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Witnesses testify to struggle, shooting at salon

Suspect to stand trial on charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Angry that his wife wouldn't quit her job, Andy Nguyen bought a gun and practiced shooting at a Westland firing range before he went to her workplace and tried to kill her boss,

witnesses testified Thursday. Nguyen, 32, bought a .40-caliber, semiautomatic handgun in Livonia on Feb. 25 - three days before he is accused of opening fire inside Golden Nails salon near Merriman and Cherry Hill, police Officer Tim Horvath said in Westland District

Court. Horvath testified that Nguyen practiced shooting at The Firing Line Indoor Gun Range on Feb. 28, on the same afternoon he went to the nail salon and confronted owner Dung Hoang for refusing to fire his wife. The latest developments came during a preliminary hearing that ended with Judge Gail McKnight ordering Nguyen to stand trial on charges of assault with intent to murder, felonious assault and felony firearms.

Nguyen's wife, Nhung Thi Le, testified through a Vietnamese interpreter that she was in the process of divorcing Nguyen when he came to the nail salon just before 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28. She said she ran from the business after Nguyen pulled a gun. Hoang, her boss, said through the interpreter that he was eating his lunch in the back of the salon when

Nguyen came in and told him, "Today, I kill you." Hoang testified that Nguyen reached in his jacket pocket, pulled a gun, pointed it between Hoang's eyes and pulled the trigger. "Right after that, I hear a click from the gun," Hoang said. No bullet was in the chamber when

PLEASE SEE SHOOTING, A4



Pat Rybak of Garden City has her nails done by Sharon Wackro.

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35 years and counting

Siblings follow in father's footsteps at Fouad's Styling Station

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Making sure customers have a good-looking haircut is important to George Quassis if only for selfish reasons.

"We care about how you look - you're a walking billboard for us," said Quassis, whose family has owned Fouad's Styling Station for 35 years. "We want people to come back. We treat them as friends."

Located in Garden City on Ford across from North Bros. Ford for five years, the business was on Warren at Venoy in Westland for another 30 years.

And before that, Fouad Quassis had a business cutting hair at Inkster Road and Schoolcraft. The elder Quassis passed away seven years ago, but four of his five children worked with him and have continued the business - George, Kathy Christos, Sharon Wackro and Mimi Taurianan.

The siblings began working with their father after vocational training through Westland John Glenn High School.

"We all had our licenses when we graduated from Glenn. We all do both men and women - I do more men than women," said Quassis, as he worked in the barber side of the business. "We get people young and old - people we went to high school with. I just had a customer who has been coming here for 30 years."



Waj Delly of Bloomfield has his hair cut by owner George Quassis of Fouad's Styling Station.

Fouad Quassis loved cutting hair, his son said, working seven days a week when he was younger and two days a week until shortly before his death. George Quassis enjoys his work, too.

"I like to meet new people from all walks of life. All hair is different - short hair, long hair - you're like an artist and get to create," said Quassis.

The Styling Station is a full-service salon offering manicures, pedicures, massages, makeup, waxing for men and woman and tanning services. Quassis said his sisters regularly update their training to keep up with the current styles, but the business also features an old-fashioned service - shaves with a straight razor.

"We have the hot towels and foam - not a lot of places offer that anymore. It's a dying art," said Quassis. "I have customers who shave their heads - I'll do their face and their whole head."

Being a family business, the Styling Station has a stable workforce who have an extra care for the business, said Quassis.

"We have our moments, but we get along pretty well," said Sharon Wackro, who had just completed a manicure. "You've got to go with the flow."

Appointments are taken with the hair stylists although walk-ins are welcome. Following tradition, no appointments are taken for the barber side of the business.

"It's one business but we really have two separate sides with the stylists and barber side," said Quassis. "We have a lot of customers and get a lot of referrals. That's a good thing."

The full-service aspect of the Styling Station is particularly attractive for proms, homecoming and other events, Quassis said, when a client may want hair styling, makeup and a manicure during one visit. To celebrate the business anniversary, first-time customers will receive a free eyebrow waxing when they visit.

The Styling Station is open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays.

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Judge denies injunction to halt 'Legacy'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

A Wayne Circuit Court judge denied the request by Citizens for Livonia's Future for a preliminary injunction that would have halted progress on the Livonia Public Schools' Legacy Initiative.

In refusing the request, Judge John A. Murphy said: "Plaintiffs have not persuasively shown how the Open Meetings Act was violated, or how the board abused the broad discretion allotted it."

The Legacy plan will close seven school buildings, redraw attendance boundaries and reconfigure grades into lower and upper elementary schools - beginning next fall. It aims to save the district \$1.5 to \$2 million a year.

Following the proceedings Friday morning, Supt. Randy Liepa said the district will continue moving forward with transition activities under the Legacy Initiative.

"Of course we have the best interest of the kids in mind," he said, walking out of the courtroom. Had the judge ruled differently, the district would have complied and ceased transition activities, he added.

The court's decision came to the dismay of many members associated with the Citizens for Livonia's Future.

"We're really disappointed," said Melanie Beaudoin, a district parent. "It does affect our children. It affects our whole community. I don't think (the board) listened to a majority of our concerns."

So many CFLF members showed up for the proceedings, the courtroom was filled to its 65-person capacity, and many more residents lined the hallway outside. Members of CFLF wore red to signify their opposition to the Legacy plan.

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Council revisits plan for rental inspections

Westland city leaders will reconsider a proposal to require inspections of all rental units and to charge property owners a fee to cover costs.

Westland City Council members will discuss the proposal with administration officials during a study session scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday at City Hall, on Ford Road east of Newburgh.

Local officials dropped a similar proposal a few years ago, following complaints from some residents and apartment building owners.

Building Director Sue Dodson said Friday that the new proposal would require rental-unit inspections every three years. The earlier plan called for inspections every two years.

When asked about what fees would be charged, she said, "It's up for discussion."

Dodson said it's possible that an outside company would handle some aspects of the program, although her department would do the actual inspections.

"None of it is in stone," she said.

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Check out what the pubs and bars have planned for St. Patrick's Day

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'UNTOLD HARM'

Mayer Morganroth, the plaintiff's attorney, highlighted reasons for the complaint against the school district and its superintendent. He mentioned the impact of the plan, such as increases in busing and school populations, and the end of a neighborhood schools concept. Morganroth said the district will lose students to private schools and property values will drop.

"What they've done is causing untold harm," he said.

Gary King, the district's attorney, said: "Judge, plain and simply, Livonia has to close schools."

He said the district has cut \$19 million from its budget over the last five years due to declining enrollment. King added that the Legacy plan was created after a year of study in an effort to prevent future cuts in staffing and program. It is meant to balance school populations without increasing class size ratios.

But Morganroth attempted to prove that the school board violated the Open Meetings Act when it allowed a total of five trustees to be involved in the demographics committee which created the Legacy plan. Committee meetings were not open to the public and minutes and attendance records were not taken.

King responded that the decision to pass the Legacy plan was done in open session on Dec. 5, and that decision was preceded by open meetings with ample time given for public comments.

On the question of an Open Meetings Act violation, Murphy ruled that "the Plaintiff's chances of prevailing would be poor." He said there is no evidence a decision was made during committee deliberations, and there is no evidence of intent to violate the Act.

Morganroth said the decision at Friday's hearing didn't shut the case down. "The judge said he wanted more information," said Morganroth, adding that's what he intends to provide. Morganroth will take depositions from each of the board trustees and Liepa, as well as members of the demographics committee. He plans to bring in education experts to support the plaintiffs' claims.

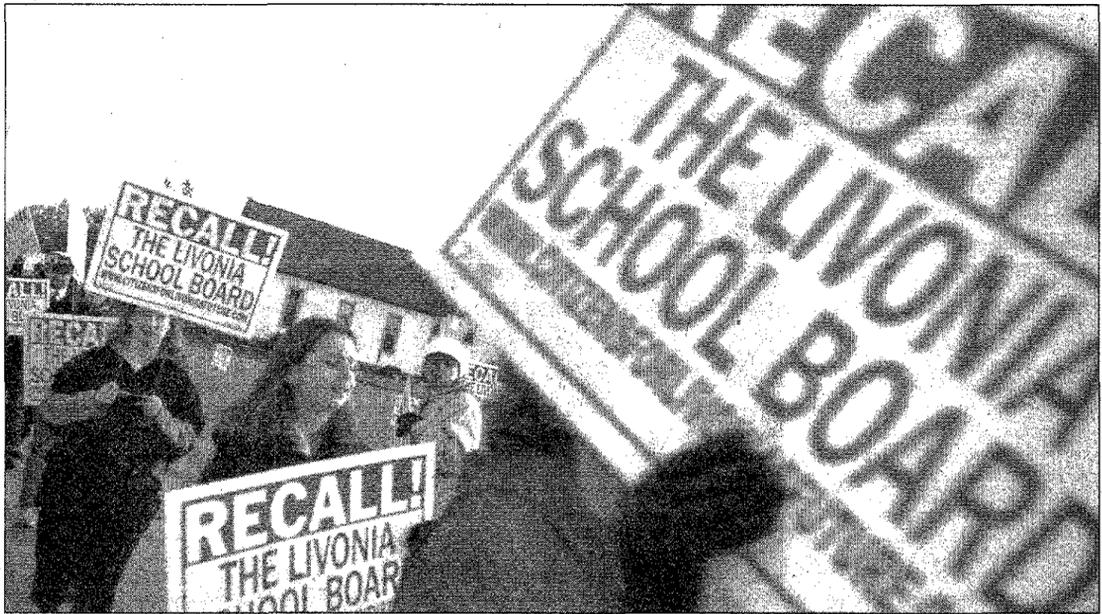
"We're going full blast in order to show what they did was outrageous," he said.

Morganroth also said that the district would fail to save money due to the costs of carrying out its Legacy plan.

Under the plan, Murphy said the district would still reduce its operating cost by several closing schools. If students do leave the district to attend private schools, he said, fixed operating costs would decline.

"This is a time of monumental change for all school districts," Liepa said in a written statement Friday. "We realize we are asking a great deal of our parents and staff as we move through change."

"However, we strongly believe this change will maintain the excellence of our programs and the strength of our district. Our knowledgeable and dedicated staff will continue their commitment to our community as we move forward."



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Citizens for Livonia's Future members protested outside of the Livonia Public Schools Administration Building Monday night to show their opposition of the Legacy Initiative and encourage support for the recall of five trustees.

Recall group claim: 4,000 names in 3 weeks

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Though Citizens for Livonia's Future were unsuccessful in attaining an injunction to stop the Legacy Initiative Friday, members are "moving full speed ahead on the recall."

That's what Livonia resident Michelle Pinkowski said following the court proceedings held in circuit court in Detroit.

Nearly three weeks since they started, members of the grassroots citizen's group say they've gathered more than 4,000 signatures in the effort to recall five current Livonia school board trustees.

The group is aiming to unseat board president Dan Lessard and trustees Lynda Scheel, Rob Freeman, Kevin Whitehead and Cynthia Markarian following their support of the district's Legacy Initiative.

The Legacy plan will close seven school buildings and reorganize the district into upper and lower elementary schools next year. Six of the seven trustees voted the plan into action in December.

Trustee Joanne Morgan is not included in the recall effort but is running for re-election to her seat in May. And Tom Bailey was the lone opposing vote.

Jody Hamilton, a member of CFLF and a Washington Elementary parent, said the group is happy with the way signature collection is going. Hamilton said she envisions the group will gather the most of the signatures they need during the month of April.

If the CFLF are able to collect 11,000 valid signatures - per trustee - by May 1, a recall election could be scheduled on Aug. 8.

Recall supporters are asked to sign a separate petition for each trustee, for a total of five signatures.

"That is the hard part," said Hamilton. "It would be a lot easier if they only had to sign one petition."

Organizers began by assigning a liaison to each elementary school community. That person handles a group of volunteers and directs how their neighborhood will collect signatures. The volunteer effort began with more support in the northern portion of the school district, which will see more closings under the Legacy plan. Hamilton said their effort is "still a little lighter in the south" but it's increasing.

In her own experience garnering signatures, Hamilton said "most people will sign." And those who choose not to sign do so politely.

"I haven't had anyone yell at me," she said. "So far, my experience has been good."

Petitioners have been stationed across the community and can often be spotted at Woodland and Wonderland bowling alleys, the Wine Palace at Middlebelt and I-96 and the Rite Aid at Five Mile and Newburgh roads.

Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, petitioners will be at Riley and Holmes middle schools, Washington Elementary and the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

In addition to the recall petitions, CFLF is in the process of placing 500 signs around the community, as well as "flooding the city" with newly-printed brochures supporting their cause.

"We're moving along," said Hamilton.

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Sri Lankan relief succeeds with houses and scholarships

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

One year after a tsunami ravaged the countryside of Sri Lanka, a local family has seen their native country begin to heal.

Livonia residents Sheran and Hiranthini Alles spearheaded a fund-raising effort to aid those left homeless or orphaned by the tragic storm that struck on Dec. 26, 2004.

"It's amazing to see what the sea can do," said Sheran Alles.

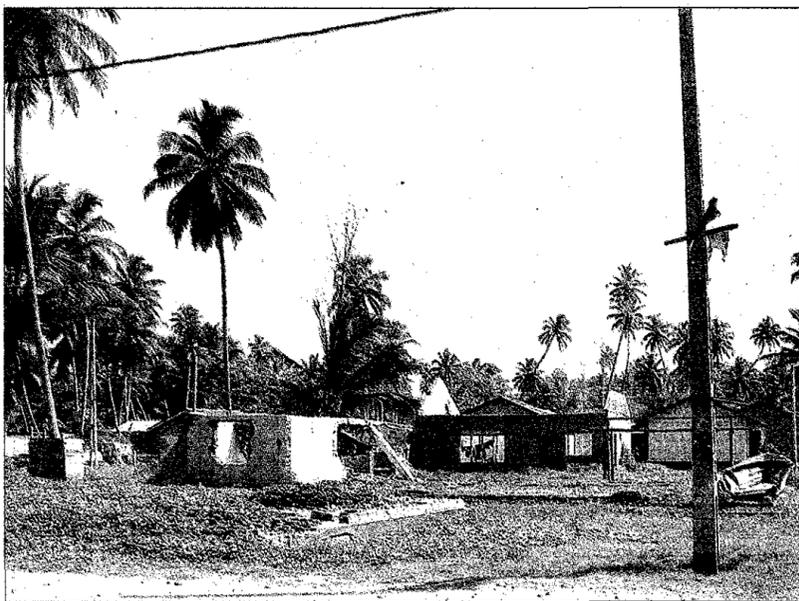
By May 2005 the Sri Lanka Disaster Relief Fund, arranged through the Southfield-based Great Lakes Buddhist Vihara, totaled \$92,328.81.

Located in the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka was one of 11 nations ravaged by the tsunami. It is an island one-quarter the size of Michigan, housing a population of 18 million.

"The plan was to build 10 houses and give scholarships," Sheran Alles said.

And that's just what has happened, thanks to a multi-community effort. Residents from Livonia, Westland, Northville, Farmington Hills, Troy, Rochester Hills and even Windsor, Ontario, participated in the fund-raising project.

Ten houses have since been built, on the same block of a neighborhood of 25 homes in a new community. Each home has a living room, two bedrooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. The units are wired for electricity. Though there is



When a tsunami struck the island of Sri Lanka on Dec. 26, 2004, one-third of the country was impacted as homes like these were destroyed.

not yet running water, residents have a short walk to the back yard to collect drinking water from two community pumps.

In some cases, Sheran Alles said, people will enjoy a higher standard of living than they did before the storm. Each house cost \$3,500 to build.

The remainder of the money has been designated for 84 scholarships to provide Sri Lankan children, especially those orphaned by the tsunami, with clothes, food, tutoring and educational materials they will need until

they graduate from high school. Education itself is free. The scholarships are renewable for up to five years per recipient, but expire in 12th grade. The amount of scholarship money increases by grade level, and is paid monthly.

The Alles family visited Sri Lanka in December, and had an opportunity to see the newly built homes and to meet several of the families who have benefited from this cause.

The keys to all 10 homes in Hikkaduwa, Sri Lanka, were

handed over to recipients on Dec. 24, 2005. A week later, Sheran and Hiranthini as well as their children, Hiran and Shehani, visited the growing neighborhood.

"Eight out of 10 families were already moved in," said Hiranthini Alles.

Sheran Alles added: "They were very thankful. They were going from a temporary house."

Though victims of the storm survived in tents, temporary homes were also constructed. Those homes were simple two-by-four structures



Ten of these homes, and two water pumps, were built using money donated by local citizens through the Sri Lanka Disaster Relief Fund, which raised more than \$92,000 last year.

without a bathroom or electricity.

Hiranthini Alles said she was amazed to see how much work had been done, how much of the rebuilding was started, or completed a year after the storm. She said so much was accomplished in a short time, especially compared to the slow-moving reconstruction effort that has followed Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

"We are a Third World country," she said of Sri Lanka. "I was not expecting to see as much progress."

The Alles family saw banners and billboards all over the landscape naming countries like Italy, Germany, Japan, Australia and Canada, who have reached out to help rebuild following the disaster.

"It was so touching," said Hiranthini Alles.

Sheran Alles added: "The help they have received is amazing."

And the Alles family said they are thankful for the generosity of all who contributed, in any amount, to this effort. Their children's schools - Tyler Elementary and Livonia Montessori Center - each held fund-raisers to sponsor homes in Sri Lanka. And others walked down the street, with checks in hand to give to the program.

The Alles family plans to return in about two years to see how the project has progressed.

Photographs and updated information, as well as the ongoing scholarship program will be updated soon online at glbvihara.org.

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(b) "Adjusted Net Revenues" means for any operating year the excess of revenues over expenses for the System determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, to which shall be added depreciation, amortization, interest income and payments to the Issuer in lieu of taxes, to which may be made the following adjustments.
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(m) "Revenues" and "Net Revenues" means the revenues and net revenues of the System and shall be construed as defined in Section 3 of Act 94, including with respect to "Revenues", the earnings derived from the investment of moneys in the various funds and accounts established by Ordinance No. 218, Ordinance No. 244, Ordinance No. 218-A, Ordinance 244-A, and this Ordinance.
(n) "2006 Bonds" means the 2006 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds in the principal amount of \$2,000,000 authorized by this Ordinance.
(o) "System" means the Water and Sewer System of the Issuer, including such facilities thereof as are now existing, are acquired and constructed as the Project, and all enlargements, extensions, repairs and improvements thereto hereafter made.

Section 2. Necessity, Approval of Plans and Specifications. It is hereby determined to be a necessary public purpose of the Issuer to acquire and construct the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., Engineers of Livonia, Michigan, which plans and specifications are hereby approved.

Section 3. Costs; Useful Life. The cost of the Project is estimated to be Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000), including the payment of incidental expenses as specified in Section 4 of this Ordinance, which estimate of cost is hereby approved and confirmed, and the period of usefulness of the Project including the water meters is estimated to be not less than ten (10) years.

Section 4. Payment of Cost; Bonds Authorized. To pay all or part of the cost of acquiring the Project, including funding of the Bond Reserve Account as required in Section 11 of this Ordinance and payment of legal, engineering, financial and other expenses incident thereto and incident to the issuance and sale of the 2006 Bonds, the Issuer shall borrow the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) and issue the 2006 Bonds therefor pursuant to the provisions of Act 94. Said 2006 Bonds shall be of equal standing and priority and shall be equally secured with the Outstanding Bonds as to the Net Revenues. The remaining cost of the Project shall be defrayed from grants received and to be received and from Issuer funds on hand and legally available for such use.

Except as changed by this Ordinance, all the provisions of Ordinance No. 218 as supplemented by Ordinance No. 244, Ordinance No. 218-A and Ordinance No. 244-A shall apply to the 2006 Bonds issued pursuant to this Ordinance, the same as though each of said provisions were repeated in this Ordinance in detail; the purpose of the Ordinance being to authorize the issuance of additional revenue bonds to finance part of the cost of additions, improvements and replacements to the System and the purchase and installation of new water meters and related equipment and accessories, together with appurtenances and attachments thereto, additional bonds of equal standing with the Outstanding Bonds for such purpose being authorized by the provisions of Section 20(b) of Ordinance No. 218 as amended by Ordinance No. 244, upon the conditions therein stated, which conditions have been fully met.

Section 5. Bond Details, Registration and Execution. The additional Bonds hereby authorized shall be designated 2006 WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, shall be payable solely out of the Net Revenues, as set forth more fully in Section 8 hereof, shall consist of fully-registered bonds of the denomination of \$5,000 each, or integral multiples thereof not exceeding in any one year the amount maturing in that year, dated as of April 1, 2006, numbered in order of registration and shall mature or be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on April 1st in the years and amounts as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Amount, Year, Amount. Rows for years 2007-2011 and amounts ranging from \$75,000 to \$300,000.

Bidders for the 2006 Bonds shall have the option of designating 2006 Bonds maturing in the years 2015 through 2016, inclusive, as serial bonds, or term bonds, or both. The bid must designate whether each of the principal amounts shown above for the years 2015 through 2016, inclusive, represent a serial maturity or a mandatory redemption requirement for a term bond maturity. The above principal amount schedule for the years 2015 through 2016, inclusive, shall be represented by serial and maturities if a term bond designation is not made. 2006 Bonds designated as term bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption at par and accrued interest on the dates and in the amounts corresponding to the annual principal maturities set forth above. The 2006 Bonds or portions of 2006 Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by lot.

The 2006 Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined on public sale thereof, but in any event not exceeding 6% per annum, payable on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing October 1, 2006, by check or draft mailed by the

transfer agent selected by the Issuer to the person or entity which is, as of the 15th day of the month preceding the interest payment date, the registered owner at the registered address as shown on the registration books maintained by the transfer agent. The date of determination of registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this paragraph may be changed by the Issuer to conform to market practice in the future. The 2006 Budgets shall be sold at not less than 98.5% of their par value. The principal of the 2006 Bonds shall be payable at J.P. Morgan Trust Company, National Association, Detroit, Michigan which is hereby designated as registrar and transfer agent for this issue.

The 2006 Bonds maturing on or after April 1, 2015, may be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the times and prices and in the manner and with notice as set forth in the form of 2006 Bonds in Section 14 of this Ordinance.

In case less than the full amount of an outstanding 2006 Bond is called for redemption, the transfer agent upon presentation of the 2006 Bond called in part for redemption shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner a new 2006 bond in the principal amount of the portion of the original 2006 Bond not called for redemption. Notice of redemption shall be given in the manner specified in the form of the 2006 Bonds contained in Section 14 of this Ordinance.

The 2006 Bonds shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor and countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk and shall have the corporate seal of the Issuer impressed or imprinted thereon. The 2006 Bonds shall be delivered to the transfer agent for authentication and be delivered by the transfer agent to the purchaser thereof in accordance with instructions from the Director of Finance/Treasurer or any deputy (the "Finance Director") upon payment of the purchase price for the 2006 Bonds in accordance with the bid therefor when accepted. Executed blank bonds for registration and issuance to transferees shall simultaneously, and from time to time thereafter as necessary, be delivered to the transfer agent for safekeeping.

Section 6. Book Entry Only. The 2006 Bonds may be issued in book-entry only form as one fully registered bond per maturity and, if so issued, shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as bondholder and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. If the 2006 Bonds are issued in book-entry only form, DTC will act as securities depository for the 2006 Bonds, and purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interest in bonds purchased. If the 2006 Bonds are issued in book-entry only form, provisions in this resolution to the contrary shall be of no force nor effect unless and until the suspension of the book-entry only system. The Finance Director is authorized to determine whether the 2006 Bonds shall be issued in book-entry only form, to execute such custodial or other agreement with DTC as may be necessary to accomplish the issuance of the Bonds in book-entry-only form and to make such changes in the form of the Bonds within the parameters of this Ordinance as may be required to accomplish the foregoing.

Section 7. Registration and Transfer. Any 2006 Bond may be transferred upon the books required to be kept pursuant to this section by the person in whose name it is registered, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the 2006 Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the transfer agent. Whenever any 2006 Bond or 2006 Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Issuer shall execute and the transfer agent shall authenticate and deliver a new 2006 Bond or 2006 Bonds, for like aggregate principal amount. The transfer agent shall require payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer.

The transfer agent shall keep or cause to be kept, at its principal office, sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the 2006 Bonds which shall at all times be open to inspection by the Issuer; and, upon presentation for such purpose, the transfer agent shall, under such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, transfer or cause to be transferred, on said books, 2006 Bonds as hereinbefore provided.

If any 2006 Bond shall become mutilated, the Issuer, at the expense of the holder of the 2006 Bond, shall execute, and the transfer agent shall authenticate and deliver, a new 2006 Bond of like tenor in exchange and substitution for the mutilated 2006 Bond, upon surrender to the transfer agent of the mutilated 2006 Bond. If any 2006 Bond issued under this Ordinance shall be lost, destroyed or stolen, evidence of the loss, destruction or theft may be submitted to the transfer agent and, if this evidence is satisfactory to both and indemnity satisfactory to the transfer agent shall be given, and if all requirements of any applicable law including Act 354, Public Acts of Michigan, 1972, as amended, ("Act 354") being sections 129.131 to 129.135, inclusive, of the Michigan Compiled Laws have been met, the Issuer, at the expense of the owner, shall execute, and the transfer agent shall thereupon authenticate and deliver, a new 2006 Bond of like tenor and bearing the statement required by Act 354, or any applicable law hereafter enacted, in lieu of and in substitution for the 2006 Bond so lost, destroyed or stolen. If any such 2006 Bond shall have matured or shall be about to mature, instead of issuing a substitute 2006 Bond the transfer agent may pay the same without surrender thereof.

Section 8. Payment of Bonds. Principal of and interest on the 2006 Bonds shall be payable solely from the Net Revenues, and to secure such payment there is hereby created a statutory lien upon the whole of the Net Revenues: This lien shall be of equal standing and priority with the statutory liens upon the whole of the Net Revenues created by Ordinance No. 218, Ordinance No. 244, Ordinance No. 218-A, and Ordinance No. 244-A for the benefit of the Outstanding Bonds, each of which statutory liens shall be a first lien to continue until payment in full of the principal of and interest on all Bonds payable from the Net Revenues, or until sufficient cash or Sufficient Government Obligations have been deposited in trust for payment in full of all principal and interest on Bonds of a series then outstanding to maturity, or, if called for redemption, to the date fixed for redemption together with the amount of the redemption premium, if any. Upon deposit of cash or Sufficient Government Obligations, as provided in the previous sentence, the statutory lien shall be terminated with respect to that series of Bonds, the holders of that series shall have no further rights under Ordinance No. 218, Ordinance No. 244, Ordinance No. 218-A, Ordinance No. 244-A, of this Ordinance, as the case may be, except for payment from the deposited funds, and the Bonds of that series shall no longer be considered to be outstanding under Ordinance No. 218, Ordinance No. 244, Ordinance No. 218-A, Ordinance No. 244-A, or this Ordinance, as the case may be.

Section 9. Management. The operation, repair and management of the System and the acquiring of the Project shall continue to be under the supervision and control of the City Council of the Issuer. The City may employ such person or persons in such capacity or capacities as it deems advisable to carry on the efficient management and operation of the System. The City Council may make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable and necessary to assure the efficient management and operation of the System. The Fiscal Year for the System shall be the same as the fiscal year of the City.

Section 10. Rates and Charges. The rates and charges for service furnished by and the use of the System and the methods of collection and enforcement of the collection of the rates shall be those in effect on the date of adoption of this Ordinance. No free service or use of the System, or service or use of the System at less than the reasonable cost and value thereof, shall be furnished by the System to any person, firm, or corporation, public or private, or to any public agency or instrumentality, including the Issuer.

Section 11. Bond Reserve Account. The Reserve Account in the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund, as established by Section 13, subsection B, of Ordinance No. 218 shall be further increased by deposit into said Reserve Account, from either revenues of the System or proceeds of the 2006 Bonds, an amount sufficient to pay the maximum annual principal and interest requirement on the 2006 Bonds or such lesser amount as determined at the time of delivery of the 2006 Bonds to be necessary to satisfy the requirements of Ordinance No. 218, Ordinance No. 244, Ordinance No. 218-A, Ordinance No. 244-A and this Ordinance.

All of the provisions relative to the use of said Bond Reserve Account, its maintenance and other details relative thereto, shall remain as specifically set forth in Ordinance No. 218, Ordinance No. 244, Ordinance No. 218-A, Ordinance No. 244-A, and this Ordinance.

No further payments need be made into the Redemption Fund after enough of the Bonds have been retired so that the amount then held in the Redemption Fund (including the Bond Reserve Account), in cash or Sufficient Government Obligations, is equal to the entire amount of principal and interest which will be payable at the time of maturity of all the Bonds then remaining outstanding and the moneys so held shall be used solely to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds including redemption premiums, if any, as the Bonds become due either by maturity or by redemption prior to maturity.

Section 12. Investments. Moneys derived from the proceeds of sale of the 2006 Bonds may be invested by the Issuer as

provided in Ordinance No. 218.

Section 13. Bond Proceeds. Upon delivery of the 2006 Bonds there shall be first immediately deposited from the proceeds of the 2006 Bonds in a separate account in the Redemption Fund an amount equal to the accrued interest and premium, if any, received on delivery of the 2006 Bonds. The balance of the proceeds of the sale of the 2006 Bonds shall be deposited in a bank or banks, designated by the City Council qualified, to act as depository of the proceeds of sale under the provisions of Section 15 of Act 94, in a separate account designated Construction Fund (the "Construction Fund"). Moneys in the Construction Fund shall be applied solely in payment of the cost of the Project and any legal, engineering, financial and other expenses incident thereto and to the financing thereof, and shall be fully expended on Project costs within three years after the date of delivery of the 2006 Bonds. Payment for construction, either on account or otherwise, shall not be made unless the registered engineer in charge of such work shall file with the City Council a signed statement to the effect that the work has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor; that it was done pursuant to and in accordance with the contract therefor (including properly authorized change orders), that such work is satisfactory and that such work has not been previously paid for.

Any unexpended balance of the proceeds of sale of the 2006 Bonds remaining after completion of the Project in the Construction Fund shall in the discretion of the City Council be used either for further improvements, enlargements and extension to the System, if, at the time of such expenditures, such use is approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury, if such permission is then required by law, or for the purpose of purchasing Bonds on the open market at not more than the fair market value thereof, but not more than the price at which Bonds may next be called for redemption, or used for the purpose of paying principal of the Bonds upon maturity or calling Bonds for redemption.

Section 14. Bond Form. The 2006 Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CITY OF WESTLAND
2006 WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS REVENUE BOND
Interest Rate Maturity Date Date of Original Issue CUSIP
April 1, 2006 April 1, 2006

REGISTERED OWNER: DOLLARS
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:

The City of Westland, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Issuer"), for value received, hereby promises to pay the Principal Amount shown above in lawful money of the United States of America to the Registered Owner shown above, or registered assigns, on the Maturity Date shown above, unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided, with interest thereon from the Date of Original Issue shown above, or such later date to which interest has been paid, until paid, at the Interest Rate per annum shown above, payable on October 1, 2006 and semiannually thereafter. Principal of this bond is payable upon surrender of this bond at the designated office of J.P. Morgan Trust Company, National Association, Detroit, Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the Issuer may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than 60 days prior to the date of any change in transfer agent. Interest on this bond is payable by check or draft mailed to the person or entity who is, as of the 15th day of the month preceding the interest payment date, the registered owner of record, at the registered address as shown on the registration books of the Issuer kept by the transfer agent. For prompt payment of principal and interest on this bond, the Issuer has irrevocably pledged the revenues of the Water and Sewer System of the Issuer, including all appurtenances, extensions and improvements thereto (the "System"), after provision has been made for reasonable and necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration (the "Net Revenues"), and a statutory first lien thereon is hereby recognized and created.

The bonds of this issue are of equal standing and priority of lien as to the Net Revenues with the Issuer's 1998 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, dated June 1, 1998, in the original principal amount of \$3,225,000 and the Issuer's 2003 Water and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, dated September 10, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$3,025,000 (the "Outstanding Bonds").

This bond is one of a series of bonds of even date of original issue, aggregating the principal sum of \$2,000,000 issued pursuant to Ordinance No. 218, Ordinance No. 244, Ordinance No. 218-A, Ordinance No. 244-A, and Ordinance No. _____, each duly adopted by the City Council of the Issuer, and under and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, including specifically Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring and constructing improvements to the System including the purchase and installation of water meters.

For a complete statement of the revenues from which and the conditions under which this bond is payable, a statement of the conditions under which additional bonds of equal standing may hereafter be issued and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this bond is issued, reference is made to the above-described Ordinances.

Bonds maturing in the years 2007 to 2014, inclusive, are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

Bonds or portions of bonds in multiples of \$5,000 maturing in the year 2015 and thereafter shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Issuer, in such order of maturity as the Issuer shall determine and within a single maturity by lot, on any interest payment date on or after April 1, 2014, at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

[TO BE INSERTED IN CASE OF TERM BONDS]

In addition, bonds of this series maturing on April 1, _____, are subject to mandatory redemption, by lot, on April 1 annually, commencing April 1, _____, at par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption, in the amounts established in the Ordinance authorizing the bonds.]

Notice of redemption of any bond or portion thereof shall be given by the transfer agent at least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption by mail to the registered owner at the registered address shown on the registration books kept by the transfer agent. Bonds shall be called for redemption in multiples of \$5,000 and any bond of a denomination of more than \$5,000 shall be treated as representing the number of bonds obtained by dividing the denomination of the bond by \$5,000 and such bond may be redeemed in part. Notice of redemption for a bond redeemed in part shall state that upon surrender of the bond to be redeemed a new bond or bonds in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the bonds surrendered shall be issued to the registered owner thereof. No further interest on a bond or portion thereof called for redemption shall accrue after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption or not, provided funds are on hand with the transfer agent to redeem the bond or portion thereof.

This bond is a self-liquidating bond and is not a general obligation of the Issuer and does not constitute an indebtedness of the Issuer within any constitutional statutory or charter limitation of the Issuer, but is payable, both as to principal and interest, solely from the Net Revenues of the System. The principal of and interest on this bond are secured by the statutory lien hereinbefore mentioned.

The Issuer has covenanted and agreed, and does hereby covenant and agree to fix and maintain at all times while any bonds payable from the Net Revenues of the System shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the System as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the interest upon and the principal of the Outstanding Bonds, the bonds of this issue and any additional bonds of equal standing as and when the same shall become due and payable, and to maintain a bond redemption account (including a bond reserve account) therefore, to provide for the payment of expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the System as are necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the System as are required by said Ordinances.

This bond is transferable only upon the books of the Issuer kept for that purpose at the office of the transfer agent by the registered owner in person or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the transfer agent, duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in said Ordinances, and upon payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed.

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STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Three students at St. Damian School in Westland received medals for their work at the 18th annual Aquinas Academic Olympics at Cabrini High School in Allen Park.

Reynard Holloway received a bronze medal in health; Breann Wasson received a silver medal in social studies, and Ari Peppas received a gold medal in science.

Seventh-graders at St. Damian, they were coached by seventh-grade teacher Karen Eldred.

Several Wayne-Westland students were the winners of the VFW Voice of Democracy

and Patriot's Pen essay contests.

Wayne Memorial High School students Julia Good, Jessica Kay and Adam Goring placed first, second and third respectively in the Voice of Democracy contest for their essays on How I demonstrate my freedom.

Adams Middle School student Silvia Carone placed first in the Patriot Pen's contest sponsored by the Harris Kehrer VFW Post, while John McTigue was first in the contest sponsored by the Bova VFW Post. Their essays focused on the theme of Who are today's patriots?

Bonnie Hilberer recently attended a regional meeting of progressive Advance Funeral Planning professionals from across the state of Michigan. The one-day conference was held at the Michigan Funeral Directors Association headquarters in Okemos.

"From a professional and personal point of view, helping people fully understand all their choices and options in regards to funeral prearrangement allows me to provide a meaningful service to families," said Hilberer who works at Vermeulen Funeral Home.

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Nguyen fired, but he is accused of loading the gun as the two men began to struggle. Hoang described how he got behind Nguyen, put his left hand around Nguyen's throat and tried to take the gun from his right hand.

Hoang testified that Nguyen bit him on the thumb and kept trying to point the gun back at him, before firing several shots. Hoang said that one shot grazed his right ear and that gun powder burned his face. He said he has lost the hearing in his injured ear.

Hoang also accused Nguyen of hitting him on top of the head with the gun during the struggle. Hoang said he finally

managed to take the weapon away from his attacker, who ran out the back door.

"I ran out from my shop to the front door to give it (the gun) to the police," Hoang said.

Hoang's wife, Ha Thi To, testified that Nguyen had visited the salon in January to say that he wanted his wife fired. She said he didn't indicate why.

Customer Vickie Lee said she saw the two men fighting, and she said Nguyen "had a gun in his hand." She said she stood up and warned others.

"Everybody started running. I ran out the door," Lee testified.

Officer Horvath testified that when Nguyen was arrested, he had another fully loaded clip on him.

McKnight ordered Nguyen to stand trial in Wayne County

Circuit Court, and she has denied bond. A not guilty plea has been placed in the defendant's court file.

Defense attorney Marc Lakin argued that Nguyen only intended to scare Hoang with the gun and not kill him. Lakin asked that McKnight dismiss the charge of assault with intent to murder.

McKnight refused, noting that Nguyen bought the gun, practiced at a firing range, went to the salon and pointed the weapon at Hoang's head.

Outside the courtroom, Lakin said that some people carry guns because they feel a need to protect themselves. Of the salon incident, he said, "I don't think there was any intent to murder anyone."

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IKEA Canton looking for 400 workers

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If you're looking for something to do this summer - or looking to change what you do for a living - then IKEA is looking for you.

The Swedish furniture retail store will open this summer in Canton, and the company is hiring some 400 workers between now and then. To find workers, the company last week began accepting online job applications.

"We haven't yet announced the exact date we're opening this summer because we're still in construction mode," at the corner of Haggerty and Ford, said IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth. "But we are ready to start looking for co-workers now."

Job seekers may apply on the company's Web site at <http://www.IKEA-usa.com>. Those with limited access to computers are encouraged to visit the following local libraries where staff members are prepared for residents to navigate the IKEA application process on the Internet: Canton Public Library, Plymouth District Library, Livonia Civic Center Library, William P. Faust Library of Westland, and the Detroit Public Library.

The company has been named three years in a row by Working Mother magazine as one of the "100 Best Companies for Working

Mothers," and was one of FORTUNE's "100 Best Companies to Work For" list for two consecutive years.

The reason for those honors, according to Roth, is that IKEA places value and emphasis on the importance of a work and life balance.

"We are thrilled to offer interested job seekers in the area diverse positions with limitless opportunity at a global company," said Mark McCaslin, store manager. "At IKEA, we realize that the opportunity to be able to do the things in life that bring success and happiness is extremely valuable to our co-workers."

Although the future IKEA Canton is still progressing through construction and outfitting phases, prospective co-workers are welcome to apply for available positions in: home furnishings sales, interior decoration, customer service, safety and security,

cashiers, maintenance, goods flow, receiving, warehouse and stock replenishment. Also, setting itself apart from other retailers in the area, IKEA Canton will offer approximately 75 food service opportunities in its restaurant, Swedish Foodmarket, Cafe Bistro and co-worker cafeteria.

IKEA offers full medical and dental insurance to co-workers working 20 hours or more per week with eligibility for domestic partners and children.

Other benefits include: vacation, paid maternity/paternity leave and paid time off for child adoption, tuition assistance, 401(k) match, professional development, training and mentoring programs and a discount on IKEA purchases.

The 311,000 square-foot store is under construction on 21 acres at Ford and Haggerty roads off I-275 in Canton.

Back Pain?

Westland, MI - According to a recently released back pain relief report, most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain. Some use heat, others ice. From sleeping on the floor, to pillows underneath the legs, back pain relief techniques vary. But thanks to a free report, local back pain sufferers finally know exactly what to do. To get a copy of the free "Back Pain Relief Report", call toll-free, 1-888-744-2225. (Toll-free, 24 hour recorded message)

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Set your kids a good example, start them on the reading habit

He probably doesn't know it's Reading Month. But he was certainly into the spirit of the annual celebration Sunday when he said matter of factly, "Let's read Papa."

My grandson, Aidan, 2½, went off to the bookcase and grabbed two books. He's particularly into a book about a snowman building contest with a clear message that working together will allow you to build a bigger, better snowman. It was such a good story he had me read it twice.

Of course, he's a multi-media kind of guy. He sits with Mom or Dad and navigates to his favorite kid-friendly Web sites. He knows how to pop in a DVD. He just attended his first big screen movie to watch one of his favorite book characters — Curious George — bigger than life.

But the reading is an important part of the mix and the most interactive. He sits on my lap or next to me, listens to the story, asks questions and then talks about the story after we read it. He's getting the habit and it's a good habit to have.

March is Reading Month is designed to encourage children to read. It's become a challenge to get children to read anything beyond the bare minimum to get by in the classroom. Reading Month promoters want kids to know that reading is fun, challenging, informative. It's a conversation starter, a project promoter, an escape to exotic lands and wild adventures.

But the competition is steep.

Met a young man last week. He was a middle schooler, talkative and obviously bright. It was a Tuesday, DVD release day, and he was reminded that the latest Harry Potter was being released that day. He'd seen the movie a couple of times and was anxious to see it, and all the extras, on DVD.

We asked if he'd read the latest Harry Potter book (No. 6 in the series). He said he wasn't much of a reader, but had read the first five but not the latest.

The Potter books seem to grow in size and complexity to keep the target audience somewhere around Harry's age. That could turn many middle school readers away. But the fact that the movies are now appearing about three years behind the books might also explain it. Movies are easier.

Ironically, it was the success of Harry Potter in the 1990s that gave educators and parents hope that a reading renaissance was taking place. After stagnant juvenile book sales and a seeming abandonment of the printed word for

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television and video games, children were closing themselves away in their rooms to read about the adventures of a bespectacled British schoolboy wizard and his friends. (And many adults also found the adventures appealing.)

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Educators know the distractions. It seems every few years a new distraction comes along — sports, movies, phonographs, television, video games, DVDs, iPods, MySpace and other online services (temptations?).

The important thing is starting good habits early, discouraging bad habits and managing distractions that have good and bad elements (movies, computers, popular music). Easier said than done unless you're with a child 24/7 and keep him or her on a tight leash that doesn't allow for any bad decisions (or good ones, either).

But you can read. You can turn off the television and the computer and take the iPod out of your ears. The sight of an adult reading a book or a magazine or even (please) a newspaper can be a great inspiration. Just as getting out on a bicycle or rollerblades or taking a hike in the woods can inspire a child to exercise.

And that's what it's all about, exercising the body and the mind. You can distract children into following some good habits.

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Hugh Gallagher

War on terror climate promotes increased anti-Arab rhetoric

I don't know whether to be angry or amused with the current rhetoric about the Dubai deal. It seems that hidden hatred against Arabs has become a competitive sport, especially among politicians who are vying for our support. Even enlightened people like Sens. Hillary Clinton and Charles Schumer are going out of their way to discredit companies simply because they have an "Arab" name.

In the name of security, it has become fashionable to spout hate rhetoric against Arabs in America. Even in cities with large Arab populations, hate speech is promoted and supported by politicians from both sides of the political spectrum and the media. Bellicose rhetoric streams out of Washington and the national media on a

daily basis, proclaiming that "we are engaged in a war on terror" and that "our safety as Americans is in danger." We have stopped distinguishing between good and bad Arabs, or between our allies who are helping us with our "war on terror" and those individuals who are attacking us.

The "war on terror" has become a motto not only for hate groups who dislike anyone who is different, but also for mainstream Americans who now believe that the Arabs and Muslims are a homogeneous group of fanatics who are bent on destroying America.

The "war on terror" climate has created skewed political and civic spaces. The space for dissent and opposition is shrinking, while the space to hate "Arabs and Muslims" is expanding. It has become our patriotic duty to proclaim our opposition to anything Arab or Muslim.

Radio and TV talk shows are now joined by mainstream media who question anything Arab or Muslim. Radio talk and TV shows are replete with comments such as "We should bomb the Middle East and then America will be safe" or "These Arabs should just go back to where they came from." Arab Americans and Muslims are under siege in the United States. We live in a prison, the prison of being the "other" targets of hate. This prison has reduced the space within which we are able to freely exercise our constitutional rights to be different, to voice dissent and to have an identity that is rooted in our ethnic, linguistic and religious histories.

With the exception of civil rights organizations such as the ACLU, political, civic, corporate, religious, media and other ethnic organizations have either supported or promoted the suppression of Arab and Muslim rights in this country. Tolerance and bigotry give way to loathing and anxiety. People are now advocating the violation of both civil rights and civil liberties of Arab and Muslims.

This has a chilling effect on the Arab and Muslim communities in our country. According to

the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination organization, since Sept. 11, 2001, there have been:

- More than 700 violent incidents targeting Arab Americans.
- More than 80 cases of illegal and discriminatory removal of innocent passengers from aircraft after boarding based on the passenger's perceived ethnicity.
- More than 800 cases of employment discrimination against Arabs and Arab Americans.
- Defamation against Arabs and Muslims, particularly attacks on Islam as a faith.

Adding insult to injury, our government with the majority of Americans cheering their efforts has created secret detentions, hearing and deportations of Muslims and Arabs. An alien registration has been created based on national origin and ethnicity, which monitors and spies on innocent Arabs and Muslims. Through our fear, loathing and anxiety, we have allowed our government to prematurely invade and occupy Iraq, killing more than 2,100 of our young soldiers and injuring thousands of others.

As horrific as the damage to the Arabic and Muslim communities is, it pales next to the damage we are creating for ourselves. Our country, the bastion of openness, constitutional freedom and human rights, is creating a cultural apartheid and polarization. We now divide our society into "us vs. them."

We decided to lump all Arabs together after the actions of a few who perpetrated terror on our society. If a society is to be defined by the actions of a few, why wasn't our community defined by its upstanding citizens: Mohamed ElBaradie, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency and winner of the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize; Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of the U.S. Central Command in Iraq; Dr. Elias Zerhouni, the director of the National Institutes of Health; Sen. John Sununu; or Sheriff Michael Bouchard of Oakland County. The list goes on, yet we hear little of these upstanding Arabs and Muslims who work to stem terror on a daily basis.

The cry of ostracization against Arabs and Muslims may win elections and make us feel safe in the short run, but if it continues we will all pay the price for this bigotry.

During this difficult time, I am always reminded of the eloquent words of Pastor Martin Niemoller: "First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the communists and I did not speak out because I was not a communist. Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me."

None of us are exempt from bigotry. History has shown that bigotry is expensive. We need to stop it before we all pay the price.

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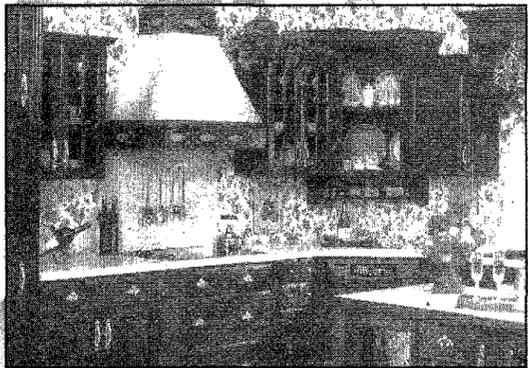
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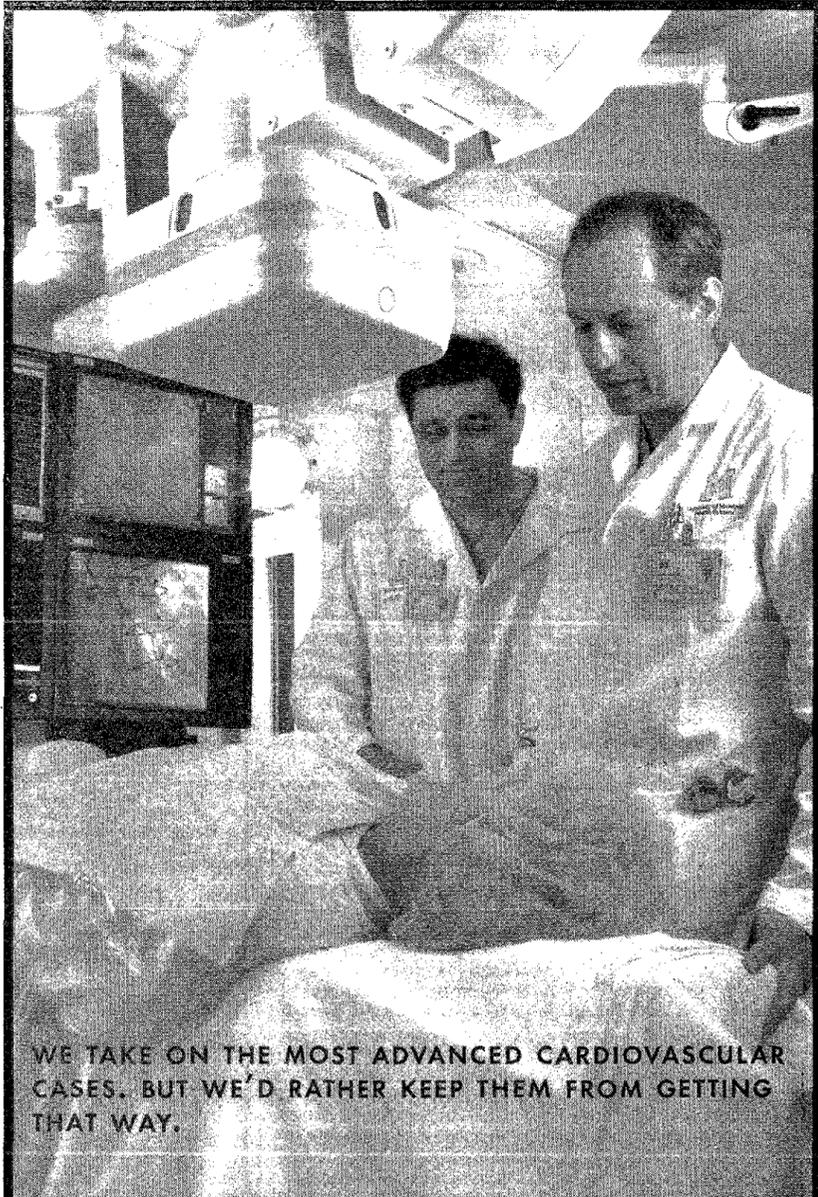
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Citizens for Peace meet
Shea Howell, professor of communications and rhetoric at Oakland University, will speak at the 11th Congressional District "Citizens for Peace" meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Unity of Livonia, on Five Mile Road, east of Middlebelt. She will talk on "Truth, Activism and Creating a Community Peace Movement: Reframing our Vision and our Strategy." Call Colleen Mills at (734) 425-00079.

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.

Dems hold bingo
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club has bingo 10:45 a.m. every Monday at the Wayne Ford Civic League, on Wayne Road south of Ford in Westland. For information, call Jan or Cliff at (734) 591-1694 or Cliff at (734) 729-8681.

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, 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman in Livonia. Call (734) 425-2246.

Metro Wayne
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club offers a bingo at the Wayne-Ford Civic League on Fridays. Doors open at 9 a.m. with bingo starting at 10:45 a.m. An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet is available for \$3. For more information, call Cliff Johnson at (734) 729-8681.

FOR SENIORS

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

Senior dinners
The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances with live entertainment several times each month for couples and singles 50 years and older. The cost is \$8 donation for members of the league and \$10 donation for nonmembers. 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 Thursday 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.

Choir
The Senior Choir, under the leadership of Robert Cassidy, is open to those who like to sing. It meets 9:30 a.m. Thursday. For information, call the Friendship Center, (734) 722-7632.

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

Exercise
Simply Jazzercise is designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates simple dance routines with walking or jogging patterns and resistance exercises. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Classes are 10:15 a.m. Monday, 5 p.m. Wednesday, 10:15 a.m. Friday, at \$3 per person per class. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

Travel Group

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

Dyer Center

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

ORGANIZATIONS

Toastmasters

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

Vietnam Vets

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

Friends of library

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

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/.

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 necessary. 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, 6:30 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 Sulda, (734) 458-4392).

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.

Although James Brown might proclaim it to be "a man's world," the month of March is reserved solely for women.

Women's History Month is solely upon us, and before the groans of consternation begin, be aware that it doesn't have to be a painful process in the least.

For those who wish to enrich their lives through women's history, it is your lucky day - the library has just the thing. *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*, by Cokie Roberts, provides a nice outline of women who shaped United States history, and a video, *The Speeches of Famous Women*, may spark your interest with the speeches from women such as Betty Friedan and Eleanor Roosevelt.

With all of the talk in the media about a potential woman president, it might be interesting to examine the lives of women leaders throughout the world.

Indira Gandhi was the third prime minister of India, and you can read about her in Katherine Frank's *Indira: The Life Indira Nehru Gandhi*.

Although the United States does not have a complicated history of queens, *Elizabeth I*, by Anne Somerset, examines the reign of England's powerful monarch.

Not much of a reader? Then check out the videos, *Evita: The Woman Behind the Myth* about Argentina's Eva Peron, or *Cleopatra, the First Woman of Power*.

It seems as if the same group of women surface every year when Women's History Month rolls around, so why not try the counterparts of some of the big names?

Most people are familiar with *The Great Gatsby's* F. Scott Fitzgerald, but you can examine a different perspective by reading about his wife, Zelda, in *Zelda: A Biography*. Dava Sobel's *Galileo's Daughter* introduces you to the great scientist's virtually unknown daughter, a cloistered nun, and *Anne*

Morrow Lindbergh: A Gift for Life focuses on Charles Lindbergh's wife rather than his prestigious flying career. If you're interested in learning about the impact of women in society, feel free to stop by the library and browse through our collection, or give us a call at (734) 326-6123, and we can point you in the right direction.

Smart Women Finish Rich: 7 p.m., March 15. Presented by Credit Union

ONE and the Library. Learn how to make wise choices with your money, featuring financial specialist Kimberly Bilko.

Stress Reduction: 7 p.m. March 20. Stress is the underlying cause of most illnesses. Join Dr. Brian Brackney as he discusses the symptoms of stress, how stress affects the body's overall health, and what a person can do to relieve stress both at work and at home.

March 25. Join Vicki Foley and Penny Thomas of Community Hospice Services, and Bonnie Hilberer of Vermeulen Funeral Homes, for a sensitive discussion of living wills and funeral preplanning.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Westland, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, by its City Council, has caused this bond to be executed with the facsimile signatures of its Mayor and its City Clerk and the corporate seal of the Issuer to be printed on this bond, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

CITY OF WESTLAND

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Mayor

(Seal)

Countersigned:

[specimen]

City Clerk

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Transfer Agent

Authorized Signature

Section 15. Sale of 2006 Bonds: Insurance. The Issuer shall receive bids for the 2006 Bonds in accordance with the notice of sale approved by the City Council, award sale of the 2006 Bonds to the successful bidder determined in accordance with Act 94 and this Ordinance, and take all further necessary steps to issue and deliver the 2006 Bonds. The Finance Director of the Issuer is authorized to purchase municipal bond insurance for the 2006 Bonds, if determined to be desirable, and to make appropriate changes to the notice of sale, if necessary.

Section 16. Bondholders' Rights: Receiver. The holder or holders of the 2006 Bonds representing in the aggregate not less than twenty percent (20%) of the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding, may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, protect and enforce the statutory lien upon the Net Revenues of the System, and may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel performance of all duties of the officers of the Issuer, including the fixing of sufficient rates, the collection of Revenues, the proper segregation of the Revenues of the System and the proper application thereof. The statutory lien upon the Net Revenues, however, shall not be construed as to compel the sale of the System or any part thereof.

If there is a default in the payment of the principal or of interest upon the Bonds, any court having jurisdiction in any proper action may appoint a receiver to administer and operate the System on behalf of the Issuer and under the direction of the court, and by and with the approval of the court to perform all of the duties of the officers of the Issuer more particularly set forth herein and in Act 94.

The holder or holders of the Bonds shall have all other rights and remedies given by Act 94 and law, for the payment and enforcement of the Bonds and the security therefor.

Section 17. Covenant Regarding Tax Exemption Status of the Bonds: Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations. The Issuer shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exemption of the interest of the 2006 Bonds from general federal income taxation (as opposed to any alternative minimum or other indirect taxation) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds. The Issuer hereby designates the 2006 Bonds as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purpose of deduction of interest by financial institutions.

Section 18. Prior Redemption. The 2006 Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the times and prices and in the manner set forth in this Ordinance.

Unless waived by any registered owner of 2006 Bonds to be redeemed, official notice of redemption shall be given by the transfer agent on behalf of the Issuer. Such notice shall be dated

and shall contain at a minimum the following information: original issue date; maturity dates; interest rates; CUSIP numbers, if any; certificate numbers, and in the case of partial redemption, the called amounts of each certificate; the redemption date; the redemption price or premium; the place where 2006 Bonds called for redemption are to be surrendered for payment; and that interest on 2006 Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date.

In addition, further notice shall be given by the transfer agent in such manner as required or suggested by regulations or market practice at the applicable time, but no defect in such further notice nor any failure to give all or any portion of such further notice shall in any manner defeat the effectiveness of a call for redemption if notice thereof is given as prescribed herein.

Section 19. Continuing Disclosure. The Issuer will agree in the resolution authorizing the notice of sale of the 2006 Bonds to provide or cause to be provided the continuing disclosure of certain information in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15e-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Section 20. Other Matters Relating to Sale of the Bonds. The Mayor and the Finance Director each is authorized and directed to cause the preparation and circulation of a preliminary and final Official Statement with respect to the 2006 Bonds; to cause the qualification of the 2006 Bonds for a policy of municipal bond insurance if, upon the advice of the City's financial advisor, the acquisition of such insurance would be of economic benefit to the City; to obtain ratings on the 2006 Bonds; and to take all other actions necessary or advisable, and to make such other filings with the Michigan Department of Treasury or with other parties, to enable the sale and delivery of the 2006 Bonds as contemplated herein.

Section 21. Retention of Bond Counsel. The City Council hereby ratifies and confirms the retention of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. as Bond Counsel with respect to the 2006 Bonds.

Section 22. Additional Bonds. Additional bonds of equal standing and priority of lien with the 2006 Bonds may be issued only as provided in Section 20 of Ordinance No. 218 as amended by Ordinance No. 244, Ordinance No. 218-A and Ordinance No. 244-A.

Section 23. Repeal Savings Clause. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or part thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.

Section 24. Severability: Paragraph Headings: and Conflict. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance.

Section 25. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in full in the *Westland Observer*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Westland qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Issuer and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk.

Section 26. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption. Adopted and signed this 6th day of March, 2006.

Mayor Sandra A. Cicirelli
City of Westland
Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Westland, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of March, 2006, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting: J. Godbout, C. Graunstadt, M. Kehrler, R. LeBlanc, C. Pickering, R. Stottlemeyer, W. Wild and that the following Members were absent: None.

I further certify that Member Godbout moved for adoption of said Ordinance and that said motion was supported by Member Pickering.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance: Godbout, Graunstadt, Kehrler, and that the following Members voted against adoption of said Ordinance: LeBlanc, Pickering, Stottlemeyer, Wild/ None.

I further certify that said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk.

Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk