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Artists Andrea Irwin and Martine MacDonald show off one of four Andy Warhol style paintings Irwin has done as part of the Downriver Council for the Arts exhibit, "Resurrected Voices: The Eloise Cemetery Project." The two women are curators of a multi-media exhibit that honors the more than 7,000 people buried in the cemetery.

Art exhibit tells story of Eloise Cemetery

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It's not easy to find the Eloise Cemetery, nestled among some pine trees off Henry Ruff in Westland's south end. But somehow Andrea Irwin did when a day trip to visit antique stores along Michigan Avenue was short-circuited by a power outage. When she saw the cemetery, she immediately thought of her friend Martine MacDonald who, she knew, was doing drawings of Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Wyandotte. It led to a conversation about their collaborating on an art project related to the cemetery and ended up as a multi-media exhibit that opens later this month at the Downriver

Council for the Arts in Taylor. "It was like something out of the *Twilight Zone*; if the power hadn't gone out, I wouldn't have gone there and I wouldn't have had a conversation with Martine," Irwin said. "I feel some of those souls wanted their story to be told." The goal of the exhibition is "to give some honor to these individuals who, when they were alive, were marginalized," said MacDonald, the DCA gallery education coordinator. Titled "Resurrected Voices: The Eloise Cemetery Project," the exhibition will feature 40 pieces of original artwork, while the opening ceremony Thursday, Oct. 19, will include poetry readings and music, also



A participating artist placed a flower near one of the graves in the Eloise Cemetery to paint for the show.

PLEASE SEE ELOISE, A5

Judge orders prison time in salon shooting

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A gunman who opened fire in a Westland nail salon where his wife worked will spend 12 1/2 to 25 years in prison for trying to kill her boss. Andy Nguyen, convicted of trying to kill his wife's boss for refusing to fire her, learned his fate Friday during his sentencing by Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow. Nguyen went to Golden Nails salon, near Merriman and Cherry Hill, and fired a .40-caliber handgun during a struggle with owner Dung Hoang on the afternoon of Feb. 28. On Friday, Hoang commended the sentence imposed by Morrow. "I am very happy about it," Hoang said, reached by telephone at his salon. Nguyen's sentencing came after a Wayne County jury in August convicted him of assault with intent to murder and felony firearms. Aside from his sentence for trying to kill Hoang, Nguyen will spend an additional two years in prison for the felony firearms conviction, according to a clerk in Morrow's courtroom. Nguyen's wife no longer works at the salon, Hoang said Friday. Nguyen, a Dearborn Heights resident, was upset that his estranged wife wouldn't quit

her job, and he had earlier threatened to kill her, said now-retired Westland police Sgt. James Dexter. Nguyen went to Golden Nails, confronted Hoang, pointed a handgun at his face and pulled the trigger, but police said it didn't initially fire. He again tried to get the gun to fire as he and Hoang began struggling near the back of the salon, where Hoang had been eating lunch, Dexter said. Hoang was hit on the head with the gun, and Nguyen then fired several shots into the ceiling and wall. One bullet grazed Hoang's head, Dexter has said. Hoang managed to subdue Nguyen and seize the gun from him as Nguyen's wife and others fled the salon, police have said. Ultimately, Nguyen fled the salon through a back door, but police captured him as he ran around to the front parking lot of the strip mall where Golden Nails is located. A jury in August heard testimony for part of two days. Jurors returned a guilty verdict Aug. 30 — the same day they started their deliberations, police Sgt. Michael Harhold has said. Harhold, who handled the case after Dexter retired, has called the verdict "appropriate and just."

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Here's chance to win a fabulous shopping spree

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and area merchants are teaming up to send six lucky winners on a home shopping spree. It's all part of *Fabulous Living 2006* to be featured in our HometownLIFE.com section on Thursdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26. You could be one of six lucky winners who will receive a \$1,000 gift certificate to shop at **Pine Tree Lighting**, 1447 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion; **Mason Family Furniture**, 32104 Plymouth Road, Livonia; **World of Floors**, 43711 Ford Road, Canton and 29321 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; **Value City Furniture** (Westland — 37001 Warren Road; Dearborn — 5701 Mercury Drive; Warren — 29134 Van Dyke Avenue; Novi — 43620 West Oaks Drive; Taylor — 23859 Eureka Road; and Utica — 45350

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Observer & Eccentric Newspapers or online at www.hometownlife.com. Be sure to read HometownLIFE.com on Oct. 5 for stories and information on news styles in furniture. The Oct. 12 edition will feature information on flooring, window treatments and walls. Need information on what's new in kitchens and bathrooms, see the Oct. 19 edition of HometownLIFE.com. The final installment of *Fabulous Living 2006* will feature stories and information about home entertainment centers, game rooms, great rooms, sun rooms and much more. When you visit participating merchants, be sure to look for the *Fabulous Living 2006* in-store display and entry forms. Complete contest rules are available at participating merchants.

School board voices support for Prop 5

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland school board has gone on record in support of school funding proposal that will be before voters in the November general election. The board voted 6-0, with Trustee Steve Beecher absent, to support Proposal 5, the K-16 funding proposal, for "the benefit of the public education community and all public education students in the State of Michigan." "I'm very proud of this district and this board for adopting this resolution," said Trustee Ed Turner. "State fund-

ing has been lacking the last five years and it's time citizens wake up to the fact." The proposal, if approved would increase current funding for public education and require the state to provide increases equal to the rate of inflation for public schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges and higher education, including state universities and financial aid/grant programs. It also would require the state to fund deficiencies in the School Aid Fund from the General Fund, base funding for districts with declining enroll-

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Local man has spot in 'Detroit SWAT'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Jason Brasgalla, a Detroit Police officer raised in Livonia, will be among those featured in an A&E network show called Detroit SWAT.

The series follows real-life situations that police officers encounter as members of a Special Weapons and Tactics team. It began with a focus on Dallas officers and is expanding its series this season to include both Detroit and Kansas City.

Detroit SWAT premieres at 10 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5, on A&E.

Brasgalla is a longtime Wayne County resident. He attended St. Paul's School in Farmington and Lutheran Westland High School in Westland before joining the Marine Corps. Infantry Unit.

Brasgalla, 29, said his military training prepared him for urban warfare, and provided him the discipline necessary for a career in law enforcement.

He considers the four years he spent in the U.S. Marine Corps. to be the equivalent of college education. He drew from those skills and joined the Detroit Police Department in 2000. From the start Brasgalla became interested in joining the department's Special Response Team.

He recalled a Discovery Channel documentary that highlighted Detroit's Special Response Team.

"When I was in the academy, they were the elite team," said Brasgalla. "I thought it was so cool. I wanted to be a part of that. That was what I did."

Though the department generally requires three years of experience before an officer can try out for the SRT, Brasgalla got the green light with just over two and a half years of service in Detroit. When he joined, Brasgalla was its youngest member.

DEMANDING WORK

The work requires physical strength, precision with weapons and confidence, according to Brasgalla. Members of the team - there are currently 21 - endure a physical test every quarter. They can run an average of three miles in 22 minutes and must remain in peak condition.

They are expert shooters, can handle multiple weapons and are often called upon to teach classes within the department. "People look to you for advice," Brasgalla said.

With all that training, he never quite imag-

ined his work would lead to a reality television show. Executive producers from A&E Television Network approached the Detroit Police Department with the idea.

Executive producers from A&E Television Network approached the Detroit Police Department with the idea. By April, a camera crew began following the Special Response Team on the job. Cameras are still rolling, in fact.

Brasgalla and the other members of the team were able to watch a sneak preview of Detroit SWAT. While he can't discuss the show's storylines, he's happy with the result.

"They did a good job," he said. "They don't lie. They don't make it look too Hollywood." That was important to all involved, Brasgalla said.

"We take our job really seriously. We were not there to please the cameras."

The filming took some adjustment, said Brasgalla, especially in the beginning. "At first, they followed us everywhere."

REALITY OF REALITY TV

The SRT members feel responsible for the safety of the camera operators filming them. In that sense, Brasgalla said, he'll be happy when his job returns to normal.

The reality of appearing on a national television show hasn't truly hit Brasgalla. That will likely change on Thursday when the show airs. For now, he likened the experience to watching home videos.

Episodes delve into the family and private lives of SRT members, so Brasgalla's wife and children will also appear on the show.

Commercials have already been airing to promote the Detroit SWAT.

"The big thing is not to let it go to our heads," said Brasgalla. "They're here for a television show."

When it's over, he said, he hopes morale in the unit will remain at a high level. And the show has the potential to open the public's eyes to the personal lives and work of law enforcement professionals.

The Detroit Police Department and A&E Television are hosting a Detroit SWAT premiere party at 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at Hockeytown Cafe in Detroit. The party is open to the public and admission is \$12.

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Lone gunman holds up workers leaving store

A lone gunman robbed a group of employees leaving a retail store Thursday night in the heart of Westland's shopping district, police said.

The incident happened about 9:50 p.m. outside of DEB, a women's clothing store in the Target-anchored Westridge Shopping Center on Warren Road west of Wayne.

The gunman fired no shots as he pulled a semiautomatic handgun on four employees and robbed them of an undisclosed amount of money, police Lt. James Ridener said.

The money was being taken to a bank for a night deposit. "The store employees were leaving for the night. As they came out, he approached them with a gun," Ridener said.

The suspect was described as a light-skinned black male, 6-foot-1 to 6-foot-2, thin, and clean-shaven with freckles. He was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, baggy black pants and glasses.

The suspect fled on foot. Anyone who has information about the incident is urged to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600.

The Westridge strip mall is located on the south side of Warren Road, across from Westland Shopping Center.

- By Darrell Clem

CORRECTION

The story in Thursday's Observer about the new Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center should have identified the president and CEO of Garden City Hospital as Gary Ley.

CITY OF WESTLAND PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2564-539 N. Wayne Road
Request for a use variance from Ordinance 248 in order to re-establish a non-conforming residential use of a commercial property located at the site.

Petition #2569-140 VanSull
Request for two variances from the Westland City Code of Ordinances as a result of the installation of a six (6) foot high privacy fence in the north and south side yards of the existing home.

Petition #2570-5691 N. Dowling
Request for a non-conforming structure variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 14' x 38' addition to the rear of the existing home.

Petition #2572-5635 S. Venoy
Request for a use variance from Ordinance 248 to allow the automobile repossession business use on the subject property.

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Cruisers of the Week

The Westside Rod and Custom Car Club's Cruiser of the Week for Sept. 20 was Warren Williams of Westland with his calliente blue 1965 Mercury Comet. The car has a 351 Windsor with a 410 horse 9-inch rearend C4 Trans. Williams is a member of the Motor City Muscle Car Club. Members of the week are Walt and Jane Thomas of Farmington Hills with their 1968 Roadrunner. The car is a 383 automatic with a yellow and black interior. The Westside Rod and Custom Car Club has been holding car shows on Wednesdays at the Romanowski VFW Post on Joy Road east of Middlebelt in Westland.

7 in a row: Wayne-Westland wins 2 accounting awards

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

For the seventh consecutive year, Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has received national recognition for its financial accounting practices.

The district received an Excellence in Financing Award from the Government Finance Officers Association and a Certificate of Excellence from the Association of School Business Officials.

"There are very few districts that go for the awards," said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent of administrative and business services. "We're one of three in the state to receive both awards and only a few hundred in the country."

Martin announced the awards at the school board Monday evening, pointing out that the district's 2005 comprehensive financial report was

judged for correctness and completeness according to national standards.

The certificate of excellence is the highest award school district financial operations can receive from the ASBO. It enables school business officials to achieve a high standard of financial reporting. It's given to districts that have met or exceeded the standards for the program, Martin said.

The GFOA certificate of achievement of excellence also is the highest form of recognition the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a "significant accomplishment," Martin said.

He added that participation in the programs increase the district's financial reporting credibility and also have an impact when the district goes out and refinances its debt, he added.

Martin had praise for the

members of his staff, including Linda Kempton, the senior executive director for business and operations.

"It's through her leadership and hard work that the standards are followed from year to year," he said, adding that "we will proudly hang the awards in the business office."

Board members were quick to offer praise.

"I'm really glad you work for this school district," said Trustee Martha Pittsenbarger, while Trustee Skip Monit, citing his years on the board's finance committee, told Martin, "I'm used to your expertise and I appreciate what you have done."

"If I've said it once, I've said it 50 times, Gary Martin is the only person I know who can spend 10 cents and get 15 cents," Trustee Ed Turner said.

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City set to Turn off the Violence

The city of Westland will sponsor its 12th annual Turn Off the Violence night 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12.

The popular event is aimed at convincing parents and their children to shun television violence for a night and spend quality time together.

Activities will be held at the Bailey Recreation Center and in Thomas H. Brown Central City Park. Activities and games are free; there's a nominal charge for food.

Richard Paul will return this year with his show *Duck Sense for Kids: No Bully Club*. With

the help of Master Peking Duck, Professor Olly Owl and some audience involvement, Paul will discuss self-control, kindness and responsibility.

Ronald McDonald will be on hand to help police Officer Ken Kline talk with kids about creating a safer community.

A program called *Science Circus* will be offered, allowing children and their parents to have an interactive experience.

Other programs will include the Garden City Healthmobile, where people can get their blood pressure checked, and Bobby's Bouncers will bring inflated

games. WMGC 105.1-FM will provide music.

An exotic animal petting area will return with a baby camel, a pair of African leopards, African porcupines, baboons, kangaroos and baby buffalo. The Michigan Humane Society will bring its *Wonder Dogs* program.

Naturalist Matt Noble-Richardson will bring native amphibians and reptiles.

The public is invited. Many programs are particularly geared toward children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

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Teen journalists: The Observer looking for you

The Observer Newspapers is looking for students (ages 13-18) who are interested in producing local newspaper pages and online material for teens by teens.

Teens will report, write, edit and take photographs for the *hometownLIFE.com* print and online sections which will appear periodically in Sunday editions of the Observer.

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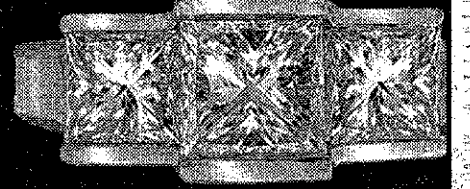
"We want teens to take ownership of the section both in print and online," said Susan

Rosiek, executive editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"Teens will decide what to cover, what to write about - what's important to them. They'll be mentored by reporters, editors and photographers at the O&E," added Rosiek.

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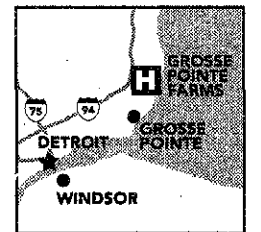


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ment on a three-year student enrollment average and reduce the gap between districts receiving the basic per pupil amount and those that receive the maximum.

The ballot proposal is the end result of a grassroots effort that began at a meeting of concerned parents and K-12 educators held in Dearborn some two years. It spilled over into a rally in support of fair funding for education on the steps of the State Capitol and eventually became a legislative initiative that state lawmakers chose not to act on, instead letting it appear in the Nov. 7 ballot.

"If you talk about educating children, then that should be the priority," said board Vice President Terrance McClain.

Trustee Cindy Schofield, however, expressed concern about Proposal 5, and its potential effect on public education.

"I find it disheartening that we've come to this," she said. "You tell me the legislators are not doing their job, and it's their job not ours to find funding. They make decisions based on preconceived notions, when what they need to do is talk to superintendents and parents and reach decisions that are fair and equitable."

"If we don't sit and talk

about this seriously, we could get something we'll regret later."

Superintendent Greg Baracy thanked the board for its vote, calling it a "courageous move." He also voiced his support for the proposal, saying that the state is in an education funding crisis.

Without enough money to support current programs, districts are being forced to make cutbacks. Wayne-Westland has cut spending by \$15 million over the last three years to handle the "structural deficit," he said.

"The state is still funding under the rate of inflation," he said. "The \$210 per pupil we received this year is a modest increase. It's appreciated, but it's half of what we need."

He added that Proposal 5 would reduce and cap the amount school districts must pay for retirement.

Prior to the passage of Proposal A, the state paid the retirement costs. However, all contributions were shifted back to the school districts in 1994-95.

"We now pay 17.4 percent of payroll for retirement," Baracy said. "Any increase we get from the state is eaten up. The money is not making it to the classroom and that's the travesty."

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INFORMATION CENTRAL

Deaf Awareness Week

In 1951, the World Federation of the Deaf, which promotes the rights of deaf people, held its first World Congress of the Deaf in the last week of September. In commemoration of that initial Congress, that week is now Deaf Awareness Week.

I. King Jordan, first deaf president of Gallaudet University (our national deaf university), held that "deaf people can do anything except hear," and Deaf Awareness Week seeks to spread that message to the world at large.

Deaf culture is shaped largely by sign language, unique among languages for being entirely visual with written form (in order to write, the deaf must be bilingual, learning the spoken language of their nation as well as the sign language).

"Getting information through the eyes is not the same ... as getting it through the ears ... Just as no poem can be a symphony ... no gestural language can truly translate an oral one, or vice versa," writes Beryl Benderly in the excellent *Dancing Without Music: Deafness in America*. "Americans who lose their hearing early in life ... form a distinctive social and cultural group, a society ... strongly cohesive ... this is especially true for sign language users ... and most provocationally deaf ... find their basic personal identity in the company of others like themselves."

Deaf culture crashed into the national consciousness in 1988 when Jordan, then the deaf dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, became Gallaudet's president as a result of a weakling uprising by students and faculty against the Board of Trustees.

That uprising, known as "Deaf President Now," was sparked because Board President Jane Bassett Spillman, on announcing their choice of yet another hearing university president over qualified deaf candidates, was alleged to have justified the decision by saying that "deaf people are not capable of functioning in the hearing world."

"It appears virtually certain that Spillman did not say what she was ... quoted as having said," writes John

Christiansen in *Deaf President Now! The 1988 Revolution at Gallaudet University*, but the accusation stuck and Spillman was ultimately forced to resign.

The library is rich with resources on the deaf world, language and culture. Watch *Sound and Fury*, the Academy Award nominated documentary about cochlear implants and the wrenching choices they represent for deaf parents of deaf children. Read Leah Hager Cohen's fascinating memoir of a deaf school, *Train Go Sorry: Inside a Deaf World*. Take a look through Martin L. A. Sternberg's groundbreaking American sign language dictionary, or introduce your children to fingerspelling with Laura Rankin's *The Handmade Alphabet*.

Come to the library at 10 a.m. Oct. to learn ASL signs you can teach to your baby, before your baby can speak verbally. All of this and more is available at the library. Give us a call at (734) 326-6123 or stop by our Reference Desk to find out what you haven't heard.

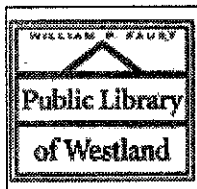
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meeting: 7 p.m. Oct. 3. Join other teens and have your say in helping to select books, programs and prizes for teen activities. All sixth-12th-graders are welcome.

Baby Sign Class: 10:30 a.m. Oct. 7. Introduce your baby to sign language with some beginning signs. Signs can let you "talk" to you long before he/she can speak. No registration is required.

Wafers Creations: 7 p.m. Oct. 10. Learn to create beautiful holiday ornaments using tradition Polish wafers (oplatek). Join Joan Bittner of the Polish Art Center as she teaches this beautiful art form. Supplies furnished. Seating is limited. Call the library to reserve a seat at (734) 326-6123.

Internet 101: 2 p.m. Oct. 12. For the very beginner; what the internet is, and how to get there. No registration required.

Information Central is compiled by Joshua Neds-Fox of the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.



AROUND WESTLAND

Register to vote

Westland residents who want to vote in the Nov. 7 election and who aren't yet registered - have until the Oct. 10 deadline to sign up.

Residents can register at the clerk's office at Westland City Hall, on Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne, or go to a Secretary of State office.

Those wishing to register must turn 18 by Election Day and be a resident of the city in which they're voting and take a picture identification to the place where they register.

Resident who want an application for an absentee ballot should call the clerk's office at (734) 467-3188 or (734) 467-3187. Voters who think they might not be able to make it to the polls are encouraged to ask for an absentee ballot.

Vaudeville show

The Friends of the Westland Historic Village Park host The Petticoat Ladies - and men - in "Old Tyme Vaudeville" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Westland Senior Friendship Center on Newburgh south of Ford.

The vaudeville show will include historical presentations, singing, dancing and comedy. In addition to the show, there also will be a drawing for door prizes.

Proceeds will benefit restoration of the Octagon House in the city's historic village.

Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens. Advanced tickets are recommended. They are available by calling Johnson at (734) 522-3918, Georgia Becker at (734) 729-1605, the Friendship Center at (734) 722-7628 or the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620.

Flu shoots

The Village of Westland at 32001 Cherry Hill will offer flu shots to seniors age 62 and older 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 5-6. Call (734) 762-8895 to schedule and appointment.

Westland Maple Drugs also will be offering flu and pneu-

monia shots and sponsoring a Diabetes Day 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the store on Ford Road at Hunter. A second round of shots will be offered 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9. The shots will be available on a walk-in basis and cost \$25 for the flu shot and \$40 for the pneumonia shot. For people with Medicare Part B, there will be no co-pay.

As part of Diabetes Day, the store will be giving out free meters and free samples as well as providing education and answering questions about the disease. For more information, call Chuck or Danielle at (734) 729-2200.

CVS Pharmacy will have flu vaccines available on 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the store at Newburgh Glenwood in Wayne, (734) 728-6500; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 16 at the store at the Wayne and Hunter, (734) 729-9210, and 3-7 p.m. Oct. 17 at the store at the Wayne and Palmer, (734) 721-3444.

The flu vaccines will be \$25, or \$23 with a CVS ExtraCare card. Pneumonia vaccines also may be available for \$40, or \$38 with a CVS ExtraCare card. There is no cost for those with Medicare Part B when the Medicare card is presented. The vaccines are given on a walk-in basis while supplies last.

For further information or for other locations, visit the CVS Web site at www.cvs.com or contact a CVS Pharmacy.

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THE CITY OF WESTLAND,
a Michigan Municipal Corporation,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 06- 615901 CH
Hon. Susan D. Borman

vs.

**ROBERT PHILLIPS and
AMY PHILLIPS**

Defendants.

ANGELO A. PLAKAS AND ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Angelo A. Plakas (P 18934)
Mark A. McConnell (P 46434)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
35330 Nankin Boulevard, Suite 702
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 421-5510

**ORDER TO ANSWER BY PUBLICATION WITH MAILING
REQUIREMENT EXCUSED**

At a session of said Court held in the City-County Building,
City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan

ON: August 31 2006

PRESENT: HON. SUSAN D. BORMAN
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

On June 5, 2006, an action was filed, against Defendants,
ROBERT PHILLIPS and AMY PHILLIPS in this Court to abate
nuisance on a parcel of real property (hereinafter referred to as
"Property") located in the City of Westland described as:

Lot 269 Supervisors Nankin Plat No. 7, T.2S., R.9E., as
recorded in Liber 65, Page 76 of Plats, Wayne County
Records

Tax Identification No. 56-075-10-0269-000
Commonly known as 38590 Manila, Westland, Michigan

Upon consideration of the Verified Motion of Plaintiff, and the
Affidavit in Support thereof, attesting to the fact that Defendant,
AMY PHILLIPS, in this action cannot be personally served with a
Summons and a copy of the Complaint herein because her present
whereabouts are unknown, and she has no last known address, and
that publication of notice of this action in a newspaper of general
circulation is most likely to give notice to this Defendant, and it
appearing to this Court that Plaintiff, after diligent inquiry, has
been unable to ascertain the Defendant's address either within or
without the State of Michigan, and it further appearing that
personal service of the Summons and Complaint in this action
cannot be made on the Defendant for the above stated reasons, and
that publication is the best means available to apprise Defendant of
the pendency of this action.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, AMY
PHILLIPS, shall on or before the 15th day of October, 2006, serve
an answer on Mark A. McConnell, attorney for Plaintiff, whose
address is 35330 Nankin Blvd., Suite 702, Westland, Michigan,
48185, or take such other action as may be permitted by law.
Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by
default against the Defendants for the relief demanded in the
Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be
published once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Observer
& Eccentric, a newspaper of general circulation hereby designated
as most likely to give notice to the Defendants named above.
Publication shall occur within the County of Wayne, State of
Michigan.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this
Order be made within five (5) days from the date of entry of this
Order; and that mailing a copy of this Order be dispensed with
because Plaintiff cannot, with reasonable diligence, ascertain a
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ELOISE

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related to the cemetery and those who were laid to rest there.

It's a collaborative exhibit involving the DCA, the Artists Collective, Downriver Poets and Playwrights, Friends of Eloise and the Wayne County Council for Arts, History and Humanities.

MacDonald and Irwin in April put out a call to artists to participate in the project. Artists were asked to respond to individually numbered grave markers.

The group met at the cemetery on four Saturdays in June through September, uncovering grave markers and producing rubbings that could be used in the final work, which also will help promote the efforts of the Friends of Eloise to restore and identify the gravesites.

"It's a very beautiful spot, but you'd never know you're in a cemetery," MacDonald said. "There's only these four- by six-inch stones made out of cement. Some are still standing, some have sunk into the ground."

More than 7,000 people are buried in numbered graves in the cemetery. They were all residents of the Wayne County Infirmary, which became known as Eloise because of the name selected when a post office was set up in the complex in 1894.

The artists visited the

About the exhibit

The Downriver Council for the Arts' "Resurrected Voices: The Eloise Cemetery Project" will be on exhibit Oct. 19-Nov. 17 at the DCA gallery at 20904 Northline, Taylor.

Exhibit hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and noon-3 p.m. Saturday.

For more information about the Downriver Council for the Arts or the exhibit, call (734) 287-6103 or visit its Web site at www.downriverarts.org.

People interested in decorating the luminaries for the exhibit can pick them up during the Wednesday-Friday gallery hours and on Saturday during exhibits.

For more information about the luminaries, contact Andrea Irwin at lenghishroses@aol.com or by calling (313) 563-7751, or Martine MacDonald by e-mail at MartiMacArt@aol.com or by calling her at the DCA gallery at (734) 287-6103.

Westland Historical Museum and Eloise Museum in the Kay Beard Building, one of the complex's last remaining structures, and looked over the death certificates of Eloise residents buried in the numbered graves in preparation for the show.

"We wanted to know how they lived, who was represented by the marker," MacDonald said.

Jo Johnson, a member of Friends of Eloise, worked with the two women and admits she wondered how they were going to pull off the multi-media show.

"I was puzzled how it would work out, but it looks like it's all coming together," she said. "Now, it's exciting, a wonderful idea. They so dedicated."

Johnson plans to be at the opening ceremony and will bring Eloise history books and

notecards to sell. The money will help further the work of the Friends of Eloise which just sent in the money to purchase a historical marker for the site.

MacDonald's artwork honors two young girls, both age 6, who died within days of each other in 1924. One died of cholera, the other from complications of emphysema.

She's using vintage paper dolls from the 1920s for the piece, which will be the width of the grave markers, but instead of six inches long, it'll be more like two feet.

Irwin is honoring Betty Hughes, the first mental patient at the hospital. Described as simple-minded, she was placed at the hospital by her family when she was in her 30s.

"She believed everything she saw was hers," Irwin said.

Irwin has been working on her piece all summer. She focused on Hughes' face and her artwork is reminiscent of an Andy Warhol piece — four panels each in a different color. Hughes worked in the kitchen so Irwin will have forks, knives and spoons dangle from the portraits on cords matching the color of the piece.

On opening night, the DCA gallery will be open 5-9 p.m. The reception will start in the gallery, then shift at 7:30 p.m. to another building on campus for the music and poetry readings.

Since the music and poetry are only part of the opening night ceremony, copies of the poems will be included in a notebook that people will be able to read and there also will be tape recording so they can listen to what was said opening night.

The opening ceremony also will include an outdoor display of luminaries decorated by members of the community. They will light the walk from the gallery to the WCCC building, where the poetry readings and musical performances will take place. After Oct. 9, the luminaries will be moved inside and become a part of the exhibition.

"Anyone can put out a luminary, we're hoping to light 300-500 on opening night," Martine said. "We're also praying to the weather goddess to have no rain."

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DEATHS

B
Donald Buffmyer
Buffmyer, 76, formerly of Plymouth, died Sept. 26.

L
Linda Logsdon Leopard, M.D.
Leopard, 66, died Sept. 28.

S
Irene Eleanor (Markham) Sather
Sather, 88, of Livonia, died.
Richard B. "Dick" Schlosser
Schlosser, 82, of Gladstone, died Sept. 26.

D
Donald L. Stivender
Stivender, 74, of Bloomfield Hills, died Sept. 28.

W
Mary Eleanor Weaver
Weaver, 85, of Birmingham, died Sept. 27.

W
Phillip Wilken
Wilken, 65, of Kankakee, Ill., died Sept. 23.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C4.

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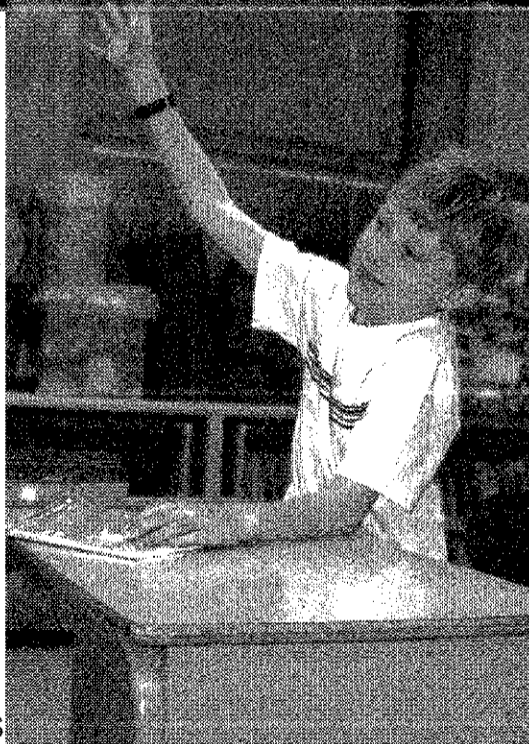
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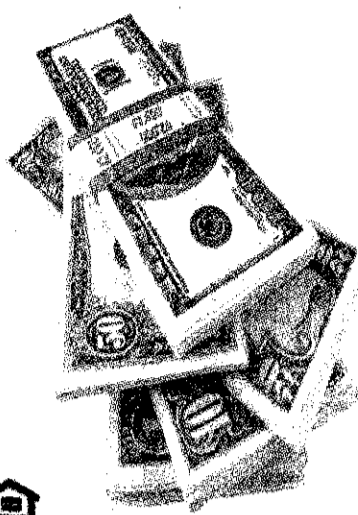
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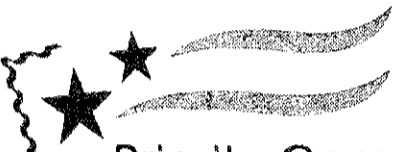


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O&E earns 28 awards in MPA editorial contest

Tom Hawley, staff photographer for the Garden City Observer, received one of 28 awards collected by the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers in the 2006 Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Editorial Contest.

Hawley received a second place for best picture story for his entry, entitled "Hockey Life." This year's contest was judged by the Illinois Press Association. More than 4,000 entries were received from 138 Michigan newspapers.

Also receiving awards were: Sports editor Brad Emons, first place for Sports Columns. The judges wrote: "Clearly written, yet evocative. Emons plants strong portrayals of his subjects and their respective sports."

Photographer Tom Hoffmeyer, first place for Picture Story, for a post-Super Bowl group of photographs entitled, "XL Looking Back."

Editor Hugh Gallagher and reporter Linda Chomin, second place for best Lifestyle Pages. The judges wrote: "Appealing design... and good local content."

Livonia Editor Dave Varga, honorable mention for best editorial writing. "Hard-hitting local editorials! Well-written, compelling. This was a tough category to judge," the judges wrote.

General Excellence, third place, *Rochester Eccentric*. Edited by Gary Winkelman.

Spot News, first place, Megan Pennefather of the *Troy Eccentric* for "Leila." Spot News honorable mention honors went to Sue Buck of the *Farmington Observer* for "Bus vs. Barn."

Feature Story, third place to Megan Pennefather of the *Troy Eccentric* for "Over-50 ladies softball."

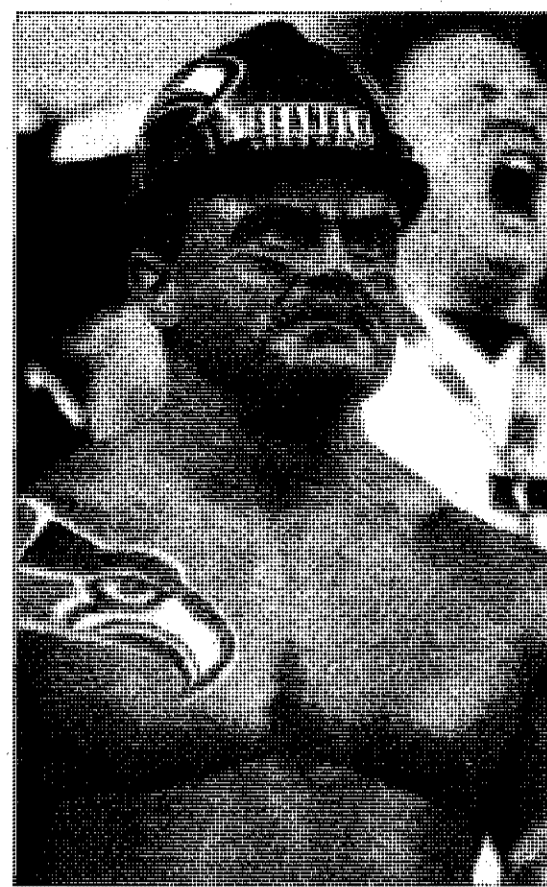
Editorial Pages, first place, *Birmingham Eccentric*, editor Greg Kowalski.

Editorial Writing: first place, Sandra Armbruster/*Troy Eccentric*; second place, Matt Jachman/*Redford Observer*; and third place, Larry Ruehlen, *West Bloomfield Eccentric*.

Local Columnist: first place, Gary Winkelman/*Rochester Eccentric*; second place, Kurt Kuban/*Canton Observer*; and honorable mention, Carol Marshall/*Canton Observer*.

Sports Picture, first place, Larry McKee/*Southfield* and *West Bloomfield Eccentric* for "Scoop it Up," and third place, McKee for "Southfield Wrestlers."

Sports Writing: first place, Mike Rosenbaum/*West Bloomfield Eccentric* and honorable mention, Dan Stickrad/*Clarkston*



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Among photos that won Staff Photographer Tom Hoffmeyer an MPA award was this one of Tim Froemke, A.K.A. The Sea Hulk, who surrounded by screaming Steelers fans, showed little concern about Seattle's performance during Super Bowl XL at Ford Field.

Eccentric.

Sports Columnist: third place, Ed Wright/*Plymouth* and *Canton Observer*, and honorable mention, Marty Budner, *Birmingham Eccentric*.

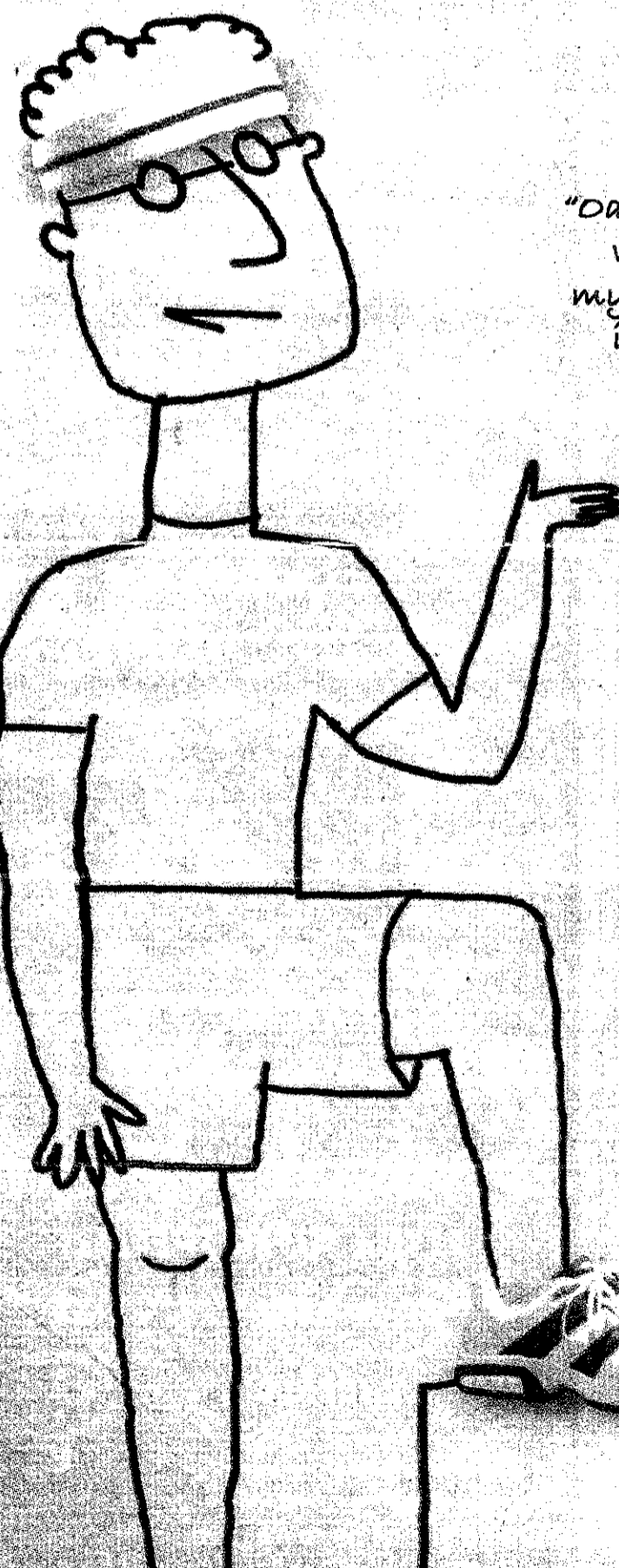
Sports Feature: second place, Ed Wright for "It takes their breath away" and third place, Marty Budner for "Borovich's career."

Sports Coverage: first place, Jim Toth/*Rochester Eccentric*, and second place, Ed Wright/*Canton* and *Plymouth Observer*.

Lifestyle Pages: first place, *Southfield Eccentric*/Susan Steinmueller, and third place, *Birmingham Eccentric*/Susan Steinmueller.

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Close of Registration Notice
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Notice is hereby given that the last day of registration for the General Election is Tuesday, **October 10, 2006**.

Candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices are to be voted on:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General
United States Senator
Representative in Congress
State Senator
Representative in State Legislature
State Board of Education, Vote 2
University of Michigan Regent, Vote 2
Michigan State University Trustee, Vote 2
Wayne State University Governor, Vote 2
County Executive
County Commissioner
Justices of Supreme Court, Vote 2
Judges of Court of Appeals, Vote 2
Judge of Circuit Court, Non-Incumbent Position Vote 1
Judges of Circuit Court Incumbent Positions Partial Term, Vote 4
Judges of Circuit Court Incumbent Positions, Vote 19
Judges of Probate Court, Vote 2
Judge of Probate Court Non-Incumbent Positions, Vote 1
Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position Partial Term, Vote 1

The following proposals will also be voted on:

Proposal 06-1

A proposed constitutional amendment to require that money held in conservation and recreation funds can only be used for their intended purposes.

Proposal 06-2

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to ban affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes.

Proposal 06-3

A referendum on Public Act 160 of 2004 - an Act to allow the establishment of a hunting season for mourning doves.

Proposal 06-04

A proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit government from taking private property by eminent domain for certain private purposes.

Proposal 06-5

A legislative initiative to establish mandatory school funding levels.

Garden City Community Center/Library Proposal

A proposal to amend Section 7.03 of Article VII of the City Charter to authorize the levy of a new additional millage for the purpose of providing funds for a Community Center/Library.

The office of the City Clerk, located in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, will be open for the registration of all qualified electors, not already registered, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

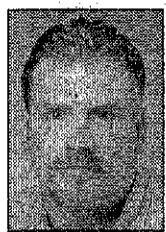
Allyson M. Bettis, City Clerk
Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan

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Dove hunting issue has been hijacked by out of state groups

Come November, Michigan voters will have much to decide about how they want their government to function, not only for the next couple of years, but potentially for generations. Not only will we have to decide who



Kurt Kuban

will be our government representatives at the federal, state and county levels, but we will also have to wade through five ballot proposals that deal with huge social issues, including affirmative action and how our public schools will be funded.

As a hunter, I'm also very interested in Ballot Proposal No. 3, which will determine the future of dove hunting in our state. I'm not so much interested because I want to hunt doves, but because I think the outcome of this proposal will have major ramifications on the future of all forms of hunting in Michigan. Some might call that paranoia, but I don't think so. Let me explain.

First, a little background. In 2003, after a couple of years of trying, state Rep. Susan Tabor (R-Delta Township) was able to get a bill through the state Legislature to establish the state's first mourning dove hunting season in a century. Considering the large number of people who opposed such a hunting season, our Legislature voted to allow a three-year test period, in which the doves would only be hunted in a handful of southern counties. If the test hunt proved to be devastating to the doves, the hunt would be halted. However, if the hunt showed no significant impact to the dove population (as wildlife biologists predicted), then the hunting would be renewed and perhaps even expanded to other parts of the state.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, seeing this as a good compromise, signed the bill — and then caught a tidal wave of criticism for doing so.

It didn't take long for opponents of the bill, including anti-hunting groups, to gather petitions to get the current proposal on the ballot. This also halted the test hunt after only one year.

There are many things about this campaign that alarm me, including the wild claims that the dove hunting opponents are making.

They say hunters only want to use

doves as target practice because they are too small to eat. The last time I checked though, we eat creatures much smaller, including shrimp, sardines and even perch and other panfish that are legal game in Michigan. They are also making the claim that the dove is the state's official bird of peace. The fact is, it's just not true. State Sen. Shirley Johnson (R-Troy) did introduce a resolution in November 2003, but it never went anywhere. Mourning doves are no more "peaceful" than any other bird in the state. In fact, I've watched them fight with one another on many occasions in my backyard around the bird feeders.

The other claim these opponents are making that bothers me is that large hunting groups from outside the state pressured our elected representatives into legalizing dove hunting. But if you take some time to investigate this issue, you will realize that anti-hunting groups from outside of Michigan are the ones who have hijacked the political process. The main group in this crusade, the Humane Society of the United States, which is based in Washington D.C., has donated nearly \$600,000 to the campaign, according to the Michigan Bureau of Elections. That is nearly 75 percent of the money that has been raised to fund the anti-dove hunting campaign.

The Humane Society of the United States says this fight is only about preventing dove hunting in Michigan, even though the federal government classifies the mourning dove as a migratory game bird, and 40 states already have an active dove season. During the campaign, the group has said this is not about other forms of hunting, but I believe that is just a smoke screen to hide its real agenda, which is to end all forms of hunting.

In fact, if you go to the group's Web site, <http://www.hsus.org>, you will find the following mission statement about hunting: "The HSUS strongly opposes the recreational hunting and killing of wild animals, as the sport is fundamentally at odds with the values of a humane, just, and caring society." The question I have is what will this group — emboldened by a victory on the dove issue — go after next. If you think it won't target other game species, you are being naive.

I understand there are people out there who don't want to see the cute dove shot by hunters, but our elected representatives, who were educated on the issue, voted to have a hunting sea-

son. Whether we all like it or not, those are the people we as voters decided should do our bidding in government. Electing representatives is the very bedrock on which our form of government rests. The people serving in that legislative session voted on that issue and chose this solution. Why can't we accept that?

And that brings me to ballot initiatives. We as a society have to begin to understand how destructive these things can be. Doesn't anyone remember Proposal A from 1994, which has since had a devastating effect on the funding of public schools in our state? Or what about the term limits we as voters approved? Most people in government will tell you how bad they have been. It takes a while for our senators and representatives to get their feet wet before they become effective lawmakers. In the current system, they are gone by the time they have figured out how the system works. So it should come as no surprise that our Legislature has been riddled by partisan gridlock in recent years, as lawmakers are always trying to set themselves for the next office.

If we want our system of government to work the way it was set up, we can't have anguished groups, who pay for outside consultants and signature collectors, getting proposals on the ballot every time they are unhappy about how our representatives voted on an issue. If we're going to keep doing this, why not just dissolve the Legislature all together? Of course, that's not only unrealistic, it would also bring our government to a grinding halt.

These ballot initiatives often sound good at face value, but in many cases we vote on them without knowing all the issues involved. And once they are approved, they are set in stone until another ballot initiative comes along.

Hunting groups have been petitioning our state government for the better part of 20 years to approve a dove hunting season. In 2003, they finally found a favorable political environment in Lansing. If you don't like the way your representative voted on the dove issue — or any other issue, for that matter — you need to vote for someone else the next time an election comes around. That's what is so great about our form of government. There's always another election.

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Job loss can be opportunity

There is so much we take for granted as gainfully employed people. Grocery runs once a week — at \$100 a pop; paying utilities so we can have heat in the winter and central air in the summer; chipping in a few bucks here and there for local fundraisers; supporting our children's dance class, skating or soccer ventures, and all of the stuff that goes with those activities. The list goes on.

And, so does life. Until you no longer have the money for all of this because you've lost your job. Your position has been eliminated. They're closing your office or your plant. They're offering "buy outs" to thousands of workers at your company.

Then, your world turns upside down — even if you saw the layoff coming for months — and you can't imagine how you'll be able to support yourself or, worse yet, your family.

The world doesn't stop to give you a break because you've lost your job, either. The groceries are still expensive, gas prices soar beyond your budget and your utility bills and mortgage statements start to pile up.

You keep your phone appointment with MARVIN, the state's unemployment automated robot who sends your unemployment check request to the powers that be. You check job postings on the Internet and maybe you scour the want ads in your local newspaper.

It's all very impersonal. It's all very lonely — and quite scary — to be tossed out of your comfort zone, out of your income source and out of your proud position in the world of the employed.

Speaking from experience, job loss is one of the toughest curve balls life will throw at you. Even if you live off a severance pay or a "buy out" for awhile, the day inevitably comes when you're forced to pound the pavement.

But, it's all of the stuff between that last severance check and your first day at a new job that is the hardest. I can imagine it's even harder for someone who has been laid off from the auto industry and is left with specific skills only relevant to that industry. Where do you turn? What else can you do? How can you make ends meet flipping hamburgers for minimum wage (\$6.95 per hour, starting Oct. 1) when you were making triple that amount at your old job?

I don't have the answer, but I do have suggestions.

The first is to stay positive and be creative. Pursue something you've always wanted to do, as long as it's practical, legal, and will make you some money.

Find something that interests you or something you've wanted to try, but couldn't, because you were stuck in your job.

My second suggestion while making your way through that unpredictable phase of finding a new job is to attend a free (that's important) seminar called "Turning Job Loss into Opportunity." It will be held 6:30-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Cstick Activities Center, 26800 W. 11 Mile, just east of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills.

There, you won't find miracles, but you'll find some practical tips and some much-needed hope.

This important seminar is being sponsored by the Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Botsford General Hospital, the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills and various outreach groups in the community.

Experts will cover topics such as the stress that comes with job loss; effects on your family; how to be resilient; how to approach the financial effects; thoughts on career development and resumé building and networking. To sign up, call (248) 473-1894. Free baby-sitting is also offered.

I know there is a period in which you're numb. You don't even know the first step to take and you feel panicked that, again, life doesn't stop just because you lost your job.


For me, it worked out to my benefit. I was able to devote time to a freelance writing project that allowed me to research and write the 100-year history of an area country club, which started out as the Automobile Club of Detroit in 1902. The end result was a beautiful, full-color, coffee table book.

It was important for me to keep my routine during that time. We kept our daughter in child care and I "went to work" every day, with my laptop computer, to the club, where I sat and sorted through mounds of archived materials until the story came together, piece by piece — just like my life after getting laid off.

But, I don't think it would have come together so well if I didn't have the right attitude as I packed up my desk on that afternoon.

I remember saying to myself on that day, as I looked up, "That ceiling is not my ceiling; I can rise so much higher and this is my opportunity."

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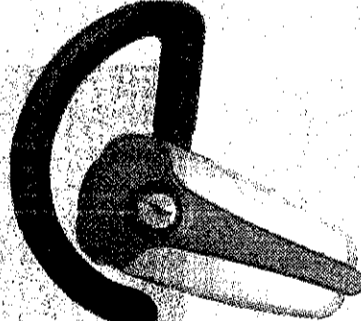
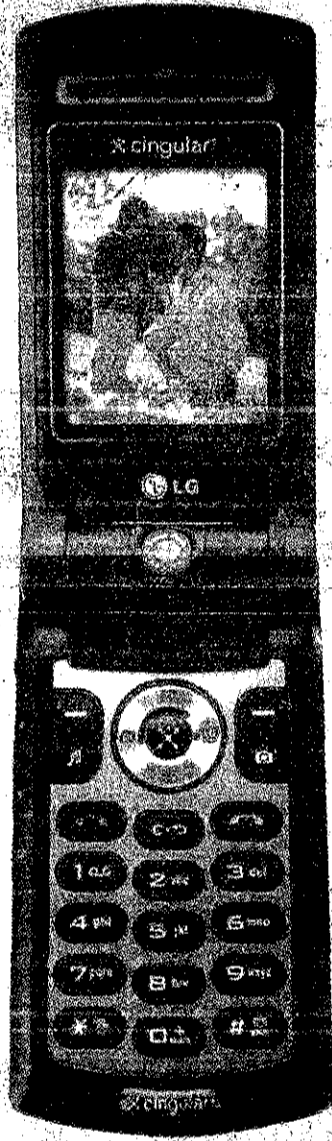
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