joseph Crowley of Crowley Milner Department Store, Norval Hawkins of Ford Motor Co. and Sidney Miller of the Miller, Canfield law firm were on the initial board.

"It was the faith of the early organization that good facts would lead to better decisions that would lead to better government. That belief is basically our mission," Ryan said.

Policy makers, state legislators, media, business leaders and academics have all made use of the CRC. On its Web site www.crcmich.org, the organization includes some testimonials that show the range of support for CRC's research.

Former Gov. John Engler wrote: "I have had a long relationship using the publications of the Citizens Research Council ... you do a lot of good work here and we appreciate the support that keeps this operation so vital and relevant to the debates in Lansing, to Michigan's economic future and the Michigan's future, period."

Michael Flanagan, Michigan superintendent of Public Instruction, said: "Its consistent record of objectivity and thoroughness has made the CRC a high-quality and immensely credible resource for policy makers at the state

and local leadership levels."

COMMUNITY LEADERS

CRC has been involved in research for the state's Constitutional Convention of 1963, research leading to adoption Wayne County's charter in 1981 and research leading in 1996 to new methods of distributing Community Health funds.

"We make a real effort to be objective, and by objective I don't mean piling up 10 pros and 10 cons. Objectivity to me is the habit of mind where you draw your conclusions from a fair assessment of all the available facts rather than tailoring the facts to meet some preordained conclusion," Ryan said.

The CRC is still an organization of concerned community leaders. The 72-member Board of Trustees forms the membership in the nonprofit organization. Members come from the business, media, academic and legal communities and reflect a diversity of viewpoints. Patrick J. Ledwidge of Dickinson Wright law firm is the chairman.

A 27-member Board of Directors, chaired by Kent Vana of the Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett law firm, formulates policy, selects the president, approves the budget and approves the research agenda.

"There are three ways where something can get on the research agenda," Ryan said. "There are certain things we always do. We always analyze every statewide ballot issue, which is what we're doing right now. We maintain an outline of the Michigan tax system. We monitor the state budget. These are things that we do on an ongoing basis."

CRC also gets requests from businesses, legislative assistants and governmental organizations. The Board of Directors has to determine if the organization, with a staff of eight plus an intern and a budget of \$925,000, is able to spend the time and resources on a particular project.

"Does it have broad public interest or does it reflect narrow public interest? Is it significant, does it reflect something that most residents of Michigan should be concerned about?" Ryan said. "If the board says we approve, then it becomes the province of the staff. The next time the board sees it is when it's released to

the public. There is no prior approval."

Funding comes from annual contributions from the business community and foundation grants. Ryan said the organization is also building on a \$3 million endowment.

BALLOT ISSUES

The CRC is currently looking at two of the most controversial ballot issues, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative and the Stop Overspending (SOS) initiative, which is still pending ballot approval.

Ryan said Tom Clay, the former state budget director and now CRC director of state affairs in Lansing, will be analyzing the SOS proposal "sentence by sentence." The proposal would prohibit state legislators from receiving pension and retirement benefits and limit state spending. Ryan said Clay would examine the impact of taking legislators off the state pension plan and also provide a comparison with other states that have already

imposed similar tax and spending limitations.

The organization will release its report on the controversial anti-affirmative action proposal shortly.

"We have looked at other states, done a legal history of affirmative action racial programs dating back to the Civil War," Ryan said. "We take race issues from the Civil War to the (U.S. Supreme Court) Michigan decision of 2003," Ryan said.

Ryan, a Northville resident, has been president of CRC since 1996. With degrees in political science from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University, Ryan began working with CRC in 1967 before leaving for positions in Michigan state government and public research organizations in Louisiana and Indiana.

CRC was located in Detroit until 1995 when it moved to Farmington Hills. In 1998, the organization moved to its current office on Six Mile in



Citizens Research Council of Michigan president Earl Ryan (left) talks with staff member Eric Lupter during a meeting in their Livonia office.

Livonia. It also has a two-person Lansing office.

"It's a good spot for us," Ryan said. "We don't view Detroit as our focal point, it's one of the governments we look at but we view the state of Michigan as our target."

And CRC research is avail-

able to all residents of the state at its Web site www.crcmich.org.

When the CRC Board of Trustees holds the annual meeting Sept. 29, Ryan said they will take a few minutes to mark the group's 90th anniversary.

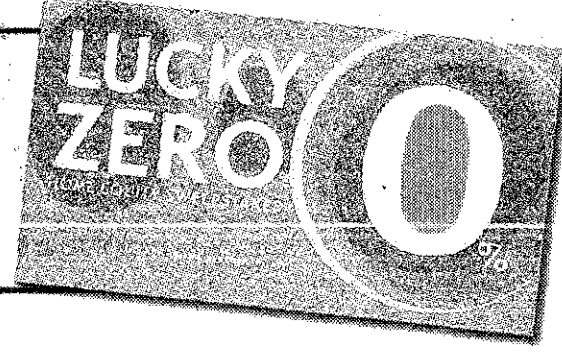
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St. Michael
St. Michael Lutheran Preschool at 3003 Hannon, Wayne, is accepting registration for the upcoming school year. Openings are available for three-four-year-olds in both the morning and afternoon sessions. For more information or to make an appointment to visit the school, call (734) 728-3315.

Willow Creek
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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.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

Case #1367B - Site Plan Approval for Mobil Service Station Renovation, 125 S. Merriman Road, Parcel #069-99-0005-001, Southeast Corner of Merriman Road and Cherry Hill Road, Bill Goodream (Jihad Dabaja)

Case #1371B - Site Plan Approval for Proposed Addition to Westland Veterinary Hospital, Parcel #015-03-0001-001, East Side of Wayne Road, North of Warren Road, Dr. Sharon Lawrenchuk

Case #1889B - Proposed Land Division Parcel #047-99-0007-001, Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill Road, East of Newburgh Road, Neil D. Cowling

Case #1980A - Site Plan Approval for Proposed Maida Woods Site Condominiums, Parcels #079-99-0043-000, -0048-000, -0049-000 and Parts of Parcels #079-99-035-003, -0036-703 and -0037-001, South of Palmer Road between John Hix Road and Hannan Road, Douglas S. Monroe

Case #2156 - Proposed Land Division, Parcel #021-99-0023-001, West Side of Newburgh Road, South of Joy Road, George Berry

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2006.

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

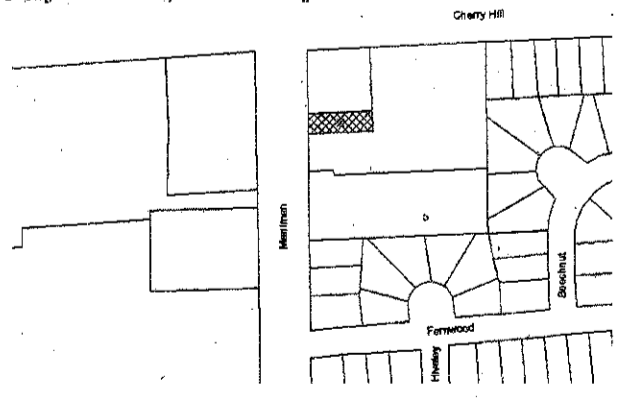
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WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Case #1367D - Public Hearing for Proposed Rezoning from CB-3, General Commercial to CB-4, Vehicle Service, Part of Parcel #089-99-0006-003, East Side of Merriman, South of Cherry Hill Road, Jihad Dabaja



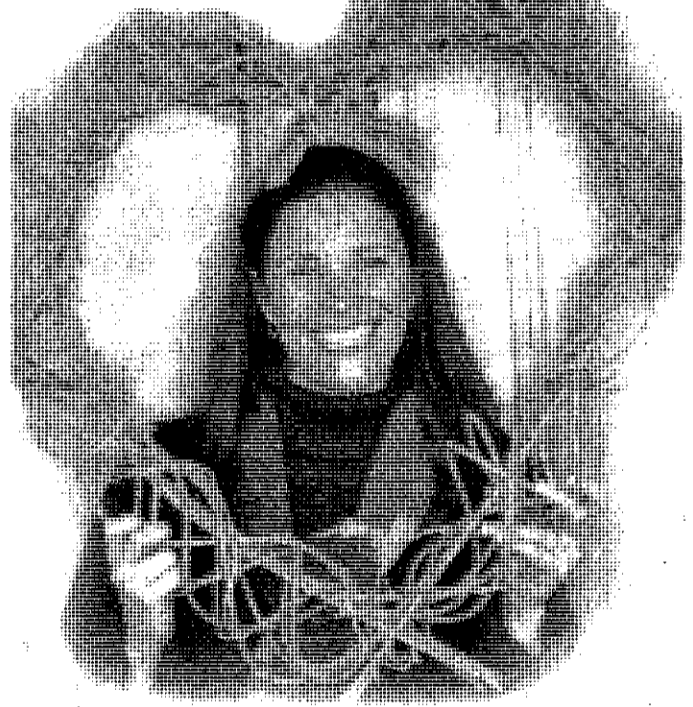
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AUGUST

God's Family in ACTION

Vacation Bible School continues 6-9 p.m. to Friday, Aug. 18, at Trinity Church of Livonia. Preschool, elementary, junior high and adult classes offered (fellowship meal at 6 p.m.). Music, singing, crafts, puppets, food and fellowship centered around the book of ACTS. To register send e-mail to TrinSunSchool@aol.com, or call (734) 425-2800, or (313) 541-3892. When registering leave parents name(s), child's name(s) and ages, and phone number.

Vacation Bible school

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Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

Rummage sale

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 17-18, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 19, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

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Conference

The Ministry of the Watchman International present the 11th annual Power & Glory of God Conference Aug. 17-20, at University of Michigan-Dearborn/Fairlane Center, 19000 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17 (some afternoon meetings at 1 p.m.). Special Healing School and Miracle Service 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. For complete schedule, call (800) 560-9240 or visit www.ministryofthe-

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Glow golf

7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at Fun Zone, 41953 Ford Road, Canton. Cost is \$17 and includes one round of glow golf (indoor miniature golf played under black lights), and pizza and pop. Advance ticket not required but appreciated. Presented by Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church. Call (248) 374-5920.

Breakfast meeting

Saturday, Aug. 19, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations. For information, call (734) 513-9479.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at Nankin Mills administration office parking lot on Hines Drive, one mile east of Farmington Road, Westland. Single Point (age 30 and older) bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are wel-

come. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Bridge club

7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, presented by single adult ministries at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No fee or registration required. Call (248) 374-5920.

Pig roast

Sunday, Aug. 20, in Papp Park, Taylor. Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations. Cost is \$20. For details, call (313) 996-8644.

Outdoor volleyball

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, and every Tuesday, at Rotary Park on Six Mile, between Merriman and Farmington roads, Livonia. Male and female Single Point Ministries (age 30 and up) of every skill level. Just stop by and mention Single Point Ministries. Call (248) 374-5920.

Hands on handbells

No experience necessary for this refresher course in basis ringing skills 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24 in the Holy Trinity Bell Loft in the Lutheran church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Learn to read music 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, in the choir room. Call (734) 464-0211.

Rummage sale

Clean and usable items needed for rummage sale Aug. 24-26, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. For more information, call (734) 721-3599.

Casting call

The Passion Play of Detroit is seeking volunteer cast and crew members to participate in a dramatic depiction of Jesus Christ and the events surrounding His death burial and resurrection in "HE'S ALIVE." Bring your talent and passions to this impacting community outreach at the vision/casting meeting 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, and 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Revival Outreach Center, 16115 Beck, between Five and Six Mile roads, Northville. Passion Play Ministries International is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to equipping people from all nations with the greatest hope message the world has ever known. Visit www.passion-play.org or call (248) 246-6391.

Lighthouse Cafe

7-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, cards, board games, ping pong, specialty coffees, snacks and music, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. \$5 payable at the door. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

Free concert

Members of Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations, will meet at the fountain for a free concert featuring Steve King and the Dittlies 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, in Kellogg Park, Plymouth. Call (734) 513-9479.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Kensington Metropark, Milford. Single Point (age 30 and older) 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.

Women's fellowship

International cuisine potluck 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Room C317 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Guest speaker is Lydia from Taiwan who speaks on how she came to the Lord. Please bring a family dish from your ethnic background. For more information, call Single Point Ministries office at (248) 374-5920.

Allen Family concert

Featuring Todd Allen, his wife Michelle and their eight children 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, at First Baptist Church of Farmington, 33400 Shiawassee. Call (248) 474-0350, Ext. 221.

Mom2Mom sale

Table renters wanted for sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood. \$1 admission. Bake sale. Cost is \$25 for 6-ft. table, \$30 for 8-ft. table. Call Rhonda Harris for rental reservations or more information (734) 532-7818 or send e-mail to Harrisar@aol.com.

UPCOMING

Lifeworks

Dick Bont continues his series on creating and recreating relationships 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No registration or cost for this event. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920. Presented by Single Point Ministries (30 years and older).

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Nankin Mills administration office parking lot on Hines Drive, one mile east of Farmington Road, Westland. Single Point (age 30 and older) 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

Bethany Suburban West presents a dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 2 (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster road. Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Call (734) 261-5716 for information.

Catholic programs

You've been coming to Catholic liturgies for years with your spouse, but just haven't taken the plunge to become Catholic yourself. The opportunity has arrived at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington road, Livonia. Sept. 5th sees the start of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for those who would like to become Catholic. Call David Conrad, Director of Faith Formation, at (734) 425-5950 to discuss your conversion journey and begin formal entrance into the Catholic Church.

Fall program

Explore contemporary moral issues via sci-fi. Morality, conscience, human dignity - the Catholic Church's understanding of these topics shapes her understanding of today's hot topics: euthanasia, assisted suicide, the theory of just war, stem cell research, and more. Join us for an explanation and exploration of these and other topics using sci-fi episodes starting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Remarried workshop

7-8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, to Dec. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. This course is a must for any couples thinking about remarriage or already remarried. We can assist couples in blending families, parenting issues, communications, and finances. Call (248) 374-7400 for more information. No charge. Come for 1 session or all 13.

Prosperity program

Stretton Smith's 4 T Prosperity Program 8 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 6 to Nov. 22, at unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Sign-up fee including book is \$35.. Call (734) 421-1760.

Mom2Mom sale

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School in Redford. Admission \$1 per adult. Strollers welcome. If you are interested in renting a table at the sale, there are still some available. Call (313) 415-1977.

Bible study

Explore the Gospel of Mark, chapters 8:22 to 16:8 Thursdays for eight weeks beginning Sept. 7, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Vendors wanted

For Yard and Craft Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Denton Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton, Belleville. Space available indoors and outdoors. Call (734) 941-2378 or (734) 495-0811.

Remembrance service

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, Redford, will hold a service of prayer, music, and scripture 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, marking the 5th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. Please join us in worshipping our Lord and Savior as we commemorate/remember lives that were lost and place ourselves in God's hands. Any questions, call (313) 937-2415, or e-mail jmanor@hosannatabor.org.

Spirituality of aging

A look at our spirituality and our purpose in live now, at this age and time, with Sister Arlene Kosmatka, O.P. beginning 9:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Brunch praise and worship

Fall Into The Arms Of Jesus with speaker Robin Sullivan at Brunch, Praise & Worship, Fellowship 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Sheraton Hotel on Haggerty, Novi. \$18 per person by Sept. 8, \$22 at the door if available. Order at Robinsullivan.com or by phone at (248) 921-5453. Limited seating.

Re-marriage retreat

Remarried Ministries present a weekend getaway to Maranatha Retreat and Conference Center in Muskegon Sept. 22-24. Cost is \$299 per couple and includes two nights lodging, five meals, speakers Brent and Bonnie Keen, music by Bonnie Keen. Campfires, fun and fellowship. Remarried couples can call (248) 374-5912.

Religious education

Registration now being accepted for children's religious education on Sundays, sessions begin Sept. 24, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. Attend 9:30 a.m. Mass as a family on Sunday followed by separate education sessions for children and adults that runs until noon.

Mom2Mom sale

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at

Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood. \$1 admission. Bake sale. Call (734) 421-8628.

Crafters needed

Riverside Park Church of God is sponsoring a craft bazaar Oct. 21 at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. If you would like to purchase a table for this event, contact the church office to register at (734) 464-0990.

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, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Riverside Park Church

A new study of each book of the Bible began at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh and Plymouth, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-0990 or visit www.rpcog.org. This will include who authored it, the history and the how it applied then and now.

Personal ministry

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

Farmington Women Aglow

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

Bible and playtime

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

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, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430, and 4101 E. Joy, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

Worship schedule

New schedule continues to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, summer worship, coffee hour follows in Fellowship Hall. Sunday school has been canceled for the summer, nursery is still available for infant through 2-years old, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

TOPS

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

Learner's Bible study

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, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. Call (734) 937-2233.

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 2006-07 school year, at 9600 Laverne, Redford. After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 and older 11:30 a.m. the third Friday of the month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship, games and stories.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for 44 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; 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.

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HELENE ELAINE PIETILA

(nee Maatta). Age 86, of West Bloomfield, formerly of Farmington Hills, passed away Friday, August 11th. She was the beloved wife of the late Henry; dearest mother of Robert (Marion) and Keith (Loretta); loving grandmother of Kristen, Hilary, Christopher (Robyn) Krekeler, Alex and Megan; dear great-grandmother to Max, Sam, Gabriella, and Isabella. Helen was born April 24, 1920 in Ishpeming, Michigan. She was preceded in death by 9 brothers and sisters. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 19th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48335. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the church are welcome. "QUIET PEOPLE ARE WELCOME EVERYWHERE". Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

JENNIE L. WORLEY

August 15, 2006, age 73. Beloved wife of Paul. Dear mother of Cheryl (Gordon) Mack and Paul (Karen) Worley. Grandmother of Katie and Phillip, sister of Madonna Colip. Visitation Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 Five Mile, 1 mile W. of Farmington Rd., Thursday 1-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral Service First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, (W. of Sheldon), Friday 11 am (Visitation 10 am). Memorials to American Cancer Society or Angela Hospice.

JOSEPH BURCH

Age 89, August 11, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Vera (Meagher). Loving father of Richard, Daniel, Joseph, Jeannette Oehrlein, Marcella Sanborn, and Rita Hall. Dear grandfather of 24 and great grandfather of 20. Brother of the late Frank Bachynski, Emily Campeau, and Victor Bachynski. A Funeral Mass was held Monday, August 14, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, Garden City. Arrangements by the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City.

LUCILLE W. SLOAN

Age 87, widow of Samuel Winfred Sloan, died Monday, August 14, in Lexington, KY. Born in Big Stone Gap, VA, she was a daughter of the late Robert Jackson and Margaret Graham Wilson. Devoted to her family, she was a wonderful homemaker and seamstress. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Faulkner of Lexington; grandchildren Katherine Faulkner, Carolyn Hankins, Kelly Stewart, and Laura Keefe; three great grandchildren; and son-in-law, Jon Reynolds. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Donna Reynolds. A private memorial service will be held in Mannington, West Virginia. milwardfuneral.com

OLIVE VIRGINIA BRASCH

Passed away on August 11, 2006. She was born on December 30, 1917 in Martinsburg, West Virginia. She was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church of Birmingham. Wife of the late Ellis H. Brasch. Mother of Ellis H. Brasch, Jr. of Oregon and Jeffrey P. Brasch (Debra) of Missouri. Grandmother of Kari, Tyler, Hillary, Seth, Hannah and Nicholas. Great Grandmother of Aidan and Kiley. Sister of Elizabeth Shade and Paul Shade. Aunt of Greg and Lisa. Funeral service at the William R. Hamilton Co., 820 East Maple, Birmingham, Thursday, August 17, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. Visitation one hour before service. Pastor Cary M. Richert of Redeemer Lutheran Church of Birmingham officiating. Interment to follow in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy, MI.

OLGA CHRISTINE ERICKSON WRIGLEY

Age 88, passed away August 1, 2006. She was born March 19, 1918, in Detroit to Charles Watt and Jane Streator Erickson. She graduated from Miss Newman's Private School for Girls; attended the University of Michigan, was a member of Collegiate Sorosis sorority, and graduated in 1939 with a major in English Literature. She and Leslie, high school and college sweethearts, were blessed to celebrate 50 wonderful years of marriage. Olga was a lifelong member of the (Episcopalian) Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, member of the Jenny Lind Club (Swedish) of Michigan, actively involved in the Daughters of the American Revolution-Louisa St. Clair Chapter, Detroit Association of University of Michigan Women, Detroit Alumnae of Collegiate Sorosis, Chairman of the Torch Drive for the United Foundation in Indian Village, Indian Village Garden Club, Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, The Women's City Club, past member of the Detroit Athletic Club, Recess Club and Detroit Boat Club. She and Leslie had a great appreciation of fine art. In 1960 they opened the Kenilworth Art Gallery on Pierce Street in Birmingham and later moved the gallery to Grosse Pointe, where they lived. Later she became a member of the Grosse Pointe Women's Republican Club, an alternate delegate of the Republican county and state conventions, charter member of the Republican Committee, member of the Grosse Pointe Boat Club, the Miami Circle for the University of Miami, Florida, and The Captain's Circle of Princess Cruise Lines. She is survived by daughters, Anne (Thomas) Molecky and Alice (Andrew) Baetz; son Leslie (Robin) Wrigley, Jr.; grandchildren, Cheryl Baetz (Mark) Pennings, Michelle Baetz (Michael) Kunzler and Christopher Baetz; great grandchildren Michael and Erickson Kunzler; niece, Rebecca Rutherford (David) Ebershoff and nephew Charles (Ann) Rutherford. She was predeceased by her husband Leslie Grainge Wrigley, and her sister Rebecca Jane (Robert) Rutherford. On Friday August 25, a private interment will be at the Erickson family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery with Chaplain Lauren Cousineau of St. Anne's Mead officiating. Her memorial service will be at St. Anne's Mead Retirement Home (16106 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield) in the Hollingshead Room at 1:45 PM. Rev. Steven Kelly, Rev. Dr. Barton DeMerchant, Rev. Dr. Nancy Turner Jones and Rev. Canon William Logan will be officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit; St. John's Episcopal Church, Southfield; or St. Anne's Mead.

ROBERT "BOB" PISTONETTI

Age 81, August 14, 2006. Beloved husband of Thelma. Loving father of Denise, Lynn (James) Harvey, Candace (Steve) Woodward, and John Brinkley. Proud grandfather of Devon and Tony. Dear brother of Eleanor Piantoni, brother-in-law of Lloyd Hissong and Paul (Margie) Smith. A memorial gathering will be on Saturday, 10am, until time of service, 11:30am, from McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

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ROBERT H. ZIMMERMANN

Age 81, a resident of Bingham Farms for 58 years, passed away on August 12, 2006. Bob was born in Saint Petersburg, Florida on April 1, 1925. Mr. Zimmermann was President of Hoge-Warren-Zimmermann, a construction company in Detroit. He was a Pharmacist-Mate in the United States Navy during WWII serving in the South Pacific Theatre of Operations. He attended Kenyon College in Ohio Bob was a member of Bloomfield Open Hunt Club and served as a director for several years. He served as Bingham Farms Councilman for 33 years and also enjoyed sailing & private flying. Mr. Zimmermann is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lillian H. Zimmermann; daughter, Sarah (Jack) Michael of Beverly Hills, MI; son, Craig Zimmermann of Bingham Farms, MI; grandchildren, Amy and Gary; and brother, Richard M. Zimmermann. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Wm. R. Hamilton Co. of Birmingham: 248-644-6000

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GOP's Johnson hits campaign trail

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
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Two days after being given the nod to be Republican gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos' running mate, Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson is already out campaigning as a member of the team.

Monday morning, the DeVos camp named Johnson as the lieutenant governor candidate on the GOP ticket this November. Democratic Governor Jennifer Granholm is sticking with her current lieutenant governor, John Cherry Jr.

"Ruth Johnson joins the team for change ready to help lead Michigan's turnaround," DeVos said in a press release. "Her decades of public service at the state level and in Michigan's second largest county make her qualified to assume the governorship if necessary."

Johnson said she's honored to be on the DeVos ticket. What she brings to that ticket, she said, is experience.

"I bring local and state legislative experience," she said. "I



Johnson

know how the system works and how to get things done."

Before being elected to the county clerk position, Johnson was a six-year member of the

Michigan House of Representatives as well as a 10-year member of the

Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Things are going rapidly. Just a day after being announced as DeVos' running mate, she and the candidate were on their way to the Escanaba State Fair to press the flesh with the 100,000 plus people expected there.

While the needs and wants of the Upper Peninsula are going to be different than those in Troy and West

Bloomfield, there are a lot of issues that are the same on either side of the bridge.

"We're in a single-state recession," Johnson said. "Michigan is at the bottom of the list in every category. Foreclosures are extremely high, unemployment is extremely high and young people are leaving the state. They want to work here but we don't have jobs."

She said she would like for

her 7-year-old daughter to stay in Michigan for college and a career, but she might not make that choice if the state's direction does not change.

"DeVos has a track record of success and he's got a good plan," Johnson said.

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said he put Johnson on a short list of likely choices for the DeVos pick.

"He's a west-side male and she's an east-side female," he said. "It gives geographic and gender balance to the ticket."

She also comes with her own set of credentials, which helps

to balance the fact that DeVos has never done anything in the public sector.

Patterson said the balance of a woman on the ticket and someone with government experience is another in a line of good campaign choices by the GOP candidate.

"DeVos has done a good job of getting his name out there," Patterson said. "The economy is terrible and the governor can't seem to do anything about it. This is a horse race."

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THE DELI CHANGES HANDS

Thomas Gallant is the new owner of The Deli on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Each day, he's welcoming new and returning customers.

His plan? Gallant hopes to draw people in with a new menu of gourmet goods - from fresh subs to salads and imported chocolates.

He described the process of taking over the business as nothing short of a "dream becoming a reality," and added that he made the move with help from his friend and family.

"The Deli is generating a lot of attention," Gallant said. He's making changes to the menu and offering a new variety of gourmet sandwiches. Corned beef is cooked on-site, and fresh bread for the sandwiches is baked daily at Cantoros Italian Bakery.


Gallant also serves homemade soups, chili and salads. Party-planners can order a 3-foot Italian party sub for \$35, enough to feed up to 18 guests. Meat and cheese platters are also available, at \$4.49 per person, with an 8-person minimum.

Right now, customers can take advantage of a special and purchase a sandwich, chips and a can of soda pop for \$5.99 plus tax.

Small boxed lunch specials include bologna, salami or grilled cheese sandwiches. Coffee-lovers can order a cup of joe or - coming soon - an espresso. Satisfy a sweet tooth with a homemade dessert or European chocolates. Gallant is also planning new rotating menu items including Po boys, muffuletta, Philly steaks and vegetarian fare.


The Deli is located at 20235 Middlebelt Road, south of 8 Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (248) 442-7827.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. E-mail tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@hometownlife.com or call (734) 953-2054.




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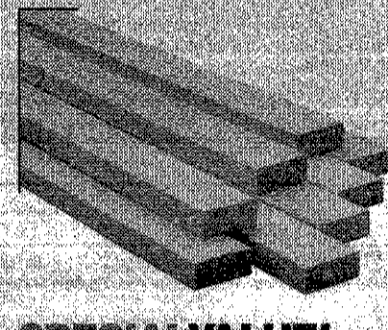


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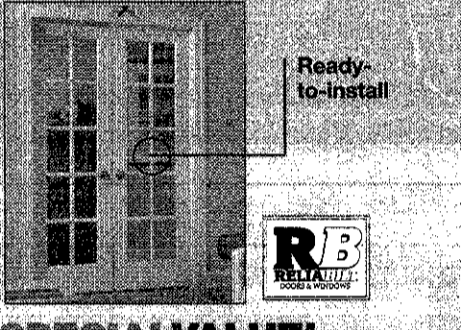
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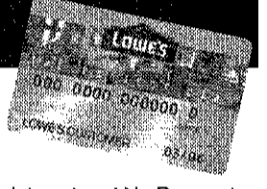
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