



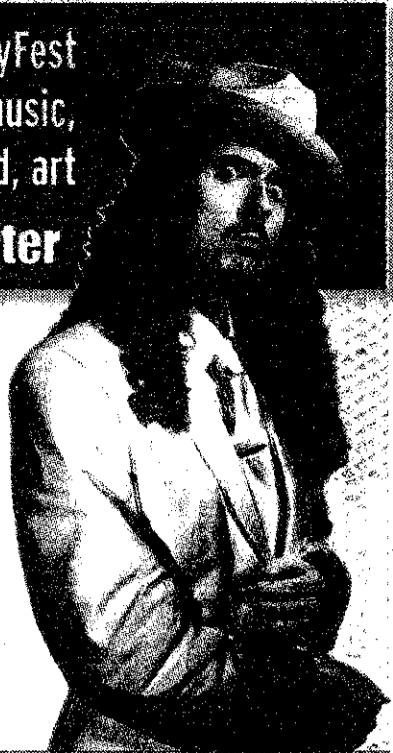
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Historical museum loss: Friends disbands

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Relations among Westland historians have sunk to a new low, with a veteran fund-raising group calling it quits after 19 years. The group, Friends of the Westland Historical Museum, disbanded earlier this month amid long-standing differences with the Westland Historical Commission.

"There seems to be a deadlock in getting anything done," said Friends member Ruth Dale, who led the charge to dissolve the group. Jo Johnson, who chairs the historical commission, called it "a shame" that some members of the once-viable fund-raising group had become "counterproductive." "They don't want to work with us," Johnson said. "We don't want the fight. We want to move forward."

The decision by Friends to disband came as Johnson said the two groups were preparing for joint talks that were to include Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. Johnson and her husband, Ernie Johnson, have been involved in activities for both historical groups. They abstained in mid-June when Friends members voted 7-2 to disband. "I think it's real sad," Ernie Johnson said, although he said fund-raising efforts by the

Friends had fallen off during the last year. Dale said the two sides began to splinter around 2001 over a plan to sell 2 acres of land on museum property, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. A commission majority supported the sale; Dale and some others opposed it. Dale also accused historical commission-

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Chainsaw carver Milan Emil Szkipala works outside the Westland Veterinary Hospital on a German shepherd carving in honor of Westland police dog Zeke, who died in 2002.

Carving honors police dog Zeke

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland police dog Zeke helped make the city a safer place before he died of kidney failure in September 2002. He had a nose for tracking down suspects, finding drugs and solving just about any crime that came his way. Now, a 6 1/2-foot wooden image of the German shepherd will stand in front of the Westland Veterinary Hospital,

where he was treated day and night by owner Dr. Sharon Lawrenchuk. "I just really wanted to do a memorial to Zeke and all the other police dogs, past and present, that have served without recognition," she said. She hired Milan Emil Szkipala, a Romanian-born woodcarver and Chesterfield resident who used Zeke's picture and a chainsaw this week as he created his latest work. "I'm trying to capture the expression of the dog," Szkipala said, adding that

he planned to use a torch to produce different colors in wood from an old elm tree. He estimated he would spend 30-40 hours working on the wooden statue, which he said weighs between 400 and 500 pounds. Zeke's owner, Officer Grant Allen, stopped by the clinic Tuesday afternoon to sprinkle some ashes from the

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2 men face charges in 7-Eleven holdups

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland police believe they have solved two 7-Eleven robberies and one attempted holdup by arresting two suspects within minutes of the last incident.

Two of the incidents happened last Friday during early morning hours at the 7-Eleven stores at Wayne and Avondale and at Merriman and Palmer, police Sgt. Thad Nelson.

The first armed robbery occurred early May 24 at the Wayne-Avondale store, police Sgt. David Heater said.

One defendant, 20-year-old Richard Martinelli of Inkster, was arraigned Monday in Westland 18th District Court on two counts of armed robbery and one count of attempted armed robbery.

A second defendant, 20-year-old Mark Boyce of Westland, was charged Monday with one count of armed robbery and one count of attempted armed robbery — both stemming from last Friday's incidents.

Judge C. Charles Bokus slapped the defendants with \$250,000 cash bonds for each incident, meaning Martinelli would have to post \$750,000 and Boyce \$500,000. Bokus entered not-guilty pleas for the two men and ordered them to return to court July 5 for a pre-

liminary hearing to determine whether they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Nelson credited an alert police officer, Brian Mytych, with spotting two suspects outside an apartment complex near the site of the last incident — an attempted robbery that happened at 4:10 a.m. last Friday at the 7-Eleven at Merriman and Palmer.

The suspects tried to hide, but Mytych held them at gunpoint until other officers arrived to help him take the two men into custody, Nelson said.

"These (patrol) officers are the reason we're catching these guys," Nelson said, referring to a flurry of recent arrests.

During the incident, one man served as a lookout while the other went into the 7-Eleven store with a bandana over his face and his hand inside a hoodie sweatshirt, implying he had a weapon, Nelson said.

The clerk refused to hand over any money, and the suspects fled on foot.

Earlier last Friday, two men robbed the Wayne-Avondale store at 1:48 a.m., Nelson said. Two men first staged a phony holdup, with one man pretending to rob the other inside the 7-Eleven before turning to a clerk and implying he had a gun in his pocket, Nelson said.

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Bandit sought

Westland police are asking for the public's help in identifying this suspect, who aborted a robbery at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the 7-Eleven store at Joy and Merriman roads. Anyone who has information is urged to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 721-6311 or (734) 722-9600. The gunman is not believed to have been involved in other recent 7-Eleven robberies in Westland. He was described as a 6-foot-1, 170-pound white male wearing a dark cut-off sweatshirt, blue jean shorts, tan hiking boots and a blue-and-white bandana on his head.

District names new principal at Marshall

There will be a new face at the helm of Marshall Middle School in Westland, following the appointment of Paul Salah as principal.

"I can't tell how incredibly excited I am to have this opportunity," said Salah following school board approval of His appointment. "It's a phenomenal opportunity for me, my family and Marshall Middle School."

Salah has served as assistant principal for outgoing principal Robert VanValkenburg who is retiring. He also

has worked as a special education teacher and middle school athletic director since joining the district in 2001.

Salah, a Belleville resident, has a bachelor of science degree in visually impaired and history and a master's degree in educational leadership, both from Eastern Michigan University.

He currently is working on a doctoral degree, also in educational leadership, also at EMU.

"He is working very hard at and probably be finished in a year or two," said

Superintendent in recommending the appointment. "He's plucking away at that degree and that real illustrates his work ethic."

Salah told the school board that he is confident he "can do what is necessary to take Marshall forward and help the American educational system in general."

"I was thinking how so many people go work and aren't excited about what they do," he added. "I can say with conviction I like my job, I love my job and I enjoy working with kids."

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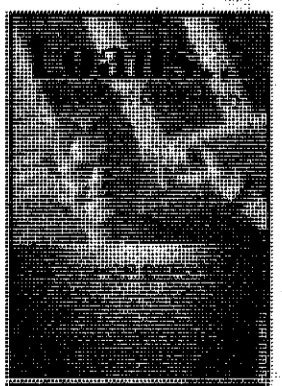


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Boyce is accused of staying behind and telling police that he was the victim of a robbery, and Nelson said a "bad description" was given of Martinelli.

Meanwhile, Heater confirmed that Martinelli, alone, was charged for a robbery that occurred just before 1 a.m. May 24 at the Wayne-Avondale store.

During that incident, the suspect wore a bandana over his face and a baseball cap on his head, Heater said.

Police had released a picture of the so-called ball cap bandit — the photo mostly showed the cap — and Heater said authorities received a tip after someone saw it in the *Observer*.

However, authorities hadn't been able to catch Martinelli until last Friday's incident, Heater said.

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Changing times

Westland Summer Festival and Fourth of July holiday events have prompted officials to change the days in July when the Westland City Council will have its public business meetings.

The council's regular business sessions will be at 7 p.m. Monday, July 9, and at 7 p.m. Monday, July 23.

For July, the council meetings will be held on the second and fourth Mondays rather than the usual first and third Mondays of the month.

The council meetings are open to the public.

Blood drive

Divine Savior Catholic Church will hold an American Red Cross blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at the church, 39375 Joy, west of Hix, in Westland.

Walk-ins are welcome or donors can call (734) 455-3620 and leave their name.

Trip to Canada

Westland's Senior Resource Department has organized another trip to Canada Thursday, July 5. It's their second this year for seniors to obtain prescription medications at a discounted rate. The event is open to both Westland residents over age 50 and Friendship Center members.

Prescriptions must be hand delivered to the Senior

Resource Department no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, July 2. Call (734) 722-7628 reserve a seat on the bus prior to turning in prescriptions or for questions.

The bus will depart from the Friendship Center at 1119 N. Newburgh Road, just south of Ford, at 9 a.m. and will return by 12:30 p.m.

No coffee hour

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, won't be holding a monthly coffee hour in July, but will be back meeting with constituents 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at the Westland Big Boy, 6360 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland.

Constituents who have questions or concerns can contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325.

Cast your votes

Voting will start Friday in three Westland Festival contests - Baby of the Year, Toddler of the Year and Tot of the Year - sponsored by the Westland Civitans.

The "polling places" will be open 4-10 p.m. Friday, July 29, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 30, and Sunday, June 30 and July 1, 4-10 p.m. Monday, July 2, and 4-6 p.m. July 3.

For more information about the baby and toddler contests, call Barbara Polich at (734) 729-4941.

FRIENDS

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ers of not communicating with the Friends group, and she said some Friends members have become concerned about historical preservation efforts.

Ernie Johnson questioned the allegations of lack of communication, saying top Friends officials had routinely attended historical commission meetings and could see firsthand what was discussed.

Dale also said that the historical commission had decided that keys to historic buildings shouldn't be in the hands

of Friends members, which she said implied that the Friends group was "not trustworthy."

Ernie Johnson responded that "there were just too many keys" that had been given out — a potential problem that historical commissioners sought to address.

The latest snafu between the two sides came over the naming of museum property as the Westland Historic Village Park.

The Johnsons and some others supported the name; Dale and some others didn't.

The name was officially adopted by the Westland City

AROUND WESTLAND

Dining to Donate

People can help a variety of Westland organizations by dining at Applebee's at 36475 Warren Road in Westland. Through its Dining to Donate, the restaurant will donate 20 percent of the bill to Westland Therapeutic Recreation program on July 26, Westland Historical Village Park on Aug. 23 and Motor City Harley Owners Group to benefit Toys for Tots on Sept. 27.

Coupons are required to indicate which organization will receive the donation.

Preschool event

McKinley Cooperative Preschool will have an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 10. It is holding an Open House on Saturday July 10, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The preschool is located at 6500 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Children ages 2-5 are welcome. Morning and afternoon classes are offered. For more information call (734) 729-7222.

It's the Jungle!

Westland's Concrete Jungle Skate Park is open and ready for all skaters. Admission for adult Wayne County residents is \$5 per session and \$8 for a day pass. For children who live in Wayne County, the cost is \$3 per session and \$5 for a day pass.

The Concrete Jungle is located at the Bailey Recreation

Center, 36651 Ford Road, behind Westland City Hall. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Craft shows

Crafters are needed for a craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Garden City Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford. For information, call Linda at (734) 422-0373.

Tables are available for the fall craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 or Eunice at (734) 261-8357.

Bag it

The Westland Building Department is aiming to make the disposal of trash a little easier by selling heavy-duty 6-mil trash bags.

Residents and non-residents can purchase the bags which are sold in quantities of 100 for only \$12 at the Building Department, 37095 Marquette, just east of Newburgh Road, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Bingo

The Dyer Senior Center invites residents to play bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the center, 36745 Marquette, Westland. For more information, call Mary Browe at (734) 419-2020.

era Rowe House, on museum property.

If the two sides agree on anything, it is that another historical group could be formed to replace Friends — one that might avoid infighting.

Some city leaders, such as Councilman Michael Kehrer, have urged the two sides to work together. He and others have said the two groups are unquestionably dedicated to preserving Westland's history; they just haven't always agreed on the way to do it.

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Who will it be?

Twenty young women will take to the stage at 8 p.m. this evening in hopes of being crowned Miss Westland 2007. The pageant will be held on the grounds of the Westland City Festival at the civic center complex on Ford west of Wayne Road. Pageant Chairman Debbie Lindquist (front row, left) poses with contestants Amanda Abu-Law (front row, from left), Rachel Estrada, Arlene Carter, Janelle Panagellian, Kellee LaBean, Dereka Hinkle, Breanna Luckett, and Maria Allen (back row, from left), Victoria Lawrence, Jennifer Grantham, Natalie Bower, April Kersey, Emily Brennan and Kayla Kilburn. Not pictured are contestants Char'nae Banks, Danielle Gunther, Brittany Julio, Julie Pack, Kate Pearce and Sharonda Thomas.

Livonia schools chief gets raise, 1-year extension

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Ranking him somewhere between "satisfactory" and "outstanding," Livonia Public Schools board members granted Supt. Randy Liepa a contract extension and 2 percent raise on Monday.

The \$2,488.99 raise brings Liepa's base salary to \$126,938.68, or \$61 per hour if he worked a standard 40-hour week. Otherwise the contract is not changed.

When including other factors — car allowance, professional development, administrative experience "steps" and longevity — Liepa will earn \$147,649.42. That figure does not include life insurance or health benefits.

Liepa's contract was extended by one year, through June 30, 2010.

Trustees voted 6-1 with Steve King casting a no. King said he had job performance in mind when making that decision.

"The community was told a lot of things that haven't come true," King said, citing the enrollment drop, increasing class sizes and longer bus commutes in wake of the Legacy Initiative restructuring. LPS has not seen revenue from vacant buildings, he said.

"It's going to be a tough year," King added, saying that he would have preferred to wait a year before offering Liepa a contract extension.

Trustees evaluate the superintendent each year. Over two meetings in April and May, trustees ranked Liepa in a number of categories using a 1 to 5 scale where 3 is considered satisfactory and 5 is outstanding. Liepa received a rating of 4.3, school board President Lynda Scheel said.

Liepa will receive the same 2 percent raise that other teachers and administrators in the district received, Scheel said.

"We would be doing our students a disservice by not paying him what everybody else is getting," said Trustee Dan Lessard.

Scheel thanked Liepa for his loyalty to LPS. "There is a much higher pay scale out there for you as a superintendent," she said.

Liepa said, "It's an absolute honor to be the superintendent of Livonia Public Schools."

The average salary for a superintendent for the 2006-07 school year in Wayne County was \$133,863, according to a survey by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Nineteen of 34 districts responded to the survey. LPS did not.

Plymouth-Canton Schools had the highest paid superintendent, reporting a \$160,000 salary.

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ZEKE

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dog's cremated remains in a concrete base that will support the statue. He already had scattered some ashes in the corners of Westland as a token of Zeke's dedication to protecting the city.

Now, Zeke's image will stand tall as he watches over Westland.

"I'm very honored," Allen said. "Zeke would be honored and humbled, too. I think he did a very good job of taking care of the police officers and the citizens of Westland. This is an honor for him."

Lawrenchuk also plans to place a plaque at the statue, although she wasn't yet sure what would be written on it.

She also said Zeke's statue will be formally dedicated during a future ceremony.

Zeke was one of the first police dogs in Westland, along with police Sgt. Thad Nelson's now-retired Taz. The city still has two canine protectors, Allen's newer pal, Drago, and Officer Joe Bobby's dog Friday.

Allen commended Lawrenchuk for remembering Zeke and for treating him whenever he needed help — night or day — particularly after he became sick.

Said Lawrenchuk: "I wouldn't have it any other way."

Looking for a wooden statue or sculpture of your own? Szkipala, whose business is called The Chainsaw Man of Michigan, can be reached at (586) 977-7856. He also has a Web site, www.treecarvings.com.

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Although the image wasn't finished, a wooden statue of the late Westland police dog Zeke was being worked on this week outside the Westland Veterinary Hospital.

Charges reduced for store owner accused of buying stolen goods

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland party store owner will face trial amid allegations he bought stolen cigarettes and alcohol for his Cherry Hill Liquor shop.

Samir Mansour, 56, was charged May 11 after undercover officers conducted a three-month investigation into possible illegal activity at his store, on Cherry Hill west of John Hix.

The police probe occurred after a man jailed for retail fraud in Oakland County told authorities he had sold stolen

items to Mansour, Westland police Lt. Mark Engstrom said.

Mansour, free on bond, appeared last Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos for a preliminary hearing on two counts of receiving and concealing stolen property valued between \$1,000 and \$20,000.

The defendant was ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court, but one of the two counts was dropped after the prosecutor, Luke Skywalker, said he "can't prove it."

Mansour faces trial after he gave up his right to a pre-

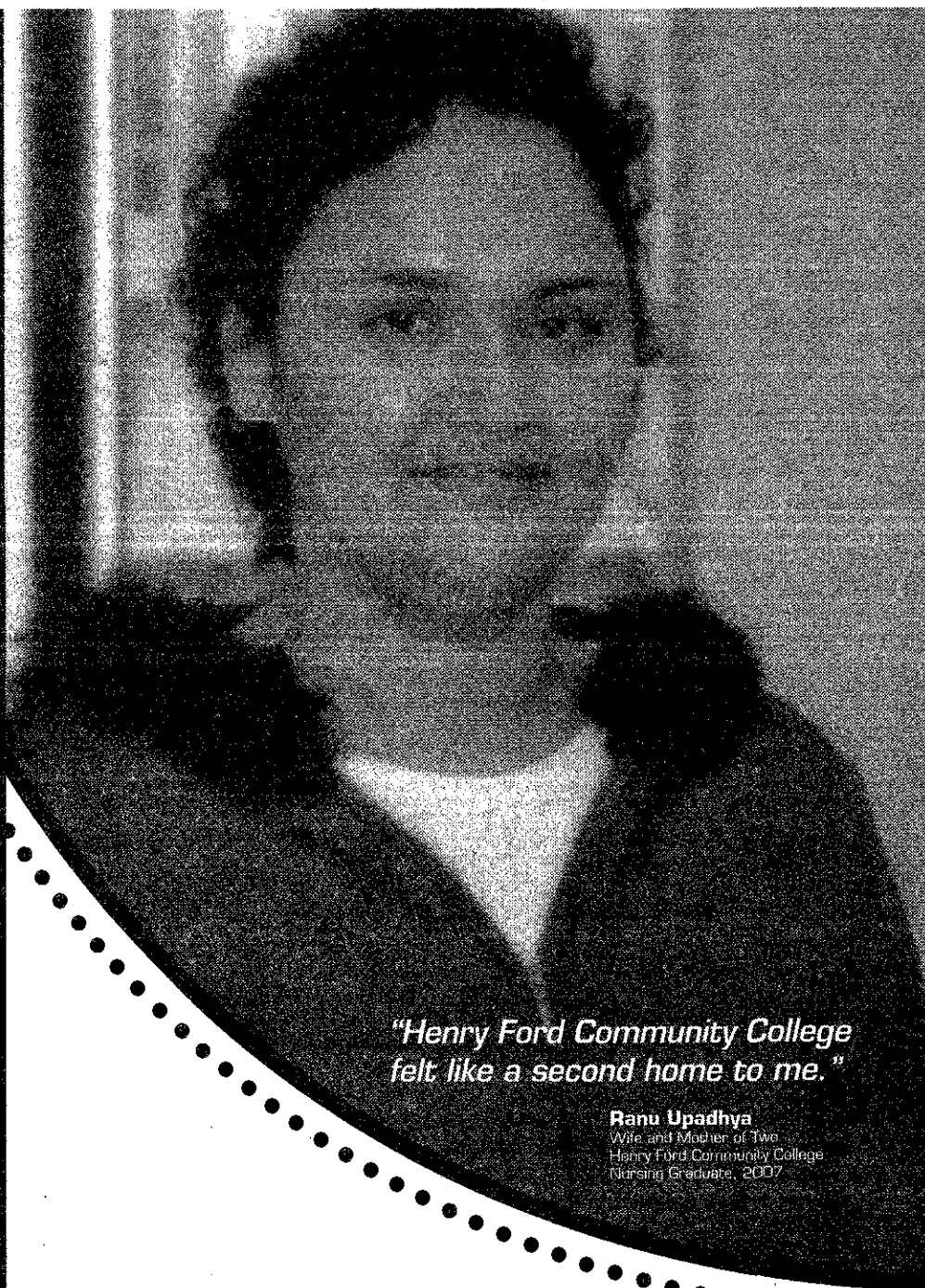
liminary hearing on the single count. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

Meijer provided officers with cigarettes and alcohol that Mansour is accused of buying from officers involved in the multi-city Metro Street Enforcement Team, Engstrom said.

Police arrested Mansour after conducting search warrants at his store and at his Northville Township home, Engstrom said.

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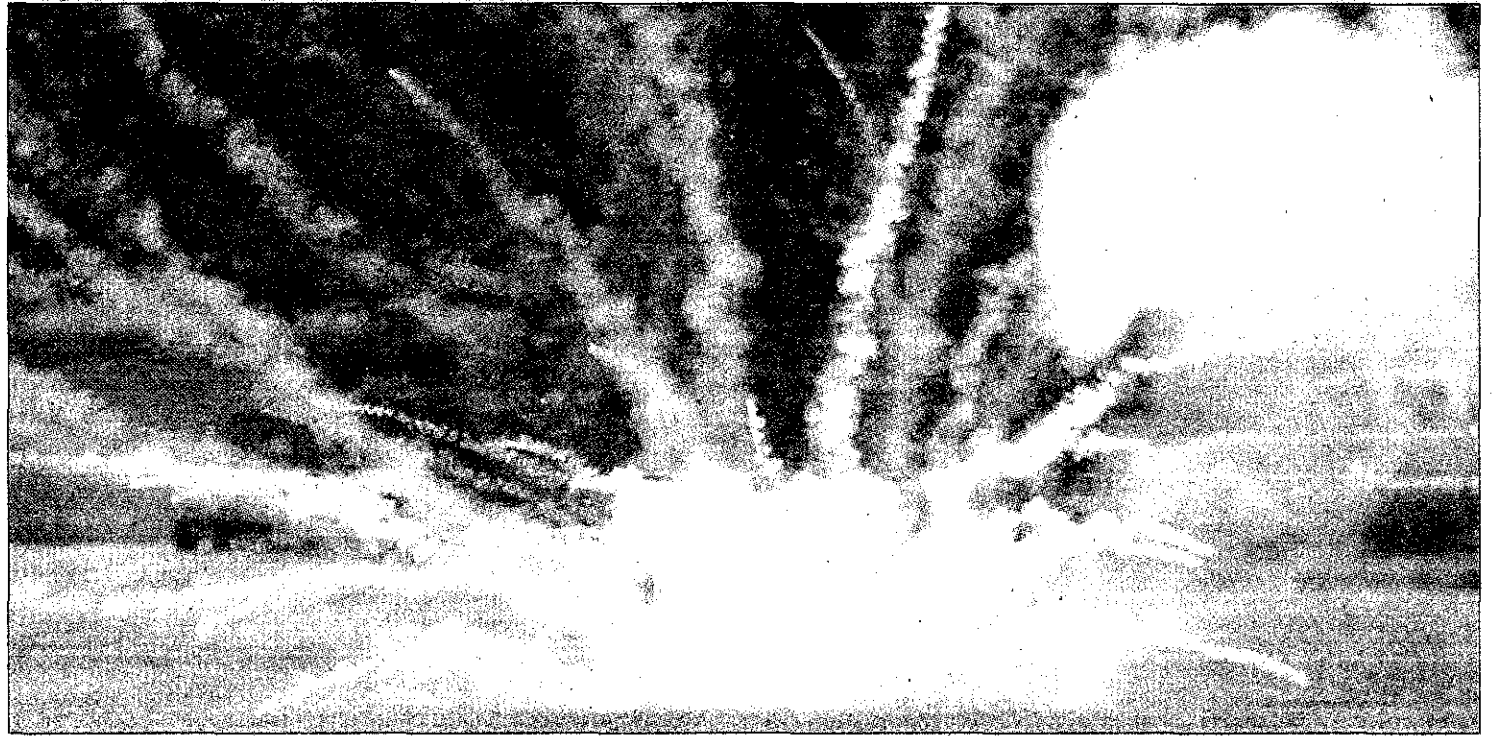
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ATF explosion specialist Yvonne Meyer sets up a table of illegal fireworks. Michigan law says that anything that leaves the ground or explodes is illegal.



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A commercial aerial device was set off as part of the illegal fireworks demonstrated by ATF.

Explosive display shows fireworks' dangers

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

A series of explosions Monday rocked Redford Township's Bell Creek Park — all in the name of fireworks safety.

The pyrotechnics, staged by federal agents, were intended to illustrate for young people the dangers of illegal fireworks. The most dramatic display came when an M-80-type device cut a mannequin in half at the waistline. "What could it do to you? That's something to think about," George Krappmann, a supervising special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, told children gathered at Bell Creek's soccer fields. A closer inspection revealed the explosion also took the fingers off the mannequin's right hand.

That mirrored a case Krappmann handled one Fourth of July: A boy took a bottle rocket, thought to be a dud and, with a friend, cut it in two and lit it. "It blew half his hand off," Krappmann told the children. The message wasn't lost on

Anita Stanfield of Farmington Hills, 16, who asked several questions of Krappmann. "I thought it was very helpful and useful," Anita said of the event.

Anita said she's known people who've used illegal fireworks. She said she plans on taking in a professional fireworks show this Fourth of July season. "They're very fun, very exciting," she said. Kameron Barden, 10, of Detroit, liked the event, too. "I liked it how — when the man blew up," Kameron said.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who sponsors the event each year, told the children that the safest thing they can do with fireworks is — don't. "Probably the best thing you can do is go to a professional show and not touch one yourself," Ficano said.

If you do use fireworks, he continued, be safe, do it with adults and have water nearby. "Fireworks are very, very dangerous," he said. State law limits legal fireworks to those that don't spin, twirl, leave the ground or create a



George Krappmann, ATF group supervisor, shows and explains the different illegal fireworks.

loud explosion. Legal fireworks include sparklers (up to 14 inches), snakes, fountains, paper caps and toy noisemakers. Such things as bottle rockets, fire-crackers and Roman candles are illegal to possess in Michigan.

On the federal side, illegal possession of an M-80 or a shell intended for professional use carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison, Krappmann said. "It's nothing to mess around with," he said.

Two other M-80 devices were set off Monday at Bell Creek. One exploded by itself and the other nearly vaporized a watermelon. In addition, a three-inch shell intended for professional use was also exploded.

Free home smoke detectors were handed out to people attending the event. The smoke detectors were courtesy of the Detroit Red Wings, team member Henrik Zetterberg and Lowe's Home Improvement.

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ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-26-15

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, SECTIONS 46-1(48), 46-1(49)c, and 46-1(49)d OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO AMEND THE RATES FOR MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL CHARGES

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That paragraph (a) of the portion of Section 46-1(48) of the Westland City Code entitled "Water consumption charges (Section 102-91)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

"(a) Per 1,000 gallons per quarter or any fraction thereof \$2.43"

Section 2. That paragraph (c) of the portion of Section 46-1(49)c of the Westland City Code entitled "Sewage disposal rates (Section 102-124)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

2. Industrial waste control charge (Section 102-124(b)):

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Charge
5/8	6.04
3/4	8.94
1	14.73
1 1/2	32.10
2	46.57
3	84.21
4	116.05
6	173.95
8	289.75
10	405.55
12	463.45
16	695.05
18	810.85
24	1,042.45
30	1,158.25
36	1,274.05
48	1,389.85

Section 3. That paragraph (d) of the portion of Section 46-1(49)d of the Westland City Code entitled "Minimum sewage disposal bills per quarter (Section 102-125)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

d. Minimum sewage disposal bills per billing period (section 102-125):

- Metered premises:
Actual consumption multiplied by \$3.15 per 1,000 (no minimum)
- Residential premises with no available water mains, bimonthly.....\$71.00
- Residential premises not connected to available water mains, bimonthly.....\$76.00
- Commercial premises with no available water mains, per unit bimonthly.....\$76.00
- Commercial premises not connected to available water mains, per unit bimonthly.....\$86.00

Section 4. That all other provisions of Chapter 46 of the Westland City Code, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Repeal. All other Ordinances, inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 7. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

EILEEN DEHART
WESTLAND CITY CLERK

ADOPTED: June 18, 2007
EFFECTIVE: June 28, 2007

Publish: June 28, 2007

CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **July 12, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made) for the following:

Loader

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Department at (734) 467-3204. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dwayne R. Harrigan
Controller

Publish: June 28, 2007

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF WESTLAND

INSTALLATION, REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF ASPHALT SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS AND PAVEMENT

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Description of Work
Work will consist of installing, removing and replacing asphalt sidewalks, driveways and pavement throughout the City of Westland as designated by the Director of the Department of Public Service.

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Prevailing Wage Requirements

This project, per City of Westland Ordinance 226-A, Article IX, requires Contractors and Subcontractors to pay employees the prevailing wages and benefits as stated in the most recent survey of the Michigan Department of Labor for prevailing wage determination, under Act 166 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended.

Dwayne Harrigan
Controller
City of Westland

Publish: June 28, 2007

ORDINANCE NO. 34-A-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WESTLAND CITY CODE CHAPTER 106, VEGETATION BY AMENDING ARTICLE IV, SECTION 106-91 TO INCLUDE ALL GRASSES, ANNUAL PLANTS AND VEGETATION IN EXCESS OF EIGHT INCHES IN THE DEFINITION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

WHEREAS, the City of Westland is desirous of protecting its citizenry from any unsanitary or dangerous conditions that may affect the health, welfare and safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, uncontrolled growth of weeds and grass has been found by scientific journals to substantially increase pollen counts in the atmosphere and facilitate ponding of water on vegetative surfaces; and,

WHEREAS, the ponding of water has been found to facilitate the growth of mosquito populations; and,

WHEREAS, artificially high pollen counts and mosquito populations negatively impact the health, welfare and safety of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, keeping the City of Westland free of tall grass, weeds and vegetation and other objectionable or unsightly matter will improve the quality of life of City citizens by improving aesthetics of the City by eliminating ponding of water, eliminating fire hazards and eliminating rodent harborage; and,

WHEREAS, keeping the City of Westland free of tall grass and weeds will promote the development and beautification of the City and reduce blight.

THEREFORE, the City of Westland enacts the following:

Section 1. That Chapter 106, Article IV, Section 106-91 Definitions shall be amended to provide as follows:

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Code, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Noxious weeds means and includes Canada thistle, doddars, mustards, wild carrot, bindweed, perennial sowthistle, hoary alyssum, ragweed, poison ivy, poison sumac, goldenrod or any other plants which are recognized as inducing hay fever, rose fever or other diseases, or as being in any way deleterious to the health or comfort of the community and all grasses, annual plants and vegetation in excess of eight inches, other than trees or shrubs provided, however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens, as defined in the 2000 International Property and Maintenance Code.

Section 2. That all other provisions of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

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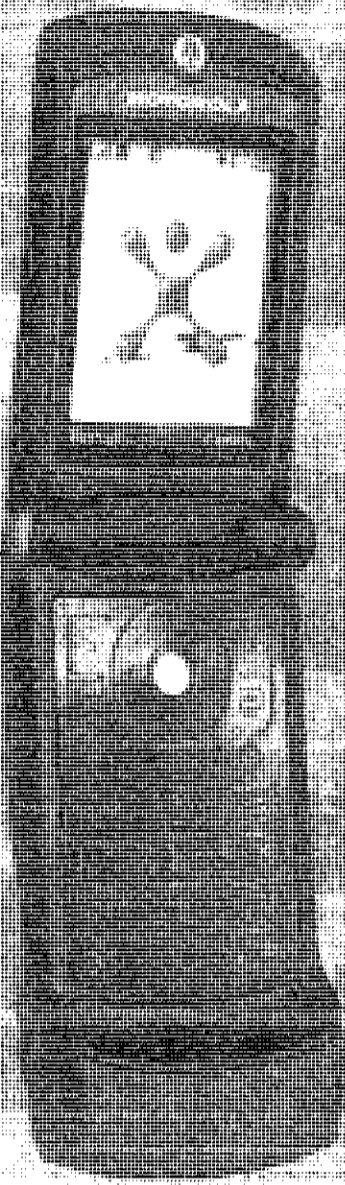
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2006 Report to Consumers on Water Quality

Westland is proud of the fine drinking water it receives from the City of Detroit and furnishes to the residents. This report will list the source of our water, the results of the tests performed on the water, and additional information about water and health questions. State and federal requirements mandate that an annual report be sent to Westland customers before July 1 each year. This is our tenth report.

Water Source

Westland is supplied by the City of Detroit from its Springwells Water Treatment Plant in Dearborn. The water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, and Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a six-tiered scale, from very low to high, based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes was determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

Public Notice Sewage Disposal System Event

Any person or claimant who experiences an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system that is under the jurisdiction and control of the City of Westland should immediately contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service Director, Kevin Buford, at the following address and telephone number:

City of Westland
 Department of Public Service
 37137 Marquette
 Westland, MI 48185
 (734) 728-1770

Important Health Information

Overview

The City of Westland maintains over 325 miles of water main, over 2900 hydrants and over 6000 valves in our system. We have flushed the water mains in one section of the city this year, covering the neighborhoods in the area of Palmer to Glenwood and Veno to Wildwood. This is done to remove buildup from the water main and improve pressure and quality of the water you receive. We will be doing other sections of the City of Westland in 2007 as the weather permits, working through the city on a continual basis. We are also operating and repairing the valves for isolating the water throughout the city to insure proper operation of the valves in an emergency.

Lead

Since 1992, with the cooperation of many Westland residents, the City has been testing homes with plumbing systems that may contribute lead to the household water supply. Our latest round of testing showed none of the fifteen homes tested had lead levels above the action level. If your home has a lead service line or piping that has lead soldered joints, you can take the following precautions to minimize your exposure to lead that may have leached into your drinking water from your pipes.

- Run your water for 30 to 60 seconds, or until it feels cold. This practice should be followed any time your water has not been used for more than six hours.
- Always use cold water for drinking, cooking or making baby formula.
- Use faucets and plumbing material that are either lead free or will not leach unsafe levels of lead into your water.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If

you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a disease-causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals, including dogs and cats. Symptoms of infection include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, headaches, nausea and vomiting. The disease is typically spread through contact with feces of an infected animal or person or consuming contaminated food or water. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface water runoff containing animal waste and sewage discharge. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has been testing for cryptosporidium since 1994 and has not detected it in any of our source water supplies.

People with Special Health Concerns

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants, can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance

In 2006, the City of Westland had no monitoring violations. A monitoring violation is not an exceedance of a MCL or health standard.

The Department of Public Service Water and Sewer Superintendent prepared this report for the City of Westland. Data was supplied by the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. If there are any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service at 734-728-1770. This report is supplied to our customers to ensure compliance with the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976, PA 399, as amended) by 1998 PA 56. This Act was passed to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act and the rules promulgated by the United States EPA dealing with this law. Water quality data for community water systems throughout the United States is available at www.waterdata.com.

Additional Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or by the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Blood drive donors can win car lease

A visit to a Red Cross blood drive this summer could mean driving home a Lincoln this September.

The American Red Cross and Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury in Garden City have joined forces to recruit blood donors this summer, so everyone who attempts to give blood at any participating American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region blood drive now through Sept. 5 can register to win a free two-year lease on a 2007 Lincoln MKX, the Luxury Crossover winner of Autopacific's Vehicle Satisfaction Award.

"The Red Cross is pleased to have the support of Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury," said CEO Diane Ward. "Our hope is that the chance to drive home a 2007 Lincoln MKX at the end of summer will entice current donors who haven't given in a while and new donors to schedule an appointment to give blood during the summer months."

To kick off the summer promotion, Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury will help prevent critical shortages during the July 4 holiday by hosting two blood

drives in their showroom at 32000 Ford Road in Garden City. Make an appointment to give blood between noon and 6 p.m. Friday (June 29) and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, July 2, and see the 2007 Lincoln MKX that will be given away in September.

The Red Cross struggles to maintain a strong blood inventory during the summer months, when fewer people donate blood, and there is an increase in the demand for blood to treat trauma patients. In addition to accident victims, other patients, such as those undergoing various surgeries or treatment for cancer and blood disorders, need blood to survive.

Every presenting donor age 18 or older who attempts to donate blood at participating drives will be issued an entry ticket. At the end of the promotion, 25 finalists will be selected to participate in the final drawing for the Lincoln MKX on Sept. 8 at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury.

To schedule a blood donation appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, or visit the Red Cross Web site at www.GiveLife.org.

Man sought in indecent exposure case

Information is being sought about a man reported to have exposed himself to children at a Garden City elementary school playground Saturday, June 23.

"We didn't name the school where it happened because we'd like people to keep an eye out at all of the schools," said Lt. David White. "The exact same thing happened at a Redford school - the same day, same car and same description

of the suspect."

The suspect is described as a white male in his 50s with gray hair, wearing a black T-shirt and shorts. He was also described as having a large pot belly. The suspect was driving a silver or aluminum colored very clean four-door sedan.

Anyone with information about the suspect or his vehicle is asked to contact the Garden City Police Department at (734) 793-1700.

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN FOR THE AUGUST 7, 2007 PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION

Please take Notice that the Primary Election in the City of Westland will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2007.

The last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at the City of Westland Primary/Special Election to be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, is Monday, July 9, 2007. Persons registering after 4:00 in the evening on Monday, July 9, 2007 are not eligible to vote at the Primary/Special Election.

You may register at the Westland City Clerk's office or at any Secretary of State Office.

EILEEN DeHART
 Westland City Clerk

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Dwayne Harrigan
 Controller
 City of Westland

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Springwells Water Treatment Plant 2006 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	8/15/2006	ppm	4	4	0.951	n/a	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	8/15/2006	ppm	10	10	0.172	n/a	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2006	ppb	n/a	80	22.0	8.9-42.7	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Halooacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2006	ppb	n/a	60	13.9	5.5-24.5	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant Chlorine	Jan-Dec 2006	ppm	MRDL 4	MRDL 4	0.67	0.62-0.71	No	Water additive used to control microbes

2006 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap				
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
0.28 NTU	100%	No	Soil Runoff	
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.				

2006 Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation Yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month - 0	No	Naturally present in the environment.
E.coli or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.	entire year - 0	No	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2006 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers Tap								
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2005	Ppb	0	15	0 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2005	Ppb	1300	1300	54 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.								

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running annual average	Monthly Ratio Range	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.				Erosion of natural deposits

2006 Special Monitoring				
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.21	Erosion of natural deposits

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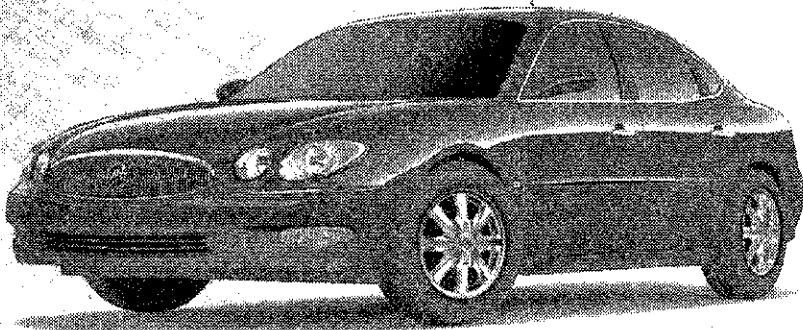
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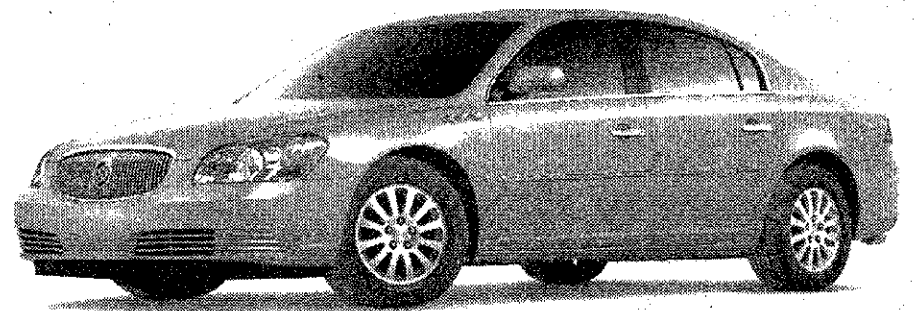


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OUR VIEWS

One storm water permit for watershed makes sense

It is said that everyone who lives within an urban watershed like that of the Rouge River actually resides on the headwaters of the river.

That is not to say that all the 1.5 million people who live within the Rouge River watershed have a stream or river running through their backyard. But all the storm water that runs off of their homes, lawns, driveways and streets and into storm drains actually makes its way directly into the Rouge through a series of underground concrete pipes.

The surge of that storm water every time it rains is now the leading cause of pollution to the Rouge River, which winds its way through much of metro Detroit before emptying into the Detroit River. The storm water is laced with motor oil, antifreeze, pet waste and fertilizers, which are destructive to the river and its wildlife.

This is the main reason the federal and state governments have mandated that each community implement storm water discharge plans. Because of the federally-funded Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, communities along the Rouge have been far ahead of most of the country when it comes to managing storm water. In fact, every Rouge community has already created a management plan to meet Phase II storm water regulations, which requires municipalities to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

However, communities must re-apply for these permits every five years, and within the next year all the communities in the Rouge watershed will have to get new permits, which include plans for illicit connection inspections, public education and water quality monitoring.

Currently there is a push by the Alliance of Rouge Communities, which includes 43 members, to get one permit for the entire watershed, rather than have each community apply for its own permit. According to ARC officials, this would save staff time, resources and, most importantly, money.

However, these same officials say they have been met with resistance from officials with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the agency that processes the permit applications. This seems to fly in the face of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's call for communities to consolidate and regionalize services as a way to save money.

It doesn't make sense for 43 communities to essentially duplicate the same work, when it could be done once by ARC staff. It would also be easier for the state to comb through one permit rather than dozens.

In the past, the state has encouraged communities to tackle water quality issues on a watershed-wide basis, because what one community does to the river impacts every community downstream. Here is a great opportunity to allow communities in the Rouge River watershed to do just that — plus save lots of money.

Declaration of Independence still provokes, inspires

Every few years a pollster will take to the streets in the weeks before Independence Day, read a statement and ask whether the person being polled agrees or disagrees with the statement. Invariably the majority of those polled express shock at the radical ideas being proposed and ignorance that the ideas come from the revered document that we celebrate on the Fourth of July.

The Declaration of Independence is both cautious and revolutionary. The framers made their declaration out of a "decent respect to the opinions of mankind" which required that the revolutionaries make a strong case for why the colonies should separate from Great Britain's authority.

The framers also took the consequences of what they did very seriously: "Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes."

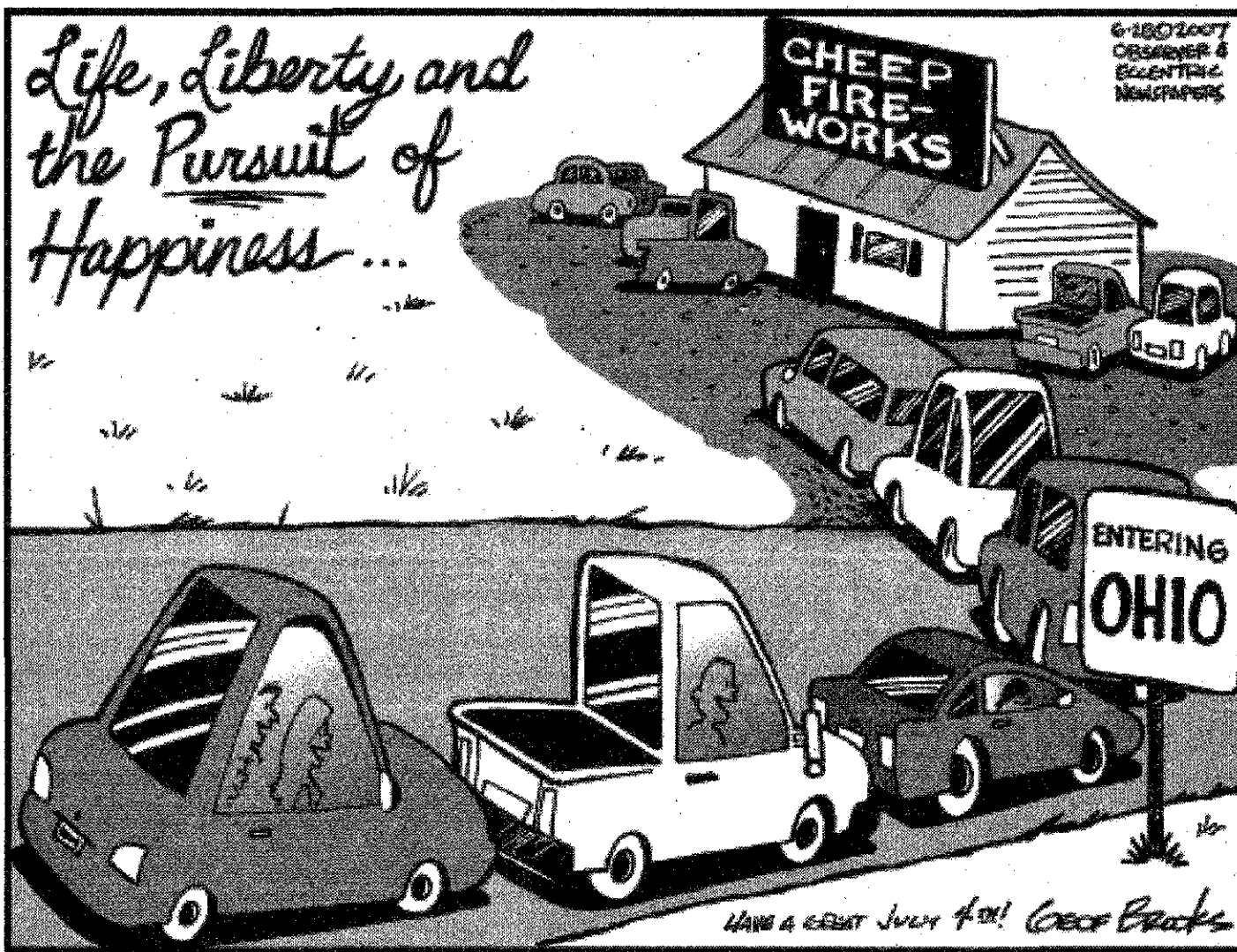
But they boldly declared in Thomas Jefferson's rich phrasing: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

But the part that causes many modern Americans to hesitate is the heart of the matter: "That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new Government, laying its foundations on such principles ..."

The Declaration then lists the grievances against King George III so that the world would understand their cause.

This Declaration has been an inspiration to generations of oppressed people throughout the world, offering a new and more just foundation for government than the rights of kings or the power of armies; a government established to uphold the life and liberty of its citizens.

To that end, the framers made a bold pact that we would do well to join "for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."



LETTERS

Time for kind acts

I read a story recently about when city workers showed up to mow the long grass on an abandoned house, residents were outside applauding. What happen to neighborly kindness? How much energy would it have taken if the citizens that applauded had gotten out their mowers and cut the grass? Let's show some pride in our community.

It's a sad day when neighbors can't or don't help out neighbors. Westland residents take pride in taking care of their homes, why can't they go the extra mile and help cut down someone else's lawn who is less fortunate or has fallen on hard times?

Also, about those people who called the city about a friend of mine who is disabled and cannot cut her lawn. Instead of calling the city and complaining, why don't you help that resident out by cutting her lawn?

This goes for all the complaints the city receives about high grass. Have you called on a neighbor? Did you even think to contact the neighbor to see why they haven't mowed their grass before you call the city? Maybe their lawn mower is broken or they are physically unable to cut their lawn. Can't you help a neighbor out? If it's a vacant house, maybe all the neighbors could take turns cutting it. When it snows, are you concerned only for your sidewalk and driveway? Those of us with blowers should help those who can't or are unable to move the snow. I know I have.

Whatever happened to helping out neighbors? We are all one in this community. Let's all practice random acts of kindness. How many of us live next door to an elderly person? Do you ever take them over a dish of food — a piece of cake, some roast and veggies or some tuna salad? You know when you live alone you don't cook as good as when you have others in your home.

There isn't a Westland resident that hasn't fallen hard times at one time or another in their life. It's time we help each other.

How many of you go to church every Sunday? Why don't you practice what they teach you? Jesus said if you do it for the least of them, you have done it for Jesus. Instead of going door-to-door for your church, reach out to the community and show them what he taught. Cut lawns, visit the elderly neighbors, help the elderly with chores.

Come on Westland residents, it's time to practice random acts of kindness.

Judi Musolf
Westland

What Friends have done

At the June 12 meeting of the Friends of the Westland Historical Museum, a motion was passed to dissolve the not-for-profit group whose history began 19 years ago.

The purpose of the Friends was to sponsor fund-raisers, accept donations and grants, oversee maintenance of buildings and grounds and the restoration and rehabilitation of the Westland Historical Museum. To encourage use of the museum as a community, social and educational resource as well as assist the

Historical Commission. And to enhance the historical value of the museum, holdings, assets and areas for future generations.

Everyone will recall many of the fund-raisers sponsored by the Friends organization. There were the golf outings headed by Thomas Brown and Joseph Benyo for many years. Flea markets were held on the grounds of the one-room schoolhouse and at the museum complex. Two of my first time favorite activities were "Touring Historic Houses" in 2002 and selling cookbooks last year. The tour included the historic 1837 Rowe House, the 1856 Perrinsville School, both of which at the time were situated off the museum site, and the Helen C. Brown Westland Historical Museum, the Collins House, a log, two-seater outhouse and the pole barn. A slide presentation gave visitors views of the inside of the Octagon House for it sat on skids then.

What made the *Cooking with Friends* cookbook a best seller were the recipes gathered from the community and the original art work of five of our historic houses by Westland artist Dorothy Drummond. They can be seen on the cover and category dividers. Take a stroll on the brick walkway on the grounds of the Perrinsville Schoolhouse and view the 189 bricks that show the names of residents, organizations and businesses that support restoration and maintenance of the one-room school on Warren Road. Tom Brown and Joe Benyo designed the brick walkway fund-raiser. In the past 10 years, Friends have sponsored more than \$20,000 in restoration at the historic school. You can step inside and see an 1980s era school room one Sunday of each month through September. Please check your city calendar for the dates. Some Friends served on the Restoratoron Committee for seven years.

Through the efforts of the Friends additional financial support came in the form of grants from the Westland Community Foundation, assisting us in replacing roofs for the historic houses and the restoration of the museum foundation.

Some educational activities included a quilt raffle, a home chore display, lectures and a genealogy workshop. During the quilt raffle, quilter Viela Lauerman demonstrated quilt making. Throughout the museum, many of her quilts, the museum quilts and sewing tools were displayed. Creating a home chore display in the Collins House meant researching items to be displayed. A series of lectures were held at the Perrinsville Schoolhouse, the Westland Public Library and the Senior Friendship Center. They included "What Is an Interurban?" and "Lecture and Tour of Nankin Mills Interpretive Center" which brought awareness to local history and the excellent exhibits at the interpretive center. Friend Daryl Bailey gave two different Civil War talks, accompanied by slide presentations. Friends also sponsored a genealogy workshop held at the historical museum. The workshop gave us an opportunity to publicize materials found in our museum archives.

For many years, one of our annual events was "Adopt-A-Tree." Some of you may have a tree or shrub growing in your yard from the Earth Day related activity, which was a popular with both young and old alike.

A Friend established the first museum archives in 1990 in a 71/2-foot square room in the historical museum. A Friend chaired the first time inventory after 19 years of collecting. Friends of the Museum served as tour guides, researchers, cemetery guards, designers of brochures and programs and ground maintenance workers and on the Perrinsville Restoration Committee and helped with special displays, to name a few.

Upon dissolving the Friends of the Museum, a vote was made to make our final donation to the city trust and agency for maintenance of the Perrinsville Schoolhouse and to match a grant for repair of the exterior dry rot boards on the Rowe House.

Thanks to Virginia Braun, the one charter member on the Friends, who served as a director for 19 years. Thanks to Jim Franklin, who led the Friends for the past 10 years as president. Thanks to past Friends for their volunteerism and dedication. Thanks to our two local newspapers for their support and coverage of activities. And thanks to WLND for the bulletin board ads on local cable.

It is impossible to relate in one writing all of the activities involved in by the Friends. It is impossible to name all of those who supported the Friends over the past 19 years. It is impossible to convey the immense amount of gratitude felt toward our community for their support of the Friends of the Westland Historical Museum.

Ruth Dale
historian, volunteer
14-year member, Friends of the Museum

Conflict of interest

When I saw the list for council candidates I felt I had to respond. If Judge Cicirelli's daughter should happen to get on the council I believe it would be a conflict of interest.

It is common knowledge that Council President Charles Pickering is dating Judge Sandra Cicirelli. He is also running for mayor. What is wrong with this picture? Hypothetically, Judge Cicirelli, Pickering as council president (or mayor) and Cicirelli's daughter on the council? I have to say, in my mind that is truly a conflict of interest.

I know there was some concern about Bill Johnson and Eileen DeHart being a conflict. All I can say to that is that Eileen DeHart has NO say in the council vote!

Concerned,
Deane Seber Kirby
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Gloria Pluta about the children's books collected for the Red Wagon literacy program by members of the Dyer Senior Center.

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State has plenty of bad news, but some good is trickling in

Well, for Michigan, the bad news is kind of old hat, but it's worth reciting. Understanding the good news requires a bit of thought, but it is significantly more interesting.

First, the bad. According to the most recent number from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Michigan continues to lose the most jobs of any state and post the highest unemployment percentages in the nation.

Between April and May, we lost a net 55,500 jobs and posted an unemployment rate of 6.9 percent. Over the year, unemployment increased in only three states — and, yes, we were one.



Phil Power

Dana Johnson, the balanced and sensible chief economist at Comerica, may have put it best: "Michigan is rapidly becoming a relatively poor state." Michigan's per person output fell from 96 percent of the national average in 2003 to 89 percent in 2006.

The state's Gross Domestic Product (GDP, the best measure of the output of the economy) declined by 0.5 percent, while the nation as a whole expanded by 3.4 percent. However, Johnson points out that Michigan's economic weakness was confined to just three industries — manufacturing, construction and government.

They play a disproportionate role in this state's "misery index." Together, those three sectors accounted for more than 80 percent of Michigan's net declines from 2003 to 2006, even though they made up only around 35 percent of the state's GDP.

But enough bad news. Now for the better stuff. An EPIC/MRA poll released last week indicated that 300,000 to 600,000 Michigan residents were considering leaving the state. "That's practically a whole Congressional district," said Ed Sarpolus, vice president of the polling firm. Michigan's U.S. House delegation is now at 15 members, down from our peak of 19 in the 1960s and 1970s.

That might mean we could lose another Congressional seat after the next census. So what on earth is the good news?

Well, as scary as those numbers are on the surface, if you dig into the digits, it turns out the folks who are thinking of leaving are mostly less-educated, less-skilled and lower-earning.

For example, 9 percent of those asked from Macomb County (where only 21 percent of residents have a bachelor's degree or higher) said they felt certain they would move out of Michigan.

By contrast, no one surveyed from Oakland County (where 41 percent of residents have a B.A. or higher) was planning to leave.

College kids are, by and large, planning to stay. The survey found only 7 percent of those with college degrees planning to fly.

Meanwhile, those holding only high school diplomas were twice as likely to leave. Meanwhile, 18 percent of those with no degree of any kind said they would be willing to move.

Nor is the solid middle class planning to head to Manitoba. Just 3 percent of those earning between \$75,000 and \$100,000 were planning on leaving. By contrast, those earning between \$25,000 and \$50,000 were six times as likely to report that they are discouraged and looking for sunnier pastures.

I certainly don't want to minimize the human pain and anguish felt by many, many Michiganders. But the plain fact is that if Michigan is going to thrive, it will be through our higher-educated, more skilled people, not the relatively unskilled.

The policy set by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Cherry Commission to improve educational results and double the number of college graduates within the next decade makes perfect sense.

More subtle but equally important is a paper prepared by Tom Ivacko, of the University of Michigan's Center for Local, State and Urban Policy (CLOSUP). Ivacko argues that the 20th century Michigan economic model of low-skill, high-wage manufacturing no longer works and that the only hope for a prosperous future is based on a knowledge economy. He concludes, "A critical component in establishing a sustainable and successful knowledge economy is human capital, a critical mass of talent based on a cultural context that promotes higher education and life-long learning, entrepreneurialism, innovation, risk-taking and diversity."

He recites U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data, which show Michigan growth in employment and number of firms in knowledge economy sectors such as financial services, professional and business services, education and health services and so on. Growth in these sectors is admittedly less robust than it is nationwide, but the data show noticeable growth in our economy that's all too easy to dismiss as a one-state recession.

Ivacko's paper also points out that Michigan's economy is becoming more balanced and diversified than our history of top-heavy reliance on manufacturing.

He concludes, "Whereas the overwhelmingly negative portrayal of Michigan's economy over the last half-decade has resulted in a public sense of gloom and self-doubt, this report presents evidence of numerous positive developments occurring in the state economy. ... While there are certainly long-term struggles yet to come, there are also signs that Michigan is navigating a historic transformation between economic models, as its former industrial foundation gives way to a growing post-industrial knowledge economy."

All in all, the bad news is, well, bad. But it's beginning to be balanced by the good. There are all kinds of sad and cynical associations with the phrase, "light at the end of the tunnel" (used in connection with the war in Vietnam.) Maybe it's accurate in our case.

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Attacking recruiters over war is misdirected anger

BY BRIG GEN. SUZANNE VAUTRINOT
CORRESPONDENT

Several recent confrontations have put some of our airmen in harm's way. These conflicts didn't occur on the streets of Baghdad or in the skies over Afghanistan, but right in America's backyard.

Over the past few weeks, protestors in several U.S. communities have shown their displeasure over the war in Iraq and the Defense Department's "don't ask, don't tell" policy by targeting military recruiting stations. While some protest peacefully, others resort to setting off smoke bombs, tossing paint onto buildings, vandalizing vehicles, breaking windows and shouting profanity at recruiters. Even more troubling is protestors picketing and vandalizing recruiters' homes, placing their families in danger.

Subjecting military recruiters to a public stoning when citizens are unhappy with public policy is like smacking a dog because his owner put an ugly sweater on him. It's misdirected anger at best and criminal at worst.

The dark days of Vietnam, when many citizens openly vilified and harassed young service members returning from southeast Asia, should have served as a harsh lesson as to what happens when Americans turn their frustrations on fellow countrymen. The physical display of frustration builds contempt and anger on both sides.

Recent protests in New York City; Milwaukee; Syracuse, N.Y.; Winona, Minn., and other American communities have subjected our young soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines to real danger. These junior troops are not villains, not decision-makers and certainly not targets. But that's what they're being made out to be.

Recruiters come from the operational Air Force. They are security forces, mechanics and medical technicians. Many have returned from deployments in the Middle East as well as humanitarian missions in Indonesia and Africa. Respect for their contributions and a little "humanitarian" response in their hometowns seems a small thanks to request.

We live in a complex world, one where terrorists ignore compassion, perspective and humanity. Your Air

Force will continue to deter them and defend America. Recruiters are often the only military members in the communities they serve. In each of them, you'll find a patriot who holds integrity, service and excellence as core values. They are someone's parent and child, someone you'd like to have as a neighbor.

When these honorable men and women volunteered for military service, they understood the potential dangers that lay ahead. None expected to come under fire on the streets of America.

Recruiters don't hide behind tall fences or security guards. They can be found at the mall, in the school cafeteria and on neighborhood streets, talking to parents, teachers and prospective recruits. They are highly visible members in America's communities. However, this doesn't mean they should bear the brunt of the public's dissatisfaction with decisions made by officials in Washington.

While many Americans may grow increasingly frustrated with the situation in the Middle East, support for our troops is strong. We all take an oath to protect and defend the Constitution, which allows the privilege of free speech. All we ask is that citizens speak to those with an ability to change policy, rather than insult or attack those who defend their rights to speech as well as their homeland.

It's time to stop the harassment of recruiters and heed the lessons of a generation ago. After all, we are all one team. We are all Americans.

The writer, a brigadier general, is commander of the Air Force Recruiting Service.

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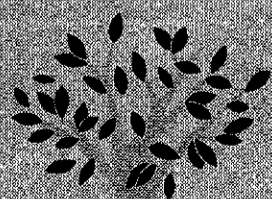
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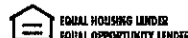
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BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Lenore Daniels felt like she was being pulled in too many directions, trying to care for her father after he had an operation and keeping tabs on her aging aunt.

"I can't be in three places at one time," Daniels says.

Seven years ago, Daniels heard about Home Instead Senior Care and thought it was worth a try, even though her aunt, Olga Christian, was adamantly against getting help.

Earlier this month, sitting in her Livonia home, Christian says she would be lost without the help she gets from Home Instead caregivers.

Daniels is among a growing number of family members taking on the role of caregiver as more and more adults age well into their 80s and 90s. There are 33.9 million people caring for someone 50 or older in the United States, according to a 2005 study by the AARP and the National Alliance for Caregiving.

"She's been a mom to me," says Daniels, a 50-year-old Ypsilanti resident who has recently been forced to juggle a lot of family turmoil, including the death of her older sister to breast cancer and helping to care for her 85-year-old father. At first, Christian needed minimal help three times a week running errands and making sure meals were made. Now Home Instead caregivers are with Christian 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Christian, 89, has congestive heart failure, arthritis and other illnesses.

When her load became nearly unbearable, Daniels considered taking Christian to a nursing home.

PEACE OF MIND
"But there's nothing like her being in her own home," Daniels said. "There's peace of mind. These women who come here are like family."

That sentiment is at the heart of how Home Instead came about, according to Glenna Yarouch, owner of the Home Instead franchise in Livonia. Other franchises are



Margaret Baron of Home Instead, right, helps adjust Olga Christian in her Livonia home where Christian has been in need of 24-hour, in-home care.

located throughout the U.S. and around the world.

"We want to help seniors stay in their own homes," Yarouch says. "They may need a little assistance or a lot of assistance, like bathing, meal preparation, running errands and getting to doctor appointments. Most of the folks who are using home care are using it as an alternative instead of assisted living or nursing homes."

A large portion of Yarouch's clients have Alzheimer's, others need help doing laundry or want to have someone available to go for walks. Many live alone, some stay with their grown children and other clients even live in assisted living facilities and require extra attention.

SERVICE NEEDS VARY

Home Instead provides non-medical needs, there is a three-hour a week minimum and clients decide if they want day, evening and weekend hours. Rates vary depending on the services required. While Home Instead isn't a maid service, the caregiver can

provide light housekeeping, laundry and ironing.

"Some are very active and go to senior centers or go dancing and maybe they don't drive anymore and others are bed-bound," Yarouch says.

Occasionally, clients are near the end of their lives and Home Instead caregivers work with their families and with hospice to allow them to die in their homes.

"We're at the bedside of many of our clients at death, side by side with the family member if that's what they have chosen," Yarouch says.

The Livonia franchise opened in June 2002 and today Yarouch has more than 700 clients throughout western Wayne County, including Livonia, Westland, Plymouth, Northville, Canton, Garden City, Detroit and other communities.

"Families decide what type of schedule they are looking for," Yarouch says. "They fill out a service agreement outlining services and prices and we can get started immediately."

Typically, the children of

clients call for the initial appointment.

"It's for us to understand the dynamics of the entire family environment and to make sure we get a compatible match with a caregiver," Yarouch says.

"It's not just cooking them lunch," she added. "Personalities should match."

STANDARDS MATTER

Only 5 percent of the people who apply to be Home Instead caregivers are hired after rigorous reference and criminal background checks, Yarouch says adding that Home Instead caregivers are bonded, insured and must complete training programs and pass tests covering practical situations that might arise while caring for the elderly.

Margaret Baron, a Livonia resident, is Christian's Home Instead caregiver on the weekends. On Sundays, Baron says, she enjoys making Christian Belgian waffles with enough left over for her to freeze and eat during the week.

Home Instead handles all the billing, payroll, taxes,



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Win free home care for a senior citizen by writing in 500 words or less the challenges you've faced, how you've embraced your role as a caregiver for a senior loved one and how a Home Instead Senior Care caregiver could make a difference.

The contest is sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care and *Caring Today* magazine. One entrant will win \$5,000 of free home care and two winners will receive \$2,500 of free care.

Winning essays will be published in the November/December issue of *Caring Today* and the top 10 essays will appear on www.caringtoday.com.

insurance and administrative responsibilities for the caregivers.

"The most important part is for the family to recognize they need help and be willing to accept the help," Yarouch says. "An agency can fill in all gaps the families are struggling with. The most important part of working with an agency is getting one that is reputable. Ask questions and ask for references. Make sure the people you are using are accessible, responsible and reliable."

Time is stretched to the breaking point for people, like Daniels, who are caring for elderly family members.

Patricia Volland, senior vice president of the New

York Academy of Medicine and director of the Academy's Social Work Leadership Institute, was among a group of people recently who commissioned a study, "Squeezed Between Children and Older Parents: A Survey of Sandwich Generation Women."

The poll, which surveyed women ages 35-54, showed that more than 60 percent of women concerned about an aging relative's health have difficulty managing stress and are about three times more likely than non-caregivers to worry "a great deal" about having enough time for family.

"In the end, a relaxed caregiver who is not stressed is a better caregiver," Yarouch says.

Submit entries online at www.caringtoday.com or by mail to *Caring Today*, 145 Post Road East, Westport, CT 06880.

The entry deadline is July 16. For more information, contact Glenna Yarouch with Home Instead Senior Care in Livonia at (734) 525-5300.

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JUNE

Summer Bible studies
Continue 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays in the gym at Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington road, north of I-96, Livonia). The public is invited to the a presentation of Answers with Ken Ham, a 12-part DVD series on the authority of the Bible. Visit www.christsavior.org for more information.

Summer camp
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School, 9600 Leverage, Redford is accepting applications for their summer camp. Care is offered for infants through 8th grade from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (734) 646-4857 for more information.

Summer camp
The camps continue 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, through Aug. 24, for students in grades K-8, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Camps include Bible study, literacy lessons, field trips, games, activities. No charge. All invited. To register, call (734) 728-3440.

UPCOMING

Sunday school classes
New adult Sunday School classes begin July 1, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Classes include The Joy of Signing (sign language), Inside the Middle East, and Keys to Spiritual Freedom.

Concert
Tim Zimmerman and the Kings Brass will perform for a birthday celebration for our great nation 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 5, at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial. The group will be playing sacred music and a special tribute to our nation's veterans. Call (734) 455-2300 for tickets and dinner reservations.

Carillon series
10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday, July

8, July 15, July 29, Aug. 5 and 12, and Sept. 2, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. Call (248) 626-2515.

Life celebration
St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will commemorate the death of Janet Noble-Richardson, pastor of the church at the time she was killed in a rear end collision on the Ohio Turnpike on July 11, 2006. The Life Celebration will take place 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at the church, 16700 Newburgh, south of Six Mile, Livonia. A memorial to Noble-Richardson will be unveiled at the end of the service. Noble-Richardson, 44, served as the church's pastor for 17 years. For more information, call (734) 464-8844.

Women's retreat
St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholic moms to a Mom's Summer Retreat on Wednesday mornings this summer to enjoy prayer and adult discussion of topics relevant to their daily life. A Children's Ministry will be offered while moms enjoy Mass, a continental breakfast and conversation with other moms 8:30-11 a.m. July 11, July 18, Aug. 1, and Aug. 8, at the church located on the southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth roads. Discussion topics are Everyday Prayer on June 20th; Marriage, July 11th; Motherhood and Mary, July 18; Teaching Your Children the Virtues, Aug. 1, and Living your Faith Every Day, Aug. 8. Moms may register for as few or as many sessions as schedules permit, each at \$5 per meeting. Children's Ministry activities are \$2 per child per session. Contact (734) 261-1455, ext. 207 or e-mail swilliams@livonistmichael.org for information and registration details.

Blood drive
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 15, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, ext. 309.

Wellness lecture/healing workshop
With Dr. Saul Shaye, a chiropractor, presents the message: A Funny Thing Happened on My Way to Disprove God during services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, July 15, workshop 1-4 p.m. (suggested donation \$15), at Unity

of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Shaye has demonstrated a special gift of spiritual healing. Personal appointments with him are available during the week. For more information, call (734) 421-1760.

Vacation Bible school
Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God! takes place 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 16-20, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. The sessions, for age 3 to children entering 5th grade, include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. The children will also learn about the sponsored mission - Heifer International, a charity that through donations, helps children and families around the world receive training and animal gifts to help them become self-reliant. All are welcome to attend. The cost is \$18 for the first child in the family, \$12 for any additional children. After July 8, there is an increase to \$20 for the first child and \$14 for additional children. For more information or to register, call (734) 422-1470 or e-mail: christianeducator@sppc-email.org.

Soccer mini-camp
6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 23-27, for boys and girls ages 5-12 (any skill level), at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington road, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$20 per student, includes instruction, snacks and soccer ball to take home. Fee payable at time of registration. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required to enroll. Call (734) 522-6830.

Avalanche ranch
Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon July 23-27, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. \$25 for first child (includes music CD, \$20 each additional child (no CD). If you have western theme items we can borrow or for more information, contact Laura Kloiber at (248) 348-9675 or send e-mail to lkloiber@ameritech.net.

Messiah
Come sing in instant performances of the world's greatest choral music in Summer Sings 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 25 (Messiah by George Frederic Handel), and Aug. 29 (Saint Nicholas by Benjamin Britten), at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. No entrance fee or preparation necessary, no auditions required, no long-term commitment. For more information, call (248) 644-2040, ext. 136.

Vacation Bible school
July 28 to Aug. 1, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 525-3664 or visit www.betheloflivonia.com.

Anniversary Mass
50th anniversary of Fr. Solanus Casey's death 5 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at St. Bonaventure/Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit. For information, call (313) 579-2100, ext. 140 or ext. 169.

Song ministry
Rev. Bob Herriman, song evangelist, appears 10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are invited to witness this ministry through word and song.

Vacation Bible school
Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13-17, with a church picnic finale on Aug. 19, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All kids age 2 through fifth grade are invited. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us.

Church Women United
Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring 1 salad for every 3 persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Ave., Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

Crafters needed
St. Aidan Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Cruise
St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. Space limited.

Crafters wanted
St. Aidan Catholic Parish in Livonia is hosting a craft show to raise funds for their youth for their pilgrimage to Sidney, Australia for World Youth Day in 2008. Crafters are needed for a show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Monsignor Brunett Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Save your table today. Call Ruth McCarthy for an application (734) 464-5973.

Uplifting church services
Want a unique church experience? Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to our open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as we examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia., Call (734) 464-0990.

ONGOING

J.O.Y. meeting
The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Higher Rock Cafe
Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.com.

Worship service
10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Youth wanted
Twins and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you
Join with others as we discover ways

to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

Summer worship
Summer schedule for worship to Sept. 2, is 10 a.m. Sunday services (with nursery), and 7 p.m. Wednesday Contemporary Service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship
10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Preschool registration
Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

Sunday services
Pastor Oan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road, Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

Worship services
Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Bible study
7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Farmington Women Aglow
Meets 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053 or (248) 890-5494.

Worship services
Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

Classes
NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choose from a self defense class, Scrap-booking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and much more. Register on line at <http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/>.

Tiny Tots Preschool
Open registration at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Recovery program
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Bible study
The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

Sunday service
All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Worship service
All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to

expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services
Explore your destiny God's wonderful plan for your life. Sunday Worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Worship service
At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes
Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you.

Personal ministry
Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, 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.

Scripture studies
From 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.

TOPS
Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Learner's Bible study
At 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 at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Senior activities
Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration
The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Unity of Livonia
Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services
The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Beth Chaverim
Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.bethchaverim.com.

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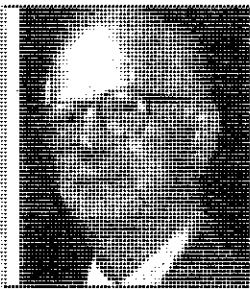
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MICHAEL G. MCGHIE
Of Howell

His Legacy...Michael died Tuesday June 19, 2007 at the age of 54. He was born June 28, 1952 to John and Elsie (Crimp) McGhie in Detroit, MI. Mike served in the Army in Vietnam. He owned Midwest Management, a property management company, with his partner and friend of 30 years, John Morrissey. He was an avid reader of Nero Wolfe, enjoying going to the movies and loved a good laugh. Mike was a hard worker and was a wonderful friend to many. His Family...Mike is survived by his daughter, Kodi Hall of Williamston; brothers, Thomas (Louise) McGhie of Livonia and Patrick (Lyn) McGhie of Hudson, NH; his sisters, Linda (Neil) Manning of Hastings and April McGhie of Livonia; step-mother, Brenda McGhie of Livonia; his significant partner in life, Paula Berbaum of Howell; and many close friends. His Farewell Service...A Healing Farewell was held Saturday June 23, 2007, at Borek Jennings Funeral Home-Lamb Chapel in Howell with Rev. Dale Hedblad as celebrant. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. Please leave a message of comfort for Mike's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guest book at borekjennings.com.



GORDON B. RIGGS

76 years old, passed away peacefully on June 20th. Husband of the late Diane Keena Riggs. Survived by daughter Pamela Riggs Muro of Ann Arbor, grandchildren Lulu and Paulie Muro, sister Martha Lee Davis of California, brother Kenton Riggs of Colorado and dear friend Susan Gierak of Birmingham. Born in Lafayette, Indiana, attended Purdue University, served in the United States Army, and graduated Harvard Business School. Gordon worked for over thirty years at Ford Motor Company in Product Planning and Corporate Strategy and acted as the first American member on the Board of Directors of Mazda in Hiroshima, Japan. An active member of his community, Gordon served on numerous Birmingham civic and charitable boards, was Chairman of the Board of the Community House and honored as 1st Citizen of Birmingham in the year 2000. A memorial and reception will be held at the Community House in Birmingham on July 20th at 4:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham 48009 or Children Charities Coalition, 44765 Woodward Ave., Pontiac 48341.

LEROEY E. WESTFALL

June 22, 2007, Age 86. Life long resident of Plymouth. Volunteer fireman with the Plymouth Township Fire Department, employee of Daisy Air Rifle and CSX Railroad. Army veteran of World War Two serving in the Aleutians and the European Theater of Operations. Life member of VFW Lodge #6695 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Carolyn. Dear father of Deborah (Dana) Johnson, Patrice (Stephen) Phillips and Gregory (Karen) Westfall. Also leaves six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Brother-in-law of Luree Westfall. Visitation Thursday 3-9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth with funeral services following on Friday at 11am. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.

DOROTHY D. HUHTALA

Age 85, June 25, 2007. Beloved wife of the late William. Dear mother of Daryl (Nancy), Carole (Steve) Schneider, Dawn, Mark, Lisa (Rod) Zielinski, and the late Dale. Loving grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of two. Funeral services Friday, 7:00 p.m. at R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Visitation Friday, 2-9 p.m. Please sign the online guest-book at rggharris.com

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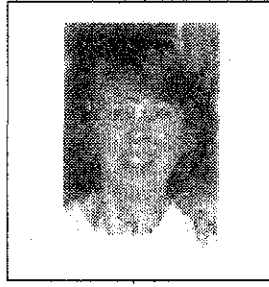
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Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One



CAREY DEE RITENUOR-EVERHART

Age 49, of Southfield entered into rest Saturday morning, June 23, 2007 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Carey is the owner of Carey's Greenhouse in Southfield. She is the loving wife and companion of over 16 years to Wayne Everhart; devoted daughter and best-friend of Edward Ritenuor (retired Southfield Police Chief); cherished sister of Michael (Angie) Ritenuor; aunt of John and Elizabeth; and step-mother of Jessica and John Everhart. She was preceded in death by her mother, Yvonne, in 1995. Visitation will begin Friday, June 29th at 5 p.m. followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 7 p.m. at HALEY FUNERAL DIRECTORS in Southfield (24525 Northwestern Hwy. - south of 10 Mile / east of Evergreen on southside service-drive). Private burial will be held at the Southfield City Cemetery. On-line condolences and directions at www.haleyfuneraldirectors.com HALEY FUNERAL DIRECTORS (248) 356-4800

CALENDAR

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Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road...

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills...

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Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Belleville Road...

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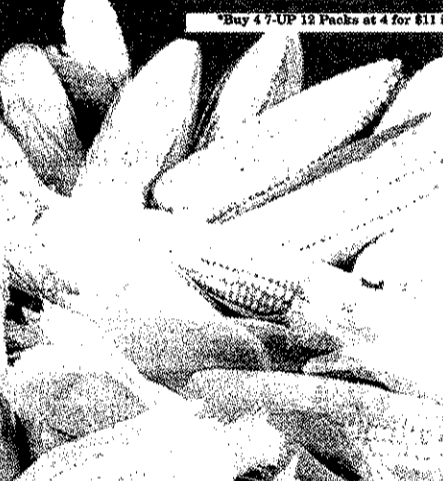
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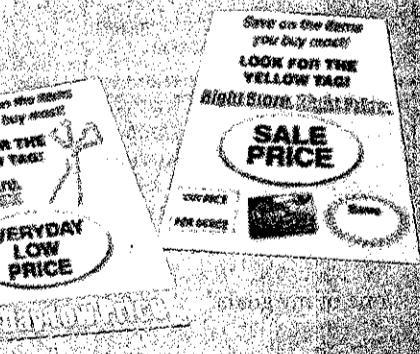
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A balance sheet keeps you in touch with your financial situation

It wasn't long ago that I put my winter clothes away and now we are just about ready to celebrate the Fourth of July. And before you know it, it will be Labor Day and the summer will be over.

Since we are midway through 2007, it's time to update the personal balance sheet.

A personal family balance sheet is nothing more than a listing of all assets and liabilities. Subtracting assets from liabilities equals net worth, the number you can use to see how you are progressing in achieving your personal financial goals and objectives.

In doing a personal financial balance sheet, it is easy to value your stocks, mutual funds and bank accounts. In addition, knowing your liabilities is easy, too. It is easy to find out what you owe on a mortgage, charge cards and other types of debt. What makes doing a personal financial balance sheet somewhat tricky, particularly now, is how you value your real estate.

BE REALISTIC

Unfortunately, real estate has taken a hit in Michigan. When it comes to preparing your personal financial balance sheet, you have to give a fair valuation to your house. Remember, your house is not worth what you think it's worth or what you hope it's worth. It's worth what it could sell for.

One way to determine the valuation is to look at what similar homes have sold for in your neighborhood. There are some Web sites that can help determine value. One is www.zillow.com. However, even when using a Web site, you have to be careful in determining valuation.

What is the fair value of collectibles? It is what a willing buyer and willing seller can agree upon. My recommendation is to once again use the internet and to consider sites such as eBay.

CASH FLOW IS KEY

Along with the personal family balance sheet, it's also an excellent time to do a cash-flow statement, listing what revenues came in vs. what went out. I cannot stress enough how important it is for people to live for one month. That is what a cash-flow statement offers.

I am often asked by individuals if they can afford to retire. My question back to them is, What does it cost to live a month? If you don't know, you can't determine whether you have enough resources to retire.

A personal family balance sheet and a cash-flow statement are relatively simple and straightforward documents. Preparing these documents on a regular basis allows you to remain in touch with your financial situation and judge your progress.

To help prepare the documents, software programs such as Quicken or MS Money can help or do it the old-fashioned way, with pencil and paper. It doesn't matter how it gets done, the important thing is that it gets done.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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MHSAA comes down on coach

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has handed Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph the harshest penalty possible after he coached former Chief standout Corey Phillips in a national seniors tournament in Virginia Beach, Va. last month.

Randolph, who has transformed the Canton wrestling program from an also-ran into a state-ranked power the past five years, was given a one-year suspension by the MHSAA. Several other Michigan high school wrestling coaches who actively coached in the tournament were either suspended or resigned, according to MHSAA spokesperson John Johnson.

"Would I have stepped on the mat down there if I had known I was going to be suspended for one year? Absolutely not," Randolph emphasized. "This suspension is just short of ripping my heart out."

Randolph, a physical education teacher at Canton, will appeal the suspension at a hearing before the MHSAA's Representative Council on Aug. 13 in East Lansing, according to Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman. The 19-member

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ZACK ZILCH

Paul Terek will be headed to the IAAF World Outdoor Track & Field Championships, scheduled for late August in Osaka, Japan, for the third time in his career.

Terek in World Championships again

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Paul Terek apparently can't get enough of Japan.

The Livonia decathlete will be making his third trip to the Orient in the last nine months - this time it's Osaka - for his third appearance in the IAAF World Track & Field Championships (scheduled for late August).

The Livonia Franklin High grad, who earned a spot in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece (21st overall), parlayed a solid Friday showing at the AT&T USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Indianapolis into a second place finish overall and automatic berth on the U.S. squad.

The 27-year-old Terek, who scored a total of 8,064 points, will be joined by

reigning World Champion and 2004 Olympic silver medalist Bryan Clay, who did not finish the Indy meet; 2003 World Champion Tom Pappas, who placed first in Indy with 8,352 points; and third-place finisher Robert Arnold, the NCAA champion from the University of Arizona.

Terek has appeared as an obstacle

Please see **TEREK, B6**

Recently named Miss Golf was Livonia Churchill's Shannon Warner, who repeated earlier in the month as Division 1 state champion at MSU's Forest Akers West Course.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Warner reaps honor Churchill junior named Miss Golf

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Apparently Michigan's new Miss Golf doesn't plan to miss any golf this summer.

Livonia Churchill's Shannon Warner, recently named the state's top player by the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association, has currently put off plans to have surgery for a cyst on her bothersome wrist.

The junior, the two-time Division 1 state medalist, shot 70 Monday during the opening round of stroke play for the Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) Girls Junior Championship held at Owosso Country Club.

In addition to competing recently in the USGA Girls Junior Qualifier (where she shot an uncharacteristic 81) and playing in the upcoming Michigan Women's Amateur, Warner has a schedule packed summer, which also selected American Junior Golf Association events.

"It maybe comes from the repetitive motion, but it (the wrist) has not hurt recently and I'm not sure when I'll get it looked at - I'm playing well right now," Warner said.

During her junior year, Warner captured the Division 1 state girls golf tournament at Michigan State's Forest Akers (West Course) by five strokes

shooting 72-73-145 after annihilating the field by 11 strokes as a sophomore when she shot 69-67-136.

She was medalist in 10 of 11 dual matches this season, sporting a nine-hole average of 37 and an 18-hole average of 74.

As an eighth-grader, Warner dreamed of becoming the state's Miss Golf.

"It's definitely amazing, the best feeling in the world," Warner said. "It's always been one of my goals."

Warner, who does not turn 17 until Oct. 7, works under the tutelage of Paul Haase at Miles of Golf in Ann Arbor. She also has a practice membership at Northville Hills Golf Club.

Warner says "it's too early" to determine where she'll play collegiately. She prefers to stay ground as a normal teenager, who hangs out with her friends when she's not practicing or competing.

In wake of a sports seasons switch due to a federal court decision which will move volleyball and girls golf to the fall, Warner has already made a decision to play both sports.

She was a reserve defensive specialist on Churchill's state Class A championship volleyball team.

"It's a matter of sitting down with the coaches and athletic director and try and figure it out," Warner said.

Go west, young man

Teen in Final 4 of Pitch, Hit & Run contest

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

California's calling Zach Vera-Burgos. The 14-year-old Garden City resident is one of four national finalists in his age division (13-14) in the Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run competition, having found out Monday that he made the cut thanks to excelling at the June 9 Michigan round hosted by the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park.

Zach and his family are looking forward - obviously - toward making the junket to San Francisco, where he will compete against the other national finalists 1 p.m. Monday, July 9 at the home of the San Francisco Giants, AT&T Park. Later that day, he will shag fly balls during the Home Run Derby and attend the Major League Baseball All-Star Game the following day.

"He made it to the national finals and now we're trying to make some travel plans," said his dad, Dave Vera-Burgos. "It's pretty exciting and pretty overwhelming."

Dave Vera-Burgos said the highly anticipated telephone call finally came early Monday morning, following a late night of attending the Livonia Spree fireworks. Zach, meanwhile, spent Sunday night at a friend's house and wasn't even home when the phone rang.

"They called at 8:30 (a.m.) and the answering machine grabbed it," Dave explained. "Before she (his wife, Sherri) could play it, she accidentally hit delete and couldn't hear the message. But she saw the number on caller ID and called them back."

When Zach's parents found out he qualified for nationals, they called him at his friend's and told him to get home right away, without telling him why.

"They didn't know what it was about, whether there was a death in the family," Vera-Burgos noted. "But when he got home, his brother (Jeremiah) and sister (Hannah) welcomed him with a homemade poster, 'San Francisco, Here We Come!'"

Zach couldn't believe his eyes. "He was like, 'no way,'" Vera-Burgos continued. "He was just in shock, he couldn't believe it."

Thanks to the message from program spokesman Matt Hillel, of LEJ Sports Group in Georgia, Zach is one step away from finishing what he started when he signed up for Pitch, Hit & Run. Without even considering the long journey to California, it's been quite a trip already: More than 600,000 youngsters competed across the country, with Zach prevailing against local, regional and state opponents.



Garden City's Zach Vera-Burgos is one of four national finalists in the 13-14 age division of the Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run contest.

RARE OPPORTUNITY

A day or so later, the news was still hard to fathom for the family, which also includes Garden City High School junior Ben Vera-Burgos.

Although thrilled Zach and a family member will enjoy a two-night all-expenses-paid stay in San Francisco, that doesn't enable both parents and all three siblings the opportunity to share in the once-in-a-lifetime experience - at least, without having to come up with some serious cash.

For starters, in order for all of the Vera-Burgoses to watch Zach pitch, hit and run for

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Sidelines

Bucks romp

The Michigan Bucks set a club record 17-game match streak without a loss with a convincing 5-1 men's soccer victory over the Indiana Invaders Saturday night in conjunction with 14th annual Saginaw 7-11 Soccer Classic held at the Saginaw Soccer Complex.

Kenny Uzoigwe scored in the 69th and 85th minutes (penalty kick) for the 2006 North American Premier Development League champions, who improved to 7-0-3 in the Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

Mo Dube added a goal in the 90th minute (from George Josten) and assist (to Eric Brunner in the fifth minute) for the Bucks.

The first-place Bucks led 2-1 at halftime thanks to an "own goal" courtesy of the Invaders (3-5-2). Saidi Isaac scored for the Invaders in the 18th minute from Ryan Stewart.

Bucks goalkeeper Steve Clark made three saves, while Justin Holmes had 11 for the Invaders.

The Bucks, who inducted former player Benji Djeukeng, former coach Steve Burns and former general manager Jim Duggan (Livonia) into their Hall of Fame, return to action Tuesday, July 3 to face the second-place Chicago Fire Premier before returning home Sunday, July 22 to face the West Michigan Edge in a 7 p.m. start at Lake Orion High School.

Dwyer fans 14

Pitcher Shea Dwyer struck out 14 and pitched a complete-game as Livonia Post 32 won the opener, 13-3, in an American Legion baseball double-header Sunday against host Waterford Cardinals at Waterford Mott High School.

Livonia Post 32 was led offensively by John Rodeman, who collected three doubles, a single, two RBI and scored three runs. Derrick Poremba also added two hits, walked twice, scored two runs and knocked in a run.

Dwyer scattered three hits and walked only two in the victory. The Cardinals won the nightcap, 3-2, as pitcher Josh Payzant took the loss.

Lady Ocelot honors

Stephanie Squires of Redford has been named an Academic All-American, with a 3.6 or higher grade-point average. Squires was a member of the 2006-07 women's soccer team.

The National Junior College Athletic Association, which honored Squires, also named three of Schoolcraft's teams "Academic Team of the Year," because of their composite grade-point averages. They are the women's cross country team, women's soccer team and bowling team.

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Never too early for football

1-0 Diesels gear up for home opener Saturday

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Detroit Diesels owner Allen Seder categorizes his football team as "a melting pot."

"We're the most culturally diverse of any team we play, and I'm proud of that," said Seder, whose team launches its North American Football League home schedule at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Livonia Franklin against the West Michigan Force. "We've tried to create a family atmosphere and it's worked for us."

As Seder says, the Diesels are made up players from all walks of life — teachers, bricklayers, lawyers. The team's oldest player is 46-year-old Gerald Hughes.

"We have some guys who have never played organized football, but they're phenomenal athletes," he said. "It's a different cast. Some guys just love the game. Some hope they're going somewhere. For others, they just like have the chance to hit people. They like the physical contact. For other guys it's their last hurrah."

The Diesels, who for five years played at Downriver locales, opened their 2007 season last Saturday with a 21-6 win over the host Flint Fury.

Some familiar area names figured prominently in the victory.

Former Westland John Glenn High quarterback Randy Sinnott fired a 30-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Elswick in the first half. All-Observer running back T.J. Dillard (Wayne Memorial) added a 5-yard second-half TD run, while another well-known All-Area player, Mike Macek (Redford Union), scored on a 14-yard TD run to seal the win.

The defense, which held Flint to six yards total offense in the first half, was led by defensive back Absalom Goode (Wayne).

The Diesels had 175 players try out and head coach Rob

The Diesels are 48-19 over a five-year period. Two years ago they captured the Eastern Lakes Division of the Northern Conference of the NAFL. Ten new starters cracked the lineup this year. Seder estimates there is a "50 percent turnover" of players each season.

Streeter scaled down his roster to 60. They practice Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at Emerson Middle School in Livonia.

"We have a two-and-half window, it's like a regular college practice," said Streeter, who played at Olivet College and teaches Special Education for the Taylor Schools. "There's a lot of teaching session, skill drills by position, team conditioning and we go over the type of plays we're going to run. It's pretty regimented because of the limited time. In three days we try and get in as much as we can."

Streeter is surrounded by a full complement of assistants including player-coaches Steve Messam, who played at Central Michigan, and Ed Somerville, who played at Adrian College. Ben Sikora, a Junior College All-America at Harper-Rainey Community College (Ill.) also serves on the staff.

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The NAFL features a total of 120 teams from across the country and Canada.

"It's a true national championship (playoff)," Seder said. "It's a national system. We're recognized by the NFL and the NCAA. One of our former

players, Marlion Jackson (of Saginaw Valley State) was on the practice squad last year for the Atlanta Falcons and got called up at the end of the year. We have three in the Continental Arena (Indoor) League with the (first-place) Port Huron Pirates. Seven have gone off to college and played Division II (NCAA) ball."

Seder estimates he spends anywhere from \$30,000 to \$40,000 each year to keep the Diesels afloat.

"We have a professional trainer, we do as much as we can," said Seder, who does marketing and entertainment booking. "It's an expensive proposition. We sell sponsorships (for the game program). The players pay dues (\$100 each). But we have nice uniforms (like the St. Louis Rams). When we play in Ohio, Wisconsin or Canada, we take a nice tour bus. I try and pick up as many expenses as possible, but sometimes it comes down to nickels and dimes."

The Diesels will play six home games during the season, which runs through late September. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students (children under-5 are free).

"Livonia (Schools) treats us well, they welcomed up with open arms, and we've been working with the (Livonia) Y where we just had a (youth) camp," Seder said. "We want to get out into the community as much as possible. We made the move because we want more guys from the area."

The object is always to win, but Seder, who played four years of football at Hillsdale College (1971-75) for Muddy Waters, wants to keep things in perspective.

"For three days a week guys come together and focus on football," he said. "And of course, have fun."

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Storm runner-up

A depleted Livonia Storm 16-and-under girls travel softball team ran out of bodies last weekend en route to a runner-up finish in the National Softball Association Class B state tournament held at Jackson's Cooperstown Park. The Storm started off well, going 5-0 in bracket play, but pitcher Jamie Johnson (Livonia Stevenson) went down to a vicious line drive off her kneecap on Friday and never returned. With only Laura Deacon (Stevenson) as the primary pitcher, who was also injured herself, the Storm came up short in the decisive elimination games Sunday against the Portage Hurricanes, 5-1 and 7-2. Members of the Storm include (sitting, from left): Alecia Geraghty (Franklin), Brianna Taylor (Franklin), Emily Hollandsworth (Stevenson), Brittany Taylor (Franklin), Laura Deacon (Stevenson); (back row, from left) head coach Tim Hollandsworth, assistant coach Kevin Deacon, Annie Hollandsworth (Chelsea), Amanda Paison (Stevenson), Lauren Brueck (Stevenson), Kathleen Hoehn (Stevenson), assistant coach Reno Taylor and assistant coach Tom Hollandsworth. Not pictured is Jamie Johnson (Stevenson), Natalie Polakowski (Franklin) and Gennie Kychuk (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard). The Storm return to action this weekend in the ASA Class A state tournament in Mount Pleasant.

U-M recruit Palushaj Blues' surprise pick

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia born Aaron Palushaj hopes somewhere down the road to be singing the Blues.

The 6-foot, 187-pound right winger, headed to the University of Michigan, went in the second round, 44th overall, to St. Louis in last weekend's National Hockey League Draft.

Ranked the 101st among North American skaters, Palushaj had a meeting with Blues officials two weeks prior to the draft, but really had no inkling where he might wind up.

"I talked to a bunch of teams," Palushaj said. "Each of the 30 teams have their own ranking system of players. It was definitely a shock to go early, but I thought I had the capability."

Palushaj, who also lived in Farmington Hills but now resides in Northville, played the past two seasons for the Des Moines Buccaneers of the

U.S. Hockey League. In his first season (2005-06), he scored 10 goals and added 23 assists in 58 games as the Buccaneers captured the USHL championship.

This season, the 17-year-old, known for his puck possession and smarts on the ice, finished seventh in the league in scoring with 22 goals and 45 assists in 56 regular season games en route to USHL All-Star honors. He was even more impressive on the power-play, scoring 13 goals and adding 26 assists.

"Just a lot of hard work over the summer, I was stronger and faster," said Palushaj, who was the Bucs' top point producer in the playoffs. "I was ready to be a go-to guy and it helped me during the season."

Although Des Moines was eliminated in the semifinals of the playoffs by Waterloo (Iowa) in overtime, Palushaj looks back at his two-year stint in the USHL as nothing but a positive.

"I grew as a person," said Palushaj, who attended Orchard

Lake St. Mary's Prep before heading to Iowa. "I came in as a 15-year-old. It was different, living with a new family, but it was not too hard to adjust. The players there came first at my (high) school (Valley). The whole town was supportive. I got a lot of opportunity to prove myself and perform."

Palushaj verbally committed to U-M in December of 2005 after being courted by Michigan State and Notre Dame.

"It's always been my dream school, I grew up as a U-M fan and I always liked everything about it," he said.

Palushaj, the eighth player with U-M ties to be drafted by the Blues, is not entertaining thoughts just yet about playing in the NHL.

"I know it's going to be tough to progress," said Palushaj, who plans to enroll in either Kinesiology or Business School at U-M. "Right now my objective is to finish school and improve as a hockey player."

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MHSAA mandates 'dead period'

For the first time this summer, all schools in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's membership must enforce a "dead period," when school coaches have no contact with students in an athletics setting on or off school premises.

The dead period is a minimum of seven consecutive days, with each school deciding when those days will occur. In surveys conducted this spring, more than 90 percent of MHSAA-member schools indicated that their dead period will include the Fourth of July.

"Some of our constituents think a dead period is long overdue, and some don't think seven days is enough," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, Executive Director of the MHSAA. "It is what it is, a de-escalation of pressures on kids and coaches out-of-

season, one of several coming to school sports in Michigan."

The creation of the dead period is one of three actions taken by the Association's Representative Council a year ago which have been widely publicized and went into effect on June 1.

The others are the creation of a preseason down time before each sports season and a ban on curriculum offerings focusing on a single MHSAA post-season tournament sport.

The preseason down time prohibits schools from conducting open gyms and other activities for a period of 6 to 14 days prior to the start of each season which could be construed as out-of-season practice or even tryouts for a team.

The down times are from August 1 to the first practice

date in fall sports, 14 calendar days before the first practice date for each winter sport, and from March 1 until the first practice date in spring sports.

In the school curriculum, effective with the 2007-08 school year, if a class offers instruction specific to an MHSAA tournament sport, the class must offer instruction on at least of three topics in equal proportion taught to all students enrolled, and the class must be open to all students.

"The down time will allow schools to more clearly distinguish the start of each practice and its tryout period," said Roberts. "There have also been a number of schools conducting classroom offerings which have appeared to their opponents as school-sponsored out-of-season practice, especially in football."

FINAL

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the national championship, they have to buy four additional tickets to the Home Run Derby. Dave said one standing room ticket, on e-Bay, was going for about \$200 as of Tuesday.

And then there was the little matter of extra airfare. The hotel shouldn't pose a problem because, "we're going to cram into the one room they're giving us," said Vera-Burgos with a chuckle.

One way or another, they'll be there.

Dave wondered out loud whether anybody might have insider information about how to score some of those Home Run Derby ducats, as close to face value as possible, for example.

But nothing is going to spoil the party for Zach and his family, not if Dave can help it.

"His siblings have just helped him out tremendously by practicing," he said, referring to Ben, Jeremiah (entering seventh grade) and Hannah (entering fifth grade). "They were out shagging fly balls when he was hitting them. There's no jealousy at all. They're just so happy for him."

Of course, they'll be happiest if they can all be on the West Coast, inside AT&T Park on July 9 to hopefully watch Zach finish what he started. It's been quite a trip already, without even considering where he's headed when he roared past the competition at the local and state level, taking final swings toward an achievement that about 600,000 youngsters signed up to pursue several months ago.

(Vera-Burgos said anybody with information that could help cut some of the family's trip expenses should call him at (734) 427-8345.)

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COACH

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council is made up of athletic directors, coaches and school administrators from across the state.

Heinzman said she is hopeful the punishment will be lessened due to Randolph's impeccable history leading up to last month's tournament.

"It was Casey's first violation of any kind and he did not know all the rules about coaching student-athletes at national tournaments," said Heinzman.

"Rules were broken and there will be consequences. We just weren't expecting the maximum penalty."

Johnson said the length of the suspensions the MHSAA hands out are formulated by the association's member schools.

"Our schools consider coaching and competing in national tournaments a very serious situation," he said. "Our schools determined a long time ago that our coaches and athletes should not be competing in national competitions, like wrestling tournaments and the McDonald's All-Star basketball games.

"Student-athletes can lose up to a year of eligibility if it is proven that they competed in a national event."

Under Randolph's guidance, the Chiefs have captured two straight Division 1 District titles in 2006 and 2007. In 2006, Canton advanced all the way to the state team tournament in Battle Creek before getting upended by Rockford.

Randolph is a two-time Regional Coach of the Year and his teams have earned Academic All-State honors twice.

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Banner season

The Livonia St. Michael's seventh- and eighth-grade baseball team recently finished with a 12-1 overall record, including an 8-0 league mark while outscoring their opponents 105-24. In 40 innings, pitcher Dan Muller struck out 93 batters en route to a 6-1 record. He allowed just eight runs on five hits. Jon Ferrar, Tim laquinta, Adam Michael and Muller led the offense, each hitting over 3-0. Members of the Gaels, who fell in the Catholic Youth Organization playoff semifinal include (front row, from left): Jake Widmer, Jake Kelley, Matt Gove, Marshall Hart, Joe Barczuk, Mike Rybinski, David Oliver, Mario Carbanaro; (back row, from left) coach Kevin Rogers, Kyle Cser, Josh Dehetree, Cody Nalecz, Muller, Michael, laquinta, Ferrar and coach John Gotts.

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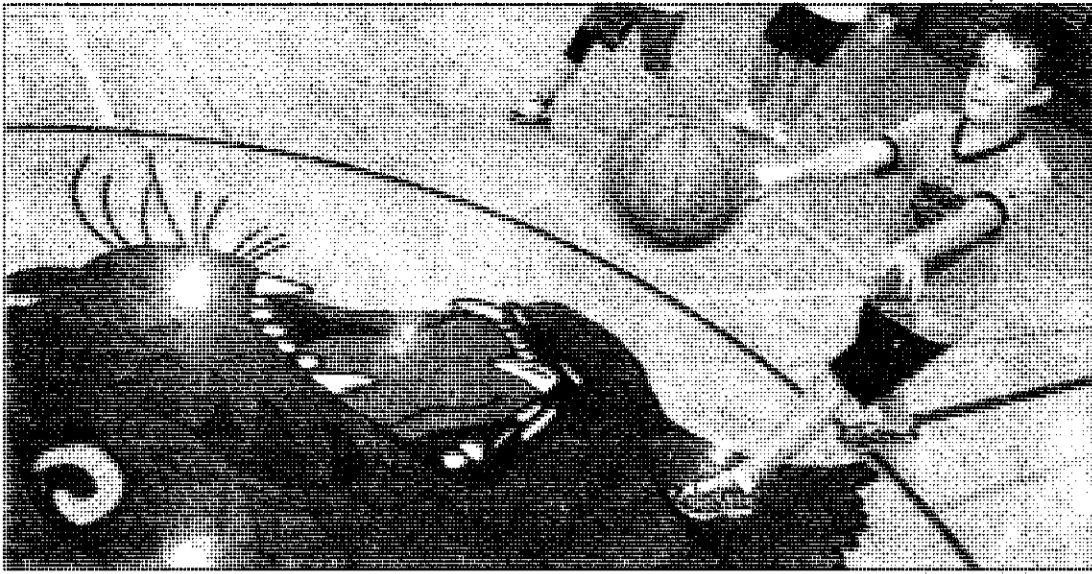
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Redford's Kyle Warner, 10 (above), practices bounce passing with his 7-year-old brother, Jeremy, at the Panthers Youth Basketball Camp.

Kids get cagey at youth camp

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

It might be boiling outside, but basketball-loving youngsters are chilling this week at the annual Redford Union Panthers Youth Basketball Camp.

Kids entering grades 3-8, mostly from the Redford Union district but also from Garden City, Farmington and Belleville, have worked up a sweat inside the Hilbert Middle School gym, learning all about the fundamentals of the sport while at the same time getting a primer from RU coaches about what might be called the "Panthers way of doing things" down the road, whether in middle school or high school.

For example, high school junior varsity head coach Mike Soukup, with the help of assistant coach Diane Ziroll, incorporated the playground "monkey in the middle" game into a drill about how to pass the rock with zip and accuracy to a teammate.

"We've got to start thinking (about the) next level," said Soukup to the group of middle school youngsters convened for the afternoon session (those entering grades 3-5 took part in morning sessions). "Say it with me, 'Fake a pass to make a pass.'"

Soukup had campers break into pairs and practice making passes past a defender stationed between them. Any ball tipped on the way to the intended target resulted in the guilty party changing places with the middle man, if you will.

Also on the agenda was another installment of Soukup's Basketball 101. He asked the youngsters how long they could hold onto the basketball before launching a pass.

"Twenty-four seconds?" responded one of the campers.

Soukup then rejected that answer with a buzzer sound. "Nope, it's five seconds. You have to make a pass after that."



Waiting for the ball during a passing drill is 10-year-old Divieian Otero of Redford.

participated last week with this week just for the boys. Although the numbers for both sessions combined (about 40) wasn't what was hoped for, Kruck emphasized everybody is learning, having fun and walking away with T-shirts and (if they won a skills challenge or activity) prizes.

"They're working really hard," said Kruck, in the Hilbert hallway away from the myriad sounds originating from inside the gymnasium - namely bouncing basketballs, whistles and echo-laden instructions from Soukup. "Kids just love the competition."

One who really fits that category, 11-year-old Alejandro Rodriguez (entering sixth grade at Hilbert), couldn't keep the smile off his face. And why not? He's soaking it all in about how to properly let the basketball roll off his fingertips, one area of his game that he pinpointed for improvement before the week began.

"I'm learning about handling and shooting and about something I've been doing wrong with my shot form," said Alejandro, who already is a three-year vet of Redford Parks and Recreation-sponsored basketball teams. "I'm trying to correct it. The coaches are great and we are very disciplined."

That doesn't mean they can't have fun, however.

"We get to do a tournament, and we had King of the Court," Alejandro explained. "We get to play a lot of games."

After all is said and done, the instructors hope they are planting the seed to be reaped later, when kids advance to middle school and high school competition.

"It's nice to see them coming in (at middle school and high school) with some sort of mindset of what we're looking for, rather than coming in cold and having a lot of the 'driveway' basketball players coming in, not knowing what to do," Kruck said.

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Stuff: Every kid will receive a camp T-shirt, and some will win prizes for winning various contests.

Following a break for water and other assorted replenishing drinks, the campers geared up for other drills and fun activities or challenges (such as "Dribble War," where two opponents square off in the midcourt circle and dribble away, trying to knock the ball out of the hands of the other with a well-placed bounce or two.)

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The Buick Open Pro Am?

LESSON ON GOLF
By Jeff Lesson

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The Buick Open is being contested this week at Warwick Hills in Grand

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I played in the Pro Am back in 2002. The pro I played with was J.J. Henry. At that time he was a relative unknown. Since then he has won on the PGA Tour and was one of the few effective players on the 2004 U.S. Ryder Cup team. I accept full credit for his improvement.

Truth be told, I was nervous teeing off on number one. When you play in a Pro

Am, unless you are paired with Tiger Woods, hole number one is usually the only hole where a large crowd sees you. I just wanted to put it in play and not embarrass myself. I actually had a birdie on the par five first hole - then came down to earth immediately after that. It was fun. I will have a full report on my 2007 experience in next week's column.

Buick suffered a major blow when Tiger Woods

announced he would not play in this year's event due to the birth of his child. Obviously, one cannot fault Tiger for his decision. However, the news could not come at a worse time for Buick or the Flint area. Tiger simply means big gates and big money for Buick and the charities it helps. With the economy and auto industry the way it is, the news is even more painful.

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Rams whip up on Detroit Eagles

The Michigan Rams climbed back over the .500 mark by sweeping three games over the weekend in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

On Sunday, the 20-and-under Rams improved to 8-6-1 in the LCBL by sweeping the winless 22-and-under Detroit Eagles in a doubleheader, 2-1 and 3-1, at Livonia's Bicentennial Park.

Pitcher Justin Mazur got the win in the opener, allowing just three hits while fanning five and walking five in seven innings.

Kyle Gendron and Eric Vojtkofsky each knocked in a run for the Rams with Nick Urban and Max Kelmigian scoring runs.

David Carino knocked in a run for the Eagles in the second inning.

Losing pitcher Dave Partika went six innings, allowing just

three hits and three walks.

In the nightcap, Ryan Gunderson got the win on the mound for the Rams with relief help from Sam Yashinsky.

Gunderson allowed one run (unearned) on three hits. He walked four and struck out seven in five innings. Yashinsky got the save, pitching two scoreless innings, allowing two hits and a walk while fanning two.

Drew Churchward, Vojtkofsky and Kelmigian knocked in runs for the Rams.

Otis Young, formerly of Livonia Franklin High, went 2-for-4 for the Eagles, who slipped to 0-15-1.

Losing pitcher Bobby Henderson, ex-Catholic Central High standout, took the loss.

He allowed just two runs on two hits, along with four walks

and a hit batter.

On Friday, University of Toledo right-hander Justin Collop (Wayne Memorial) threw a four-hitter and struck out six over six innings in a 6-1 triumph over the Eagles. Collop walked four and allowed one run before giving way in the seventh to reliever Steve Karchefski, who walked two.

Losing pitcher John Ballarin gave up five runs on six hits in 4.1 innings. He struck out six and walked three.

Frank Persichino went 2-for-4 with an RBI to pace the Rams. Urban added a two-run double, while Andrew Stafford, Gendron and Vojtkofsky also knocked in runs.

Tim Cross went 2-for-3 for with a run scored for the Eagles. Brandon Gipson added an RBI double.



Magic season

The Livonia Soccer Club's Magic, an under-12 girls team coached by Hermann Engels and Paul Mioduszewski, recently captured the Great Lakes Soccer League's Superior Division title with a 9-1 record, while outscoring their opponents 39-14. Last fall, the Magic won the Great Lakes Soccer League's Michigan Division. Team members include: Carly Ackerman, Kaylin Austin, Jenny Engels, Julia Engels, Lindsey Eveleth, Kallie Foukes, Jamie Jeffries, Allison Koitunchik, Julia Licata, Mia Mioduszewski, My Nguyen, Madison Papenheim, Sarah Valenti and Taylor Weeks.

International field set for women's baseball tourney, charity game

This tournament is in a league of its own.

Twelve teams from the U.S. and Canada will compete this weekend in the largest women's international baseball field ever hosted by venues in Livonia, Northville and Novi.

The schedule for the tournament includes round-robin games at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, at Livonia's Bicentennial Park, Northville High School and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central H.S.

The championship games are scheduled for 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, July 2 at Novi-Detroit CC.

All games are free to the public.

Metro Detroit will be represented by two teams, the Detroit Diesel and the Detroit Danger.

Between championship games on July 2, the legendary King and His Court four-man softball team, now traveling the country in a tribute to the late

Eddie Feigner, will play a charity exhibition game against the Motor City All Stars consisting of local media and sports celebrities. Game time is 11:30 a.m. at CC.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Proceeds will benefit the Miracle League of Michigan, a charitable organization that provides children with mental and/or physical disabilities with an opportunity to play baseball in an organized league.

"I'm very excited because this tournament will showcase some of the best women's baseball players in the U.S. and Canada, and demonstrate that women can play hardball at a very high level," said tournament organizer and Diesel team member Lauren Elliott. "To top it off, with the King and his Court providing their very entertaining brand of softball for such a worthy charity (Miracle League of Michigan), everybody wins."

Dave Bergman, a member

of the Tigers' and 1984 World Series championship team, has been a noted advocate of women's baseball in the Detroit area.

"I think it's great that more women are playing baseball each year and this international tournament is terrific," said Bergman, who owns The Hitting Zone, a baseball training center at the State Fairgrounds in Detroit. "The caliber of play is much better than anticipated because there are some pretty gifted athletes."

Thanks in part to the 1992 movie, "A League of Their Own," women's baseball continues to grow. Four years ago, it became an official sport of the American Athletic Union (AAU). The women's baseball team play league and tournament game under Major League regulations with average speeds of between 60 and 70 MPH. As of 2007, approximately 40 league and pro teams exist nationwide.

For more tournament information, call (248) 755-8828.

Youth Triathlon

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its fourth annual youth triathlon Saturday, Aug. 18 at Clements Circle Park.

The bike, run and swim is offered to boys and girls, who will compete separately.

Those eligible are Livonia residents or those who reside in the Livonia Public School district.

Early registration is \$10. Race day registration is \$15. All participants will receive a specially designed T-shirt.

Age divisions, race times and registration will be: 8-and-under, 8:30 a.m. start (8 a.m. check-in); 9-10, 9:45 a.m. start (9:15 a.m. check-in); 11-12, 11 a.m. start (10:30 a.m. check-in); and 13-14, noon start (11:30 a.m. check-in).

All participants need a swim suit, bike, bike helmet and running shoes.

Distances include 2-mile bike, three-quarter mile run

and 150-yard swim (ages 13-14); 1.5-mile bike, half-mile run and 100-yard swim (ages 11-12); 1-mile bike, half-mile run and 50-yard swim (ages 9-10); half-mile bike, quarter-mile run and 25-yard swim (ages 8-and-under).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Archery league

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage an outdoor archery league beginning at 6 p.m. Mondays, Aug. 6 through Sept. 24, at the City of Livonia Archery Range, located on Glendale Avenue, east of Farmington Road (between Plymouth Road and I-96).

The fee is \$40 per person and registration begins Monday, June 25 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's Parks and Recreation Office, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The league is open to all archers of all ages, beginners to expert. You must be able to shoot 20-30 yards and provide your own equipment. Prior to the start of the league, a mandatory meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, July 30 at the LCRC.

For more information, call (734) 466-2414.

Livonia Y leagues

The following leagues are now underway for registration at the Livonia Family YMCA including:

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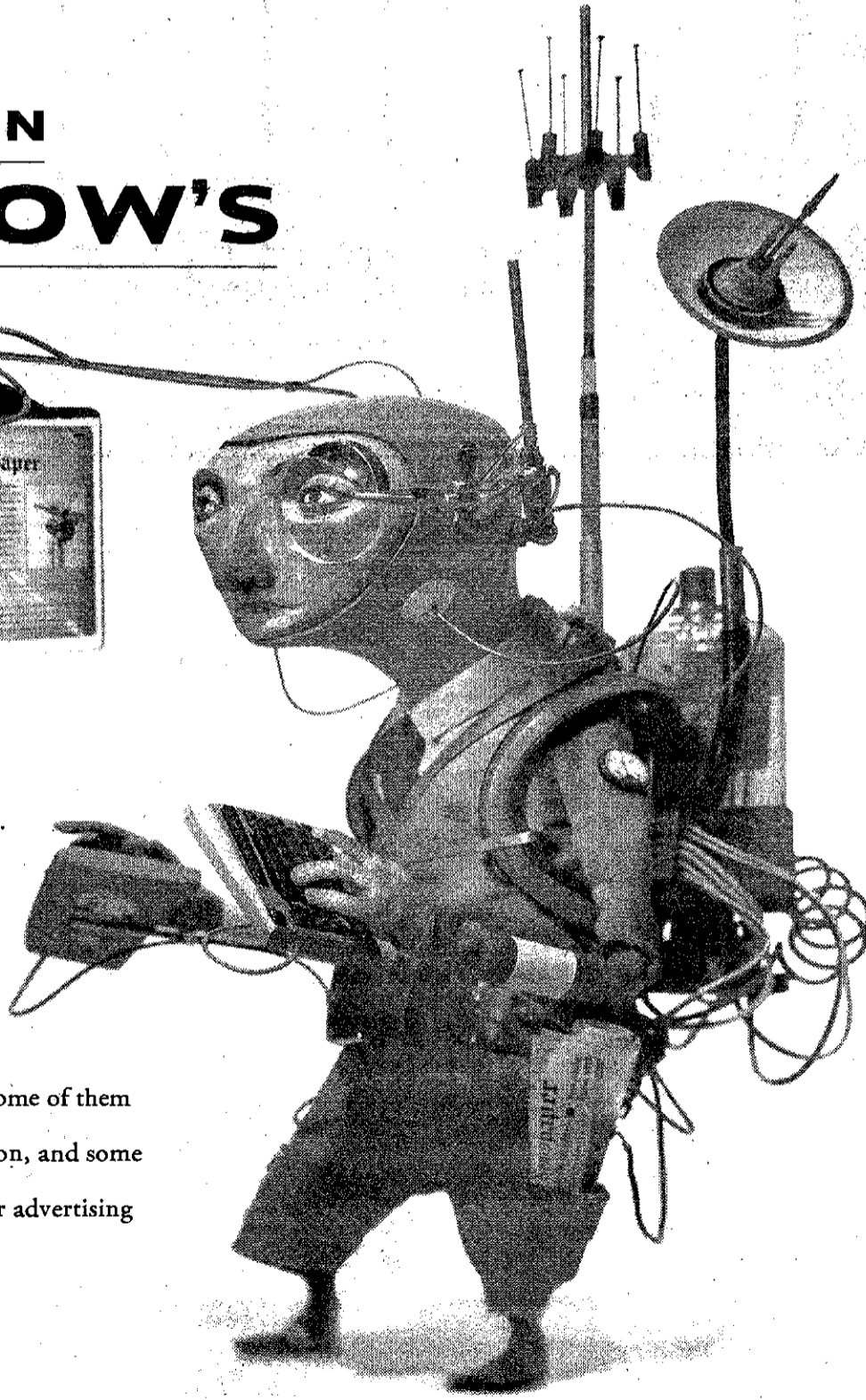
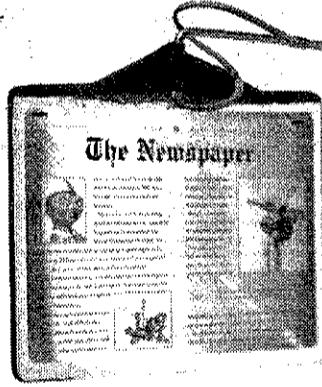
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Livonia decathlete Paul Terek (right) equaled his best time in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.7 seconds in the AT&T USA Outdoor Track & Field National Championships held last weekend in Indianapolis.

TEREK
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course contestant on two Japanese game shows including Ninja Warrior (reaching the third stage), a program that has aired in the U.S. on the G4TV network, along with the Muscular Athletes Championship (which he took first place).

"I can't look at second place as a failure, but there are a lot of things I need to work on," Terek said of his Indy performance. "It's like every other decathlon, some good, some not so good events. But overall it was a success for the reason that I made the (U.S.) world championship team. I'm starting to get a better understanding of my events and starting to make adjustments on my own."

On the first day, Terek scored 4,234 points highlighted by equaling a personal best 48.7 seconds in the 400-meter dash.

His other marks included 11.03 in the 100 dash; 7.26 meters in the long jump; 50 feet, 1.25 inches in the shot put; and 6-7.5 in the high jump.

On a wet surface Saturday, Terek

recorded a personal best 14.92 in the 110 hurdles, considered his weakest event, but plummeted to 139-09 in the discus, an event held under slippery conditions due to the rain. He finished out the meet by clearing 16-8.75 in the pole vault, his strongest event; followed by a throw of 173-09 in the javelin; and a clocking of 4:39.98 in the 1,500 run.

"The hurdles are coming along OK," Terek said. "I've got a lot more hip flexibility. It's not like can't do it ten times in a row consistently. And it was good that I tied my best 400 time."

Terek had a new set of poles ordered, but was pleased to have his old set finally shipped back in time from Italy where he scored 8,134 points in a MultiStars Meet (held May 5-6 in Desanzano).

Over Memorial Day weekend, Terek took a step backwards competing in a meet held in the Dominican Republic.

"I took only four or five days off coming off Italy; I got sick when I came back, and that killed my training," he said. "I thought I was better than what I was. I needed to take a

whole week off. I bit off more than I could chew if I can use that cliché. I was worn out."

Before heading to Osaka, Terek returns to train at his base in San Luis Obispo, Calif. where he'll review video, fine-tune his technique, and shore up timing issues under the watchful eye of coach Harry Marra.

"There were bright spots, the 110 hurdles and the 400 with not a lot of speedwork," Terek said. "But this was also the litmus test to see where I'm at in the other events."

Had Terek met his average point totals in the discus, javelin, pole vault and 1,500, he might have challenged Pappas for the national title.

"I got a great base in the fall," Terek said. "We did a lot of running - striders, hills, sprint technique, little segment things. For three weeks we ran five days per week. But in the 1,500 I did not feel as good as I did in Italy."

Terek's sole focus now is Osaka.

"It will be hot," said Terek, who looks to improve on his 12th-place finish in the 2003 World Outdoors in Paris and 13th in 2005 in Helsinki.

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SKIRTING THE MORASS OF 'BUSY-JUNKIES'



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Don't you just want to scream when people rattle through a long list of things they have to do?

Don't you want to ask why they think you care? Spoken-to-do lists have become a tic in everyday communication. It isn't a question of whether you can relate. You may just not want to hear the details of their lives, which are theirs to live. A little privacy, please.

Who tends to regurgitate lists? People disagree. Business psychologist and coach Debra Condren of Manhattan Business Coaching in New York City maintains that most of the people who list their way through your lives are women, in their early 20s and administrative. But then there are the retired flight attendant who can't stop listing, the realtor who details the events of the day in progress and the salesperson so busy telling you about how busy he is that you feel yourself wilting.

Managers tell business psychologist Larina Kase, president of the national consultancy Performance & Success Coaching L.L.C., in Philadelphia, Penn., that their employees can't stop the "to-do" mantra that they use to

explain why they can't take on more assignments. She also reports that managers and executives do the same thing.

CAUSES

Clinical psychologist Robin Goodman of New York City hears it among her peers and in her practice. People seem to bring it on themselves through ever-present technology. They also equate power with busy-ness. Martyrdom, she says, may also be at work, as is "guilt over working -- or not. Then there are the whiners and complainers. You want to say to them, "You do have the choice."

Mick Quinn, author and teacher at the Choice for Enlightened Living Foundation in Wyckoff, N.J., views "busy-ness (in many cases) as avoidance of commitment in disguise." People may not want to commit to you, to the job, to shared objectives, perhaps because they're too wrapped up in their lives. "The intent is," he says, "to gather and protect for me." This creates an endless to-do list, with little hope for the fulfillment we think lies in wait for us at the end of a busy life.

Goodman talks about the force of human nature, which causes people to compete and engage in one-upmanship. Quinn agrees, commenting, "Busy-ness can make us seem important, especially to others

who are busy, too."

Kase believes that some people mean to be asking for help when they list their activities, but such passivity "backfires, because it doesn't send a favorable impression. You appear stressed out and incapable."

'LESS IS MORE'

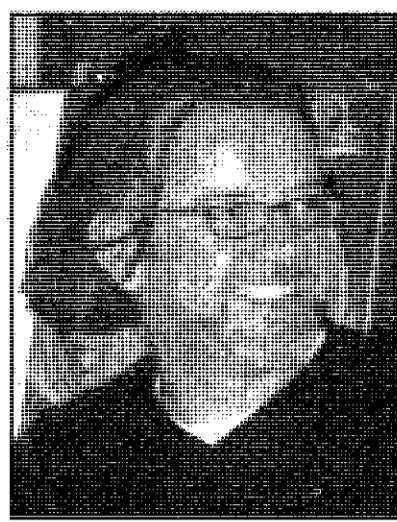
You have many options when you confront a list-declarer. Condren taps the communication delete key by interrupting, telling the person, "Just think about it and e-mail me or call me back." This is my 'I'll-take-your-answer-off-the-air' reply (to cut off) thinking-out-loud scheduling.

Goodman advises you to inject a bit of sympathy if life is difficult for the person right now. She suggests using a firm hand with "busy-junkies":

- "Don't enable the person.
- "Don't take the bait.
- "Don't reinforce it or praise it.
- "And don't jump on the bandwagon and compete with it."

She suggests changing the subject so you aren't drawn into the person's addiction.

Watch out for your own personal list, too. If you must justify what you're doing, Kase says to mention one or two demands, followed by a simple



Mick Quinn maintains that people who are constantly speaking about how busy they are want to avoid commitment. He teaches at his Choice for Enlightened Living Foundation in Wyckoff, N.J.

Credit: Manel Calderon

statement, such as "I can get that done for you tomorrow." This tactic will be much more effective than a recital. Or ask which of the projects the person wants you to do. She maintains that "less is more."

Quinn concurs, suggesting, "Edit your own words and actions so that you are not automated by them." He maintains that you'll be less likely to invest much time "with those who are unable or unwilling to let go of their endless lists."

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MEGA COMPLEX HUGE GARAGE SALES
June 30 & July 1st - 10am - 5pm
Eagle Pond Townhouses & Eagle Pond Heights
Walled Lake (North of Maple, off of Pontiac Trail)

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BIRMINGHAM Fri., 9-4 & Sat., 9-1. 1448 Haynes S. of 15, E. of Adams. Designer clothing sizes 2-6, jewelry, housewares, books on tape & much misc...

BIRMINGHAM Multi-Family Sale - 1220 & 1280 Buckingham, off Adams. Fri., 6/29, 8am-4pm. Much furniture, antiques, toys, race car bed, clothing all sizes, books, mahogany desk, electronics, linens, household misc.

BIRMINGHAM 1480 East Lincoln, 14 1/2 and Woodward. Thurs-Sat., 10-5pm. Multi family sale. Household items, children's clothing and toys.

BIRMINGHAM - Fri & Sat, 6/29-30, 9am-3pm, 2623 Buckingham, N/15, W/Coolidge. Cleaned out Grandma's house! Antiques, stained glass, Lionel trains, records, books, tools, old stuff A-Z.

BIRMINGHAM Moving! June 30th, 9-4pm, 1061 Forest Adams/Forest, S of Maple. Furniture (bunk futon, buffet/hutch), household goods.

BIRMINGHAM Lots of clothing, women's, mens & children, furs, antique cash register, household, kitchen items & linens. June 28-29 & 30, 9-4pm, 1120 N. Glenhurst.

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CANTON MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE. Like new toys, kids' clothes, books and much more! 42543 Beechwood, N. of Palmer/W of Lilley. June 28, 29 & 30, 9am-3pm.

CANTON - Antique stove & canning jars, drawing table, Epson scanner, paper cutter, fake fur coat, new women's clothing, home items, Disney VHS, Xmas deers. June 28-30, 10-3pm, 8744 Holly, 1 block E. of I-275 at Joy.

CANTON June 28-29, 9am-7 4 families. DJ equip, kids items, household & misc. Carriage Park Sub, 45117 Coachman Ct. S/Ford, E/Ford Canton Center.

CANTON Garage Sale - Furniture, chairs, antiques, collectibles and misc. Sat. June 30, 9am-3pm, 43808 Fredericksburg, S/Cherry Hill, E/Sheldon.

CANTON - June 28-30, 9-4pm, 8801 Devonshire, S/Warren, off Sheldon. 50 gal fish tank, scroll saw, display racks, bike, 19" color tv, golf clubs & more.

CLARKSTON GARAGE SALE 3 HOMES Thurs-Sat., June 28-30, 8am-6pm. Hummingbird, off Maybee at Dixie Hwy. Furniture, Art, Antiques, New Jewelry & Scarves, TONS MORE!

CLAWSON - HUGE SALE! Antiques, collectibles, household & MUCH more! June 29-30, 9-5pm, 538 S. Choccolay, S. of 14, E. of Crooks.

COMMERCE TWP HUGE Multi-Family Sale - June 28-30th, 9am-4pm. Furniture, dorm stuff! 4445 Commerce Woods Dr., Commerce Twp.

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FARMINGTON HILLS Rolling Oaks Sub. June 28-July 1, Thurs - Sun., 9-5. Entrances off of Farmington, 14 mile, Drake roads.

FARMINGTON HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE - Gill Rd., 1 block N of 8 Mile. Thurs-Sat., 6/28-30. Many houses, many deals!

FARMINGTON HILLS June 28-29 & 30, 9-5PM, 28011 Copper Creek Lane. Toys, Computer, Tv, furniture, clothes, toys & other misc. items.

FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-Family, Sat.-Sun., June 30-July 1, 10-4pm. Misty Pines Drive, off Orchard Lake Rd, btwn 10 & 11 Mile Rds.

FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-family sale, June 29-30 & 7-1, 10am-4pm, 30410 Fox Club Drive. Household, infant to teen, toys, No Early Birds!

FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-Family Garage/Estate Sale! Bedroom/Living room sets. Appliances, Electronics, Tools, Music equip, Antiques & more! BIG Ticket Items: Grandfather Clock, TVs, Leather/Fur Coats, Workbench, China, cabinets, Motorized scooters, 35478 Old Homestead Dr., off Drake, btwn 11 Mile/Grand River. June 28-30, 9am-7pm.

FARMINGTON HILLS 30301 W 13 Mile Rd. Door 10. Vintage sale. Costume jewelry, jewelry, armoire, purses, perfume bottles, misc collectibles. Sat 9-2pm.

FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-family! June 28 & 29, 8-4pm, 29323 Hemlock, 10 Mile/Middlebelt. Furniture, household, clothing & more.

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HUNTINGTON WOODS HUGE MOVING SALE THIS SAT-SUN, 9am-4pm. Don't Miss It! Sofas, chairs, tables, bars, sports, designer clothing, purses, art, jewelry, candles, books, CDs, DVDs, stereos & TONS more. 248-856-8337 - 10754 Borgman 48070, S 11, W off Woodward.

LAKE ORION 1921 Old Post Ct. Thurs-Fri., 9am-1pm. Furniture, weight bench, baby clothes/accessories, toys, small appliances, home furnishings, pet supplies.

LIVONIA 18644 Floral, June 28-30, 9-5pm, 1988 Ford F-250, 24 ft. alum. pick, power ladder, complete, numerous tools & household items.

LIVONIA Compton Village Sub-Wide Sale, June 28-30, Thurs-Sat, 9-5pm, E/Middlebelt, N/I-96.

LIVONIA June 28-30, 9am-5pm. Antique bedroom set, furniture yard/garden, sports gear & household goods. 9295 Idaho, between Farmington & Merriman, S of West Chicago off Delaware.

LIVONIA Fri. & Sat., 8-5, 10100 Eclies, 1 blk. E of I-275, N. off Ann Arbor Rd. Furniture, books, jewelry & many household items.

LIVONIA books, old radios, antiques, Longaberger, puzzles, teaching supplies, snowblower. June 28 & 29, 8am-4pm, 36076 Grenada.

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LIVONIA June 29 & 30, 9-4pm, 19991 Southampton, btwn 7 & 8 mi. off Gill. Toys, clothing, Dept. 56, kitchen goods & bikes.

LIVONIA June 28-30, 10-4, 18636 Southampton, Southside of 7 Mi. off Gill. Household, infant/ toddler clothes, tools, toys & furniture.

LIVONIA Teacher's Dream/Multi-Family Sale - Elementary Teaching Supplies, clothing, household items. Thurs., Sat., 9am-5pm, 37776 St. Martins/off Newburg, N. of 7 Mile.

LIVONIA 19243 Levan Court, E. of Newburgh, N. of 7, Fri. 8am-2pm, Sat. 8am-12 noon. House items, clothing, VHS movies, cabinets, microwave.

LIVONIA 16353 Fairway, S of 6 Mile, btwn Levan & Wayne. June 28 thru July 1, 9-4. Many antiques, furniture, porcelain, dining sets, glassware, etc...

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LIVONIA Thurs-Sat., 9-5, 37690 N. Sherwood Ct., 4 streets N/5 mi. off Newburgh. 3 mo-size 10 clothes, books, toys, household, beer signs.

LIVONIA 14314 Barbara, (off 5 Mile, between Farmington & Levan) Thurs. & Fri., 8am-4pm.

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LIVONIA - YARD SALE Fri.-Sat., June 29 & 30, 9-5pm, 36526 Sunnydale, btwn 5 & 6 Mile, off Levan. Dresser w/mirror, misc items, no junk!

LIVONIA - June 29 & 30, Multi-family, 9am-5pm, 28990 Grandon, btwn Joy & W. Chicago, E/Middlebelt. Misc, exercise equipment.

LIVONIA: 5th ANNUAL QUAKERTOWN Sub Sale (off 6 Mile between 275 & Haggerty) June 29 & 30, 9-4.

MILFORD MOVING SALE - Household items, Glassware, Toys, Clothes, Misc. 2792 Tall Timbers, Fri., 9am-4pm, Sat., 8am-3pm.

NORTHVILLE - June 30 & July 1, 9am-5pm, 525 Linden Ct. Btwn Randolph & Main, off Linden. Variety of household goods, French Provincial clothing & hutch, clothing, tools & books. Old 33 1/3 records, bikes, weight machine & more.

NOVI - Cleaning house/don't sizing! 24435 Nantucket, off Beck btwn 10 & 11 Mile. Thurs-Sat., 9-5. Sofa bed, dresser, tables, antique buggy, collectible dolls & accessories. Die cast cars, school desk, collectible plates, crafts, material, books, wicker, misc.

PLYMOUTH Andover Lakes Sub Sale. June 28-29, 9-4, N. Territorial W. of Ridge. Household, clothes, furniture & much more!

PLYMOUTH Moving - Sale. June 28 & 29, 9-5, 51086 Plymouth Valley Dr. Off Napier at Ann Arbor Rd. Misc. household, toys, furniture.

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REDFORD June 28-30, 9-2 St. James Presbyterian on 6 Mile Rd., E/Beech Daly. Furniture, household, food, Sat. clothing bag sale.

REDFORD - MOVING! 17689 Wakenon, Near 6 Mile/Beech. June 29 & 30, Noon-7. Household, appliances, bdrrn sets, tools, misc.

REDFORD - June 29, 9am-5pm, 15630 Meadowbrook, E/Inkster, 1 blk N/off 5 Mi. Lots of furniture, tons of great clothes & jewelry, home decor, 2 patio sets. Motorcycle-\$150. Blow Out Prices!

ROCHESTER HILLS GARAGE SALE June 30 & July 1, 9-4pm, 3250 Salem, Tenken & Adams. Great prices & Variety!

ROCHESTER HILLS GARAGE SALE 1320 Shenandoah, Tenken/Adams area. Fri. & Sat., June 30 & July 1, 9am-5pm. Various items including dresser, shop vac, propane grill, exercise bike, and more!

ROYAL OAK-ONE LAST TIME, BIG SALE! Fri-Sat., 9-3pm. Antiques, furniture, rugs and dishes. Priced to sell, all must go! 224 Austin.

TROY June 29-30, 9-4, 5246 Cameron, 1 blk. N. of Long Lk. off Coolidge. Furniture, exercise equipment, housewares. Quality items. Don't miss!

TROY 8 Family Garage Sale Thurs-Sat., 8am-6pm. Electronics, Books, Antiques, Video games, sports, clothes, furniture, 4999 Hyde Park, Long Lake btwn John R. & Dequindre, first house on street.

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Meadowridge Subdivision Garage Sale - Thursday and Friday, 9:00-4:00. Furniture, new & used Webkins, new & used men's shirts, sporting equipment and kids' clothing. Hiller & Greer.

WEST BLOOMFIELD HUGE! Brand name furniture/clothing & household items. Restocked. Thurs-Sat., 9am-5pm, 7338 Village Square Drive, 14 Mile & Farmington.

WEST BLOOMFIELD 2588 Worcester, Lone Pine & Middlebelt, June 28-30, 9-4. Large throw rugs, furniture, household items, baskets, etc...

WEST BLOOMFIELD 5380 W. Doherty - Huge Sale Every-thing Must Go! Inflatable Boat w/motor \$500, Alto Sax \$175, clothes, household items and more...

WESTLAND 35483 Tom Brown Ct. June 29-30, 9am-5pm, TV/Center, washer/dryer, etc.

WESTLAND - HUGE MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE 8648 Berwick Drive, Joy & Merriman. June 28-30. Everything must go!

WHITE LAKE June 28-30, 9-4, 9693 Bonnie Briar, Pontiac Lk. Rd., N. of M-59. Dark room equipment, fishing, toys, housewares, etc. Call for directions: 248-868-3368

Bloomfield Moving Sale June 28-30, 8 to 5. Sporting Goods, Electronics, Furniture, Appliances, Toys & Much More!! 8653 Meadowlake Rd S of Maple, E of Inkster.

Bloomfield - FABULOUS Pre-School Equipment Sale Little Tikes, Climbers, etc. 3600 Telegraph Rd., N. of Long Lake. Thurs. 9-3 & Fri. 9-noon.

Furniture - House furniture, living room, dinette, kitchen, bdrrn, den, exercise bike. Good cond. Call: (313) 937-0326

SOUTHFIELD - 25159 Larkins, Btwn 9 & 10, off Beech. June 28-July 1, 9am-6pm. Oak furniture, PS2 games & accessories, lawn equip, clothes, etc.

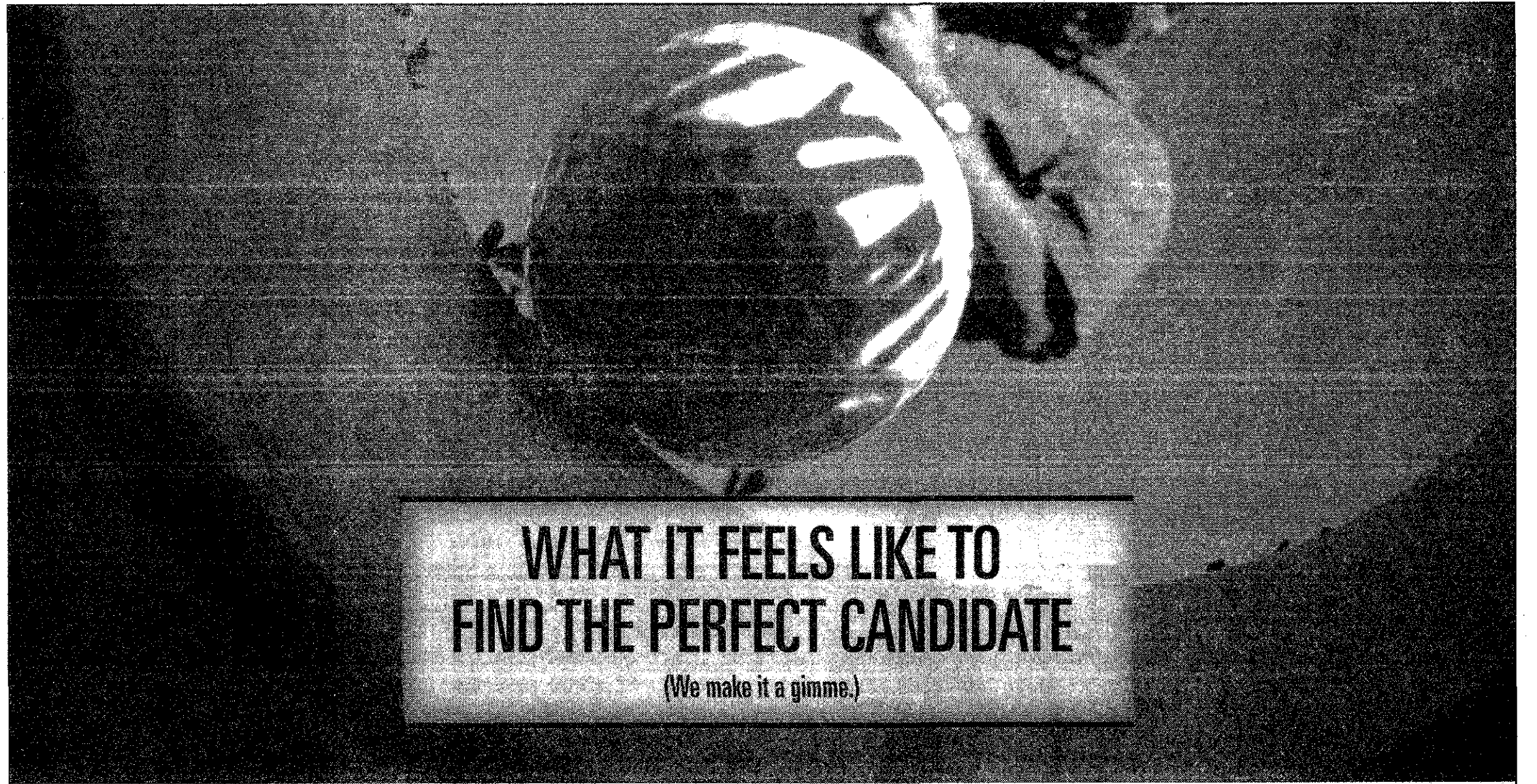
WEST BLOOMFIELD Sun.-Mon. 2-6pm, 6113 Eastbrooke, in Silverbrooke Villa, Maple/Haggerty. Clothing, king bedding, furniture, office equip. & supplies, decorative, kitchen items, misc.

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