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## Police seek motive in woman's stabbing

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland police on Wednesday continued to investigate a bizarre incident involving a knife-wielding man who appears to have randomly stabbed a 67-year-old woman as she was walking with her 5-year-old great-granddaughter.

The victim was continuing to recover from the attack that happened at

about 5:50 p.m. Saturday near Westgate Tower, on Elmwood northwest of Ford and Wildwood. The woman lives in the high-rise senior apartment building.

"There was no motive that we know of," police Sgt. Jeff Trzybinski said.

The victim was in stable condition after undergoing surgery at an undisclosed hospital, police said.

The woman was stabbed once in

the middle of her upper back by an assailant who approached on foot and then fled, Trzybinski said. The great-granddaughter, a Garden City resident, wasn't hurt.

The victim wasn't robbed, leaving authorities baffled over the attacker's motive.

Police hadn't released the woman's name. The suspect was described as a black male, 30-35 years old, about 5-foot-8 with a medium build. He was

last seen wearing a dark-colored cap, a dark waist-length jacket, possibly a red T-shirt, and dark-colored jeans.

Police are urging anyone with information about the stabbing to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600. Also, anonymous tips may be made by calling Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP.

One witness who saw the incident from a distance told police it appeared the suspect approached the victim and

hit her in the back. The witness soon learned the woman had been stabbed.

The victim was walking toward the entrance of Westgate Tower when she was attacked, according to police. The incident prompted her great-granddaughter to start screaming.

A police dog was brought to the scene but wasn't able to locate a suspect.

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The 2006 Wayne Memorial Homecoming Court includes seniors Tracey Halaberda, Abby Monit, Brittney Neighbor, Kelsey Baker and Ashley Sullivan.

## Homecoming fever takes over Wayne High School

The hoopla is reaching a crescendo as students at Wayne Memorial High School get ready for Friday's annual Homecoming game.

This afternoon the students and staff will converge on Alumni Arena for the annual pep assembly where there will be class competition, pitting freshmen,

sophomores, juniors and seniors against each other and against the staff. The Wayne High cheerleaders also will be on hand to pep up the crowd.

Tomorrow all eyes will be on the Homecoming Court - seniors Tracey Halaberda, Abby Monit, Brittney Neighbor, Kelsey Baker and Ashley

Sullivan. Students will cast their ballots during the day and at halftime, the fairy tale will come true for one of them when the winner is crowned queen.

On the football field, the Zebras will face the Plymouth Wildcats in a gridiron battle to stay out of the Western Division basement. The game starts at 7 p.m.

## New programs help increase enrollment in Wayne-Westland

See how the Livonia Public Schools, which serves northern Westland, did with student enrollment, **Page A4**.

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

A pilot all-day kindergarten program and intra-district schools of choice has helped boost enrollment in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools after several years of decline.

"We're pleased and we're surprised that we did better than expected," said School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "Maybe it's a good thing."

The district counted 13,679 students in the classroom on the state's official count day last Wednesday, up 33 students from the 2005 fall count of 13,646.

The number is unofficial until its checked by the intermediate school district and audited by the state. Once that's completed, 75 percent of the fall count will be blended with 25 percent of the winter

count done in February to come up with the district's official enrollment figure.

It will be that blended number that will be used to determine how much Wayne-Westland will receive in state school aid.

The increase reverses several years of declining enrollment. Last school year it lost more than 200 students, and this year's budget was based on a projected blended enrollment of 13,557 students, down 109 from the 2005-06.

This is the first year the district offered intra-district schools of choice at the elementary level and attracted more than 80 students, about one-third of the new enrollment at the elementary level. The remainder are students who live in the district.

At the elementary level, kindergarten enrollment was up 91 students over last year. The increase, Baracy believes, was due in large part to the pilot all-day kindergarten pro-

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## Cicirelli: Judicial candidate touts her experience and leadership

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Sandra Cicirelli cited her experience as an attorney and her history of community leadership as reasons why voters should elect her as the new Westland District Court judge.

"I think I'm the most qualified candidate," she told the *Observer* during an interview.

Cicirelli, in her fifth year as Westland mayor, faces attorney Jennifer Thor for a six-year term in the Nov. 7 election. The winner will replace retiring Judge Gail McKnight. The job pays \$138,272 a year.

Cicirelli, 54, said she has worked on civil, criminal and appellate cases during her more than 20 years as a lawyer, including being principal attorney for the family firm of Ference, Ference & Cicirelli in Westland.



Cicirelli

Years ago, she served as criminal counsel for the indigent in Detroit, and she spent time as a mediator in Garden City's 21st District Court.

She taught business law part time at Schoolcraft College, and she said her work with the family firm involved such cases as traffic matters, contracts and small claims, such as injuries. She also worked on domestic cases.

Cicirelli has spent time in juvenile court on cases involving delinquency, abuse and neglect. She said her experience has won her numerous endorsements, including those of

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**ELECTION 2006**

Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli faces attorney Jennifer Thor for a six-year term as Westland District Court judge in the Nov. 7 election.

## Thor cites court experience, independence in campaign

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER



Thor

Jennifer Thor cited her courtroom experience, her political independence and her ideas for making Westland District Court more user-friendly as reasons why voters should choose her for a judicial seat.

"I want people to realize they have a qualified choice," she told the *Observer* during an interview.

Thor, an attorney for 11 years, conceded that she has to overcome the name recognition of her opponent, Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, to win a six-year term in the Nov. 7 election. The winner will replace retiring Judge Gail McKnight and receive a \$138,272-a-year salary.

Thor, 36, hopes to convince voters to elect her by campaigning door to door, putting out signs, sending out literature and running an advertising spot on cable television.

Thor has worked since August 2004 as an associate attorney for Meisner & Associates in Bingham Farms. She has worked on litigation involving real estate, condominium associations and developers.

Before that, she worked as a research attorney and law clerk for Dearborn 19th District Court, doing legal research and helping to prepare documents, such as

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**Coming Sunday in Health**

Women's Center fixes Broken Hearts.

## Parkside Dental breaks ground for its new high-tech facility

The earth has been turned over on the northwest corner of West Warren Avenue and Central City Parkway for the new home of the Parkside Dental Team.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held Sept. 7 for a new 5,200-square-foot dental office. Parkside Dental Team is scheduled to relocate its current offices on West Warren Avenue in Detroit to the new Westland office in the summer of 2007.

Mayor Sandra Cicirelli was on hand to welcome the Parkside Dental Team to the city of Westland. Lori Brist, president and CEO of the Westland Chamber, also attended and welcomed the dental group on behalf of the business community.

"The city of Westland offers a perfect environment to invest in

our team's future," said Dr. Steven Cohen, one of four dentists at Parkside Dental Team. "During recent years, an increasing number of our patients and their families have moved to the suburban communities.

"We were fortunate to find such a convenient location on which to build a high-tech dental office that will best serve the needs of our patients and team members."

In addition to Cohen, Parkside Dental Team includes Dr. Stuart Felhandler, Dr. Daniel Rogers and Dr. Ricardo Seir.

The office also has 22 dental hygienists, technicians and administrative staff.

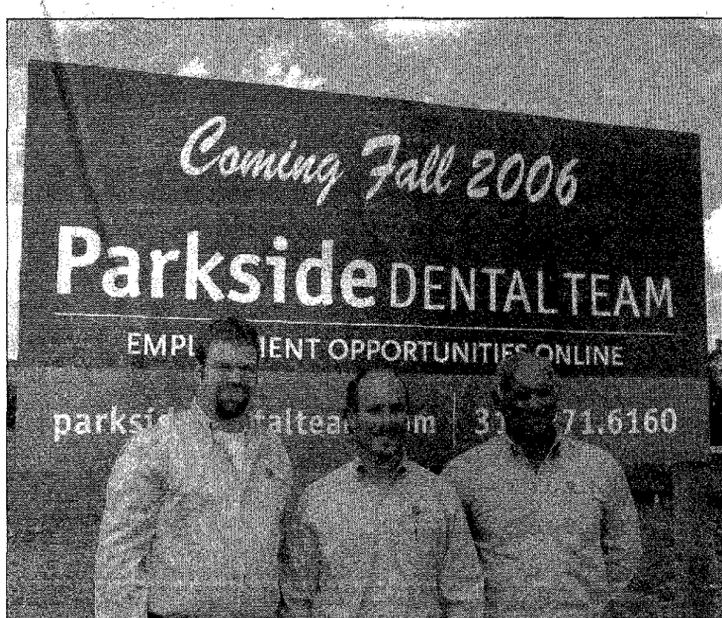
Special features of the new office will include a "kids only" waiting room, a "Zoom Room" tooth whitening center, low-radiation digital X rays, televi-

sion screens in all private hygiene and examination rooms and complimentary shuttle services for patients in need.

Founded in 1959, Parkside Dental Team is recognized as a leading provider of cosmetic dentistry in the Detroit metro area. Its doctors have trained with some of the world's most prominent cosmetic dentists.

In addition to cosmetic and general dentistry, Parkside Dental Team also specializes in sedation dentistry and dental implants. The dental team includes a cofounder of the Dream Dentistry Network and is the only provider of the Lock-Tight denture in the state of Michigan.

For more information, call (313) 271-6160 or visit the team's Web site at www.detroit-cosmeticdentistry.com.



Standing on what will be their new offices are Drs. Ricardo Seir (from left), Steven Cohen and Daniel Rogers, members of the Parkside Dental Team, which also includes Dr. Stuart Felhandler (not pictured).

## Sheldon plant on hook as Ford eyes closings

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Johnson Controls' announcement this week of 250 layoffs is only the latest in a string of downsizing notices by automotive suppliers because of production reductions by the Big 3 automakers.

Last month, Ford Motor Co. announced it would offer buyouts to all 75,000 of its hourly workers. And, as part of its restructuring plan, Ford plans to sell or close all of its 17 plants managed by its Automotive Components Holdings (ACH) subsidiary by 2008, which includes the Sheldon Road facility in Plymouth Township.

United Auto Workers Local 845 President Ed Honsinger Jr., sitting behind a desk at his office in Canton at Joy and Canton Center roads, said many employees aren't even getting 40 hours a week,

resulting in smaller paychecks. "But with everything going on, 1,200 people still come to work every day and produce the best quality product for Ford Motor Company," said Honsinger, who resides in Canton Township.

Despite what he called a "dark cloud" over ACH's Sheldon Road facility, Honsinger — a second-generation worker at the plant where his father was employed for 31 years — said he believes the operation will be around longer than most people believe. Honsinger said he's signed a confidentiality agreement not to talk about the buyouts and future of the plant, however...

"I see positive things, and I think Sheldon Road will be around for a long time," Honsinger said. "I think the unions are working with the company, and they recognize it's a different day and age.

"I know they'll sit down at the bargaining table and deliver back to the membership an agreement, and we'll ratify it," he added, referring to negotiations that will begin in the next few months to deliver a contract before the current one ends next September.

Honsinger said it's not only the union workers who have a lot at stake in what happens at the Sheldon Road facility.

"When you close down a Sheldon Road or Wayne Assembly or Wixom (plant), those communities take a hit," Honsinger said. "Plymouth needs a Sheldon Road because our workers invest the money back in the communities.

"They set the tone for the small gift shops in Plymouth," he added. "And, if not them, it's my retirees. If their pensions come under attack, they're not patronizing restaurants and the other stores."

Bob Harper, employed for

43 years at Sheldon Road, is now chairman for the 1,000 Local 845 retirees. Harper remembered the 1950s, when union members were making \$2 an hour, and the 1960s, when his federal W-2 forms reflected an annual wage of \$9,500.

"In the '50s, '60s and '70s we walked the picket lines, fighting for what we thought was right and gaining the little things to benefit our membership in the plants," Harper said. "The thing that bothers me now is it's starting to deteriorate, and these young kids will have to fight again to get at a level where it's livable so they can buy vehicles, houses and send their kids to college.

Harper is hopeful that when the economy turns around and the auto companies get healthy, they won't forget the union workers who gave con-



BILL BRISLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ed Honsinger Jr. sees positive things happening for the Sheldon Road plant.

cessions to keep them open. "We don't have a problem with Ford Motor Company now that the bad times are here," Harper said. "We know we'll have to give up some stuff. My retirees know that,

and so do the guys in the plant, and they're willing to do it.

"But when the good things get going, don't forget us," he added.

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Cheer for the hometeam, read today's SPORTS section



### It's apple time

If it's fall, it's time to visit the apple orchard and that's just what students in Anne McKolay's kindergarten classes at Schweitzer Elementary School did recently. While the youngsters learned about the Plymouth Orchard and apples, they also enjoyed a wagon ride, picked their own apples and sampled the doughnuts and cider. Ellary Graf and Katie Strong did their impression of William Tell's son by balancing apples on their heads.



Taking a bite out of her apple is Madison Todd

# Association asks city to give trees a chance

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Westland group trying to block a proposed condominium project invoked the names of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in its crusade Monday, imploring city officials to make peace — not war — with the environment.

The group also raised the issue of global warming in urging city leaders to form a citizens committee to help strengthen local ordinances to protect natural areas remaining in Westland.

"We are all connected in the cycle of life," resident Judy Rubasky said during a Westland City Council meeting.

She and other members of the newly formed Westside Westland Homeowners Association intensified their efforts to block a developer's plans to build 40 single-lot condos on the city's southwest side, on Palmer Road between John Hix and Hannan roads.

Residents from Westland, Canton and Wayne questioned whether attempts to develop the 14-acre site will intrude on a wetlands area, threaten

wildlife, cause flooding and hurt property values on larger homes in the area.

Before voting on the project, city leaders have decided to await a report from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on whether the site qualifies as a protected wetlands area.

City leaders also have warned that a potential lawsuit could arise if they were to block Maida Woods without solid legal standing.

Westland homeowners drew support Monday from such neighbors as Harold Tackett of Canton, who told city officials they shouldn't favor developers over residents.

"It irks me that you'd put their needs and their financial gain (above) your own residents," he said.

The controversy erupted last month, and city leaders listened patiently Monday as the Westside Westland Homeowners Association continued its impassioned efforts to block the Maida Woods development.

Jacqueline Rubasky, Judy Rubasky's adult daughter, noted that Monday marked Gandhi's birthday. She urged city officials to embrace the

anti-violence teachings of India's leader and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in their approach to environmental issues.

"Violence can also be about our violence to the environment," she said, adding that when hundreds of trees are cut down for a development, "That's violence."

City leaders have tried to reassure residents that Maida Woods, if cleared by the MDEQ, would be a quality development of single-family condos, each with its own lot. The homes would be 2,500 to 3,000 square feet, Mayor Sandra Cicirelli said Monday.

Although the expected cost of a Maida Woods condo has been scaled back from the original price range of \$300,000 to \$400,000, Cicirelli indicated that the project still would be high quality.

Council President William Wild has promised to schedule a special study session to discuss Maida Woods once the MDEQ report has been received. He has pledged to publicize the meeting so that residents can attend.

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## Contest celebrates library's anniversary

Youngsters with an artistic bent are being asked to put pencil to paper and design a bookmark to celebrate the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland 10th anniversary.

The library is sponsoring children's bookmark contest. Children ages 5-12 are invited to design an original bookmark depicting how the library is important to them and the Westland community.

Established in November 1996, the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland houses more than 130,000 books, a large video collection, numerous periodicals and 29 Internet stations.

It has been referred to as the city's gem, enhancing the academic and personal reading

interests of people of all ages.

Entries will be judged on creativity and theme interpretation. One winning entry will be professionally reproduced and the artist will receive a \$30 gift certificate to Target. Runners-up will be selected, and prizes awarded, in three age groups — 5-6 years, 7-8 years, 9-10 years and 11-12 years. All bookmark designs become the property of William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

Contestants may pick up an entry form at any patron service desk. The form may also be downloaded from the library's Web site at [www.westland.lib.mi.us](http://www.westland.lib.mi.us). The deadline for all entries is 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27.

## Postage 63 cents for ballots

Westland voters this week will start receiving their absentee ballots, and City Clerk Eileen DeHart has some advice.

Anyone mailing the ballots back to her office should know that postage will cost 63 cents.

"I'm encouraging people just

to drop them off at City Hall," DeHart said.

Also, anyone who may not be able to make it to the polls on Nov. 7 is strongly encouraged to call and ask the clerk's office for an application for an absentee ballot.

Call (734) 467-3187 or (734)

467-3188.

Voters should consider casting absentee ballots even if they only suspect they may not be in town.

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## Employees earn Team Effort Award for district move

Livonia Public Schools officials offered a pat-on-the-back gesture to its Summer Relocation Team, a group of more than 70 employees who assisted in the moving activities associated with the closing of seven schools.

"It was a very eventful summer," said Randy Liepa, superintendent. "These folks did an exceptional job."

Employee groups led by Ray Raymond, Joseph Jinnett, Ray Irvine and Jim Fraser were recognized with the district's Team Effort Award earlier this week.

On the technology side, Fraser explained, more than 700 computers were moved in just over three days. New computer labs were established at the upper elementary schools. Rosedale, which re-opened, was completely upgraded with fiber optic cable, electronics, printers and computers. And that was just a small portion of the project.

Rod Hosman, director of administrative services, said the relocation of materials, fur-

**'It's truly amazing what they did. We've had an excellent opening.'**

Rod Hosman, director of administrative services

niture and technology was indeed a team effort.

Custodians served as a district moving crew. Schools like Emerson went through extensive renovation. And Rosedale was repainted and upgraded for its reopening.

"The entire district pulled together," said Hosman. He commended those who assisted in the relocation, and noted how eager teachers were to get into their new classrooms.

Trustee Dan Lessard said when he visited the school buildings during the summer move, he felt an overarching "sense of pride."

"It's truly amazing what they did," said Hosman. "We've had an excellent opening."

By Stephanie A. Casola

## ENROLLMENT

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gram offered at four elementary schools this year.

"We suspect they were going to charter schools with all-day kindergarten or private or parochial schools with all-day kindergarten," said Baracy. "We listened to parents and offered them what they wanted and they came back to the district."

"That's really important because once you've enrolled them, generally you keep them the subsequent years of their schooling," said Baracy.

Wayne-Westland also picked up 11 students at the first-grade level, and 41 at the fourth-grade level. The numbers for second and third-graders are "on the bubble," Baracy said.

More than 300 new students were enrolled in classes after the Sept. 5 start of school. More than 100 enrolled last week, including 50 on count day. It's been a pattern in the district Baracy said.

As it stands - and barring any executive orders from the state - the enrollment numbers bode well for the district.

"If the state doesn't do something crazy, we should be OK," Baracy said. "We're excited about this. Hopefully, the economy can get back on track."

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# LPS count shows fewer K-12 pupils

BY DAVE VARGA  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Public Schools was expecting to lose about 1.5 percent of its K-12 students this year as compared to last year, through its steadily declining enrollment. Instead, Supt. Randy Liepa said preliminary numbers show the district lost about 2 percent or a little more.

"We'll be down a little bit more than what we thought," Liepa said Thursday.

The state required districts to officially count their students Wednesday. The report isn't due until Nov. 1 to the county intermediate school district, Liepa said. "Believe it or not, it takes that much time to get it done," he said.

Liepa describes the state's pupil counting manual as "three inches thick," noting that the count is a complex process that includes more than K-12 students, calculating nonfull-time students such as those in special education, shared time, alternative education and Young Fives programs.

Each full-time student is worth \$8,490 in foundation grant money from the state,

**School officials estimate the district had around 17,000 K-12 students last year. The predicted 1.5-percent decline would be about 255 students. At 2 percent, that number increases to 340 students.**

meaning fewer students reduces the district's revenue.

In the past year, critics have argued that the district's Legacy Initiative, a controversial realignment plan that closed seven schools to save money, would cause large numbers of parents to withdraw their students.

Those critics noted the departure of 180 students would cost the district as much in revenue (about \$1.5 million) as the plan was saving in expenditures.

School officials estimate the district had around 17,000 K-12 students last year. The predicted 1.5-percent decline would be about 255 students. At 2 percent, that number increases to 340 students.

Many factors can be pointed to for the district's student loss increase, Liepa said. Some of it could be from the Legacy Initiative, he acknowledged.

"We know anecdotally some people are leaving for private schools and we know anecdotally some people are coming back from private schools," he said. He added that the state's economic problems, as evidenced by manufacturing job losses and growing numbers of home foreclosures, are also forcing people to leave the area.

Last year, the district's blended student count (a combination of 25 percent from winter count and 75 percent for fall) was 18,143 including all programs, such as special education and shared time, according to Lisa Levesque, LPS finance director. Enrollment in programs other than K-12 may actually be increasing, she said.

Levesque said the budget impact won't be clear until the aggregate student count is balanced against an unexpected increase of \$10 in per-pupil foundation grant money and special "declining enrollment" funding from the state.

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## High school pilot program focuses on reading

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Public School teachers are piloting a program to catch students who have fallen through the cracks in reading and comprehension.

"As a high school English teacher, I never thought about teaching kids how to read," said Karla Halvangis, a staff member at Churchill High School.

Candy Reaume, a learning specialist at Garfield Elementary, said over the years she "began to notice that we had a lot of word-callers and not a lot of comprehenders."

Reaume and Halvangis

worked together to create a reading workshop pilot program which focuses on skills and best practices for reading, including providing materials of interest to students. By using pre- and post-tests, they were able to track student progress.

"We're teaching both narrative and expository (texts)," Reaume said.

Halvangis said as reading scores in the class increased, disciplinary problems decreased.

Reaume said students in the pilot class considered reading to be a decoding activity, and something they wanted to finish quickly. Students in the

class relearned basic reading strategies including: visualization, making connections, asking questions, and making inferences.

"It's very sad to us that there are students who don't know you can see a picture in your head," Reaume said.

The results of the program showed improvement for nearly all its participants.

"We were pretty successful," Halvangis said. "Out of the 23 students we started with, 21 increased by at least one grade level."

Reaume said those students who are college-bound particularly benefited from the course.

Trustee Steve King com-

mended the teachers.

"I think what you're doing is fantastic," he said. King asked if intervention at earlier grades might be necessary as well.

Reaume said the district is already addressing that. For the last five years, Livonia Public Schools has had a literacy initiative. Reaume said the high school students lacking these strategies progressed through elementary school prior to the current initiative.

"Students need these skills to go to college, to go into the work world," trustee Kevin Whitehead said.

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**Crafters wanted**

Crafters are being sought for a craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland.

Registration is \$20 and must be paid Oct. 28 to hold a spot. The money will be applied to the \$20 table rental charge. Any remaining balance for additional tables must be paid at time of set up.

Registration fees with crafters' names, address, phone number and type of craft, can be sent to Community Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 85130, Westland, MI 48185. For more information, call Marge at (734) 729-2578 or Jean at (734) 421-0733.

The Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896 is seeking crafters for an annual fall craft show that will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. The post is located at 28945 Joy Road. Tables and chairs are available. Reservations are needed by Oct. 4. Call Dianna Welchman at (313) 278-3784.

Table rental is available at the cost of \$20 for the annual St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Call Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voice mail No. 10) to reserve a table.

**Craft show**

St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will hold its annual Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, in the Parish Social, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. In addition to free parking and free admission, there will be free hourly door

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prizes and a raffle for a choice of numerous baskets. Refreshments and baked goods will also be available.

**Baby contest**

New Star Discovery will hold its "All Natural & Inspirational" regional baby contest starting at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Westland Shopping Center at Warren and Wayne Road.

Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. Competitions will be held separately for boys and girls by age division: 0-7 months, 8-14 months, 15-23 months, 24-35 months, 3-4 years old and 5-6 years old. The winner of each age division will win their entry fee paid to the state competition, a trophy, crown or medalion and test photo shoot with a Chicago fashion photographer. The overall high point winner will take home a trophy or \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

The entry fee for the main "All Natural & Inspirational" competition is \$45. In addition to the main competition, there are four photogenic and four feature categories with a \$5 per category fee. Entry forms are available at one of the sign holders throughout the mall. For more information, call New Star Discovery at (800) 330-BABY or visit its Web site at www.newstardiscovery.com.

**Vegas Night**

St. Bernardine Parish at 31463 Ann Arbor Trail at Merriman, Westland, is having a Las Vegas Party 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 20.

No smoking rooms will be available and hot dogs, potato salad, snacks and pop are included in \$7 admission. Beer also will be available at \$1 a glass.

Games include Black Jack, Roulette and Beat the Dealer, and there also will be hourly 50/50 drawings and a raffle.

**Register to vote**

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

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

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

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

**Flu shots**

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

Westland Maple Drugs also will be offering flu and pneumonia shots and sponsoring a Diabetes Day 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the store on Ford Road at Hunter. A second round of shots will be offered 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9.

The shots will be available on a walk-in basis and cost \$25 for the flu shot and \$40 for the pneumonia shot. For people with Medicare Part B, there will be no co-pay.

As part of Diabetes Day, the store will be giving out free meters and free samples as well as providing education and answering questions about the disease.

For more information, call Chuck or Danielle at (734) 729-2200.

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

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

Visit the CVS Web site at www.cvs.com or contact a CVS Pharmacy.

**CICIRELLI**

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McKnight and 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos.

"I have a lot of courtroom experience," Cicirelli said. A former teacher, Cicirelli earned her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and her law degree from Wayne State University. She served 12 years on the Westland City Council before she was elected mayor in 2001. In the only political race she has ever lost, Cicirelli was defeated in 1994 when she ran against Bokos for a judicial seat.

"Being a judge has always been my goal," she said. Cicirelli conceded that she worried about how local residents would perceive her decision to run for judge after just starting her second four-year term as mayor this year.

"I certainly was a little concerned, and that weighed heavily on my mind when I made the decision to run," she said.

**THOR**

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opinions, in both civil and criminal cases.

She also has worked as a staff attorney for the United Auto Workers-General Motors Corp. legal services plan, handling real estate transactions and litigation, estate planning and family and consumer law.

Thor also worked as a pre-hearing attorney for the Michigan Court of Appeals, doing legal research and writing, and preparing reports and draft opinions.

Thor cited her trial experience in both district and circuit courts as giving her the background she would need to replace McKnight. She also said she has negotiated numerous settlements for clients.

"I know how to be fair and impartial to all," she said.

Thor has served as an attorney for clients involved in misdemeanor and felony cases, she said, and she also did work as a court-appointed lawyer in Wayne. She said she has been involved in jury trials, plea agreements and preliminary hearings.

Thor views the district judge's

role as simple, even if the job isn't. "They are the people's judge," she said.

Thor cited her ability to decide whether a prosecutor has shown that a case should be sent to Wayne County Circuit Court for trial.

In non-criminal cases, she said she would encourage opposing parties to resolve their issues on their own when possible, rather than having her impose a decision.

Thor earned her bachelor's degree in international relations from the James Madison College of Michigan State University. She received her law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

She was a teacher intern at Osborn High School in Detroit, where she said she taught criminal law to high school students. She also serves as secretary for the city of Westland's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, which helps pave the way for redeveloping such sites as the former Cooper School property.

On the issue of the possible

consolidation of district courts, Thor said Westland - regardless - should retain a court because it already handles a busy docket.

Thor also cited ideas she has for improving the court. One of her goals, if elected, would be improving the court's online services, so that people could conduct business more easily or review court dockets.

Thor portrayed herself as more independent than Cicirelli due to the fact that she hasn't been in the political arena.

"I'm not beholden to anyone," she said.

Thor hopes to continue what she said has been a well-run district court.

"Westland has been very fortunate to have Judge McKnight and Judge (C. Charles) Bokos on the bench," she said.

Thor estimated she will spend about \$20,000 on her campaign, and she said she had one fund-raiser.

On the campaign trail, Thor said residents have been willing to listen to her ideas.

"It's been a positive experience," she said.

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# Chocolate covering

## Candy shop finds a way to beat faltering economy

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

In a faltering post-9/11 economy, Denise Picard knew keeping her House of Fudge candy shop in downtown Plymouth a viable business would be a matter of concern.

For Picard, who has owned the candy shop across from the Cozy Café for six years, it was a matter of survival.

"After 9/11, we held through Christmas very well," said Picard, who has owned the House of Fudge, across from the Cozy Café, for about six years. "But after Christmas, things just dropped.

"People used to just walk in, but nowadays they just don't have the disposable cash," she added. "Candy is more of a luxury item."

Picard, who admits to seeking a little divine intervention, decided it was time to think out of the box and branch out.

"I just thought, 'We need more business or I'm going to close,'" Picard said. "I sent letters and samples to about a hundred cider mills and basket companies, and we had a 10-percent return, which was really good. We're doing OK with it."

Not only is Picard doing business with the popular Franklin Cider Mill, she was also able to acquire an account with the famous Zehnder's Bavarian Haus in Frankenmuth.

"Zehnder's took off about nine weeks ago, and the cider mills just opened a month ago," she said. "A lot of them are open through Thanksgiving, and we're also selling to the basket companies. We're also seeing a little movement in the corporate business gifts."

Business has been good enough for Picard to begin a night shift, though she admits it's usually just her making fudge for the increased number of orders.

"If you're selling it, you don't mind," Picard said.

Picard, 40, has been at the House of Fudge since she began working part time as a 16-year-old. When the previous owners decided to retire, Picard decided to buy the it.

"I like my job, it's been fun, and I've never hated going to work," Picard said. "Most of the time people are in a really good mood when they come here. And I have really good help."

Along with the 17 varieties of fudge — Picard said chocolate and chocolate walnut are the best sellers — her store also sells homemade chocolates and bulk



Sean McEvelly and Clyde Picard pour the cooked fudge onto the marble work table.

candy items. Picard said even she sometimes has a difficult time staying away from all the sweets.

"You get used to it, and it can be weeks before I'll touch anything," she said. "And then, for a week straight, I'll graze."

Not unlike her own start in the fudge-making business, Picard said she likes to hire high school students who stay with her through college, and come back to help through the holidays. One of the perks is getting to test the sweets.

"When the kids come in and start working, I always let them eat what they want," Picard said. "In fact, I encourage it because it's hard to sell what you don't know."

Sean McEvelly, 18, of Canton Township — who visited the shop as a young boy — has been a fudge maker the past four years.

"When I first started, I just wanted to eat everything, and you tend to," said McEvelly, whose favorite is peanut butter fudge. "Now, I pace myself a little better and have willpower being around it. It's a candy shop, so you can't help but have fun surrounded by all the chocolate."

McEvelly said he's gotten used to people peering through the store window, watching him make a batch of fudge, which takes about an hour or so from start to finish.

"There's always people walking by on the street, or in to watch for a couple of minutes," he said. "After a while, you get used to it after making so many batches."

Jeannette Brevik of Northville has been visiting House of Fudge for about as long as Picard has been working there, calling it her "home away from home." In fact, Picard said the triple-dipped chocolate pecan snapper — consisting of caramel, pecans and three layers of dark chocolate — was made specifically for Brevik.

"That's my addiction of choice," Brevik said. "For years I've been getting three pounds a week, and I would eat every one of them. I should be 500 pounds, but I'm not."

"My husband would bring me flowers, but I told him just to bring the snappers," she added. "Godiva chocolate doesn't hold a candle to them."

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### DEATHS

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| <b>B</b> | <b>Virginia H. Kadlec</b><br>Kadlec, 82, of Bloomfield Hills, died Sept. 29.            |
| <b>C</b> | <b>Irene Ontko (nee Strauch)</b><br>Ontko, 80, died Sept. 29.                           |
| <b>G</b> | <b>Florence M. (Moore) Rudloff</b><br>Rudloff, 81, formerly of Plymouth, died Sept. 28. |
| <b>H</b> | <b>Douglas G. Sennett</b><br>Sennett, 57, of Plymouth, died Oct. 3.                     |
| <b>K</b> | Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A18. |

## Liberty Pop Singers looking for singers

If you enjoy singing, the American Liberty Pops Singers Inc. wants to hear your.

The chorus will be holding auditions for its upcoming concert season. The American Liberty Pops Singers performs September through May, specializing in benefit concerts, such as for tsunami relief, Katrina relief, Toys for Tots and most recently Michigan National Guard families. It performs Christmas and patriotic/American music.

The chorus is looking for singers who have the ability to blend and exhibit a sincere, positive attitude. There are no solo opportunities during the regular season.

People interested in scheduling an audition appointment, can call the director, R. D. Blouse at (734) 728-6326.

The American Liberty Pops Singers, Inc. also will sponsor elementary, middle school and high school choruses which will begin in the early fall, with concerts in December and early spring. For further information, call Rick Shaw at (734) 355-8813.

There also opportunities for people who don't want to sing, but want to be involved with the organization. People interested in helping the chorus succeed should also call Shaw at the aforementioned telephone number.

### ACHIEVERS

Five Westland residents received their degrees at spring commencement at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

The graduates were **Lavinia Bordusanu**, bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering; **Shante Bourne-Ware**, bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering; **Sameer Joshi**, master of business

administration degree; **Nicole Stevens**, bachelor of arts degree in interior architecture, and **Rafik Zaatari**, master of engineering degree in manufacturing systems.

**Julieann Kowaleski** of Westland graduated from Northern Michigan University with a master of arts degree in English and writing in August.

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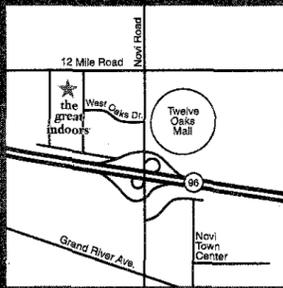
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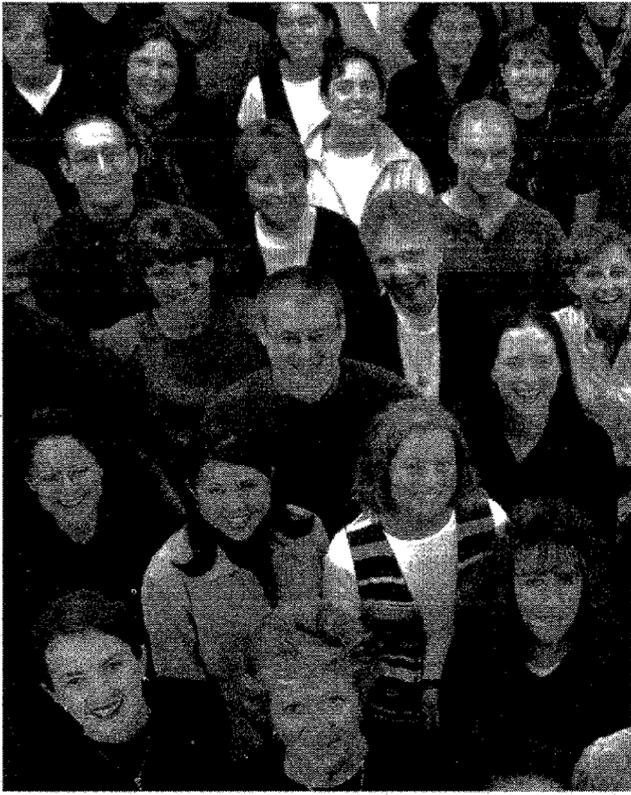
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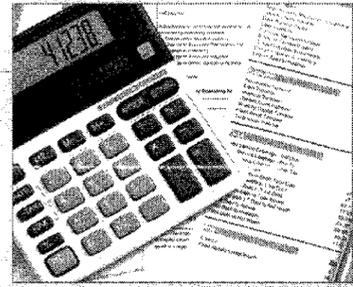
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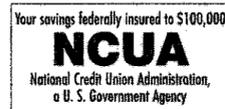
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CC Rummage Sale**

The Mom's Club of Catholic Central High School is hosting its annual Rummage & Bake Sale, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, at Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom Road, south of Grand River and west of Wixom Road in Novi. A \$1 bag sale will begin at 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit the school.

**Crafters needed**

Crafters are needed for the 18th annual juried arts and crafts show Saturday, Nov. 18, at Sts. Peter and Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Virginia or Deb at (734) 522-9653 or (248) 348-6823.

**BINGO**

**VFW Bingo**

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

**St. Mel Church**

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

**Shamrock Bingo**

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

**K of C Bingo**

Pope John XXIII Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games are in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 3117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman in Livonia. Call (734) 425-2246.

**FOR SENIORS**

**Friendship Center**

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

**Senior dinners**

The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances with live entertainment several times each



**60 years of service**

The passing of Autumn Jones (right) at age 97 is a loss being felt by the Harris Kehrer VFW Post 3323's Ladies Auxiliary. A 60-year member of the auxiliary, Mrs. Jones served as chair of most of the auxiliary's programs and offices. She was the Ann Arbor VA Hospital chairman for many years and also worked the post's fish fries. She's also known around the post for making the best strawberry shortcake for funeral luncheons. Her efforts didn't go unnoticed when Auxiliary President Debbie Mason (left) and past president Marion Langley presented her with her 60-year pin.

month for couples and singles 50 years and older. The cost is \$8 donation for members of the league and \$10 donation for non-members. All dances start at noon and run until 3-3:30 p.m. Meals include beer, wine, and fountain pop. Call (734) 728-5010

**Crochet & Knit**

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

**Visually Impaired**

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

**Hearing checks**

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

**Exercise**

Simply Jazzercise is designed for

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

**Travel Group**

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

**Dyer Center**

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

bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

**ORGANIZATIONS**

**Toastmasters**

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

**Vietnam Vets**

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

**Friends of the library**

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

**In Harmony**

The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

**Civil Air Patrol**

Emergency service is just one of the congressionally mandated missions of the Civil Air Patrol, which includes ground and air search-and-rescue operations. The Civil Air Patrol, which is the official U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is made up of civilian volunteers. To learn more about CAP or training as an air crew or ground team member, contact the Willow Run Composite Squadron (MI-260). Call Capt. Dane Hansen, deputy commander/recruiter, at (734) 485-3021 or visit the Web site [www.members.home.net/capliberators/](http://www.members.home.net/capliberators/).

**Habitat help**

The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience nec-

essary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

**Veteran's Haven**

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

**Pet-A-Pet**

The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved and must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, 630 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Marie Johnson, (734) 326-1200), and Marquette House, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392).

**Zonta Club**

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

**Franklin PTSA**

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

**Tutorial program**

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

**FOR YOUR HEALTH**

**Eating Disorders**

Get help, get real information and real expectations, at an eating disorder support group which meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster

Road, Garden City. All meetings are closed - for people of all ages with eating disorders and are free of charge. Family and friends support is on the second Wednesday of the month while parents support is on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Call Darlene at (734) 324-3089.

**Advocacy group**

The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. For more information, call (734) 362-8825.

**TOPS**

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Wednesday at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Weigh-in is 6:30-7:15 p.m., with the meeting 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call Rosalie at (734) 324-0299.

**Menopause & More**

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. For more information, call (734) 655-1100.

**Support group**

A support group for people with chronic illness meets on Fridays every other week, at the Westside Mental Health Services, 32932 W. Warren, Suite 103, Westland. The support group is a service of Awareness Counseling Services. There is a \$10 for each meeting which will be facilitated by a professional. For more information, call (734) 513-8295 or (313) 562-2800.

**AIM**

Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics in Motion) meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. Call (248) 547-0400.

**Childbirth classes**

Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a refresher childbirth education course and a new support group for expectant teens. For information on programs, call (734) 458-4330.

**Childbirth Association**

Classes for childbirth preparation are offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes are available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Cesarean birth preparation are also offered. Call (734) 459-7477.

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# Finding the alternatives

## Canton business will be one of dozens in state featured in national solar tour

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

With energy prices soaring during the last couple years, there is a growing movement that is stressing the importance of investing in alternative energies. The issue has been a hot topic during this political season, as everyone from Gov. Jennifer Granholm down to candidates at the local level have been saying Michigan must be a future leader in the production of non-traditional energy sources.

But for consumers looking for relief from the skyrocketing cost of heating and powering their homes and businesses, the future is now, according to the organizers of the National Solar Tour, which will show off homes and businesses across the country that are already using alternative energies.

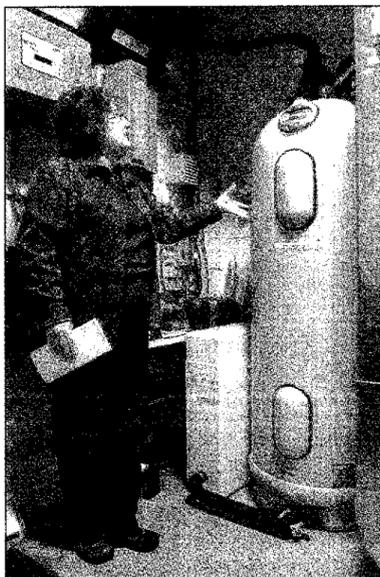
The National Solar Tour, sponsored mainly by the American Solar Energy Society, is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. There will be dozens of stops in Michigan, including a number in the Metro Detroit area. One of those stops is Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton. Not only does the company sell solar powered devices to consumers, it is also housed in a building that utilizes solar and other forms of alternative, renewable energies.

Alexis King, an energy consultant at Mechanical Energy Systems, said most people know little or nothing about the ways they can utilize solar power in their homes, which is why she thinks the National Solar Tour is such a great opportunity for people who are curious about alternative energies.

"Alternative energy is a big thing these days. People need to know how to find out about them," King said. "Visitors will be able to walk through our building and see how solar works and understand the practical need for it."

The National Solar Tour is a free, self-guided tour, though there will be people at each stop to explain how they have utilized alternative energies.

Mechanical Energy Systems is one of the few retailers that will be on the tour. King said not only will they show off their products, including solar powered hot water tanks and other devices, they will also offer advice on how people can do simple things at home to reduce energy costs. They will also discuss how people can take advantage of federal tax



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Donna Napolitano's business, Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton, will be part of the National Solar Tour on Oct. 7. Here she discusses some of the solar-powered products sold by the business.



The solar-heated water is 120 degrees on a fall day.

credits to heat and power their homes.

"Educating the public is the main emphasis of our company," King said.

Mechanical Energy Systems is located at 8130 Canton Center Road (south of Joy Road) in Canton. For more information about the company, call (734) 453-6746 or visit its Web site at [www.by-solar.com](http://www.by-solar.com).

For more information about the National Solar Tour and the featured locations in the Metro Detroit area, please visit the Web site [www.gleaa.org](http://www.gleaa.org).

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# Expo offers Technology Center and Virtual Job Fair

Public and private stakeholders from across southeast Michigan are working together to put on what may be the largest employment and resource expo in the region.

The Southeast Michigan Partnership will hold the second Working Together: Southeast Michigan Employment, Training & Family Resource Expo, on 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds & Exposition Center. The event and parking are free.

One of the many services available to jobseekers at the Oct. 11 Expo will be the Technology Center - a bank of 75 computers with Internet access and several printers that will allow attendees to work on their resume, search for jobs online and apply for jobs through the Web. Although the Oct. 11 Expo will officially close at 3 p.m., the Technology Center will remain open until 5 p.m. to accommodate attendees who wish to utilize the computer services. Volunteers will be on hand to assist people.

This year's event will also include a Virtual Job Expo through the Michigan Talent Bank. This service will be active Oct. 9-13, 24 hours a day, and provide anyone the opportunity to go to [www.uwsem.org/expo](http://www.uwsem.org/expo)

and preview the numerous jobs available through more than 100 employers. The Expo's Technology Center and virtual job fair are made possible through the combined resources of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth and the Michigan Department of Information Technology, which are among the several partners hosting this year's event.

In addition to the virtual jobs, the Expo will include job opportunities from more than 130 on-site employers. It will also offer training and career development opportunities, as well as provide information and resources to help individuals and families break down some of the barriers that prevent gaining and retain-

ing employment, such as child care, transportation, and other issues. These opportunities and resources will help provide pathways to success.

The partners involved in this year's Expo include the Detroit Workforce Development Department, the Governor's Office for Southeastern Michigan, the Michigan Department of Human Services in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, the Michigan Department of Information Technology, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (Michigan Talent Bank), Michigan Works! in Oakland and Macomb counties, the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, and United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Cicirelli is best choice for judge

The next few years will be filled with change at Westland's 18th District Court with the departure of Judges Gail McKnight, who decided not to seek a fifth term, and C. Charles Bokos, who is closing in on the mandatory retirement age.

The change starts with the Nov. 7 general election when residents will decide who will replace McKnight. Sandra Cicirelli and Jennifer Thor are campaigning for the six-year term.



Cicirelli

There is much to like about Cicirelli and Thor. Both candidates possess the legal expertise to be a judge. They know their way around the courtroom, having worked on civil, misdemeanor and felony cases at the district and circuit court levels. They have the experience necessary to handle the cases that would come before them as a district judge and be fair and impartial in their decisions.

We also believe it's important for district court judges to be a part of — not apart from — the communities they serve, and that is where Sandra Cicirelli holds the edge in this election. She is involved with her community.

Yes, she has served on the city council and is currently mayor of the city, but it is her support of the city's Youth Assistance and D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) that we like. Cicirelli is keenly aware that both programs are the ounce of prevention that can stop crime before it gets started and are important tools in helping children and youths avoid or abandon behaviors that could bring them into the legal system.

We also like her plan, if elected, to adopt a rehabilitative approach toward nonviolent, first-time drug defendants, helping them keep their record clean as long as they turn their lives around, and her consideration of same-day sentencing programs for nonviolent offenders to streamline the court docket.

That said, we believe that she is the best candidate for 18th District Court judge and urge residents to vote for **Sandra Cicirelli** in the Tuesday, Nov. 7, general election.

### Good service earns Land a second term

When Republican Terri Lynn Land ran for Secretary of State four years ago, she campaigned on a promise to improve customer service.

Since taking office, she's streamlined and automated the state's most visible department, building on the excellent record of her Republican predecessor, Candice Miller. Land successfully consolidated redundant offices; implemented the requirements of the Help America Vote Act, making it easier for everyone to vote and assuring the integrity of their vote; and introduced new technology to every aspect of the state's licensing procedures.

We believe Terri Lynn Land has earned another term as Secretary of State and we enthusiastically endorse her re-election.

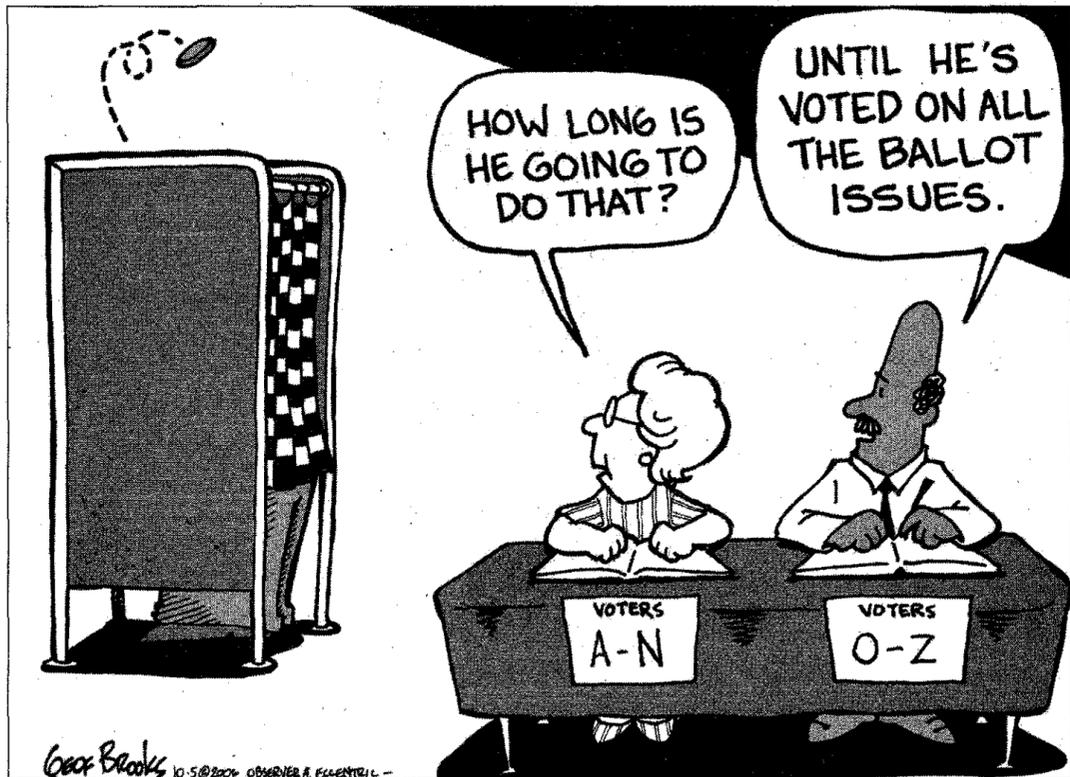
Land is being challenged by Democratic Macomb County Clerk Carmella Sabaugh, who raises good questions about Land's co-chairing George W. Bush's 2004 re-election campaign in Michigan. We agree that the person who oversees the state's elections should not be chairing a campaign, but we also note that no irregularities were reported in Michigan's election.

We also acknowledge Sabaugh's concerns that requiring voter photo ID may inhibit voters. But we also believe that protection of the ballot is an equally compelling concern. Unlike Southern states, Michigan doesn't have a recent history of denying the vote to minorities. And Land has proposed a trial method that would use a driver's license or its equivalent on a voluntary basis, combined with an instantly accessible computer database of all voters.

This is just one of the many intriguing ideas that Land is proposing to encourage greater voting participation, expand on technological advances in access to data and improve campaign finance reporting.

Anyone who has had to visit the Secretary of State's office in recent years knows that lines move more quickly and business is handled more professionally and politely. Even better, with online and kiosk services, there is considerably less need to stand in line at all.

We believe **Terri Lynn Land** has earned a second term.



### Memorable season

Thank you to all that have volunteered their time for the John Glenn football program and to all our advertisers. Your generosity is valuable in making this a memorable season for the teams for now and years to come.

The food was delicious and Hickory Barbecue Grill deserved this article. The players and cheerleaders were very appreciative and ate every last bit of food.

Cathy Thorne  
Westland

### Tax outsourcing

I as an American citizen believe that taxes on outsourcing should be ended because it only encourages outsourcing.

It's unfair to the worker that has slaved away at a job for many years then all of a sudden gets cut away from pay because a company begins to outsource that person's job, therefore, the company pays less money and the person is now left without a job, to be broke and left to fall within the hardships of poverty.

Here in America we try to strive to be a strong country yet not even our pens are made in America? It's terrible that corporations get tax cuts of outsourcing even though an old employee of theirs is left without anything because they were fired in order for the outsourcing to happen.

Where is the justice in any of this?

Tina Donali  
Westland

### Exhibit morality

If President Bush wishes to be able to speak with "moral authority," he should exhibit some morality!

Do not change what our constitution and our experiences have shown us to be right. Unlawful detention, secrecy and torture should not be used, or condoned, and most certainly cannot be made legal. Our legal system and bill of rights exist because humanity needs to be reminded of what is right and humane.

Bush and his methods make me ashamed of my country.

Barbara Rinehart-Gray  
Westland

### Breast cancer awareness

This year the American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that 212,920 new cases of female breast cancer will be diagnosed, and 40,970 women will die from the disease. In fact, breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women, other than skin cancer and is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. Mammography is the best way to detect breast cancer in its earliest, most treatable stage — an average of 1 to 3 years before a woman can feel the lump. Mammography also locates cancers too small to be felt during a clinical breast examination.

In responding to this important health issue, I am joining with mayors across the country to promote National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October and to observe the third Friday in October (Oct. 20) as National Mammography Day.

We are calling upon everyone in our communities — employers, physicians, churches, clubs, social service agencies and other organizations — to encourage

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women of all ages to obtain information about screening and mammography and to seek appropriate services. Our efforts are part of the Mayors' Campaign Against Breast Cancer, of which I am a member, that the United States Conference of Mayors is conducting under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Since women comprise approximately half the employees in the United States, the workplace provides an optimum environment for increasing breast cancer awareness and screening. It is critical that all other employers in Westland join with me and similarly involve their employees in National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, one of our nation's most important health initiatives.

Let me also add that men can be at risk for breast cancer. While the statistics are not as stark for men, they are significant. ACS estimates that an estimated 1,720 new cases of male breast cancer will be diagnosed in 2006, and that about 460 men will die of the disease. Men should discuss their risk for breast cancer with their physicians, public health officials and advocacy organizations, such as ACS, and be screened as appropriate.

Sandra A. Cicirelli  
Mayor

### Doesn't understand diversity

Last week Dick DeVos said he knew the importance of diversity because his four children are just so different.

Give me a break! This proves how out of touch DeVos really is with the problems real citizens face everyday. How can he support diversity when he doesn't even understand what it is?

Gov. Granholm knows the importance of diversity and is fighting to ensure the MCRI doesn't have a chance to destroy the progress our civil rights leaders have made in the last century.

Mark Blackwell  
Wayne

### New direction in Congress

It was with great interest that I read the letters to the editor on Thursday, Sept. 28. Some letter writers expounded on the virtues of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter. One writer spoke of very positive personal interactions with the congressman. This assistance is a small, although important function for our congressman to engage in.

However, I would guess that most constituents don't have a need for this personal assistance; they just want their congressman voting for their interests in Congress. Unfortunately, this is where Mr. McCotter has failed the 11th district.

Another letter writer spoke in generalities about how the congressman worked hard to "preserve and promote opportunities for Michigan workers." What specifically he has done to do this is unknown. Apparently the writer thinks he's "worked to preserve programs geared toward companies to enhance their employee's skills." Again, what specifically the Congressman has done is unknown.

What is known about Mr. McCotter is that he voted in favor of the Iraq war debate. This war, as it has been shown by the recent NIE report, has raised the level of international terrorism, and has made the U.S. less safe.

He's continued to vote for war funding without any accountability. We are spending over \$8.4 billion every month in Iraq. So far, more than \$300 billion has been spent on this war. Just think of what that kind of money could do for our schools, our infrastructure, or our health care system. His support for Bush's "stay-the-course" plan in Iraq has led to the death of nearly 3,000 brave young Americans; it's lead to life-changing injuries for 15,000 young Americans.

What is also known about Mr. McCotter is that he voted against the bill to provide funds for stem cell research. This was a bill which had 70 percent approval in public opinion surveys. Nowadays, I think it would be hard to get 70 percent of the American public to agree that the sky is blue. Nonetheless, Mr. McCotter did not vote his constituents interests on this bill. To rub salt into the wound, Mr. McCotter voted to uphold the presidential veto of this bill, the only presidential veto by George Bush.

This November, we have the opportunity to change the misguided direction of this country. We have the opportunity to end the "culture of corruption" in Washington. We have the opportunity to take our country back. To accomplish this, Mr. McCotter and his fellow Republican cohorts must be sent home. We need fresh ideas, a new direction, a new Congress!

John Zajechowski  
Garden City

### 'Torturer in Chief'

I am shocked, disgusted, and outraged that a "deal" has been struck by a committee of senators to allow torture to continue and to make it somehow legal. I do not want my tax dollars going to pay for these "professional" torturers, as the Torturer in Chief recently called them.

What arm-twisting tactics were used to convince Sen. John McCain and others to allow this government to continue to torture?

Republicans are now the Torture Party and Bush is the Torturer in Chief. He and his corrupt friends have been fighting to legalize torture for four years and it seems they have finally succeeded. This is a terrible day for America and for the world.

The Torturer in Chief must be impeached for war crimes and receive, at minimum, a long and unpleasant stay in a maximum security prison.

Gwen Foss  
Farmington

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Jason Bragalla about the Detroit Police Detroit's Special Response Team which is featured in *Detroit SWAT* tonight

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# Faith communities must support affirmative action

*Crash* is one of those movies that not only won an Academy Award but will be watched over and over for decades. Whether it portrays the current level of anger among racial, religious, and other groups, or it makes a statement portending what's on the horizon, it is a powerful presentation of human relations in our country.

One of *Crash's* themes is frustration at the lack of progress for women and minority groups. So many well-intended governmental programs since the 1960s have not succeeded, either because of poor funding, poor execution or both. When we examine what has failed and what has worked, only three clear-cut successes quickly come to mind: (1) legal remedies for segregated facilities; (2) the Head Start pre-school program; (3) affirmative action providing women and minorities with equal access to jobs, contracts and educational opportunities.

Unfortunately, affirmative action is on the defensive now in many states including Michigan with the November ballot issue. With language posturing it as pro-civil rights (Michigan Civil Rights Initiative), the ballot issue would ban opportunities related to governmental employment, educational recruitment and admission programs and governmental contracts for women and minorities. What's even worse, the ballot issue sends a signal to the private sector that diversity and affirmative action in the workplace and in our communities is not a value to be pursued.

A number of business, civic, union and political leaders have stepped up to the plate and are opposing the ballot initiative. The leadership of these groups in itself is major progress from the civil rights days of the '60s when business leaders, in particular, were reluctant to involve themselves in the fray. Businesses and other current leaders have taken this stand because affirmative action works; it sends a positive signal to customers and creates a more productive work force and improved bottom line. Regrettably, a major leadership segment from the Civil Rights era — religious leaders — has not led the incremental progress achieved in recent decades. Their previous involvement was a powerful expression of the moral imperative for equal and fair treatment of all people.

Forty years ago in metro Detroit, suburban and urban faith leaders, women and men from Christian, Jewish and Muslim perspectives locked arms, developed programs and led demonstrations to indicate that fairness and opportunity in education, employment, health, and housing must be for everyone or eventually it will exist for only a privi-

leged few. While some religious leaders continued that struggle, unfortunately, many moved to other priorities.

Thus, in many faith communities today that earlier commitment and resolve has diminished. New moral imperatives are attracting attention. Many faith groups are more concerned about spiritual and congregational growth and self-help strategies to heal individual wounds — all important concerns — but not a moral issue as imperative as that expressed by our country's Founders when they wrote of certain inalienable rights including "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Now, the nation needs and Michigan needs to be clear and stand unified on the moral imperative of ending racism and sexism by continuing to offer fair chances and increased opportunities for women and people of color too long denied the promise of the Founders.

Affirmative action is important because it helps create more diverse groups at work, in educational settings, at tables where contracts are signed. And greater diversity can lead to inclusivity, where all people have their ideas, their contributions and talents recognized and taken seriously. Inclusivity, in fact, is a moral value that runs throughout the sacred writings of all major faith groups — every person understood, respected, and valued. So, it is incumbent upon faith leaders to once again exert their moral leadership and defeat Proposal 2 on this fall's ballot and thereby preserve affirmative action in Michigan.

Major players from business, unions, civic and governmental organizations, along with some religious leaders, urge defeat of the anti-affirmative action ballot initiative. But many people still wonder, where do the members of faith groups stand? This is the elephant in the room.

This is why clergy leaders can play such an important role in this election. Bishops and executives of religious institutions can and should lead from the top, but it is the ongoing, caring relationships in every congregation that lend weight to the moral imperative of fairness and equal opportunity.

So, the defeat of this ballot initiative will continue the meaningful progress for which affirmative action is responsible. And no one can make as great a difference as the thousands of faith leaders, lay and clergy, in congregations across Michigan. They have the greatest opportunity and the strongest moral claim to stand for fairness and equal opportunity for all women and people of color. The nation promised no less 300 years ago and breaking covenants has no standing among serious communities of faith.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel H. Krichbaum is president and CEO The National Conference for Community and Justice of Michigan.



The Rev. Daniel H. Krichbaum

## LETTERS

### Vote down Prop 2

Have you noticed the letters to the editor about Proposal 2, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative? Proponents' objections to affirmative action center squarely on race. Gender isn't even mentioned though most governmental affirmative action initiatives focus on gender.

Affirmative action programs are still quite necessary. Women continue to earn significantly less than men in many fields even when levels of education and experience are comparable. The future of American prosperity lies in technology, yet females remain discouraged from entering science heavy fields.

By the mandate of Proposal 2, public universities would be prohibited from targeting women to take science strong curriculums. Why would we as a society choose to neglect half the potential pool needed for the work of tomorrow? It makes no sense.

We are living during a period of transition where equal opportunity still doesn't exist for certain categories of people. Until women and minorities are proportionally represented at the highest levels of government and business, affirmative action is needed. The same holds true for income, wealth, home ownership, college degrees, business ownership and access to health care.

Put another way, good old boys have run this country since its inception and for the most part they still do. Affirmative action is a useful tool for admitting everybody into the club.

Proposal 2 is a knee jerk reaction to complicated social inadequacies and injustices. It paints all forms of public affirmative action as undesirable. This is preposterous!

For example, we already have a shortage of nurses and this problem is getting worse as the baby boom generation enters retirement age. Fewer than one in 10 nurses are men. Shall we prevent government from designing campaigns to attract men into nursing?

Proposal 2 is ripe for unintended consequences and litigation. It is poor policy.

Scott Heinzman  
Livonia

### Vote no on Prop 5

There must be several good reasons why Proposal 5 (K-16 education funding) is opposed by Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Republican Dick DeVos, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Municipal League, the Police Officers Association of Michigan and many

other organizations listed on [www.stophthespendingmandate.com](http://www.stophthespendingmandate.com).

If Proposal 5 passes, with guaranteed budget increases for K-12 and higher education, Michigan taxpayers will either have to pay substantially greater taxes with no accountability by the education lobby or suffer huge cutbacks in critical state services like police protection, health care for the 1.5 million people receiving Medicaid, etc.

Where does the primary backer of Proposal 5, the Michigan Education Association (teachers' union), think Michigan taxpayers will come up with the extra \$565 million for education that Proposal 5 immediately requires be paid? Given the economy, who can afford to pay for Proposal 5's "annual funding increases equal to the rate of inflation for public schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges, and higher education (includes state universities and financial aid/grant programs)."

Under Proposal 5, a special formula is used to send extra state funds to school districts with declining enrollments such as Detroit which just lost an estimated 25,000 students.

Proposal 5 will also, "Reduce and cap retirement fund contribution paid by public schools, community colleges and state universities" and will "shift remaining portion to state."

All at a time the state budget will decline by over \$1 billion due to the repeal of the anti-business SBT.

Education needs to be supported. But Proposal 5 does nothing for education other than provide a huge windfall for personnel at the expense of already hard-pressed Michigan taxpayers. Vote no on Proposal 5.

Henry S. Woloson  
Independence Township

### Quit being used

It is become obvious to me your newspaper is being used to smear the good name of our Congressman Thaddeus McCotter. I have had many dealings with the congressman and his staff over the past couple years and have found both to be extremely responsive and helpful. Quite a different picture than the one being painted by previous letter writers, which begs the question: Are these dissenters willing to go to any length to win an election?

I used to think letters to the editor were good because they spurred healthy debate. It's sad to see you've gone away from that.

Mike Laginess  
Canton

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## Challenger touts law enforcement experience in battle with Cox

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

Amos Williams wants to be the next attorney general for the state of Michigan.

And that's not all. Amos also wants Michigan residents to know what the position entails: Top cop, top law enforcement officer and the state's No. 1 legal counselor.

A decorated soldier, former police officer and practicing attorney, Williams is running as a Democrat against Republican incumbent Mike Cox.

Williams said the decision to run for office was made in much the same way he's made other plans in his life: it seemed to be a natural progression. That's not to say it didn't take him a while to warm to the idea.

"There were some other lawyers discussing it and asked if I were interested," he said. "I wondered why I would want to do that, but then thought about it."

While it's a state office, he said the state of the nation today requires more of the person who is "the top cop, top law enforcement officer and chief legal counsel to the legislator and governor."

He said the administration

### AMOS WILLIAMS



two children

**Job:** Attorney  
**Age:** 59  
**Hometown:** Grosse Pointe  
**Personal:** Married,

in Washington D.C. is taking the American people into uncharted waters and Michiganians need their attorney general to stand up for them.

"The kind of malignancy coming from the top these days will infect everything," Williams said. "I believe the best way to protect the civil rights of people in Michigan is from the attorney general level."

He said he'd use the position to expand crimefighting efforts in the realms of drugs, Internet predators and corporate crime, as well as use the office to protect Michiganians' civil rights. People should get more from their No. 1 police officer.

"The attorney general's office is a public service office," he said. "(Attorney General) Cox just hasn't

done a good job."

Williams said crime has risen in the state since the beginning of Cox's tenure in state office, something Williams attributes to inexperience with law enforcement.

"He's shown no aptitude for fighting crime, he's never been a law enforcement officer," Williams said. "The choice is between a candidate with law enforcement experience and one that doesn't, which are you going to choose?"

For all of the power he says there is in the attorney general's office, Williams said not only are most people not aware of the functions of the position, a good portion of them aren't even thinking about the election in general.

With the fight going on between Gov. Jennifer Granholm and her Republican challenger businessman Dick DeVos, you can't hear much else.

"The television coverage is on the high-profile races now," he said. "It's the governor against a man with infinitely deep pockets. They're spending millions each, so that's who people are going to see."

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## Clerk faces uphill battle to unseat Land

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

Macomb County Clerk Carmella Sabaugh said she signed on to run against incumbent Secretary of State Republican Terri Lynn Land because the state Democratic Party asked her.

Sabaugh is currently in her fourth term as the Macomb County clerk. Before that, she was alternately an employee of the city of Warren, its clerk and a member of the city council.

Citing a quarter-century of experience in elections and more than 30 years in public life, she said she wants to work to expand voters' rights and serve the citizens of Michigan as its next secretary of state.

Sabaugh said Michigan is ahead of the national curve on elections, citing former Secretary of State Richard Austin's advocacy of motor voter initiatives, and should stay that way.

"We need to have same-day voter registration," she said. "A

### CARMELLA SABAUGH



**Job:** Macomb County clerk  
**Age:** 64  
**Hometown:** Warren  
**Personal:** Married, five children

lot of people don't think about an election until 10 days before they go to vote. We should also give out absentee ballots to whoever wants them."

She said the idea of requiring a driver's license or other photo identification to vote sounds OK, but on closer analysis doesn't further the cause of residents voting.

"There is a constitutional right to vote, it's not a privilege," Sabaugh said. "Why make it harder? We should be making it easier to vote."

What the state needs, she said, is a database of Social Security

numbers that local clerks can check at polling stations.

What Michigan voters don't need, she said, is a chief election officer who is beholden to a race in progress. Sabaugh said it was wrong for Land to be the co-chair of the Michigan effort to re-elect President George W. Bush in 2004. She doesn't allege any misconduct, but said there should be no perception that the secretary of state has a dog in the fight when votes are tallied.

With the November general election closing in, she knows she's got an uphill battle.

"It's going to take a lot of money and I'm the underdog," Sabaugh said. "Land has a lot of money."

She said she's working with the state Democratic Party to put together a grass-roots, door-to-door campaign to get her name into people's heads when they go to vote next month.

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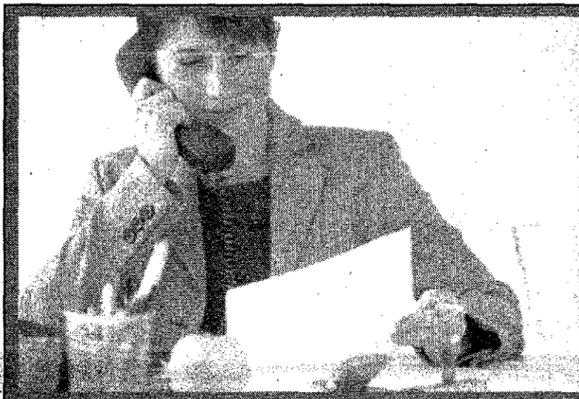
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# McCotter splits with Bush on war progress and trade

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) says he isn't surprised by a *New York Times*/CBS poll that shows only 25 percent of Americans approve of the job that Congress is doing.

"I expect it in a turbulent time, when Congress or the administration don't particularly lay out the times in which we live or seem to be addressing them," he said in a meeting Sept. 25 with *Observer* editors. "We've seen this at other times in the nation's history. In the final analysis, you have to be sure that you don't add to that perception and try to work within the Congress to do what it's supposed to do."

The low rating comes at a time when McCotter is seeking his third term to the U.S. House of Representatives. He is facing a strong challenge from Democrat and former radio talk show host Tony Trupiano to represent Michigan's 11th District. Also on the ballot are Libertarian candidate John J. Tatar of Livonia and U.S. Taxpayers candidate Charles Tackett of Belleville.

The ongoing war in Iraq and Michigan's economic problems are at the top of voter concerns. McCotter has been a supporter of the war in Iraq, but has been highly critical of the Bush administration's prosecution of the war. He says he's frustrated.

"For three years I've continued to say that the reconstruction phase was flawed, fatally flawed with a top-down approach," he said.

McCotter said the Bush administration instituted a strong central government rather than working up from local groups.

"What the Iraqis are doing now is breaking down the process because they don't trust a strong central government," he said. "They favor a

### PERSONAL INFO

**Candidate:** Thaddeus McCotter, 41, incumbent Republican, 11th Congressional District.

**Political experience:** House of Representatives, 2002-present; Michigan State Senate, 1998-2002; Wayne County Commission, 1992-1998; Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees, 1989-1992.

1989-1992.

**Education:** Law degree, University of Detroit; bachelor's degree, University of Detroit  
**Family:** wife, Rita; three children. Lives in Livonia.



decentralized, weak government because it can't kill them or oppress them."

He said the real base of the country is in the town councils, tribal elders and religious organizations. He said Bush should have learned from America's history, which had its democratic roots in town hall meetings and local and state governments before the Constitution was written.

"The irony is you'll hear people say that the federalized system will lead to civil war. I would argue that it will go in the opposite direction. I would argue they are going back to where they should have been in the first place," he said.

McCotter is skeptical of a conclusion in the National Intelligence Estimate, first reported Sunday, Sept. 24, that the war in Iraq has fueled international terrorism rather than lessened it. He said he hadn't read the report and would need to study it, but he said he has heard the argument before. He said he couldn't see how bringing down the secular Iraq government of Saddam Hussein could incite more Islamic jihadist terrorism than going to

war against the Taliban in Afghanistan following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

McCotter has been criticized by Trupiano for voting "present" on a resolution on the global war on terror.

McCotter said he couldn't in good conscience vote yes on the resolution.

"I've never believed we should just stay the course in Iraq," he said. "I believe we should win in Iraq and it is my responsibility to the men and women over there serving not to take the easy way out and sign on a resolution that doesn't call al-Qaeda and the insurgents our enemy and does not put forward to the American people the plan we have for winning once it comes to the floor."

### HANDLING DETAINEES

On Sept. 27, McCotter joined the Republican House majority in approving new rules for handling detainees suspected of terrorist activities that would give the president greater authority to work outside the rules of war prescribed by the Geneva Conventions. Congressional action was taken in response to a Supreme Court decision against Bush administration programs. McCotter said the Supreme Court erred in applying the

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# Democrat Trupiano says it's time for 'dynamic change'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

In a year when support for a Republican-dominated Congress and a Republican administration are at a historic low, Democrat Tony Trupiano believes he has a fighting chance of beating 11th District GOP incumbent U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter.

"I believe it's time for dynamic change in this country," he said in a meeting Sept. 27 with *Observer* editors. "I'm more convinced than ever after being at this for a year. I've knocked on doors, called a lot of people. We find ourselves in a difficult position globally and now we see how that's had an effect on our local economy."

Trupiano said recent polling shows that the district is a "swing" district with a nearly equal number of potential voters identifying themselves as Democrats or Republicans.

"Our strategy has been to come in contact with soft Republicans and independents. I've spent 98 percent of my time on soft Republicans and independents and we find he is vulnerable," Trupiano said. "In areas he thought he was safe, like Livonia, he isn't that safe."

Trupiano brings a varied background to his campaign.

### PERSONAL INFO

**Candidate:** Tony Trupiano, 45, Democratic challenger.

**Professional experience:** Radio talk show host; owned public relations consulting firm; motivational speaker; teacher; former restaurant owner.

**Education:**

Attended Alma College.

**Family:** wife, Anne; three children. Lives in Dearborn Heights.



He's been a restaurant owner, public relations consultant, high school teacher, motivational speaker, book author and, most prominently, a nationally syndicated radio talk show host. The Dearborn Heights resident has not held public office.

"There is so much double speak going on right now," he said. "I believe we've abandoned our domestic agenda and that concerns me a great deal as a father and a grandfather. I don't believe that Thad McCotter has the kind of vision, the kind of leadership ability, that it takes to lead this district. I'm running because it's time for real change, real and definitive change."

### IRAQ TOP ISSUE

At the top of the agenda, and a major campaign issue for Democrats, is the war in Iraq and its impact on global security. Trupiano said he has always opposed the war in Iraq.

"My plan is to continue to protect the troops that are there, but we need to have a phased withdrawal through 2007, though I'm not tied to 2007. But I think we need a plan to start bringing our troops home," he said.

Trupiano said it was important to honor the sacrifice of American troops, but it was also important to begin getting the United Nations more involved in Iraq.

"The UN can act in a police, security capacity. We need to have security," he said. "As we look at what we've already tried to do, the money we've paid to Halliburton and Brown and Root (private contractors working on reconstruction), the billions of dollars we've spent only to abandon these projects because it's not safe to be there. I can't honestly say we can put a timeline on it."

He said it was time for the Iraqi government to handle its own security and affairs.

"The Iraqi government needs

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Geneva Conventions to detainees. The Senate also approved the legislation last week.

"In taking the Geneva Convention and applying it to terrorists from abroad you are undermining the deterrent factor of the Geneva Conventions," he said. "The deterrent effect of the Geneva Conventions is that if you play by these rules you get these protections."

He said the rules were for military personnel, not civilians committing acts of terror.

Last year, McCotter voted with the majority in the House on an immigration bill that emphasized security. The Senate approved a bill that would provide a method for long-term illegal aliens to earn citizenship. The two sides have not been able to work out a compromise.

"Whether there is a compromise or not, I will oppose an amnesty which means people who come here illegally get to stay here legally," McCotter said.

He said he favors reducing social services to illegal aliens, cracking down on employers who provide jobs for aliens, strengthening border security and letting aliens know there will be no "amnesty."

"We can't compromise on the principle that someone who comes here illegally should not be allowed to legally stay," he said.

He added that the United States should provide immigration for political refugees, not economic refugees, and that allowing people to come for economic reasons will only

create greater economic problems in their native lands.

**ECONOMIC CONCERNS**

On Michigan's economic problems, McCotter has taken a position against the Bush administration on trade agreements.

"Our problem with Bush is that he believes in competition," he said. "We believe in competition, too, but fair competition."

He said he has voted with the Michigan delegation, Republicans and Democrats, against what he sees as unfair

trade agreements such as CAFTA (Central American Free Trade Agreement) and trade agreements with Thailand and China.

"We need to apply human rights to China," McCotter said. "His (Bush) attitude is any competition is good, our position is that unfair competition is bad. It's very difficult to convince him otherwise, but we continue to try."

McCotter said that energy was a major concern in bringing Michigan up to the national economic level. "I support a two-track

approach to get off foreign oil — increase domestic output while aggressively moving to alternative energy, high tech," he said. "Anything we can do to diminish reliance on foreign oil."

McCotter said the current partisan polarization in the Congress is a "destructive environment rather than creative."

"The way you collect money is being extreme," he said. "Club for Growth, MoveOn.org. One on the right, one on the left. Moderates, the middle ground, ends up being cut out from under you."

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to figure out what the Iraqi government wants to be. We may find the Iraqi government wants to be something the we don't want them to be," he said.

Trupiano said the release of part of the National Intelligence Estimate last week showed that we have been lied to and "at some level we should all be offended."

"We don't have a plan to get out and this stay the course mentality, whether it's not taking a position on supporting the troops by voting present on a resolution, or it's this president who can't seem to grasp the reality that people are dying all over the world now. Now we see that terrorism has been lifted to some jihadist problem that we don't seem to be able to identify with and we created it. At what point do we accept culpability for what we do?" he said.

**DISREGARD FOR LAW**

Trupiano said a bill passed last week to give the president more authority in dealing detainees suspected of terrorist activity is a "clear and blatant disregard for the law by this administration."

Trupiano said he is concerned about free trade agreements that put the United States at a disadvantage.

"Free trade has been a disaster," he said. "Free trade agreements were supposed to lift the economies of other countries and it's not done that. Other countries are not playing by the rules."

He said the key to improving Michigan's economy is education. He said more needs to be done to educate young people in the biosciences and health fields.

Trupiano was critical of No Child Left Behind. He said it has some merit, but it hasn't been fully funded and has punished some schools that are still viable.

"I don't think the federal government should have any say in education except to provide funds. I think state and local governments should decide how to educate in their communities," he said.

**AGAINST 'AMNESTY'**

Immigration has become a major campaign issue over the last year and Trupiano said his position may have changed over time. He said he doesn't support "amnesty" and believes that immigration is a real problem.

"I've spent time with families that are hurting and the immigration issue is real and we need reform," he said. "I don't believe we can kick every illegal out of the country. We just couldn't afford to do that."

He said he would favor some kind of "work visa" to begin funneling some illegal aliens into the system.

"Why are people coming here? They can get free health care and free education. If you are ever in San Diego, you see the devastation that illegals do," he said.

He added that the National Guard needs to be patrolling our borders instead of fighting in Iraq.

"I take national security very seriously," he said.

Trupiano said he is a "fiscal conservative" and actually favors tax cuts.

"First thing, get rid of the alternative minimum tax," he said. "Get rid of the employee paid part of Social Security. Return to the Clinton tax scheme. Lower taxes for those making less than \$200,000 and let those who can bear the burden they should."

He said elimination of the employee contribution to Social Security could be replaced by raising the amount of taxable income for Social Security from \$90,000 to \$150,000.

He said it was also important to cut spending, such as Congressional earmarks for local projects.

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# Seminar delves into effects of job loss

BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Job loss. You'll never know how tough it is, until you've experienced it, said Bob Tubek, who has been out of work since July 1.

The Farmington Hills husband and father of two boys is struggling to make ends meet. His is an all-too-common story of survival, stemming from the vulnerable automotive manufacturing industry.

"It's affected our family, our children," said Tubek, who was laid off from a contractor service for General Motors at the Willow Run plant. "You get to the point where you have to start making decisions on which bills to pay and how much you'll be able to eat."

Tubek, who was a senior HVAC maintenance supervisor, said he may get a job out of state and leave his family in Farmington Hills until his son, ages 12 and 17 graduate from high school.

"I've talked to recruiters and they said if things continue the way they are, you will not be able to buy a job in southeast Michigan," he said.

Tubek has 25 years experience in the manufacturing industry and is a manufacturing manager by trade. As a hobby, and a side job, he is a videographer.

"But, because of the economy, I haven't had any work in two months," he said. "It just comes at you from every direction and you have to make decisions that affect every member of your family and it's very hard."

Tubek's wife works at Michael's craft store, but she can't get a full-time schedule there. Tubek collects unemployment, but it will run out in a few months. With no health insurance, they knew they had to do something to get their boys covered. They applied, and were accepted into, the MiChild health insurance program through the State of Michigan and Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

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Tubek is working with recruiters, but he's realistic about his prospects in Michigan.

"If the jobs aren't there, you're not going to get one," he said.

He has some advice for those who have lost their job.

"Don't continue to be mad," he said. "And, take immediate action."

He was one of 800 employees who were laid off with no notice three months ago. So, he also suggests that people save their money and build up a savings, in the event this happens to them.

## JOB LOSS SEMINAR

The Michigan School of Professional Psychology in Farmington Hills, along with the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, Botsford General Hospital, the Commission on Children, Youth and Families, Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, Farmington Hills Police Department, Farmington Hills Youth & Family Services and Farmington Public Schools, will offer a seminar, "Turning Job Loss into Opportunity," 6:30-9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Costick Activities Center, 26800 W. 11 Mile, just east of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills.

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The project was initiated by faculty and administration at the Michigan School, which is a graduate school based in humanistic psychology.

"It was obvious to us that on the front line is the employment crisis in our area, with all

of the hardships in the auto industry," said Dr. Donna Rockwell, professor and community outreach public relations coordinator at the school. "Humanistic psychology is about reaching out, so it only made sense for us to 'walk the talk' and do what we could to help people."

Dr. Kerry Moustakas, president of the Michigan School,

said they were involved in a number of community outreach programs while located in Detroit, near the Wayne State University campus on Ferry and Woodward.

"We have really wanted to find ways to be much more present in the community," she said.

A community outreach committee was formed by the

school and involves all of the entities that are co-sponsoring the seminar.

"Everyone comes together when they want to or when they need to come together to get something done," said Ara Topouzian, president/CEO of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Rockwell said there is an emotional component that

needs to be nurtured during job loss and that will be a large focus of the seminar.

Tubek, like many others, agrees, but he said it's a matter of being practical, too.

"I've met a lot of people in the same boat, doing the same thing I'm doing — just trying to survive," said Tubek.

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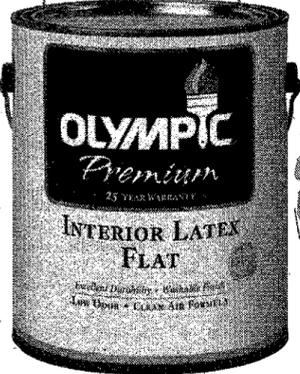
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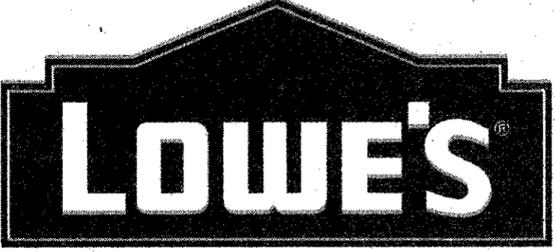
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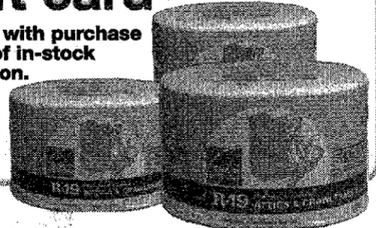
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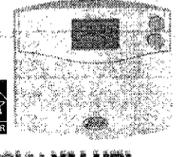


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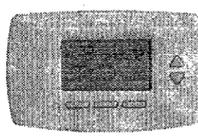
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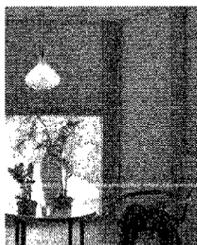
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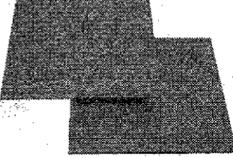
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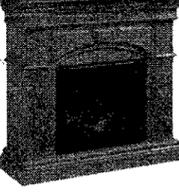
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## OCTOBER

## Film

An Inconvenient Truth - Spotlight on Global Warming will be presented 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584. For more information, visit [www.thegenerationproject.org/convenient.htm](http://www.thegenerationproject.org/convenient.htm)

## Church sales

Rummage and bake sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 (\$2 admission for adults). Big Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7 (free admission), at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149. Proceeds to pay for parking lot resurfacing.

## Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 6-7, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and Hellenic Cultural center, 36375 Joy, Westland. Call (734) 525-3550. No items will be accepted during the sale.

## Concert

Grammy Award winning musical group NewSong performs 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. \$5 tickets must be purchased in advance. Call (248) 374-5920.

## Culture shock workshop

Basic training in cross-cultural sensi-

tivity for the mission field, presented by Larry Merino, executive director of Harvest Mission International 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Registration fee is \$25, includes lunch and materials. Call (734) 522-6830 or visit [www.christour-savior.org](http://www.christour-savior.org). Come learn how to recognize the 4 Jolts of Culture Shock - Tension about Time, Risky Relationships, Conquering Communication, Vaulting Vulnerability.

## Open house

At Victory Ranch, a new ministry of JCW Ministry, features 38-acres of fun and blessing noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at 58191 Eight Mile, Northville. Entry is \$5 per family. Shuttle pickup and parking at north end of Kroger's parking lot, Pontiac Trail and Eight Mile.

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## Monthly dance

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. For information, call (734) 261-5716.

## Blood drive

The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins are welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

## Blessing of the animals

5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia. All pets are welcome. Hot dogs will be provided. For more information, call (734) 591-0211 or visit [www.holyspirit-livonia.org](http://www.holyspirit-livonia.org).

## Parish mission

7 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 8-12, at St. John Bosco Church, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford. Refreshments follow in Social Hall. The Rev. Richard Hart presents Sharing the Good News. Sunday evenings topic is What is the Treasure We Share?, Monday - Too Good a Secret to be Kept, Tuesday - Do You Love Me?, Wednesday - Are we a Forgiving Community? (Reconciliation service), and Thursday - A Work That Cannot Fail. For more information, call (313) 937-9690.

## Anniversary celebration

The American Friends of the Vatican Library, a fund-raising organization begun in Detroit, celebrates its 25th anniversary with a Mass, reception and dinner 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit. Keynote speaker is Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, librarian-archivist of the Roman Catholic Church and former foreign minister of the Holy See. Tickets are \$125. For information, call (248) 683-0311.

## Mercyme concert

Coming Up to Breathe Tour with Audio Adrenaline and introducing Phil Wickham 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at Northridge Church, 49555 North

Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets are \$35 artist circle, \$25 advance. Call (800) 585-3737.

## Mom 2 Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. \$2 entry fee from 9-9:30 a.m., \$1 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Table renters wanted. Call Donna at (734) 266-0831.

## Day of reflection

Seminar noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, hosted by Bethany Suburban East, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. Seminar covers divorce and beyond and the annulment process. It will also feature a speaker on Internet dating. For more information, call (586) 264-0284.

## CrossChords concert

A celebration of Christian contemporary music 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 (doors open at 3:30 p.m.), at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill off of Grand River, between Drake and Farmington roads, Farmington Hills. For information, visit [www.stjohn-lutheran.com](http://www.stjohn-lutheran.com) or call (248) 474-0584.

## Salad/boutique luncheon

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at New Beginnings United Methodist Women, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Tickets are \$6. Call (313) 255-6330.

## Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 21, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 8601 27 Mile Road, Washington. Call (586) 781-5567.

## Dinner theater

Schoolcraft College presents Moon Over Buffalo Friday, Oct. 20, dinner is at 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center on campus. Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, is organizing a group to attend the evening of culture. There will be a limited number of tickets for call. For reservations, call (734) 513-9479.

## Vegas Night

St. Bernardine Parish at 31463 Ann Arbor Trail at Merriman, Westland, is having a Las Vegas Party 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 20. No smoking rooms will be available available and hot dogs, potato salad, snacks and pop are included in \$7 admission. Games include Black Jack, Roulette and Beat the Dealer, and there also will be hourly 50/50 drawings and a raffle. Beer will be available at \$1 a glass.

## Quilt show

Christian Union Church at 1046 Wayne Road will hold its second annual juried Quilt Show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. There will be quilts on display, quilting demonstrations, vendors, a bake sale, and hourly door prizes. A \$3 donation is requested for admission. For more information, call Mary Surbrook at (734) 721-6871.

## Women's conference

The fourth annual Women's Conference, (for women of all ages, and young adults age 14 and above) sponsored by The Archdiocese of Detroit, Department of Parish Life & Services, Office of Evangelization 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 East 12 Mile, Warren. This year's conference, A Woman's Journey to the Heart of Christ, will conclude with Mass celebrated by His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida.

Pre-registration required. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$35 full-time college or high school students, includes conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge, but must register. More information on the conference (including a downloadable registration form) can be found at [www.aodonline.org](http://www.aodonline.org). If you would like to receive a registration form or for more information, send e-mail to [dignityofwoman@aol.com](mailto:dignityofwoman@aol.com), or call (734) 459-9558.

## Monthly breakfast meeting

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For information, call (734) 513-9479.

## Crafters needed

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

## Matt Haimovitz concert

The classical cellist performs 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call Joyce Cheresh at (248) 788-9338 or visit [www.vivace-series.org](http://www.vivace-series.org).

## Trunk or treat

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City. Dinner at 6 p.m., games in Fellowship Hall followed by 7 p.m. Trunk or treat. Costumes - kids of all ages. Questions, call (734) 421-8628.

## Divorce recovery workshop

7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday through Oct. 26, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$35, \$15 for

previous participants who wish to repeat the workshop. Free child care. Call (248) 374-5920.

## Conference

International Christian Education Association presents the 60th Sunday School and Church Workers' Conference Oct. 27-28, in Northville. Non-denominational. Four general sessions free to public. Register now for more than 50 workshops and seminars, Exhibit City, Kids Korner, Make and Take Puppetry, lunches. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit [www.iceaOnline.org](http://www.iceaOnline.org).

## Crafters wanted

Deadline to register is Oct. 28. Craft show is 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Table rental is \$20. \$20 registration fee must be paid by Oct. 28 to hold your spot (and will go toward table rental). Remaining balance for additional tables must be paid at time of set up. Mail registration fee by check or money order to Community Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 85139, Westland, MI 48185. For more information, call Marge at (734) 729-2578 or Jean at (734) 421-0733.

## 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.

## UPCOMING

## Vegetarian holiday testing

11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist School Gymnasium on Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. Reserved tickets at \$14 adults, \$5 ages 6-12. Call (734) 459-0472. Make checks payable to Metro SDA School and send to Holiday Tasting, 695 N. Ridge Road, Canton, MI 48187-4635.

## Bagpipe entertainment

During St. Andrew's Day Dinner Sunday, Nov. 12, The St. Andrew's Bagpipe Band will also perform during the worship service, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults, \$5 children. Call (313) 534-7730 for reservations.

## Crafters wanted

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

## ONGOING

## Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

## Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

## The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

## Qigong

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## Worship services

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

## Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Proverbs, breakfast 7 a.m. or Bible study 8-9 a.m. at the American Table, Eight Mile, Farmington. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

## Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

## Trinity Episcopal Church

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, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

## New contemporary service

9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the

month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

## Prayer group

Join in 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer and friendship at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

## Women of the Word

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

## New modern-style worship

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96, presents a modern-style worship service. The multimedia service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas, led by the members, are often a part of this service. The service is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth and adult Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach director, at (734) 522-6830.

## Adat Shalom

Synagogue services 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

## Welcome to the church

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers. Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615-5574 for more information.

## Self-help groups

Local church provides space for self-help groups. Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for eating disorders, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alcoholics Anonymous, a 12-step program for alcohol-related problems, meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems, meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance.

## Addiction No More

Do you have any addictive behavior problems - drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, etc.? Come to the meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.

## Wednesday Evening Prayer

7 p.m. Wednesday. This is not a structured service but an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

## Single Point Walking Club

Meets 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. All fitness levels welcome. Single Point Ministries (ages 30 and up) offers 45 ministries for singles including Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship and PACs (People Active in Christian Study) Bible study group. Call (248) 374-5920.

## AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop your children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

## Sunday worship service

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church Congregational Praise Team leads the 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Service featuring contemporary style liturgy and music, 1150 Walloon, Rochester Hills. No charge. For more information, call (248) 651-6550.

## Worship service

Plymouth Baptist Church has added a second Sunday worship celebration. The new service times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs are also provided for both services. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty. For more information, call (734) 453-5534.

## Contemporary worship service

A contemporary worship service is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. the fourth-Sunday of the month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.



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## DOROTHY HOFSTAR HOLLINGSWORTH

Age 83, of Hendersonville, NC died Friday, September 29, 2006 at her home. She was a daughter of the late Jay William Hofstar and Rolena Hofstar. Born in Loma Linda, California, she was a longtime resident of Garden City, Michigan before returning to Hendersonville over three years ago. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister Jeannette Bliss and brother Harold and William Hofstar. Surviving is her loving husband of 64 years, Clifford Hollingsworth; a daughter Dale Yvonne Levin and husband Don of Laurel Park; two sons Robert Jay Hollingsworth and wife Anne of Edmond, Oklahoma and Greg Hollingsworth and fiancée Anna of Flat Rock; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five nieces; a sister Rolena Hofstar Hill of Tacoma Park, MD; and devoted friends Corrie Capps, Ellen Thompson and Sarah Shirak. Services were held in Hendersonville, NC. Memorials may be made to Four Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care, 571 South Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731. An online register book is available at [www.thosshesherd.com](http://www.thosshesherd.com)

## DOUGLAS G. SENNETT

age 57, of Plymouth, died October 3, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Margaret; his children, Shane (Jenny) Sennett, Jason Iding, and Matthew (Carie) Sennett; his grandchildren, Jeran, Makenna, Brandon, and Parker; and his brothers and sisters, Larry (Joyce), Jim (Nancy), Mike (Carrie), Kathy (Dave) Heuwagen, and Liz (Wayne) Hintzman. Funeral service Saturday, October 7, 10am at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Thursday 4-9pm and Friday 1-9pm.

## May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

## FLORENCE M. (MOORE) RUDLAFF

age 81 of Cape Coral, Florida, passed away September 28, 2006. Beloved wife for 62 years to her husband John and wonderful mother to four children, her great soul, gentle humor, and quick smile will be greatly missed by all. Born September 20, 1919 in Pontiac, MI she graduated from Pontiac High School and moved to Plymouth, MI to raise her family. Relocating with her husband to Cape Coral in 1987, Florence was employed at Shell Point Village until her retirement in 2000. She is survived by her husband John Rudlaff; daughters Karen Sciba and Margaret Visser; sons Jack Rudlaff and Bruck Rudlaff; sisters Maricelle Raymer, Irene LaManes, and Major Doris Moore; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Viewing Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be followed by a memorial service at 1 p.m. in the Harvey-Engelhardt Chapel, 1600 Colonial Boulevard, Ft Myers. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions in Florence's name to Hope Hospice North, 2430 Diplomat Parkway E. Cape Coral, FL 33909.

## GEORGE E. GRISCOM

Loving husband of Doris Cail Griscom of Milford, NH, died at home September 29, 2006. Born in Trenton, NJ, in 1915. Graduate of George School, Newtown, PA and Duke University, 1936. Lived with his late wife, Louise Brown Griscom in Arlington, NJ and Birmingham, MI before moving to Milford, NH. Enjoyed 70 summers on Bear Island, Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. Will be remembered for his love of family, sense of humor, sharp wit, and community service. Served in the Navy - WWII and had a lifelong career in life insurance. He was President of Newark, NJ and Detroit Chartered Life Underwriters. Civic engagements included being a founding member of the Detroit Friends School, officer of the Bear Island Conservation Association and board member of Great Brook Condo Association. Survived by his sister Elma Mack and his four daughters, three step-sons and their families - Elma and Madhu Vaidya, Virginia and Donald Nuttall, Marion Griscom, Barbara and Joseph Pugleasa, Jerry and Anne Cail, David and Janis Cail, Roddy and Karen Cail; 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

## IRENE ONTKO

(nee Strauch), age 80, September 29, 2006. Beloved wife of Thomas. Dear mother of Tommy, Gary, Cindy and Renee (Thomas) McCall. Grand-mother of Karri, Holly, Thomas, Ryan and Daniel. Sister of John, Bobbie and the late Steve, Bill and Emil. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. In state Thursday 10:00am at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church until 10:30am Divine Liturgy, 29125 W. 6 Mile Rd. (just east of Middlebelt Rd.). Arrangement by Santeu & Son.



## JOANIE HEATON

Age 45, October 2, 2006. Beloved daughter of Bill and Helene. Dear sister of Cindy (Mark) Riddell, Jeanette Vaughn and Christopher (Raj) Heaton. Niece of Joe Burns and Aunt of Hannah and Bridge Riddell and Amber Hubbard. Joanie is predeceased by her mother, Ruth French and brother, Joel Heaton. Funeral service was held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, (734) 422-6720. Memorial contributions may be directed to Community Opportunity Center. Please sign the online guestbook at: [rggharris.com](http://rggharris.com)

## SARA L. BRODHUN

October 3, 2006, Age 64, of Northville. Beloved wife of Andrew. Loving mother of John (Gina) and Anne (Rick) Watson. Grandmother of McKenzie, Megan, and Max. Twin sister of Susan (Fred) Molner. Aunt of Michael (Jeni) and Kristin Molner. Sister-in-law of John C. (Sharon) Brodhun. Services Friday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitation Thursday, 1-9pm. In lieu of flowers, family requests memorials to Andrew and Sara Brodhun Scholarship Fund, payable to Madonna University.

## JOHN J. COLAIANNE

Age 79, passed away October 1, 2006. He was born on October 30, 1926 to the late John and Marie (Baker) Colaianne in Denora, Pennsylvania. John was married to his loving wife Elizabeth on September 10, 1955. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Elizabeth. His children: J. Michael (Melonie), Robert (Donna), Marie (William) Wolfer, Steve (Teresa), Joseph (Mary Kay), His adored grandchildren: James, Michael, Brent, Patrick Wolfer, Scott, Meghan, Matthew, Nicholas, Anthony, Autumn, Billy, Bob Wolfer. His great grandchildren: Anna, Addison. His sisters: Grace, Rita, Ruth, Dorothy. He was preceded in death by his two brothers James and Ralph. Funeral Mass was held Oct 4th at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or to St. Joseph Catholic Church. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.



## VIRGINIA H. KADLEC

Age 82, September 29, 2006, of Bloomfield Hills

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## Ladies Who Launch LIVE it Up!

Reporting & Photos By Ellen Pilligan



Redford gal  
Siobhan Strickland  
caught PINK's eye with her  
40s- and 50s-inspired style,  
including a vintage Mexican  
skirt she found in Santa  
Monica, Calif., a purse from  
Target and shoes from  
Belgium.

The rooms were full of girl power as more than 120 women gathered for Ladies Who Launch LIVE at The Reserve in Birmingham on Sept. 7. LWL is a national organization that fosters relationships between women who dream of launching a business, and those who have made those dreams come true. Entrepreneur Kate Richard, who owns miss kate and Shoe La-La in Birmingham, has been leading Metro Detroit women through Ladies Who Launch "Incubators" for more than a year. This is the first time the group has staged a LIVE event in the area, and by all accounts it was an inspiring day of speakers, vendors, workshops and above all — networking! Watch for another LWL LIVE next year, and meanwhile, check out some of the stylish and successful ladies PINK spotted at The Reserve:



LWL  
Detroit leader Kate  
Richard (center), poses with  
her successful sisters Meg  
Farron, owner of The Fuschia Frog  
in Birmingham, and Mitzi Martin,  
owner of Clever Transformations  
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Ladies Who  
Launch co-founders  
Victoria Colligan, of Cleveland,  
and Beth Schoenfeldt, of New  
York City, flew in to host Detroit's  
LIVE event. Their goal is to provide  
tools and resources for women  
interested in starting their  
own businesses.



Kristi  
Valentini of Northville  
knows exactly what gals  
crave. This recent California  
transplant is owner of Crave party  
Detroit, which launched this year.  
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### The Shirt Box Celebrates

The Shirt Box is celebrating its 25th anniversary today with a special in-store event. Stop by 2-8 p.m. with your man for hors d'oeuvres, giveaways and a trunk show featuring shoes by Mezlan, and leather jackets and shirts by Missani. Located at 32500 Northwestern Hwy. in Farmington Hills. The Shirt Box offers high quality men's wear, including shirts and ties, cufflinks, pants, belts, sweaters, socks, formal wear accessories and items for big and tall. Call owner Ron Elkus at (248) 851-6770 or visit [www.theshirtbox.com](http://www.theshirtbox.com).

### Get Glam at the Opera Ball

Don your best black tie attire for Michigan Opera Theatre's 20th annual Opera Ball, 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8. The glamorous evening will salute DaimlerChrysler, Ford Motor Company and General Motors for their support of the arts and cultural life of Detroit. Tickets, \$500, benefit the Michigan Opera Theatre's stage productions and outreach programs. They include gourmet din-

ner catered by Opus One, live entertainment, an auction and valet parking. Call (313) 237-3425.

### Just What You CRAVE

Spend a day celebrating style at CRAVE's "French Market" getaway. The Inn at St. John's of Plymouth will be transformed into a crave-worthy shopping and spa party 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Tickets, \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, include boutique shopping, a Parisian-style breakfast,



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### The Real Big Hair Ball

Get ready for the annual hair show that's as eccentric as its name. Salons across Metro Detroit will gather once again to present the latest and wildest hair, makeup, choreography and style during performance art skits at this popular event set for Sunday, Oct. 15. More than 1,800 people are expected to attend. Doors open at the Royal Oak Music Theatre at 7 p.m., and the show starts promptly at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at participating salons (including 6 Salon in Royal Oak, Macy's Premier Salon at Oakland Mall and Urban Roots in Plymouth) or \$25 at the door, and benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Visit [www.HairBallShow.com](http://www.HairBallShow.com).



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## ArtServe honors Anna Sui and Tracy Reese

LANSING — PINK has long coveted the styles of Anna Sui and Tracy Reese, and now the Michigan natives are being honored by the ArtServe Michigan Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture.

Both fashion designers will be named International Achievement Award recipients, and are slated to attend the ArtServe awards banquet Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Detroit Opera House.

Anna Sui, formerly of Dearborn, is considered fashion's rebellious rocker chick. Sui taps into all decades and motifs equally. In the early 1990s editors fell for Sui's charming and cheeky designs.

After her debut on the runway in 1991,

her business boomed and the following year she opened a flagship on Greene Street and then launched a successful beauty line.

Tracy Reese, formerly of Detroit, has found great success with her namesake label Tracy Reese along with another line, Plenty by Tracy Reese.

The Tracy Reese look has been described as ultra-feminine and vintage-inspired. Recently she combined her lavish clothing lines and home design with the opening of her flagship boutique in Manhattan.

Both designers currently live in New York, and are scheduled to fly in and

accept their awards in person.

The ArtServe Michigan Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture are the oldest and most prestigious honors that recognize statewide and international leaders in arts and culture in the state.

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Tickets for the ArtServe Michigan Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture Gala are \$50-\$300 and benefit ArtServe programs and services. Call (248) 557-8288, ext. 21 or visit [www.ArtServeMichigan.org](http://www.ArtServeMichigan.org).