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## Mother charged for leaving kids in park

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER



Muhammad

Canton police aren't sure why Qamara Biquis Muhammad's little boys were left in her van for more than two hours. They're not precisely sure where the mother of the 3- and 5-year-old children went in the hours before 2:30 a.m. July 10. And they're not really sure why Muhammad had lost custody of the children, and how long ago the boys went to live with their grandmother.

The children were placed in the care of a family member,

and Muhammad, 24, of Ypsilanti was charged with two counts of second-degree child abuse, each a four-year felony, and two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor after officers found her children, abandoned and crying, in Griffin Park early Monday morning.

A resident who lives near the park called police at approximately 2:30 a.m. when he

heard children outside and screaming for help, according to police reports.

When police arrived, they found the children, alone and crying for their mother.

The children told police they were sleeping in the van and woke up to find her gone. They said they were scared, and got out of the van, then began screaming and crying and looking for their mom.

While police were still at the scene, Muhammad returned to the park. They estimate she had left them alone in the van for two and a half hours, according to Sgt. Brian Schultz.

"She said her car broke down and she called a friend who lives in Canton. He told her to come on over," Schultz said. "But she didn't tell him she had the children with her. He didn't know."

Muhammad told police that she and the friend went for a drive around Canton. At one point, they had gone to another park.

"We don't know what they were doing. They said they were just talking and driving around," Schultz said.

The children were not physically harmed, even if they were terrified, while in the van — it

was a comfortable temperature inside the vehicle, Schultz said.

Schultz said the children do not live with Muhammad. They live with Muhammad's mother.

"She has unsupervised visitation, but I'm hoping that Washtenaw County fixes that," he said.

Schultz said Muhammad indicated to police she knew she should not have left her children in the van.

"When I last talked to her, she said, 'Yeah that was real stupid of me.'"

The Canton Police Department receives a few similar calls for

service every year.

"What we usually get is a call about someone who left the kids in the car for a little while, while mom went shopping or something," Schultz said. "But an incident that goes to this extent, where the children are left for hours — that's pretty rare."

Muhammad was arraigned Monday afternoon at 35th District Court. She was given a \$5,000 cash bond and a preliminary exam date was set for July 21 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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Anne Heidemann, the new Children's Services Department head at the Canton Public Library, says today's young librarians are "creative type people."

## New children's librarian doesn't fit the stereotypes

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Stereotypes are damned. Anne Heidemann is just not the prim, laced-up librarian of generations past.

Quite the contrary. Heidemann said that new librarians today are creative — often artistic, even — and are likely to have outside interests like being a musician in a band (yes, she is) or having a tattoo (yes, she does).

She hadn't set out to be a librarian, but last month Heidemann was hired to fill the position of Canton Public Library Children's Services Department head. She had been studying secondary education at Central Michigan University, and was almost finished with her classes when she realized she was supposed to change her career path.

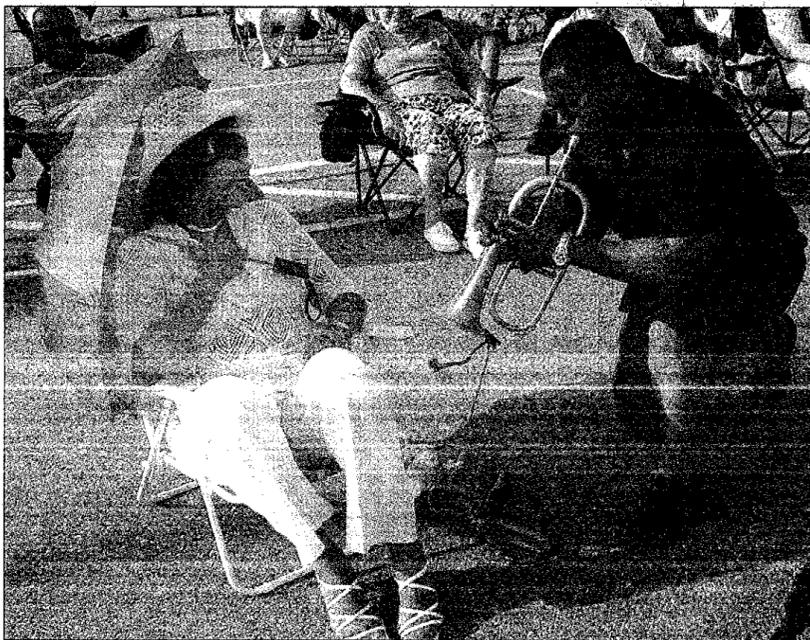
"It was like a light bulb went off in my head and I knew I was supposed to be a librarian. I'd worked in libraries since I was a teenager," Heidemann said.

So after graduation, she landed a job at the Chippewa River District Library in Mount Pleasant. She began working on her master's degree in library science at Wayne State University and, after a couple of years with a heck of a commute for classes (from Mount Pleasant to Detroit), she earned that degree. Eventually she became the director of the library, but five years later, Heidemann decided it was time for a change of scenery.

"I wanted to live somewhere bigger," she said. "I'd always heard good things about Canton — my husband grew up in Oakland County — and that it was a beautiful library and a great place to live, all the things you normally look for when you're looking for a change."

So far, she said everything she's heard has been true.

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## Friday night serenade

Musician Lin Rountree stepped down from the stage and into the audience during the first show in the Canton DDA's jazz series on Friday night outside Kohl's on Ford Road. Here, Rountree plays just for Cheryl Jones, who also happens to be Lin's dermatologist. The jazz concert, which was attended by more than 200 people, was just one part of a busy night in Canton. Over at Heritage Park hundreds of people enjoyed Canton's Family Camp Out/Movie night. For more photos and the story, please see page A3.

## New school board president set to lead

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER



Simescu

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education elected Barry Simescu to serve as its 2006-07 president.

Simescu, who was nominated by Trustee Judy Mardigian, was the only board member in the running and won on a 7-0 vote.

Trustees also elected Mark Slavens vice president, Judy Mardigian secretary and Tom Wysocki treasurer, all on unanimous votes.

Trustees Diann Gonzalez and Steven Sneiderman, who were elected by voters in May, attended their first meeting as members of the board.

"I'm very humbled by this position," said Simescu, who is in his third year on the

board. "We've got some big challenges, and I'm really looking forward to a working relationship that makes everybody in this community proud."

Simescu said he'd like to have a board retreat in August, and move some of the monthly school board meetings to neighborhood schools.

"I think we need to be out in the community a little bit more and be more visible," Simescu said. "We have to do a better job of gauging the community and finding out what they're thinking."

The board will be working

on developing a bond issue, after voters rejected a two-question, \$120-million proposal in May to construct new facilities and refurbish others. Part of the urgency is to recover \$2.3 million for the general fund budget, which was used to purchase land for a new middle school in Canton.

"We need to have a lot of discussion of what needs to go into that bond," Sneiderman said. "I don't think, in order to do it right, we can get it done by November. Even though I would save the money that a November election would bring to us, we're probably looking at February."

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## Worst fears about IKEA didn't materialize during first month

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
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What could have been a nightmare turned out to be a non-event.

With the passing of the first month since IKEA Canton's grand opening June 7, the final figures on the cost to the township and the number of calls for police service were released this week by the Canton Department of Public Safety.

"We were basically prepared for the worst," said Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, who also serves on the Canton Downtown Development Authority. "There was the anticipation that there could possibly be, if we had not prepared, complete gridlock at Haggerty and Ford, and off I-275. There would be potential for accidents and all kinds of safety issues."

But that didn't happen. "The only problems we had heard about were people who were jaywalking and putting themselves in peril. All of the worst fears never materialized," McLaughlin said.

The total costs, which IKEA is paying, for police and fire coverage are \$151,707 for the opening week, and another \$37,000 for police coverage of the intersections during the month after, according to Canton Police Lt. Robert Kerr.

Canton police no longer are being requested to assist at Ford and Haggerty, as of July 8.

Kerr had visited or interviewed leaders from other communities with IKEA stores, and they reported everything from "nightmare" traffic situations and gridlock to business as usual.

Based on those reports, Canton police estimate that it would be reasonable to see an increase in calls for service directly related to IKEA, in the amount of 200-300 calls per year, according to the report.

"The future impact will be affected by the building demographics, which indicate that the impact on Canton will be really negligible," Public Safety Director John Santomauro said. The building demographics are

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**Cherry festival**

Canton will host the very first Canton Cherry Festival at the Bartlett-Travis House located in Cherry Hill Village on July 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a free picnic lunch, children's activity tent, a cherry drink walk and special entertainment. Radio station WOMC will be broadcasting live from the festival. There will also be a Cherry Festival king and queen. Cherry Hill Village was named in 1860 after the abundance of wild cherry trees growing in the area.

**Interpreters needed**

Canton is in need of Japanese, Chinese and Indian interpreters as part of a Health and Human Services Emergency plan. Name and contact information will be placed in the plan, and interpreters will only be contacted if the need arises. To sign up or learn more about the program, contact Pat VanDusen at (734) 394-5193 or e-mail her at pvdusen@cantonmi-org.

**Firefighters golf outing**

The Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation will host its 10th annual Greg Unger Memorial Golf Outing on Tuesday, July 18, at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

The cost is \$110 per person and includes 18 holes of scramble golf with a cart, lunch at the turn, dinner banquet with a door prize, contests, and raffle prizes.

The golf outings were originally started to raise money for Greg Unger, then age 17. Unger suffered from cystic fibrosis and needed a double lung transplant. With the help of money raised through the charity foundation, Unger received the necessary transplant and follow-up treatment. Five years ago Unger passed away. Since then the outing has been known as the Greg Unger Memorial Golf Outing.

Over the past 10 years the charity foundation has given close to \$100,000 back to the community. Donations have been made to individuals and families who have suffered the devastating loss of their home and personal belongings due to fire. The foundation has also made donations to members of the community facing hardship due to a serious illness or injury. And the foundation continues to donate to suffering and/or surviving families of public safety personnel who have suffered a traumatic injury, illness or death.

To register for the outing or to make a donation to the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation, contact the

Canton Fire Department at (734) 398-5462.

**Orchestra Canton**

Orchestra Canton presents the fifth and final concert of its 2005-2006 season with a pops concert entitled "Summer Sounds: A Pops Picnic" at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Step back in time and enjoy acoustic music with a vintage ensemble. Orchestra Canton will perform a concert featuring ragtime, marches, foxtrots, tangos, and 1920s dance band music, with favorites by Scott Joplin, John Phillip Sousa, Astor Piazzolla, and Kurt Weill. A special presentation of the Richard Rodgers classic "Slaughter on 10th Avenue" will feature the duo "At the Two Pianos" of Adam Aceto and Patrick Johnson.

Beginning at 7 p.m. patrons can order a box lunch and have a picnic at the Village Theater prior to the concert. The box lunch picnic is \$10 and includes a sandwich, pasta salad, chips and cookies. Tickets for the concert are sold separately and are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$11 for children. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, by phone by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460. Tickets may also be purchased



**A youthful performance**

The Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO), which is supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, will be holding auditions for the 2006-2007 school year Aug. 25-26 at Evola Music (7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton). Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and up with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and up with at least three years of instruction. Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan, and auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks. Here Taylor Pool, a Celebration Sinfonia violinist, plays during a recent CYO performance. To schedule an audition or for more information please contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at jane@plymouthsymphony.org.

at the Village Theater box office one hour before the performance.

For more information about this concert or Orchestra Canton's upcoming 2006-2007

"Classical Canton" Season, please visit www.orchestracanton.org.

**Cool nights**

Canton Leisure Services will host its Cool Nights program July 14, July 28, and Aug. 11 at the Heritage Park splash park. Families and friends are encouraged to visit the outdoor splash park in Heritage

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# Friday night fun

## Hundreds flock to jazz series, family camp-out

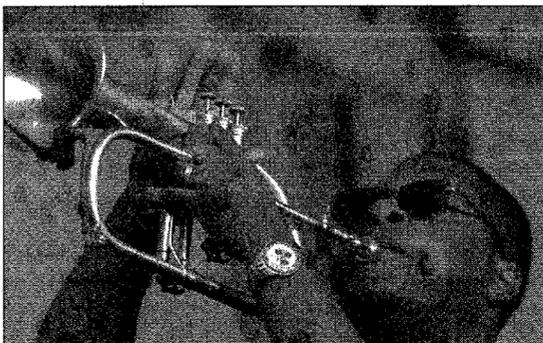
BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

If you were looking to have a good time Friday night, Canton was a great place to be. Hundreds of families could certainly attest to that, as they flocked to both the first concert in the Canton DDA's jazz series and the Family Camp-out/Movie Night at Heritage Park.

About 250 people showed up to enjoy the smooth jazz sounds of Lin Rountree in the Kohl's parking lot, according to Kathleen Salla, director of the DDA. Rountree was the first act in the eight concert jazz series sponsored by the DDA and radio station V98.7 Smooth Jazz, as a way to promote the Ford Road corridor.

"We were just thrilled with everything," Salla said. "The radio station people told us that if we drew a 100 people to the first show that would have been successful. At the end of the concert we counted 250 people, which just tells us that the community is real receptive to this kind of entertainment."

Salla said about half the people to attend the show



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jazz musician Lin Rountree and flugelhorn plays cool jazz on a hot summer's eve during the first Canton DDA sponsored jazz concert at Kohl's on Friday night.

were Canton residents, while the rest were from as far away as Detroit.

"A lot of people came up to me, and I got nothing but positive responses," Salla said. "Some people even pulled up, put down the tailgate, sat back and watched right from the back of their trucks. It was a lot of fun."

The next show in the jazz series, which will move to different locations along Ford Road, is Penny Wells, who

will play from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Willow Creek Plaza near Panera.

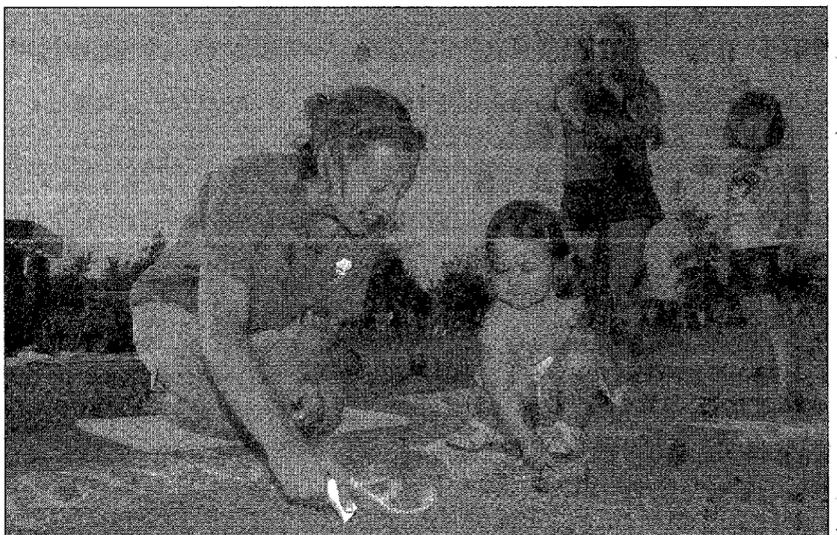
Over at Heritage Park, about 600 people set up tents and enjoyed the animated feature film, *Madagascar*, during the township's 9th annual Family Camp-out/Movie Night.

In addition to the film, patrons enjoyed numerous activities, including live music, a magician, strolling entertainers, paddle boats and inflatables for the kids. Canton Recreation Coordinator Jon LaFever said the numbers were a bit down this year, but there was still a large crowd for the event.

"We typically get about 900 people to come out, so we were a bit down this year. But it was a good manageable crowd. And there were a lot more tents this year than in the past," he said.

LaFever said everything went well, and the weather certainly cooperated — something Salla agreed with.

"It was perfect weather and a beautiful night," he said.



There were many activities during the Family Camp Out event. Here Kaitlyn Huddas and Angie Yu play with sidewalk chalk.

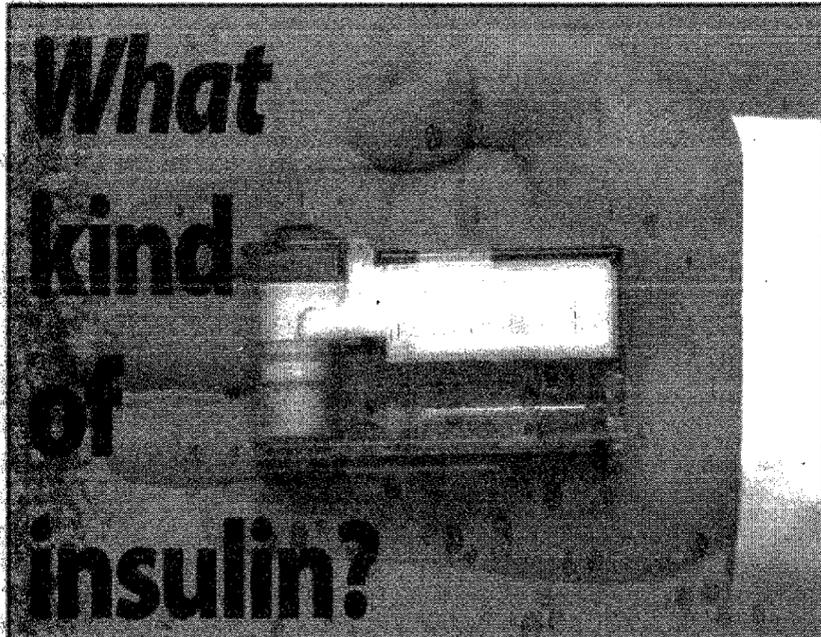


Ralph and Pat Ascencio brought granddaughter Sophie Gaunt to the jazz concert Friday, and she danced up a storm.



Laura and Randall Rightmyer brought their boys to the Canton Family Camp Out/Movie Night; 2-year-old Drew, 4-year-old Brett, and 7-year-old Jake.

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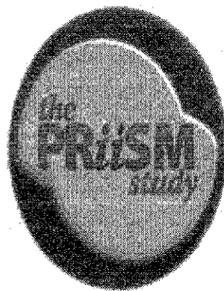
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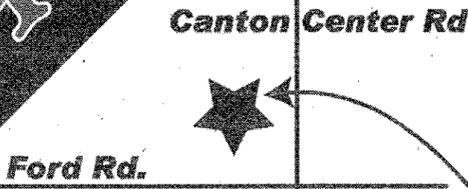
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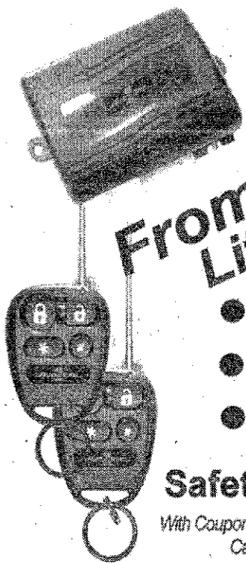
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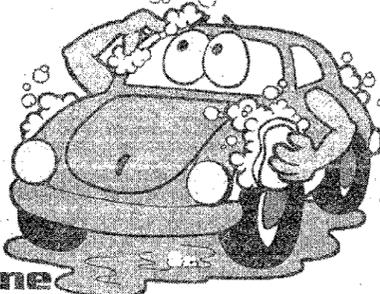
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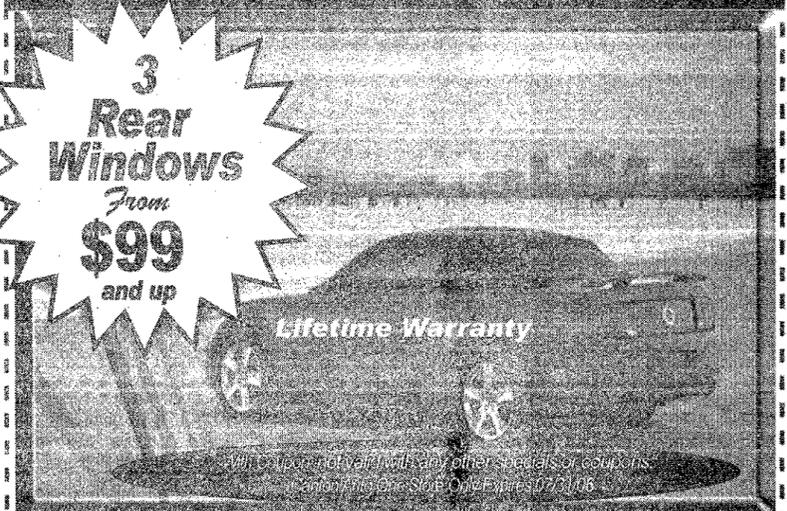


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# Opponents question candidate's use of museum in campaign

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Historical Society's Board of Directors has hired an attorney to determine if the Plymouth Historical Museum violated conditions of its nonprofit 501(c)(3) status when it allowed executive director Beth Stewart to use its nonprofit bulk mail permit to send campaign materials while seeking the Republican nomination for the 20th State House seat.

Accusers also claim the museum illegally showed its support for Stewart, who took a leave of absence June 1, when it allowed her to campaign and solicit campaign donations during the June 12 book signing by former Gov. William Milliken at the museum.

On Wednesday, the board hired attorney David Thoms of Miller-Cansfield, who has expertise with IRS tax laws and U.S. Postal Service regulations, both of which have more gray areas than black-and-white mandates. The board is seeking to ascertain if anyone associated with the museum knowingly violated any laws, or whether they were trusting of a 16-year executive director who — in a best case scenario — failed to completely disassociate herself from the museum while running for political office.

Supporters of Stewart say it's a political fight and smear tactic by supporters of Mark Abbo, Northville Township supervisor, who is running against Stewart and three other candidates in the Aug. 8 primary for the 20th House District Republican nomination. It's an office held the past six years by Stewart's



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Political opponents have questions about Beth Stewart, Republican candidate for the 20th House seat, and her relationship with the Plymouth Historical Museum during her run for office.

husband, John, who is term limited.

Among the three who lodged the complaints to the museum's board of directors are Mark Mandell of Northville Township, who is Abbo's campaign chairman, and Tom Hickey of Plymouth Township, the group's finance director. The third person is Carl Berry of Plymouth Township.

"It is a blatant disregard of campaign finance laws to use a mailing permit from a nonprofit," Mandell said. "If Beth Stewart, along with her husband, who is an attorney, as well as an elected official, don't know the campaign finance laws by now, I'd be shocked. It amounts to political fraud on the members of the Historical Society and the voters."

Hickey said he contacted the president of the Plymouth

Historical Society and interim museum director Sanford Burr on July 3 with concerns about Stewart at the Milliken book signing.

"She had a display set up in the museum, and it wasn't offered to other candidates, Republicans or Democrats, in this race," Hickey said. "This has been a continuing process of blatant disregard for state and federal campaign law."

Stewart said she rented the downstairs room of the museum, but her activity didn't start until after the Milliken event concluded.

"The museum was hosting the governor that night. It wasn't part of my event," Beth Stewart said. "I rented it to talk to people afterward about my campaign."

"I didn't put any of my materials out until after Milliken left," she added. "I didn't accept contributions that night. I asked people to send them to my house."

According to Burr, the Milliken event was separate from Stewart's, who he said paid \$75 for use of the downstairs meeting room.

"We have people who use it, family dinners, some groups use it," Burr said. "We have a policy in which we charge \$50,

but Beth paid more than that."

Burr also produced a document signed by himself and Stewart, giving her permission to use the bulk mail stamp to send campaign materials. Burr said they didn't discuss what materials would be sent, although he figured it was for political purposes.

"She went to the post office and found out, yes, she could use it and reimburse us," Burr said. "We didn't discuss political materials, but I would be dumb if I didn't think she was going to use it for that. It was implied."

According to Jeff Zerkowicz, chief counsel for the U.S. Postal Service in Washington, D.C., there's no regulation as to who can use the permit imprint, as long as proper postage is paid.

"I'm not aware of any postal regulation that prevents a politician from using the permit imprint, as long as they pay the appropriate rate," Zerkowicz said.

According to Willie Clark, bulk mail clerk at the Plymouth post office, the nonprofit bulk mail rate is 15.8 cents per piece. Anyone piggy-backing off the permit would have to pay 28.2 cents. Stewart said she paid the 28.2-cent rate, and reimbursed the museum.

The bigger problem, however,

could be with the IRS.

"If any activity they engage in can be viewed as promoting or opposing a candidate, that could endanger their 501(c)(3) status," said Luis Garcia, media specialist with the IRS in Detroit.

Shannon Garrett is legal counsel for the Alliance for Justice, which helps to educate nonprofits about their advocacy rights under federal tax law.

"That's a pretty big red flag," Garrett said when asked about a political candidate using a nonprofit's bulk mail permit. "Rule No. 1, if you have a member of a nonprofit organization running for office, there needs to be a wall between what the nonprofit does and what the candidate does."

Berry said he's filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the Michigan Attorney General's office to obtain information such as bylaws and donor records of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

"Either the Historical Museum needs to get out of the political business, or fix some of the things they're involved with," Berry said. "We don't want to see the museum go out of business or take away their 501(c)(3) status, but we want them to understand that being

involved in politics is something they don't belong in."

The Historical Museum board held an emergency session Monday night.

"We requested that Beth not have any further activity at the museum during her leave," Burr said. "There are some people who are making accusations which we feel aren't founded, and we're looking at some legal advice."

The board was scheduled to meet Wednesday evening with Thoms. Stewart said she didn't send any political mailings until after she took her leave of absence June 1.

"The fact they would go after the museum is unconscionable," Stewart said. "It's a politically motivated attack. If they can't attack me, then they'll get me through the museum."

"The museum has a great name and reputation, and I will do whatever I can to make sure that is maintained," she added.

Stewart said she's not going to quit the race because of the attacks.

"My supporters have been rallying around me, and telling me I can't let people like that win," Stewart said. "Good people need to rise above all this. I'm in it for the long haul."

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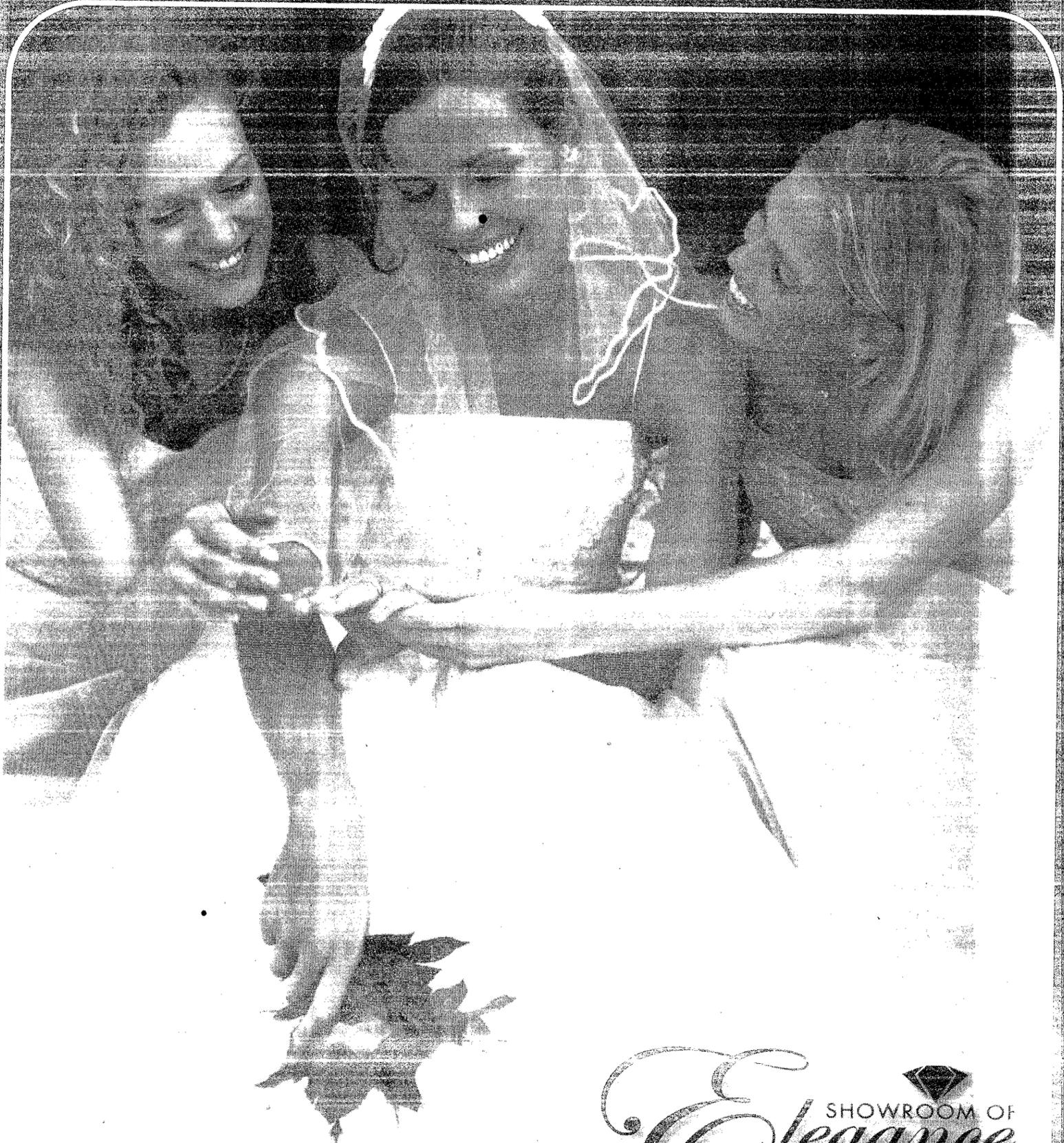
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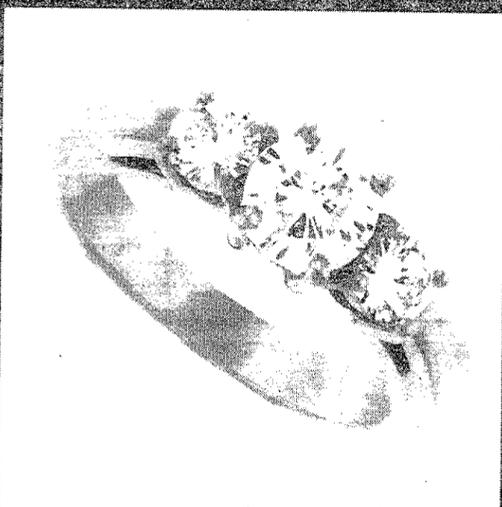
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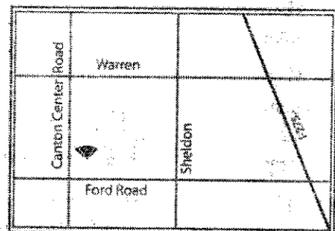
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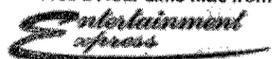
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Cannon opened TranquiliTea in February after visiting a tea shop in Tennessee.

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



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# Wayne County creates Hines 'grow zones'

The Wayne County Department of Environment and Wayne County Parks have established "Grow Zone" sites throughout Hines Park, and will be marking them with new signs by the end of July. The signs will point out the new Grow Zone sites while alerting County maintenance staff not to cut or mow these areas.

Many people seeing a Grow Zone may misinterpret them as park areas that are neglected or poorly maintained. But master gardeners, ecologists, and environmentalists recognize Grow Zones as an important contributor to a healthy environment, as they increase natural floodwater storage capacity, reduce air pollution, improve water quality of the Rouge River, and provide habitat for birds, butterflies, and amphibians that live in Hines Park.

Grow Zones also help filter excessive nutrients from fertilizers, goose droppings, and road debris. Plant roots at Grow Zones help keep soil from washing into the Rouge River during rain

events, preventing stream bank erosion and sedimentation pollution.

The Grow Zone project areas are funded in part by a grant from the Clean Michigan Initiative - Middle Rouge/Hines Park Riparian Corridor Management Project and consist of native grasses, wildflowers, trees and shrubs. Project partners include Friends of the Rouge, MSU Extension, Pheasants Forever, and the Master Gardeners. As these Grow Zone areas mature they will become natural outdoor classrooms for local school groups and the Wayne County Parks Naturalist Program.

For more information regarding the Grow Zone Projects, or to volunteer to plant and establish future sites, please contact Noel Mullett, Wayne County Department of Environment-Watershed Management Division at nmullett@co.wayne.mi.us or by phone at (734) 326-393, or David Robbins, Wayne County Parks, drobbins@co.wayne.mi.us or by phone at (734) 291-1990.

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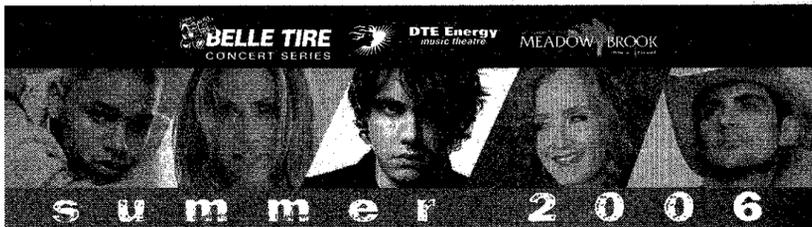
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Activities will take place at Focus: HOPE's Admissions Department is located at 1200 Oakman

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### Tigers red hot as summer sizzles

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This season's Tigers are wide awake, thanks to new manager Jim Leyland, hotshot rookie pitchers Justin Verlander and Joel Zumaya and a teamwide commitment to doing things right.

Of course, fired manager Alan Trammell regularly emphasized his philosophy that "sloppy baseball stinks." But nobody in his dugout listened.

Just one year later, the no-nonsense, chain-smoking Leyland is batting .1000 in getting his very similar philosophy through to the Pudges, Guillens and other holdovers from the so-so Trammell era.

National magazines such as *Sports Illustrated* are going ga-ga over the Tigers and Leyland recently was featured on an installment of the ESPN nightly program *Outside the Lines*.

But that's just icing on the cake. What should really matter around here is the fact Comerica Park hosted a string of sellouts June 23-25 against St. Louis with big crowds following with Houston in town right after that.

There is talk of the Tigers setting a franchise attendance record. That would trigger a huge economic boost to the region.

And if the team stays in the hunt for the rest of the season, it could very well return Detroit to the top of the local sports mountain. That would be quite a turnaround from how the Tigers were fourth fiddles to the Lions, Pistons and "Hockeytown" Red Wings.

Provided Leyland doesn't lose his cigarette lighter or his ability to light a fire under his players in the next few months, it again will be like 1968 and 1984 around here.

### MCRI's claims raise credibility questions

The Michigan Civil Rights Commission has accused the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative of deception and fraud in collecting signatures for a ballot initiative to create a state constitutional amendment banning affirmative action in public employment, contracting and education.

The MCRI leaders accuse the commission of overstepping its authority and being dominated by the radical group By Any Means Necessary. They have asked the attorney general to investigate the commission's actions.

The commission claims that many of those who signed the MCRI petition believed they were signing a petition in favor of "civil rights" as usually understood and that petition gatherers made no effort to correct any misunderstanding. They note an inordinately high number of signatures in predominantly black and Democratic areas where support for the initiative would be expected to be low.

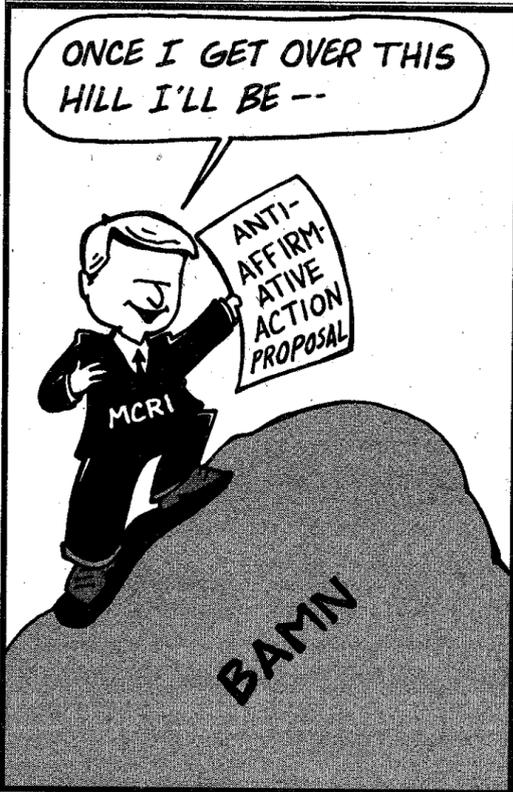
Jennifer Gratz, executive director of MCRI, has labeled the commission a "kangaroo court" and denied any claims that MCRI was less than honest in its collection of signatures.

We believe that MCRI does itself no favor in its campaign to win passage of the initiative in November. While the group claims it was not deceptive in collecting signatures, it is waging a deceptive campaign.

On the MCRI Web site, it devotes a section to its "opposition." The only opposition cited is BAMN, a fringe group that does oppose the initiative. In interviews, Gratz always talks about BAMN's opposition. But also opposing the initiative are both major party candidates for governor and senator, the UAW, the NAACP, the Detroit Regional Chamber, Detroit Renaissance, the Grand Rapids Chamber, the Michigan League of Women Voters and the AARP. The primary opposition comes from One United Michigan, whose board reads like a who's who of notable Michiganders. Many major corporations, unions, the military and military academies and others have also expressed support for continuing some forms of affirmative action.

Claiming that their opposition comes only from a radical fringe group or that BAMN somehow sets the agenda for the Civil Rights Commission and the many establishment figures opposed to the initiative is similar to the way Southern Democrats and conservatives tried to discredit the true civil rights movement of the 1950s by associating it with communists.

It was dishonest then and it's dishonest now. MCRI still has a long way to go to earn any credibility.



## LETTERS

### Thank those who sacrifice

I have been a resident of Canton for the past eight years. I have lived in Michigan since 1955. On the 4th of July, we celebrate our country's freedom. We fly our flag and attend parades and fireworks, giving thanks that we live in the greatest country known to mankind.

On this 4th of July, when my neighbors continued their party too late and became disorderly, I went down to the Canton police station to ask for a police officer to help me with the noise. As I stood in the lobby, speaking to a young female officer, I made the comment that my daughter has a stepbrother who almost died in Iraq last month and has permanent injuries from a roadside bomb. I said how it is a shame that some of our nation's youth choose to break the law, while our finest go to battle to protect our freedom.

I was surprised when the officer flippanantly responded, "Well, ma'am, he made the choice to join the Marines."

Yes, he did make a choice. And, I say to the officer, who implied that he made his bed, now he must lie in it, "Thank God we have young men and women who bravely fight so we may celebrate on the 4th of July."

And, when one of our finest is injured, just as when a police officer falls in the line of duty, good Americans don't respond, "Remember, it was his choice." Good Americans say thank you for your sacrifice, thank you for your bravery. Thank you for the 4th of July.

Patricia Ray  
Canton

### Why a personal attack?

I must have ruffled someone's feathers. In a recent guest column, Tom Yack wrote: "Mr. Devey is a bit confused as it relates to Canton's fiscal health."

In the last 10 years, property taxes have grown from \$11.6 million to over \$27.1 million (134 percent increase). Property sales in 2004 and 2005 have generated over \$8.5 million for the township. Canton's local millage has been increased four of the last five years. Local government expenditures have grown by over \$10 million, outpacing revenue three of the last four years.

The township's auditor, Plante & Moran, observed: "To maintain the financial stability of a local government, a general rule of thumb is that General Fund unreserved/undesignated fund balance should be at least ten percent of its annual expenditures" but "may need to be as much as thirty percent." Canton's fund balance percentage has dropped from a healthy 56 percent to 12 percent since 2000. The report warned that if local governments don't reduce spending, they would use critical amounts of general fund balances that would put them on a financial collision course.

Canton has squandered an opportunity during years of revenue growth to build a solid financial foundation. I'm concerned about township spending. I have an MBA with emphasis in finance, with over 20 years corporate financial, strategic planning, and business management experience. I participate on Canton Citizens' Advisory Board and the

township's Friends of Fellows Creek committee.

I'm concerned about the DDA's share of IKEA property taxes. The *Canton Observer* reported on June 4, 2006, that IKEA is expected to generate about \$1 million in annual property taxes. Some \$25,000 goes toward schools and RESA, about \$75,000 goes to Canton's general fund, and \$900,000 goes to the DDA (my calculation).

I am against irresponsible spending. Why can't we charge retailers for street lights, garden walls, landscaping, and aesthetic improvements? I think \$1.2 million for street lights on Ford Road is too much; \$95,000 for a portable stage and \$52,000 for a permanent art sculpture would be nice, if we had surplus funds.

While the township should be further reducing expenditures, the DDA is increasing expenditures on projects that residents might not be willing to fund if their taxes were going to be raised. The irony is that our taxes have been raised four times in the last five years. Tax dollars previously used for discretionary spending are now tied to long-term obligations and fixed costs.

I don't think I'm confused regarding Canton's fiscal health. Local spending is growing faster than revenues. Our local property taxes are going up. Canton's emergency fund is dropping to a dangerous level. The township has sold property to help meet current expenses. And the township is supporting high-cost DDA projects that may not be the best use of tax dollars. Why did Mr. Yack feel justified to attack me when I was simply expressing my opinion?

Dan Devey  
Canton

### Affirmative action not problem

In a recent article Ben Gurk asserted that the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative proposal on our November ballot will "advance a society based on merit." He states it "will prohibit state and local government discrimination or preferential treatment in the areas of public employment, public contracting and/or public education to any individual or group based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin."

Gurk's most startling line is, "Our current system is one which gives preferential treatment based on race." He then intimates a black or Hispanic child can gain unfair advantage over a non-black/non-Hispanic child whose father was killed in Iraq.

That's insulting to the 54 American women, some of whom were mothers, slain in Iraq.

Ward Connerly started this. He is a regent at the University of California and made a speech in Ann Arbor not long ago. Speaking about Americans and the 4th of July he said, "We rise early and enjoy a breakfast of pancakes and sausage at our neighborhood parks. We stand on the sidewalks and watch the parades as local high school bands play the majestic and patriotic songs of John Philip Sousa."

Gurk should know that the real problems with education in Michigan are: 1.

Teachers are underpaid. 2. Textbooks are too expensive. 3. Fuel costs are out of control. 4. Construction costs are out of control.

The state of Georgia's lottery funds a program called "Hope Grants." Earning a B or better qualifies you for an annual \$3,000 grant. Michigan has plenty of gambling money but no one knows where it goes.

A simple solution is always the best, don't you think? The sound of hate, Mr. Gurk, can sometimes drown out reason but not forever.

Alfred Brock  
Canton

### A true hero

On June 17, around 4:30 p.m. on I-75 past Indian River (Exit 315), an outstanding citizen became a hero to our family.

A stranger whom we have never met saved my mom's life. From our understanding, we were told his name is Kevin Kiernin (unsure of the spelling). This wonderful man we are looking for risked his life to save my mom.

My parents were in a terrible auto accident and my father died on impact. Kevin, our hero who was traveling north for vacation, stopped with his family and pulled my mother out of the vehicle, (and) within 30-40 seconds it blew up.

My family wants to thank this man for being a generous, wonderful person. We can't express enough appreciation for what he did. We want to let him know if it wasn't for him I wouldn't have my mom with our family today.

From the bottom of my family's heart we want to say thank you. Words can't express our appreciation for what you did, but I will always consider you a hero. Kevin, if you read this (or if anyone who knows him reads this), please let him know my family is looking for him to meet the greatest hero of all in our eyes.

He was our angel that day. Thanks to a stranger I have my mom and my boys have their grandma. He didn't have to stop, but this man did it out of the kindness of his heart and will always be really appreciated in our hearts.

Jennifer Grzymala  
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"They said they had sneaked out of the house because they were bored. They said they were popping car tires, and things escalated to scratching paint and leaving sexually vulgar messages on the cars and garage doors."

- Canton police Sgt. Rick Pomorski, discussing a crime spree by three Canton teen girls

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## Interlopers seem determined to sink Michigan's recovery

As if Michigan didn't have enough problems. Now we've got a bunch of out-of-state extremists trying to mess with the workings of our state and the structure of our economy.

They apparently have managed to collect enough signatures to get a proposal on the ballot that might damage forever our ability to compete, if the voters are fooled into believing their nonsense.

And it could not have come at a worse time. It is no secret that our economy is reeling. Much, though certainly not all, of the damage is self-inflicted. That has included rank partisanship in Lansing so intense that militants on either side are quite prepared to see our state damaged just as long as the other side gets hurt.

Currently we also are dealing with wholesale confusion about our business tax structure. That has led to literally billions of dollars of development projects put on hold, because investors aren't certain what direction we are going and what the tax consequences may be.

And now we have to deal with a new threat. This week, the Michigan Stop Overspending Committee submitted far more than the 371,757 voter signatures required to put any constitutional amendment on the ballot. Theirs would restrict any state spending increases to the rate of inflation, while allowing for population growth.

Petitions were circulated by a paid signature-collection company and (maybe) some volunteers. At the standard rate of two bucks a signature, getting SOS ("Stop Over Spending" ... get it?) on the ballot has probably cost somebody north of a million bucks.

In this case, we know who the "somebodies" are. Three conservative groups, all located outside Michigan: Americans for Limited Government, from Glenview, Ill.; the Washington-based Americans for Tax Reform; and the National Taxpayers Union Foundation, headquartered in Arlington, Va.

Politically savvy readers may remember that Michigan's flawed campaign finance reporting laws will keep the exact details secret until the signatures are verified by the Secretary of State's office.

So what we have here is a stealth campaign to tell us how to manage our own affairs, financed by three rich out-of-state outfits. None of them could care less what happens to us poor yokels out here in the sticks, as long as we go along with their extreme ideology.

The details of the SOS plan are downright alarming, especially for a state struggling to get its own house in order. State spending for each year would be limited to the amount spent in the previous year, multiplied by inflation and with adjustments for any increase in population. (In Michigan these days, many of the neediest places are doing anything but growing.) Going over the spending cap would require the governor and Legislature to declare a "budget emergency" and get approval from the voters.

State revenue covered by the spending limit would include taxes supporting K-12 schools set in place by Proposal A. Consider just three of the consequences if the SOS plan is adopted:

- Unless state spending for universities, police, local government and health care was cut sharply, spending for local schools would be capped at the inflation rate ... unless local voters approve every single expenditure above the limit.

- If spending continues to increase for prisons and Medicare (a sure bet), the SOS plan would require corresponding cuts in spending for local schools.

- If repealing the SBT results in spending cuts (considered likely by Lansing insiders), they'll be baked into the overall cap formula, causing even more damage.

If state spending were out of control, the proponents of this plan might have an argument, though they still would be proposing to use a meat ax where a scalpel is called for. But state spending isn't out of control: Quite the opposite. Since 2001, state expenditures have been cut by nearly \$4 billion, while tax receipts are now \$5.8 billion below the upper limit imposed by the Headlee Amendment.

Moreover, new data from the Census Bureau's Survey of State and Local Government employment for 2005, provided by ace demographer Kurt Metzger, indicates that Michigan now ranks 46th in terms of state and local full-time employees per 10,000 population.

That means all but four states have proportionally more government workers than we do. Michigan has 7,400 fewer state employees today than in 2001. When it comes to state government alone, Metzger says Michigan comes in 40th out of the 50 states.

We're being sold a bill of goods, and there's a well-financed national agenda at work here, folks. And the SOS proposal that will be on this fall's ballot is the direct descendant of something called the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR) that Colorado adopted in 1992.

All you need to know about that is that after experiencing financial chaos and sharply deteriorated public services, Colorado voters — led by a Republican governor — last fall suspended TABOR for five years. Except that the Michigan proposal would be even worse. Colorado's only applied to state government. Ours would hit local government as well.

Roger Martin, who's helping organize the Defend Michigan Coalition, which seems to include just about every organization you ever heard of, says: "Our opponents call the SOS proposal 'Stop Overspending.' We call it 'Shaft Our State.'"

He's right, of course. It's too bad that explanation can't be on the ballot. But what really matters is that our poor battered state, now struggling to cope with a changing economy, not saddle itself with a crippling new burden right when we can least afford it.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@mcnnet.com.

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## McCotter's priorities out of touch with his district

Thaddeus McCotter.

Do you know who that is? A few months ago, you may have said the name sounds vaguely familiar to you. He's the local dentist, or maybe someone in your church, or just someone in your neighborhood. But by now you've probably received an automated phone call or a couple of mailers from him asking your opinion about current issues. You've now figured out that he's the 11th District's U.S. representative — the person representing you in Washington.

It's too bad you only hear from him every two years — when it's time for him to run for re-election.

I received one of those mailers a couple of weeks back. It had a bunch of issues listed with boxes for me to check the ones that were most important to me. Astonishingly, it didn't have boxes for the nation's deficit or the war in Iraq! Why not? Because those issues don't play too well for him and his colleagues in Congress. I'd like everyone in the 11th district to consider the state of our nation:

- \$3 per gallon for gasoline (and going higher)
- Massive national debt and continuing deficits
- Iran and North Korea with nukes (nations who are real threats)
- An unnecessary war in Iraq, costing us the lives of 2,539 soldiers (as of this writing) and \$400 billion plus
- Skyrocketing health care costs

Matthew E. Haran

Haran

He goes along, not making any waves, always with his eye on the next election just two short years away. Meanwhile, our country is in terrible shape and it's getting worse.

- American jobs outsourced to foreign countries

Now compare that to the priorities of Thaddeus McCotter and the Republican-controlled Congress:

- Subsidies and tax breaks for oil companies
- Gay marriage ban amendment
- Flag burning ban amendment
- Lower taxes for the wealthiest 1 percent
- Drilling for more oil instead of leading America away from fossil fuels
- Dividing people on everything all of the time.

These are the priorities of Thaddeus McCotter because he's a party man, not his own man.

He goes along, not making any waves, always with his eye on the next election just two short years away. Meanwhile, our country is in terrible shape and it's getting worse.

This year, Thaddeus McCotter is up for re-election.

I, for one, am fed up with his agenda and the agenda of those currently controlling Congress. I hope and pray that voters in Michigan's 11th district will show McCotter the door.

Matthew E. Haran is a 12-year resident of Canton.

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#### Food drive thanks

On behalf of the Canton post office, we would like to thank the following businesses that donated products and services in support of the 14th annual Letter Carriers Food Drive:

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# Nurture future musicians by donating used instruments

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Midge Ellis has a special request for music lovers attending the Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Please bring your used band instruments. The Michigan Jazz Festival committee, Inmart Group (a marketing firm in Farmington Hills), and musician Cliff Monear are working together to collect playable instruments to distribute to students in schools located in the Schoolcraft College District which includes Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, part of Novi, Plymouth-Canton, and part of Westland.

With the help of suggestions from the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA), the drive has been organized to benefit the recipients as well as the donors. Monear, a sales representative at Hammell Music in Commerce Township, is evaluating the instruments so the donor can receive a tax deduction of 100 percent on their Michigan returns because the donation is going to an educational institution.

"We're asking for people to bring their instrument they're not going to use anymore and probably never will, any playable musical instrument to the festival," said Ellis, a Livonia resident who serves on the committee.

"In the Schoolcraft College district people have lost their jobs and don't have money to buy their kids instruments, and we know some of the band (curriculum) has been cut because the first thing to be cut in the school budget is band. You can still be nostalgic about that instrument but musical instruments are supposed to make music not sit in a closet."

Visitors to the festival will not only enjoy performances by 187 musicians comprising the 23 groups including five Big Bands on five stages, but be able to feel good about nurturing future horn, bass and string players; percussionists; keyboardists, and guitarists.

"Inmart on Haggerty north of 12 mile has warehouse space where we're going to store the instruments," said Ellis. "There will be a form for school band directors which must be signed by the principal or superintendent to request instruments."

The MSBOA will send a list of available instruments and a request form to each of the bands in the Schoolcraft College District. After the instruments are distributed, donors will receive a letter to inform them of the destination of their instrument. If this year's drive is successful, Ellis says the project will remain a part of the festival and probably expand to include students in a different district next year.

"We hope there is going to be a lot of donations," said Ellis. "I know a lot of people their kids have gone away to school or gotten married and the instrument is just sitting there. We have a big room reserved at the college for it - VT 405 in the VisTaTech Center. We will have volunteers there all day long and will keep them in a locked room. They will be well taken care."

Instruments will be accepted from noon to 9:15 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at the Michigan Jazz Festival on the campus of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call Ellis at (248) 474-2720.

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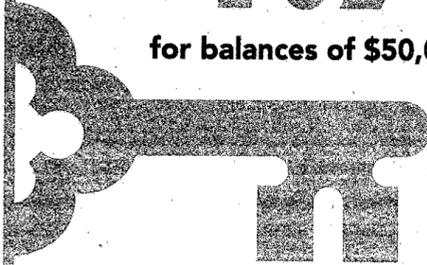


## Congressman in Iraq

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, talks with General George W. Casey Jr., Commanding General Multi-National Force Iraq, during a Congressional Delegation visit to Iraq July 2. McCotter, who is a member of the House International Relations Committee, spent the Fourth of July holiday in Iraq visiting American troops, lending support to Iraqi officials and assessing the security situation in the country. The delegation visited Camp Victory, Balad and Camp Taji, and watched demonstrations of American troops training Iraqi soldiers and police officers. They also stopped in Baghdad to hear the concerns of members of the national government. McCotter has traveled to Iraq twice in the past six months and four times since being elected to Congress in 2002.

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# Hines 'like a family picnic' on Saturdays

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Every Saturday they come. From May 6 to Sept. 30, Hines Drive is a car-free zone from the Warrendale Picnic area in Dearborn Heights to the Nankin Mills Picnic area at Ann Arbor Trail in Westland every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Walkers, runners, bicyclists and inline skaters take over the roads usually occupied by automobiles. Picnickers, ball players, nature lovers, dog walkers and music lovers enjoy the park without the noise and pollution from cars.

On Saturday, Linda Ewald of Westland was pushing her granddaughter Stella, 1, in a stroller while grandson Logan, 4, rode ahead on his bicycle with training wheels.

"Usually every Saturday, I'm riding my bicycle out here. I enjoy it a lot," she said. "Today I'm helping my daughter by babysitting and I said I'll bring them out and get my walking in and have a Saturday in the park."

On a typical Saturday, Ewald said she rides from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., marking 20-25 miles.

"It's tranquil, it's peaceful when I come out here. After all week of working and the stress," she said.

A group from Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church was gathering its bicycles Saturday for one of the four rides members do each summer along Hines.

"You don't have the people, the noise and people beeping at you to get out of the way," Barbara Clarridge of Westland said.

John Ziots of Westland, who organizes the rides, said between 12 and 25 riders come out each Saturday for rides at various park locations.



Mark Waldron from Westland knocks the ball into the waiting hands of one of the center fielder during a soft ball game that he and his friends gather to play on the field behind Nankin Mills picnic area.

about 15 miles, the butt hurt and then the next morning the butt hurt," she said.

She hasn't had any problems since switching to the recumbent. She enjoys the six miles of Hines without traffic.

"It's fantastic. I really like it, but I generally stay on the side, it's a bad habit," she said.

Margaret Beardslee of Livonia walks and bikes, but on Saturday she was inline skating through Hines Park. Her husband had skated ahead to Telegraph, but she turned around at Merriman.

"It's like a big family picnic," she said of Hines on Saturday.

About 100 people were expected for a real family picnic, a reunion of the Duncan, Trail, Crosland clan, originally from Coffee County in Tennessee.

"We eat, we like to eat, play some baseball, some volleyball, we have a moowalk for the kids," said Jack Hille of Livonia. "My mother's brother has a band that's been together for years and they'll be here to play."

At the Warrendale Picnic Area, Duane Malinowski and his band members were hurrying to set up their equipment to kick off a two-day Polka Fest. The Toledo bandleader and accordion player said he enjoys coming up to Hines every year. Many of those waiting under the covered picnic area called out to him like he was an old friend.

Malinowski said his band plays polka music, but also country and western and rock and roll.

The two-day event featured several bands, Polish dancers, food and a beer tent.

Another busy Saturday on Hines Drive.

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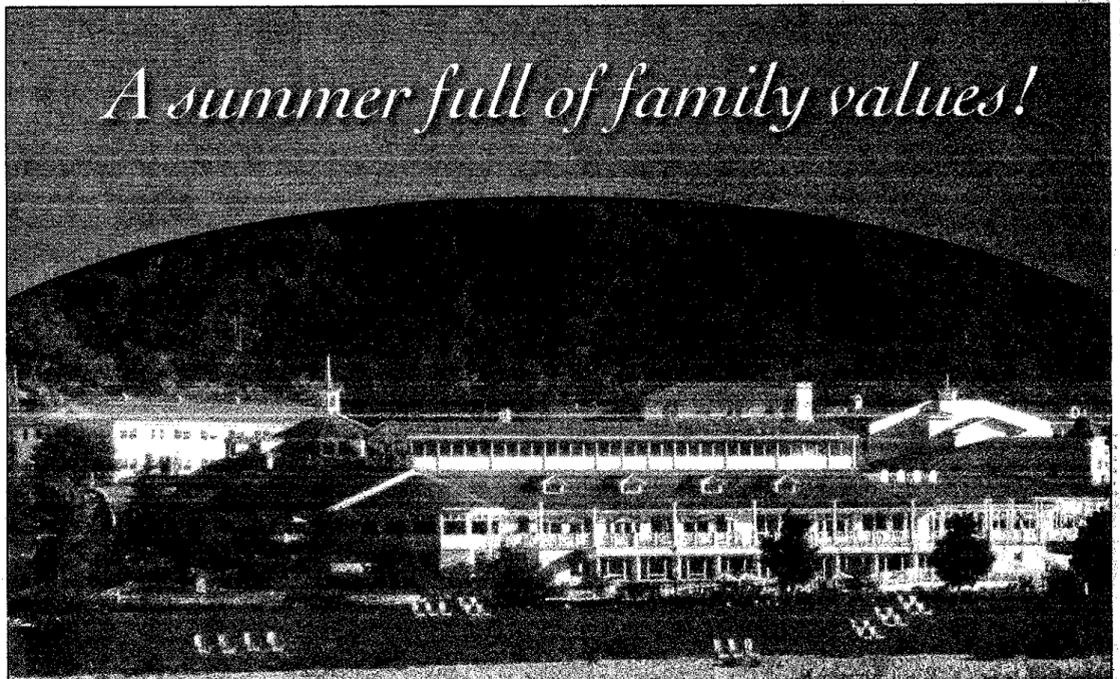
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"It's time Michigan declares our energy independence, and supports policies that will develop whole new technologies that can improve our environment — and that also create good-paying jobs in manufacturing, construction, installation and other related areas."

The Michigan effort is part of the national Apollo Alliance, an effort inspired by President John F. Kennedy's Apollo mission, which seeks to end America's dependence on foreign oil within a decade.

The Apollo Alliance's plan would spur the creation of 3 million new jobs, many of which would be in the manufacturing and construction sectors, traditionally high wage industries critical to Michigan's economy.

UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said other parts

of the Alliance's agenda will include development of locally-grown biofuels and advanced automotive technologies.

"Re-tooling our auto industry to produce cleaner, greener vehicles has to be part of any comprehensive energy and jobs strategy for Michigan," said Gettelfinger.

"The Apollo Alliance is breaking important new ground, by recognizing that workers are part of the environment, and advocating for high-skill, high-quality jobs as an essential part of a clean energy agenda."

Michigan Apollo Alliance member organizations include Clean Water Action-Michigan, Ecology Center, Environment Michigan, International Association of Machinists, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers No. 17, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers No. 58, International Union of Operating Engineers, Michigan AFL-CIO, Michigan Environmental Council, Michigan League of Conservation Voters, Michigan State Building Trades Council, National Wildlife Federation, PIRGIM and the United Auto Workers.

With Independence Day having just passed, Michigan labor unions and environmental groups have joined forces to launch a new coalition to end America's dependence on foreign oil.

The groups, organized as the Michigan Apollo Alliance, believe a major initiative to develop renewable energy, homegrown biofuels and advanced automotive technologies is needed to end Michigan's dependence on imported energy and to take advantage of the state's skilled workforce and manufacturing base, while restoring Michigan's natural heritage.

"We're joining together because Michigan workers, citizens and consumers need a voice in creating smart policies which protect jobs and protect the environment at the same time," said Mark Gaffney, president of the Michigan AFL-CIO.

"Building new alternative energy technologies requires the skills Michigan workers have gained as one of the nation's leading manufacturing states."

The National Wildlife Federation's Great Lakes Office director Andy Buchsbaum said the

Michigan Apollo Alliance is focused on investing in the state's workers and its economy.

"Michigan spends \$20 billion a year buying energy from outside the state and outside the country," said Buchsbaum. "Our message is simple. Why not spend as much of that money as we can here in Michigan, putting Michigan workers on the job creating clean and efficient energy sources that protect our environment?"

To create jobs and enhance Michigan's energy options, the Alliance released a letter to Michigan legislators and the governor calling for a Renewable Portfolio Standard as part of the state's 21st Century Energy Strategy.

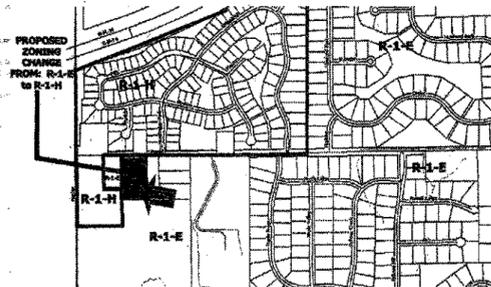
The groups applauded the governor's recent executive directive calling for the Public Service Commission to develop a new state energy plan, including a new renewable energy standard, as well as efforts in the Legislature focused on energy policy.

The Alliance argued that this standard should maximize job opportunities for Michigan manufacturing and installation businesses and explore incentives for

### \*REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

**PROPOSED ACTION:** AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP  
**REZONE FROM:** R-1-E, Single Family Residential District  
**REZONE TO:** R-1-H, Single Family Residential District  
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, July 19, 2006  
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a proposed petition to rezone parcel R-78-046-99-0002-707 from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District to R-1-H Single Family Residential District. The property is \*directly west of 51075 Powell Road  
Application 1928



#### AMENDMENT ZONING MAP NO. 010 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R-78-046-99-0002-707. The property is \*directly west of 51075 Powell Road.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48107. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 99.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY  
PLANNING COMMISSION

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#### PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENDS OUT WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has sent out its annual drinking water quality report to consumers.

Among other things, the report discloses the amount of various materials in the water, including microbial and inorganic contaminants, and pesticides and herbicides.

The annual report has been required by law since the U.S. Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Act Amendments.

Most of the Detroit metro area, including Plymouth Township, gets its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents.

Residents or business owners who have not received the report or have further questions can contact the Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department at (734) 354-3270.

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**JULY**

**Vacation Bible school**

Continues 7-9 p.m. through Thursday, July 13, at Livonia Church of Christ for children age 3 to sixth grade. An adult class will also be offered (an attended nursery will be available for siblings of children attending VBS). For more information, call (734) 427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net. Everyone welcome.

**Concert**

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization for divorced and separated of all faiths, gathers to hear Air Margaritaville 6 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Heritage Park, 1010 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Call (734) 513-9479.

**Vacation Bible school**

Treasure Seekers is the theme for St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford Vacation Bible School continuing to Friday, July 14. It begins with a 5:30 p.m. dinner each day, registration starts at 5:15 p.m. Activities include music, crafts and Bible study for ages pre-kindergarten to sixth grade. Parents are encouraged to join campers for songs and prayer at 8 p.m. each day. St. John's Church is at 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster, south of Schoolcraft. For information, call (313) 538-2660.

**Arctic Edge**

Adventures in Courage Vacation Bible School continues 6:30-9 p.m. to Friday, July 14, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, second block south of Ford, Garden City. All ages welcome, preschoolers must have an adult stay on site. Call (734) 421-0472 for more information.

**Lifeworks series**

With Rev. Dick Bont continuing the teaching with "Creating and Recreating Relationships" 7 p.m. Friday, July 14, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Free childcare provided. Call (247) 374-5920.

**Family day**

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 15, featuring games, face painting, moon-walk and more. All games are free to everyone. A meal deal will be available for a small fee, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh on northwest corner of Plymouth, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-0990 or visit www.rpcog.org.

**Bicycling group**

10 a.m. Saturday, July 15, at Willow Metro Park, I-275 south to Exit 11A (South Huron Road), east on Huron Road to park entrance, south 7/10 of a mile to Washago Pond. Single Point bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church (248) 374-5920.

**Breakfast meeting**

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15, at Leon's, 30149 Ford, across from Kmart, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

**Taste Fest**

The Perfecting-Church Women's Department holds its annual International Taste Fest with the cuisine of more than 30 countries noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at the church, 7616 Nevada, Detroit. Tickets are \$5 per country. For tickets, call (313) 365-3787, ext. 104. Held in conjunction with the annual Women's Celebration Sunday, July 16.

**Classic senior singles**

Concert of vintage music, the bus

leaves the lot of Ward Presbyterian Church at 5:30 p.m. for dinner at Baker's Square (at your own expense) prior to the concert Saturday, July 15. Cost is \$23 for transportation and concert at the Village Theater in Canton. For information, call (248) 374-5920.

**Detroit River Cruise**

Bethany Suburban West is supporting First Presbyterian Church of Northville's Single Place Hawaiian-Portafino Cruise Saturday, July 15, 8 p.m. to midnight on the Detroit River. All aboard is 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 and includes pizza and dancing. Call (248) 349-0911.

**Blood drive**

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

**Polish American picnic**

Join us for mass with Polonaise Chorale at 11 a.m., rain or shine, live music at picnic Sunday, July 16, at Historic St. Albertus, 4231 St. Aubin, corner of East Canfield, Detroit. Cost is \$8 per plate for Polish dinner and dessert, includes beverages. If you ever attended St. Albertus School, come and see your classmates and have fun. For information, call Emelie at (586) 294-5245.

**Bible time youth crusade**

6:30-9 p.m. Sunday-Friday, July 16-21 (ages 4 to twelfth grade), games, contests, singing, visualized Bible stories, refreshments, prizes, award ribbons, and a daily mystery story, as part of Fortress Frenzy, at Grace Baptist Church, 280 East Lincoln, Birmingham. Call (248) 646-2000.

**Arctic challenge**

The coolest Vacation Bible School takes place 7-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 17-21, at Church of Christ West, 291 E. Spring, Plymouth. Call (734) 451-1877.

**Family Bible school**

Family Vacation Bible School for age 4 to 14-year-olds plus their parents 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 17-20,

enjoy music, crafts, games, snacks and bible lessons. This is an enjoyable activity for you to do with your children at First United Methodist Church, 6448 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 421-8628.

**Divorce recovery workshop**

7-9:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 17-21, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 22, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Advance registration is \$30, \$35 at door. The cost for returning participants who bring their manual from previous workshop is \$15. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

**Vacation Bible School**

Fiesta: Where kids are fired up about Jesus 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 17-21, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$18 for first child, \$15 each additional child. A CD of the week's music may be purchased for \$6. Call (734) 464-0211.

**Farmington Women Aglow**

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

**Bible and playtime**

For moms and tots 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays beginning July 19, at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiwasssee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

**Rummage sale**

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 21, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago, Redford. Call (313) 538-1142.

**Free event**

For students entering fifth through seventh grade, meet new friends, bring old friends, games, ice cream, make no-sew blankets for charity 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 21, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. RSVP to (734) 425-9333.

**Movie night**

Featuring "Crash" 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 21, at Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian, U.S.A., 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. Open to the public. Call (248) 626-7606.

**Jazz concert**

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations, invites the singles community to a free jazz concert featuring Those Delta Rhythm Kings (swing, jazz and blues) 7 p.m. Friday, July 21, in Kellogg Park on Main between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. We will meet at the Fountain. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

**Christian writer workshops**

Taught by Donna Clark Goodrich of Arizona, author of 19 books and 700 published fiction and non-fiction pieces, Friday-Saturday, July 21-22 at Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church, 120 East Main, Spring Arbor, and Saturday, July 29, at Via Dolorosa Gospel Tabernacle, 8300 Fenkell, Detroit. For information about Spring Arbor workshop, contact Linda Galloway at (517) 547-6261 or send e-mail to lgalloway@dmcl.net, for Detroit contact Wanda Burnside at (313) 491-3504 or send e-mail to wtvision@hotmail.com.

**Bicycling group**

10 a.m. Saturday, July 22, at Kensington Metro Park, exit 153 off I-96, 3 1/2 miles to Farm Center. Single Point bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church (248) 374-5920.

**Feast day service**

7 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at S.S. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. For more information, call (734) 722-1343 or send e-mail to em2bott@att.net.

**RiverStone worship service**

Presented by Calvary Baptist Church in Canton 10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 23, at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, Canton. Call (734) 455-0022. Take a vacation from over-commitment and enjoy some family-time. At RiverStone worship service you'll find friendly people who care about building relationships, raising strong families and staying connected to the community. During the service your children will enjoy our kid-sized fun events.

**Soccer camp**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers beginning and intermediate soccer players the opportunity to go to a soccer camp to learn and develop the proper skills and knowledge of the game 6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 24-27, for all boys and girls ages 5-12-years (any skill level), at the church, 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$20 per student, includes instruction, snacks, a soccer ball and T-shirt to take home. Fee payable at the time of registration. Call (734) 522-6830. This mini-camp offers small group instruction allowing individual attention for each and every player. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required to enroll. The staff is composed of members and friends from Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church.

**Ice cream social/bake sale**

5-9 p.m. Friday, July 28, at Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian, U.S.A., 6655

Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. The public is invited. Cost is \$3 per family, \$1.50 single. Worship and Sunday School at 10 a.m. Call (248) 626-7606.

**Riverside Park Church**

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

**Getting control of money**

The class started 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 2, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Have you been wanting to get a handle on your credit? This class teaches you how to read your credit report, how to improve it and how to live on a budget. For information, call (734) 464-0990 or visit www.rpcog.org.

**Meditation classes**

Began 7-9 p.m. Monday, July 10, and continues to Aug. 7. Elizabeth Cleland will lead the class on various meditation practices at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration necessary. A freewill offering will be taken at each class. For more information, call (586) 353-2300, or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

**Personal ministry**

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

**UPCOMING**

**Church tour**

Did you know that less than a half hour's drive are three relics of 19th century Catholic history in Detroit? Would you like to visit them and learn about their history? These three Tributes to a working-class society's Faith - St. Joseph, St. Josaphat and Sweetest Heart of Mary, are all unique to the ethnic neighborhoods they reside in. The Education Commission of St. Aidan Parish is organizing a tour guided by their pastor Saturday, August 5, departing from St. Aidan parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Approximately 45-minutes will be spent at each location. Following the tour, we will enjoy a delicious traditional Polish meal in Hamtramck late in the afternoon before returning to St. Aidan. For information or to make a reservation, call Debbie Dufour (248) 719-2535, or the St. Aidan Parish office (734) 425-5950.

**Vacation Bible School**

For ages 4-12, kids travel to Mexico, Brazil, Poland, China and Kenya to trade places with children from other countries and learn about biblical heroes who traded one place in life for another 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago. Call (313) 937-3170 to pre-register.

**Vacation Bible school**

This year's theme is Fiesta, where kids are hot for Jesus Aug. 14-18, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Please stop by for a registration form or call to register. Call (734) 464-0990. Prizes will be given away for early registration.

**Crafters needed**

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

**Crafters wanted**

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

**ONGOING**

**Scripture studies**

7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

**Fall registration**

Spiritus Sanctus Academy is accepting registration for fall for its academies in Plymouth and Ann Arbor. The private, Catholic schools grades K-8, are run by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at 10450 Joy, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430, and 4101 E. Joy, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

**Worship schedule**

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

**TOPS**

Stands for: Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets 7 p.m. every

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

**Learner's Bible study**

7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

**Church service**

Loving God by loving people, meets 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

**Bible study**

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455.

**School registration**

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2006-07 school year, at 9600 Laverne, Redford. After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for information.

**Bible study**

Classes 9:30 a.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. On Sunday Family Worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

**Senior activities**

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

**Bible study groups**

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible, the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison. Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

**Church activities**

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m., at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Eucharistic adoration**

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

**Worship services**

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour after for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

**Unity of Livonia**

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

**Shabbat services**

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

**Bet Chaverim**

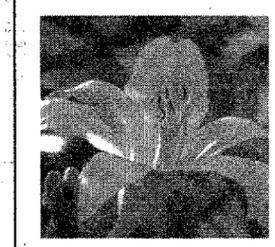
Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit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

**Detroit World Outreach**

A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

**Trinity Episcopal Church**

Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday service 6:15 p.m. - Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.



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**DOROTHY E. THAXTON**

Age 89, passed away July 5, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Hobart. Dear mother of Hobart R. (Suzanne) and Roger (Carrie). Dear Mother-in-law of Linda. Sister of George (Shirley) Fasel of Plymouth, IN and Alice (Everett) Stevens of Big Rapids, MI. Also survived by seven grandchildren & five great-grandchildren. Funeral was Monday, 10am, July 10, 2006 at the Dearborn Chapel of the Hove-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Ave., Visitation was Saturday 6-9pm and Sunday 1-9pm.



**KENNETH KUBECK**

Age 60 of Plymouth, July 11, 2006. Loving husband of Katherine. Beloved father of Kelly. Dear brother of Anthony F. (Joan); and Camilla R. Dahms. Dear uncle of Tony, Kristin, Nancy and Kerl. Also survived by five great-nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 5-9 PM and Friday 1-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Rosary Friday evening. Funeral mass Saturday 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck) Plymouth. In state at church 10 AM. Interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation. To leave a message of condolence, log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



**LOIS T. PEDLOW**

Age 75, of Westland, passed away Monday, July 10. She was born April 19, 1931 in Detroit, grew up in Ferndale, and raised a family in Plymouth before moving to Westland in 1991. Very active until the last year of her life, she loved history, ancient cultures, and travel. She is survived by two brothers, Patrick (Rita) Ruelle of Waterford and Richard (Rita) Ruelle of Fort Gratiot; three sons, David (Pamela) of Plymouth, Steven (Linda) of Orland Park, IL, and Scott (Rawaa) of Novi; and two grandchildren, Kyle and Kristyn of Plymouth. Cremation has taken place, but there will be a memorial service at Ward Presbyterian Church Chapel (40000 6 Mile Rd, Northville MI 48168) on Friday, July 14 at 11am. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Michigan Humane Society or the charity of your choice.

**MADLINE HOPE**

81, Long time Redford resident, passed away July 8, 2006. Loving Mother of Betti (Ken) Pool and Dennis (Sandy) Hope. Dear sister of Thelma Clover. Mrs. Hope is also survived by six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral service 11:30am, Thursday, July 13, at the Heeny-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn Grand River and Shiwasssee Rds.), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200 or heeny-sundquist.com). Visitation will be held from 9:00 am until time of service Memorial Contributions can be made to the Michigan Humane Society.



**JOHN P. JOHNSON**

of Grosse Pointe Shores, formerly of Birmingham, MI, died at home in hospice care on Monday, July 3, 2006. Mr. Johnson was born in Detroit to Richard M. and Helyn P. Johnson and graduated from Southeastern High School. In 1951, he earned his B.A. degree from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant and in 1953 he received his M.A. degree from Wayne State University. In 1959, Mr. Johnson earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Detroit College of Law. Mr. Johnson served for four years in the United States Army during the Korean War as an Intelligence Officer. He was a long-time employee of the S.S. Kresge Company, which became the K Mart Corporation and was appointed Vice President of Real Estate in 1977. Mr. Johnson was involved as a mediator in the Oakland County Court for over 15 years and in 2000 was recognized with the Oakland Mediation Centers Distinguished Mediator Award. Also in 2000, he was honored by the Oakland County Bar Association for providing over 40 years of service to the legal profession. Mr. Johnson was a founding member and scrivener of S.M.O.G. (Society of Magnificent Old Geezers), a member of the American Legion Cadillac Post, the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club

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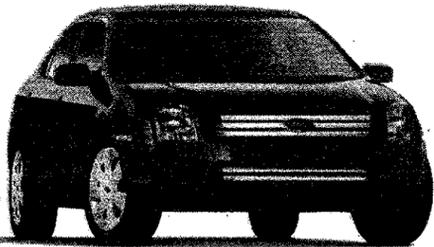
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Anthony Berardi and Nathan Ignash work on defensive-line skills as Detroit Lions director of youth football Chris Fritzsching looks on during last week's Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

## Learning football's 'Fun'damentals

Detroit Lions summer camp offers kids on- and off-field lessons

Training camp for the 2006 Detroit Lions doesn't open for another two weeks, but one of the National Football League team's eight youth summer camps was in high gear July 5-8 at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

Youngsters — boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14 — from throughout the Observerland area participated in the high-energy, no-pads camp that focused the spotlight on seven guiding principles, which included "make it fun" and "teach every position to every player."

"Along with fundamentals of the game, we also taught life skills, such as teamwork, communication, sportsmanship and the importance of education," said Chris Fritzsching, the Lions'

director of youth football.

"The camps were created for the sole purpose of making a positive impact on children's lives both on and off the field through football."

Participants in the camp were exposed to chalk talks and video sessions; skill contests and scrimmages; opportunities to win weekly awards, including Lions' hustle, leadership, attitude, most improved and future stars recognition; and daily appearances by Detroit Lions players.

They also learned stretching, agility and flexibility drills and the basic fundamentals of the sport.

For more information on next year's camp sites, contact Fritzsching at cfritzsching@detroitlions.com.



Michael Bifano and Ian Adamski-Kibat give it their all to haul in a pass during the Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp held last week at Central Middle School in Plymouth. The camp stressed fun and fundamentals.

## Mato named Crusaders' golf coach

Madonna University Athletics Director Bryan Rizzo announced Thursday that Steve Mato has been named the new head men's golf coach, effective immediately.

Mato comes to Madonna from Livonia Franklin High, where he served as men's varsity coach for 14 seasons.

In his time at Franklin, Mato's guidance helped produce several scholarship and mini-tour players. The Canton resident also was named the *Observer* Coach of the Year last season. "We are pleased to have coach Mato as a member of the Madonna staff," Rizzo said. "He has a wealth of coaching experience and will be the right man to take our program to the next phase of development. I feel very fortunate to get someone with his credentials. He is going to be a great addition."

Mato, who holds a master's degree in education and is a special education teacher in the Livonia Public Schools system, has spent the past 28 years as the director of golf at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton.

"I am very excited at the opportunity that Mr. Rizzo and Madonna University has given me," Mato said. "I believe there are a lot of positive attributes to build on, and a lot of things to improve on. I am ready for the challenge."

Mato takes over the men's golf program from Bill Durham, who resigned the position in May.

He inherits a mix of returning letter-winners and signees that will again compete for control of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference standings.

The men's program, although relatively new, boasts a pair of third-place WHAC finishes and the WHAC individual champion two seasons ago.

Mato and his wife, Deborah, have two children, Melissa and Michael.



Steve Mato new MU men's golf coach

## Sidelines

### Fighting leukemia

The ninth annual Stoney & Wojo Radiothon for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is slated to take place from 3 p.m. Thursday through 7 p.m. Friday at O'Toole's Cass Lake, 4000 Cass Elizabeth Road in Waterford. The venue is south of Elizabeth Lake and west of Cass Lake roads.

WDFN sports radio personalities Mike Stone and Bob Wojnowski will host the 28-hour event. They will auction services, merchandise and sports memorabilia to raise money to find a cure for blood cancers. Pledges are also encouraged.

Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children and young adults under age 20. Blood cancers will strike an estimated 120,000 Americans this year alone.

### Demolition playoffs

The Detroit Demolition on Saturday night will play three-time defending Independent Women's Football League champion Sacramento in the western conference finals. Game time is 7 p.m. at Livonia Churchill.

Pittsburgh Steeler Larry Foote is expected to make the pre-game coin toss.

The winner of the Demolition-Sirens contest will move on to the IWFL championship game in Long Beach, Calif. Churchill is at 8900 Newburgh Road.

### Hole-in-one club

Brian Birt, of Livonia, used a sand wedge to ace the 129-yard, No. 7 hole at Whispering Willows in Livonia on July 7. He shot a round of 35. It was the third ace of his seven-year golfing career.

Andrew Cappola, of Livonia, used a driver to ace the 129-yard, No. 7 hole at Whispering Willows on July 11. He shot a round of 52 and it was the first ace of his five-year golfing career.

### O&E golf tourney

The annual Men's and Women's *Observer & Eccentric* Open golf tournament will be Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12-13 at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses in Livonia.

The men's event is 36-hole medal play at Whispering Willows (Aug. 12) and Fox Creek (Aug. 13). The fee is \$95 (cart not included). You must have a maximum of handicap of 20.

The women's tourney is 18-hole medal play Aug. 12 at Whispering Willows. The entry fee is \$50 (does not include cart). You must have a current U.S.G.A. index to participate. Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. It will be limited to the first 200 golfers.

Call Whispering Willows at (248) 476-4493.

## Hawk kickers clip Eclipse for Regional title

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Teams that keep their opponents off the scoresheet have a great chance to be successful and that formula held true recently for the Livonia Hawks' girls soccer team.

The Under-14 Hawks — coached by Derek Williford — topped the Illinois Eclipse Select team, 1-0, in double overtime June 28 to claim the Region II title and a berth in the U.S. Youth Soccer

Nationals.

Shelby Township's Stacey Catalano scored with two minutes remaining in the second OT to enable the U-14 Hawks to win the regional championship. Assisting on the goal was Kaely Schlosser of Grand Rapids.

Dividing the shutout were goalkeepers Hannah Ulrich (Saline) and Jennifer Etienne (Brighton), who also combined to blank four other opponents en route to the title.

The Hawks outscored their opponents by a combined 13-0

in posting the five wins June 24-28.

In pool play, the team won 7-0 against the Waunakee (Wisc.) Blaze; 3-0 against the MRLI-Ela Elite (Ill.) and 2-0 against the South Dakota Gold Destiny.

In the June 27 semifinal against Eagles SC Blue (representing Ohio South), the Hawks won on penalty kicks, 1-0. Scoring in the eighth round of penalty kicks was Brighton's Jaclyn Johnson.

That propelled the Hawks into the title game against the

Eclipse. Hawks team president Jim Kimble said hard work and outstanding team defense were main components to their success.

"Going unscored on was the key to it obviously," Kimble said. "They worked very, very hard" and should be proud of their accomplishment.

In addition to Catalano, Schlosser, Ulrich, Etienne and Johnson, members of the squad include: Kayla Kimble (Livonia); Caroline Castelli, Kayla Hogan, Kelsey Fiscus

(Northville); Catherine Terrell (Brighton); Erika Boll (Grand Rapids); Victoria Bailey and Taylor Dunlap (Fenton); Caroline Rice (Paw Paw) and Devon Bond (Richland).

For that group of players, it was their first regional championship, Kimble said.

The U.S. Youth Soccer Nationals will take place July 26-30 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Meanwhile, the U-16 Hawks finished with a 3-1 record, losing to the Internationals (Ohio North), 2-0, in the semifinals.

## Rams bounce back to win nightcap, 8-7

The Michigan Rams averted a doubleheader loss Sunday by racking up 13 hits to win 8-7 over the Oakland Cubs at Ford Field in Livonia. Redford Catholic Central alum Eric Vojtkofsky spearheaded the Rams' attack with a 4-for-4 performance, including an RBI double to score the decisive run.

In the first game of the Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League twinbill, the Cubs romped 8-0 as winning pitcher Josh Regits gave up just one hit, by the Rams' Scott Martin.

Game two started out as more of the same, with the Cubs taking a quick 2-0 lead. After the Rams came back with two runs in the bottom of the first to deadlock the game, the Cubs went back on top 4-2 with a two-spot in the second.

PLEASE SEE RAMS, B2

Ann-Marie Carravallah is the recreation coordinator for Canton Leisure Services. A graduate of Dearborn Divine Child High School and the University of Michigan, Carravallah helps coordinate several prestigious tournaments throughout the summer.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Sports-related job is ideal for Carravallah

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

For a moment Tuesday afternoon, Ann-Marie Carravallah stood in the middle of a small forest of three-foot-high softball trophies as she researched details for an upcoming archery camp.

While she waited for a computer to spit out the camp information, Carravallah answered questions regarding a sand-volleyball league.

The moment offered a near-perfect snapshot of Carravallah's position as the Canton Leisure Services' recreation coordinator — a fast-paced, never-a-dull-moment job that fits the sports-loving University of Michigan graduate like a custom-made baseball glove.

"This is a dream job for me," said Carravallah, who

PLEASE SEE CARRAVALLAH, B3

**RAMS**

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But the Rams (16-9) scored four runs in the third to go ahead 6-4 and built an 8-5 lead entering the seventh before a last-ditch comeback bid by the Cubs (14-9-1) fell short.

Earning the victory was starter Bobby Henderson (Catholic Central), who pitched the first three innings. Earning the save with four innings of relief was Ryan Mosher (Wayne State).

Vojtkofsky knocked in three runs, but none were more important than the last one in the sixth. His double into the right-center gap scored Scott Cain, who started the rally with a single.

Just about every Rams player made an offensive contribution. Ryan Shay went 2-for-3 with one RBI and two runs while Matt Nickels went 2-for-4.

Collecting one hit each were Cain (three runs), Mike Sacha (three RBI), Tim Kalcynski (one RBI), Scott Martin and Andrew Stafford.

For the Cubs, Billy Anderson and Tim McEvoy each went 3-for-3. Dennis Jones (1-for-3) had three RBI while Anderson scored twice and knocked in two runs. Also scoring twice was Ben Case (1-for-2).

Case and Chris Scott each went 3-for-4 in the first game victory over the Rams while Jones and Anderson collected two hits each.

**Rally foils Rams**

The Rams (15-8) gave up three runs in the bottom of the seventh Friday, dropping a 4-3 decision to the Michigan Monarchs (8-15) at Saline High School.

Michigan took a 3-1 lead in the top of the frame, but that didn't last as Justin Wilson doubled in three runs off Rams pitcher Steve Karchetske - who gave up just two hits over the first six innings.

Wilson's drive scored teammates Zander Younce, Cody Johnson and Kyle O'Keefe. Collecting the victory in relief was Jeremy Alland.

The Monarchs took a 1-0 lead in the third when Mike Moczyolowsky (2-for-3) singled home Mike Sepesy.

But the Rams bounced back in the fifth on a two-run single by Matt Nickels, scoring Kyle Hurtt (1-for-1, two runs) and Rob Campbell.

That's how the game stayed until the top of the seventh, when the Rams made it 3-1 on an RBI single by Andrew Stafford.

**All-Stars roll**

The Livonia Collegiate All-Stars, including several Rams, routed the Erie Shores Collegiate All-Stars by a 13-1 score Saturday at Ned Skeldon Stadium in Maumee, Ohio.

The game MVP was Rams shortstop Ryan Shay, who hit a single, double and triple in four at-bats and scored four runs while driving in two.

**Pro wrestling set for High Velocity Sports**

Wolverine Pro Wrestling will host a wrestling match on Saturday, Aug. 5, at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Among the featured grapplers will be Jake "The Snake" Roberts and special guests Bobby Roode, Petey Williams, The Original Sinn, "Old Timer" Jeff King and members of TNA's Team Canada.

The event will kick off with a question-and-answer session with Roberts at 5 p.m. and a meet and greet with the other wrestlers at 6 p.m. The opening bell of the first match is set for 7 p.m.

The first-round match will

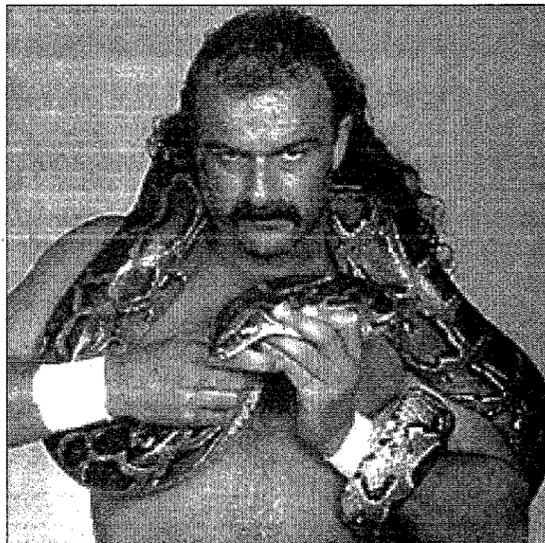
be announced via a live drawing on the day of the event.

The price of tickets is \$20 for just the show; \$35 for the Q&A and first-row seating; and \$30 for the Q&A and general seating.

Tickets are \$12 for kids 12 and under.

Tickets may be purchased by calling High Velocity Sports at (734) HV-SPORT; or in person at HVS, which is located at 46245 Michigan Ave. between Canton Center and Beck roads.

For more information, contact HVS or Wolverine Pro Wrestling at madhouse.LT3@yahoo.com.



Jake "The Snake" Roberts will be the featured grappler at the pro wrestling event set for Saturday, Aug. 5, at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

**Bowling Hall of Fame makes area 'Bus' stop**

Most of us have seen this bowler perform on TV at various times including the 2006 Super Bowl for the National Football League championship.

He is Jerome Bettis, a native Detroit known as "The Bus."

Had Bettis not chosen football for his athletic career, he might have been a good enough bowler to go professional.

Now that his gridiron days are over, he can be seen around such places as Cloverlanes in Livonia and Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

On a recent sports TV show, Bettis was seen being inducted into the National Bowling Hall of Fame as a celebrity honoree.

Bettis, 34, was the very first inductee in this category. "I have bowled my entire

life and gained great pleasure and enjoyment from the sport," Bettis recently told the Associated Press. "This is a tremendous honor."

The International Bowling Hall of Fame and National Bowling Museum is located near Busch Stadium in St. Louis, which also houses the St. Louis Cardinals Museum.

Perhaps the Greater Detroit Hall of Fame will do likewise when the committee again convenes in August.

The Detroit Mackenzie High grad and former Notre Dame University standout has been a stalwart member of the local community and has made several appearances and donations to local charities. He is also a likely candidate to enter the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio sometime soon.

When that happens, he may possibly be the first athlete to get into two sports halls of fame.

Too bad he couldn't play for the Detroit Lions.

He was an outstanding player and a big part of the Pittsburgh Steelers success in

recent years, rushing for 13,662 yards and scored 91 touchdowns in 13 NFL seasons.

He has had a strong attachment for bowling throughout the years averaging over 200 and having one 300 game.

His presence on the local bowling scene will be most welcome.

Bettis hosted a bowling charity event in Detroit during Super Bowl week.

He has been known to call up fan club members and invite them to go bowling on many occasions.

The Generations Bowling Tour (GBT) is a new senior pro tour with over \$5e million in prize money.

The announcement was made on June 29 at the International Bowl Expo in Las Vegas, Nev. by its promoter Steve Saunders.

The GBT will feature the greatest senior bowlers in 36 nationwide events beginning this October.

In addition, there will be over 75 regional events beginning in Jan. 2007.

Men and women bowlers,

50 and over, that have averaged 200 or better for the past two seasons are eligible to apply for membership.

Since all GBT events will be US Bowling Congress certified, all participants must be current USBC members in good standing.

Eligible bowlers may apply for membership by filling out a membership application which can be downloaded at GBTour.com.

There is a \$300 per year membership fee, which can be paid in \$25 per month installments. There are no additional fees to join.

The nationwide tour will start out in our own area with the first one Sept. 25 through Oct. 5 in Bay City, followed by another Oct. 6-11 in Clinton Township followed by another, Oct. 14-18 in Jackson. Another local stop is Oct. 20-26 in Toledo.

For more information, go to www.gbtour.com.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a league bowler for 46 years. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839 or email: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net

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# CARRAVALLAH

FROM PAGE B1  
consistently displays the enthusiasm of an employee on her first day of work, even though she was originally hired by Canton Leisure Services over seven years ago.

"My dad, Lou Abundis, was an athletic director in Redford when I was young, and I was always tagging along to my older brothers' sporting events, so I've been around sports — and I've been playing sports — for as long as I can remember. This job is perfect for me."

And judging by the accolades that have been heaped on the Canton Sports Center during her tenure, Carravallah is perfect for the job.

## HIGH PRAISE

Led by Carravallah and her staff of three full-time employees, one part-timer and eight seasonal workers, the nationally acclaimed sports complex, which is one of the largest in Michigan, annually hosts many of the Midwest's most-prestigious baseball and softball tournaments, including the USSSA Boys 13U World Series that begins Sunday.

It is also the home of close to 400 adult slow-pitch teams and over 2,000 youth-league players from April through October.

The fact that the tournaments and leagues run as smoothly as they do is a testament to Carravallah's passion for her job and her ability to handle several tasks at once.

"My job requires me to wear a couple of hats, one of which is being the supervisor of the sports center," said Carravallah. "I help set up the events that are held here and I serve as the tournament director."

"A couple of weeks ago, when we were hosting the Compwure girls fast-pitch tournament, the head of the umpires, who lives in Florida, told me that he read in a softball magazine that we were rated the No. 1 facility in the Midwest and No. 2 in the country. That makes you feel

# Canton Sports Center to host World Series

The Canton Sports Center will host the USSSA Boys 13U World Series Baseball Tournament Sunday through July 23. Over 60 teams from 17 states have qualified in state and national qualifiers to compete in next week's tournament. Opening ceremonies will begin Sunday at 6 p.m. They will include a parade of teams and the National Anthem performed by American Idol contestants Joshua and Jarrett Simmons, who are from Inkster.

Following the opening ceremonies, players and fans will have the opportunity to enjoy a party with food, games, inflatables and music.

Tournament pool play will take place on Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bracket play will run from Wednesday through Sunday with the championship game set for Sunday. Sunday is free for all spectators. The daily admission price from Monday through July 23 is \$7 for adults and \$5 for both seniors and children between the ages of 6 and 12. Kids under the age of 6 are free.

Weekly passes — \$25 for adults and \$12 for seniors and kids between the ages of 6 and 12 — can also be purchased.

good when you hear stuff like that."

## MULTI-DIMENSIONAL JOB

Along with making sure things run smoothly at the Canton Sports Center, Carravallah also oversees the Canton Leisure Services' always-growing menu of sports programs, which range from sand volleyball to flag football.

She's also a member of a number of sports-related boards, including the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association, the Canton Soccer Club and the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics.

When she's not serving on a board or working, she enjoys coaching youth basketball teams and participating in sports herself.

"I love coaching and I still love to compete," she said. "My long-term goal is to get back into coaching at the high school level (she coached the Dearborn Divine Child junior varsity girls basketball team for a few years after graduating from U-of-M), but my schedule doesn't allow me to do that now."

Carravallah said she can't think of a better place to work

than Canton, which has experienced incredible growth since her first day on the job in 1998.

"I love the way this community embraces sports and recreation," said Carravallah, who resides in Canton with her husband, Dave. "It's been very exciting for me to be a part of the growth that this area has experienced in recreation and leisure activities. When I started here, the softball center was the only sports facility along this stretch of Michigan Avenue. Now, there's High Velocity Sports, the Arctic Edge, a lot of great places."

## SIMPLE PLEASURES

While the national praise Canton Leisure Services receives is nice, it's not the No. 1 motivating factor for Carravallah.

"My favorite part about this job is seeing a 7- or 8-year-old baseball or softball player walking into the Sports Center with his mitt on and a big smile on his face," said Carravallah. "And I like seeing the kids high-fiving their friends after a good play. That's what makes it fun."

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## YOUTH FITNESS RESULTS

45th CITY OF LIVONIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION YOUTH FITNESS MEET July 6 at Rotary Park BOYS RESULTS

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## Division champ

The 13-and-under Thunderbird Volleyball Organization took a gold medal in the Silver Division at the state AAU volleyball tournament held June 3-4 at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. Members of TVO, based out of Livonia St. Edith Church, include (from left) Becca Rizzolo, club coordinator Gary Smart, Hollie Anderson, Caitlyn Willyard, Rachel Heath; Monika Rudis, Jackie Dolmetsch, Carly Stevenson, Reina Tyl, coaches Theresa and Amanda Hamilton.

# Rostedt's goal thwarts Hawks

A second-half goal by midfielder Jessica Rostedt lifted the Cleveland Internationals to a 1-0 triumph Sunday over the visiting Michigan Hawks Women.

The Hawks still lead the Midwest Division W-League with a record of 7-2-2, entering Friday's home game against London. That game is slated for 7:30 p.m. at Livonia Stevenson.

Cleveland (5-4-0) broke the scoreless tie about 15 minutes

into the second half when Rostedt converted a feed from forward Heloisa Oliveira past Hawks goalkeeper Kathryn Cumming (seven saves).

But the Hawks couldn't solve the goalie at the other end. Cleveland's Carianne Betts stopped all 14 shots she faced.

Meanwhile, Michigan fared much better on Friday night with a 3-0 whitewashing of West Michigan (2-6-0) at West Ottawa High School.

Hawks midfielder Asuka

Kubota scored two first-half goals to get the party started.

Midfielder Erin Konheim, who assisted on Kubota's second goal, then made it 3-0 early in the second half with a shot that got past Firewomen goalkeeper Pam Yates.

Drawing one assist each for the Hawks were midfielder Gail Wilson and defender Nina Mastracci.

Cumming needed to make just one stop for the shutout.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### LIVONIA MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Friday, July 14 (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park) Mich. Bulls vs. Park Athletic, 5:45 p.m. (at Livonia's Ford Field) Mich. Monarchs vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m. Mich. Rams vs. Oakland Cubs, 8:15 p.m. Sunday, July 15 (at Livonia's Ford Field) Mich. Rams vs. Mich. Bulls (2), noon. Park Athletic vs. Det. Eagles (2), 5 p.m. (at Saline High School) Mich. Monarchs vs. Oakland Cubs (2), noon.

UNITED SOCCER LEAGUES MEN'S PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE Saturday, July 15 Mich. Bucks vs. Kalamazoo Kingdom at Mattawan High School, 7:30 p.m. W-LEAGUE Friday, July 14 Mich. Hawks vs. London (Ont.) Gryphons at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15 Mich. Hawks vs. Cincinnati Ladyhawks at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 7:30 p.m.

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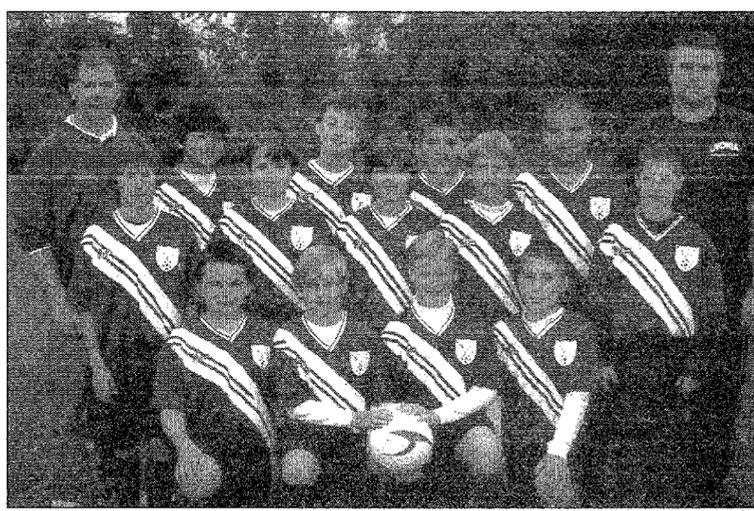
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**Platinum champs**

The 12-and-under Thunderbird Volleyball Organization (TVO), based out of St. Edith Church in Livonia, took the silver medal platinum division at the AAU state tournament, June 3, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Members of the TVO squad include (from left) Miranda Bator, Ashley Kaminski, coach Theresa MacDonald, Courtney Crowley, Shany Rapson, Katie Groechel, Erica DeSmedt and Katie Koehler. (Not pictured are Katie Gubachy and Kayce Nieto.)



**Division champs**

The under-11 Livonia Soccer Club Lightning won the Spring 2006 season with an 8-0 record. Members of the Lightning include (front row, from left) Bailey Allshouse, Zachary Radtke, Stephen Covitz, Brandon Strautz; (middle row, from left) Zachary Robak, Jacob Kremm, Kyle Moore, Cody Coleman, Max Humitz; (back row, from left) coach Dave Gluth (Westland), Dominic Resto, Michael Gluth (Westland), Ryan Linn, Austin King and coach Don Coleman.



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## LESSON ON GOLF

by Jeff Lesson

**U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN TO RETURN TO INDIANWOOD?**

Longtime Detroit area golf writer Jack Berry recently reported on the "Lesson On Golf" radio show on 1270 XYI that the U.S. Women's Open may soon return to the Indianwood Golf & Country Club in Lake Orion.

The Stan Aldridge owned and operated private club is no stranger to the event. The old course hosted both the 1989 and 1994 Open for the ladies. It didn't hurt that they did a great job in hosting it either. The membership has always gone out of their way to accommodate such events as well. In addition, the old course is ranked as the number two private course in southeast lower Michigan by "Lesson".

Indianwood bailed out the USGA on short notice during that time in providing their facilities for the Ladies Open when another venue became unavailable. In return, there was supposed to be a reward in the tune of another USGA event for the club.

Due to a complicated set of circumstances involving various sponsors and conflicts, this was never able to take place.

That has all changed. With the Ford Sr. Players Championship going away from the TPC of Michigan after this year, the door has opened for the USGA to return to Indianwood. Stay tuned.

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**12U girls tryouts**  
Fall tryouts for the Little Caesars Girls 12U AAA team will take place 8-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1 and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, both at Redford Ice Arena (Beech Daly between Schoolcraft (Jeffries Fwy. service drive) and Plymouth roads. The head coach is Scott Brickey, a member of the 1987 national champion University of North Dakota hockey team. Former St. Cloud University women's team captain Tina Ciraulo is the assistant coach. For more information, contact team manager Tom Strazzulla at (734) 497-7290.

**GCBYSA sign-ups**  
The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCBYSA) is currently accepting registrations for fall baseball for kids between the ages of 4 and 18. Games will begin the first week of September and run through the end of October. The registration deadline is Aug. 15. Registration forms are available at the Canton Softball Center and the Summit on the Park. For more information, call the GCBYSA hotline at (734) 394-5489 or (734) 394-5358, or check the Web site at csc.canton-mi.org.

**WYAA Meteors cheer**  
The Westland Youth Athletic Association currently has spots open for its Meteor cheerleading squads for girls ages 8-14. Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the WYAA Compound, 6050 N. Farmington Road, Westland. For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640; or visit www.westlandmeteors.org.

**Coaches sought**  
Livonia Ladywood is looking for a girls junior varsity field hockey coach for the fall 2006 season. Please fax resumes to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386. Redford Union High School is seeking qualified coaches for 2006-07 for the following positions: girls varsity tennis coach, assistant swimming and diving coach, assistant hockey coach, boys junior varsity soccer coach and girls varsity softball coach. Any interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to Brett Steele, athletic director, Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI, 48240 or call the athletic department at (313) 242-4270. The Livonia Public Schools are in need of both head and assistant varsity gymnastics coaches. Interested parties should fax their resume and qualifications to Athletic Director Marc Hage at (734) 744-2824. Livonia Ladywood High School has coaching positions available for the 2006 fall season in varsity girls competitive cheer and varsity dance cheer.

If interested, fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

**Soccer signup**

The Livonia Soccer Club has extended its registration with openings for all recreational age groups 5-and-up. The LSC is also seeking to fill out its under-12 girls and under-12 boys select/premier teams. For more information, call (734) 464-8575.

**Car & bike show**

The Canton High School girls swim team will be holding its 2nd Annual Car & Bike Show

on Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Home Depot, which is located at 39825 Ford Rd. (east of I-275) in Canton.

The first 50 individuals to register will receive free dash plaques and goodie bags. Pre-registration (postmarked before Aug. 1) is \$10. The admission at the gate is \$15. For more information, contact Jane at (734) 891-9909 or gcrackef60@wowway.com.

**St. Edith volleyball**

Tryouts for the Catholic Youth Organization girls volleyball program at St. Edith, located

at 15089 Newburgh Road (just south of Five Mile) in Livonia will start Monday, Aug. 14.

It is open to girls in grades 4-8 (this fall) who are members of St. Edith, St. Aidan, St. Colette, St. Kenneth and St. Maurice parishes.

A recreational volleyball program, 5-6:30 p.m. Sundays, July 9 through Aug. 14, at St. Edith, will be open to girls in grades 4-12. There is no fee, but a medical release must be signed by a parent or guardian.

St. Edith also offers adult recreation volleyball (ages 18-and-up) from 6:30-8 p.m.

Sundays, July 9 through Aug. 13. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$3 per person. (Baby-sitting is available on site for a minimal fee.)

For more information, call Gary Smart at (734) 432-5959; or e-mail smart5959@sbcglobal.net.

**WWSL soccer signup**

Fall 2006 registration is underway for the Wayne-Westland Soccer League, which will be from Sept. 9 through Oct. 29.

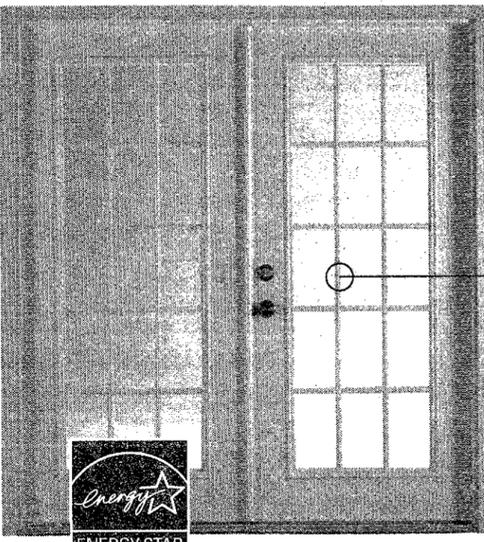
Forms are available at either the Westland Bailey Recreation

Center, 36651 Ford Road, or the Wayne Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road.

No registration will be processed unless all the requirements are fulfilled. Late fees are in effect and registration ends Sunday, July 16.

Among the WWSL upcoming events include an annual picnic and fun day for all registered players from the spring season on Sunday, July 23; and annual banquet for fall players in November.

For more information, call (734) 467-5260; or e-mail http://www.eteamz.com/wwsll.



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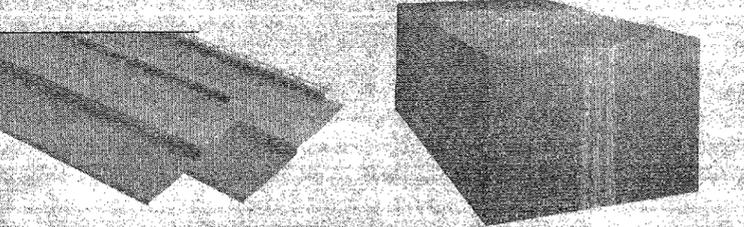
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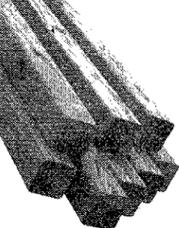
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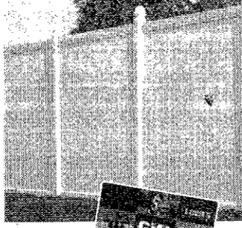
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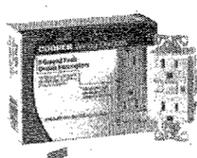
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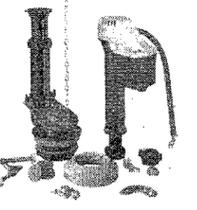
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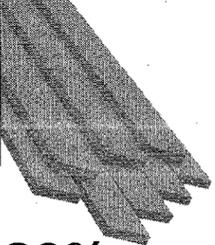
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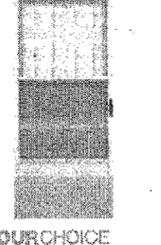
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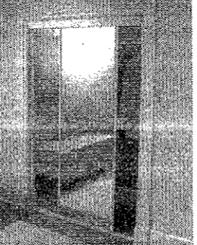
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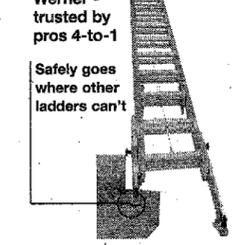
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**Soccer mini-camp**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia is providing an opportunity for the beginning and intermediate soccer player to go to a soccer camp and garner proper skills and knowledge of the game.

The mini-camp, 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, July 24 through Thursday, July 27, offers small group instruction allowing individual attention for each and every player.

Boys and girls ages 5-12, of any skill level, are invited to attend the camp. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is located at 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96 (Jeffries Fwy).

The cost to sign up is \$20

per student, including instruction, snacks, plus a soccer ball and T-shirt to take home. For more information about signing up, contact outreach director Linda Hollman at (734) 522-6830.

**Cross country camp**

Madonna University will stage a camp for cross country including a base camp for serious high school runners from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 31-Aug. 4 (cost \$95); and series of long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. Saturdays, July 15, 22, 29; Aug. 5 and 13 (\$2 each day) - at Cass Benton Park.

For more information, or to obtain a registration form, call

camp director and MU head cross country coach Pat Daugherty evenings at (734) 658-0226, or the MU cross country office at (734) 432-5634. You can also e-mail pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

**Cheer/Pom Pom**

Registration is underway for The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's cheer and pom pom camp (ages 7-and-up), which will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 7-11, at the LCRC, located at 15100 Hubbard.

The cost is \$120 (LCRC pass holders); \$130 (Livonia residents); and \$140 (non-residents). Pom poms are available

for purchase the first day of camp of \$19.99.

For more information, call (734) 981-9900.

**MU girls hoops**

Madonna University will hold four sessions of girls basketball camps, directed by Kristy Bilbie-Bekius, including: Session I (entering grades 4-7) - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 17-20; and 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., Friday, July 21;

Session II (entering grades 7-12) - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 24-27; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, July 28.

The cost for each session is \$175 per camper. Each camp

participant must bring a bag lunch daily or purchase a hot lunch option, included in the cost is a camp T-shirt and personal written evaluation.

For more information, call (734) 432-5506; or e-mail madonnabball@wideopenwest.com.

**RU volleyball clinic**

Redford Union varsity coach Marchelle Johnson will stage a two-day volleyball clinic Friday and Saturday, July 28, at the high school.

Session I, from noon to 4 p.m., is for intermediate players ages 10-14 (grade school and junior high level). Check-in is at 11:30 a.m.

Session II, from 5-8 p.m., is

for freshman, JV and varsity level players ages 14-18. Check-in is at 4:30 p.m.

The clinic cost is \$30 per player. Payment is due the first day of the clinic. All participants must bring volleyball attire, shoes, knee pads and water bottles, along with a volleyball clinic consent form.

For more information, call the RU athletic office at (313) 242-4271.

**Volleyball camp in GC**

The Garden City volleyball program is hosting a volleyball camp for junior high students the week of Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28. Sessions will run from 5:30-8 p.m. each night.

Cost of the camp is free, although donations toward the GCHS volleyball program will be accepted.

**British soccer camp**

The Garden City-based area chapter of the Christian Youth Soccer League is hosting the upcoming Challenger British Soccer Camp, slated from Monday, July 31 through Friday, Aug. 4.

British coaches will teach the various half- and full-day sessions, available to kids ages 4-18 throughout the Observerland area. To sign up, go to the Web site, challenger-sports.com.

Call (734) 513-7844 for more information. The deadline to register without a late fee is Friday, July 21.

**Camp for Champs**

Carlos Briggs' Basketball Camp for Champs will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 31 through Aug. 4 at a new location, Basketball Planet in Canton.

The cost is \$150 per camper. (Checks should be made payable to: Basketball Planet, 7171 N. Haggerty Road, Canton, MI. 48187.)

The air-conditioned facility features five full regulation-sized courts, weight training equipment and concessions.

For more information, call coach Briggs at (248) 497-8406.

**MU All-Star Hoops**

The Madonna University All-Star Basketball Camp (ages 8-15), directed by men's coach Chuck Henry, features a session for boys including: 8 a.m. to noon, July 31-Aug. 4 (cost \$130); and a session for girls from 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 31-Aug. 4 (cost \$130).

For more information, call coach Henry at (734) 398-5973; or MU at (734) 432-5591.

**S'craft volleyball**

Schoolcraft College will be offering a series of girls volleyball camps for girls, coordinated by women's coach Tom Teeters, including:

Spiking and serving - 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 17-20 (cost \$160; \$155 for each additional family member; \$150 for groups of 10 or more);

Each participant will be provided a camp T-shirt. Bring knee pads and a lunch.

For more information, call (734) 462-4804, Ext. 3; or e-mail thomasjamesteeters@hotmail.com.

**S'craft soccer**

Schoolcraft College will be offering a four different sessions of boys and girls soccer camps, coordinated by men's coach Rick Larson, for ages 5-8 (little kickers), 8-14 (select developmental) and 11-18 (premier competitive) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 17-20, 24-27; and July 31-Aug. 3.

The cost is \$125 each session. For more information, call (734) 462-4804, Ext. 3; or e-mail rick.larson@comcast.net or rlarson@schoolcraft.edu.

**Quarterback camp**

The Coach Al Fracassa Quarterback Technique camp for the 2006 football season is open to all players in grades 7-12 from 8:30 a.m. until noon, July 17-18 (session III); and July 20-21 (session IV), at Brother Rice High School, located on 3456 Lahser Road, a half-mile south of Maple, in Bloomfield Hills.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- Coal scuttles
  - Lyra's bright star
  - Tijuana abode
  - In the past
  - Rainbow goddess
  - Fer East nanny
  - Testiness
  - out (go kaput)
  - Chatty stalling
  - Goes over again
  - Dr. Mancho
  - Previous to
  - Tidied up
  - Patrol/mines
  - Stray dog
  - Famous cathedral town
  - Andy's friend
  - Festive quaff
  - Comet — Bopp
  - Mischief-maker
  - Highchair wear
  - Bobcat relatives
  - Fez dangler

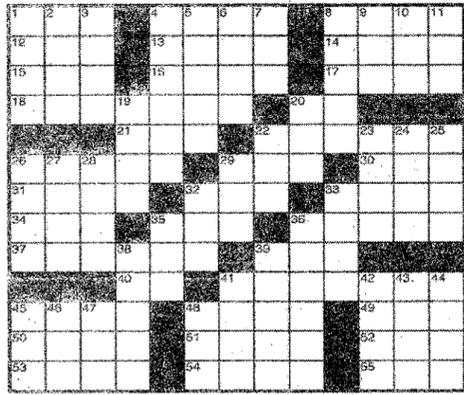
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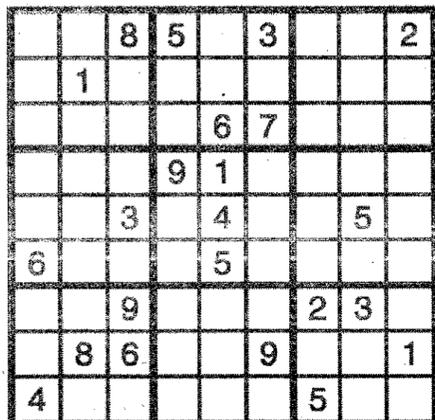
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- DOWN**
- Bad — day
  - Fiend
  - Go-getter
  - Pastors
  - Rust away
  - Cotton seeders
  - Inquire
  - Sartre contemporary
  - A Little Woman
  - Diego

- I knew it!
- Ocean dwellers
- Sable or mink
- Understood
- Players
- First name in jazz
- Changes color
- Stick around
- Ms. Paal of "The Avengers"
- Cuts off
- Ear of corn
- Nothing at all
- Unable to play
- Cyster's abode
- Climbing gear
- Like river bottoms
- Fresco
- "Pretty Woman" lead
- Harmful Gambler's town
- Used E-mail
- Up till now
- Conquistador's quest
- Pale
- Quick turn



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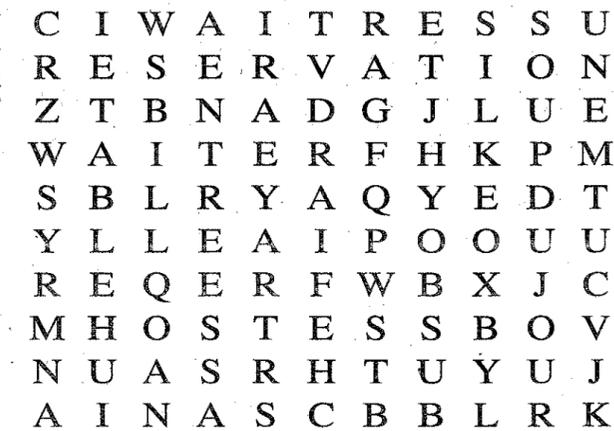
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|---------|--------------|----------|
| BILL    | HOSTESS      | TABLE    |
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| CHEF    | RESERVATION  | WAITER   |
| ENTREES | SOUP DU JOUR | WAITRESS |

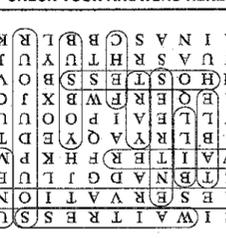
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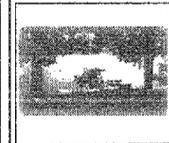
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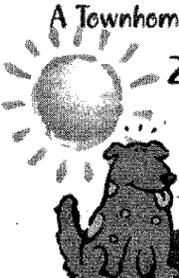
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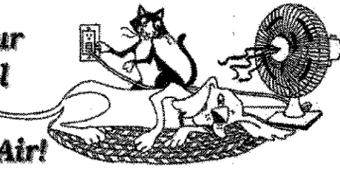
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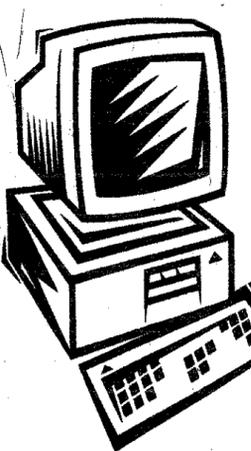
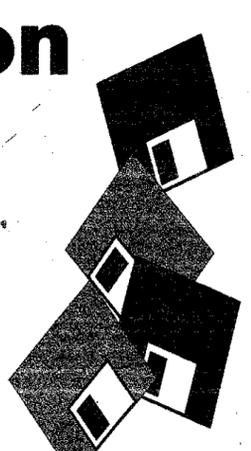
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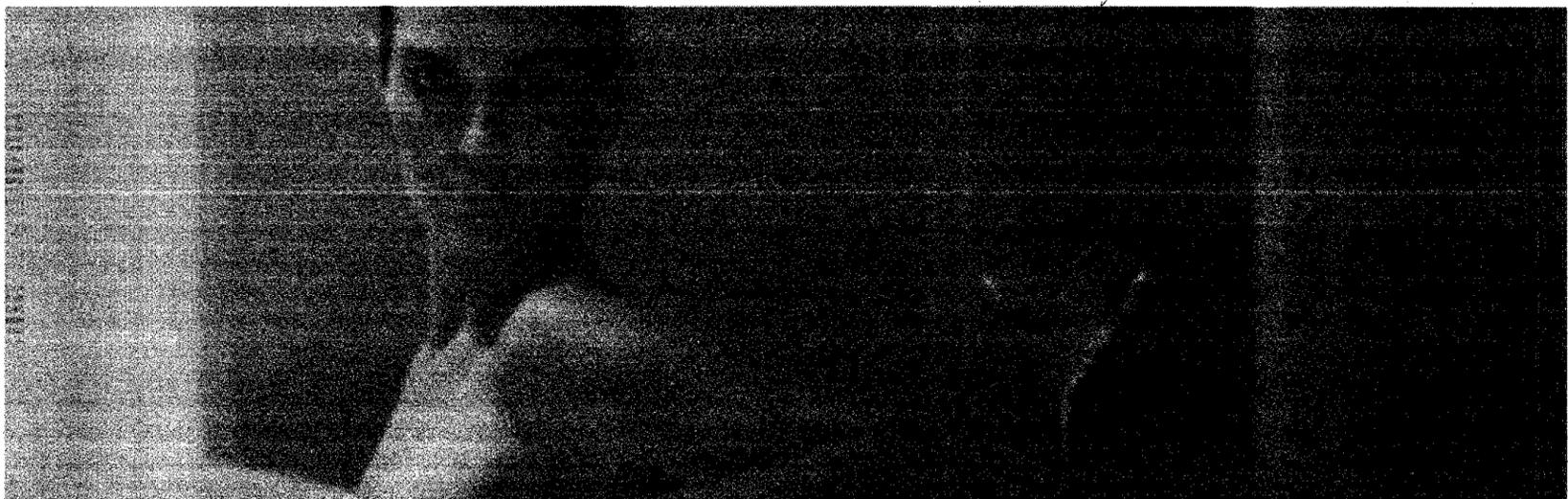
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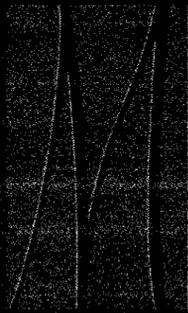
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# JUGGLING MULTIPLE JOBS



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

Why do some people shift from one kind of work to another and keep repeating the pattern, while others seem to approach work as a mere vehicle to an enhanced private life?

Flower De Raadt of Flower Funds Marketing Agency in Boerne, Tex., is juggling at breakneck speed on an interim basis. She spends more than 30 hours per week in marketing and sales for a speaker and author, and works what she calls about six other jobs (a group of projects or services) -- about 20 or 30 more hours per week -- to wipe out \$80,000 indebtedness from the family's college loans and credit card debt. Meanwhile, her husband holds two conventional jobs, working full time in high school teaching and athletics, and delivering pizza in the summer.

This ambitious schedule and intent reflect the focus and drive of an entrepreneur, even though it is clearly goal-oriented, with a definable D-Day. True entrepreneurs -- De Raadt may become one herself after she and her husband are debt-free -- in some cases, juggle activities because of the very nature of their work.

For example, Phillip Wilson, a licensed attorney, directs HireExposure, a d.b.a. of Resumes Inc., an executive career

marketing firm in Broken Arrow, Okla., near Tulsa. He doesn't equate his 60- to 70-hour week with work: It's about not hanging out with my family. Wilson continues to consult in employee relations and labor law representing management to unions through LRI Management Services Inc. Another revenue stream involves publishing and selling books about labor relations online.

Linguistics expert Alan Perlman, president and CEO of Perlman Communications Inc., in Highland Park, Ill., spends 20 to 30 hours per week in legal consulting (forensic linguistics), assisting attorneys in copyright and trademark problems, contract interpretation, plagiarism and identification of document authorship. He also works in book writing and promotion, which he hopes will lead to public speaking, and he occasionally plays jazz piano in solo and trio gigs at night. He works these various revenue streams in his post-corporate career because of their multiple time frames. Only his freelance work imposes deadlines. No workaholic, he confesses to loving to sit and loaf and go to the beach. I don't rush into work as an escape from life but an expression of it.

Entrepreneurs in it for the long haul recognize that as one market shrinks, another must be developed to take its place. Wilson points out, If you want an ocean of revenue, you need various streams feeding it.

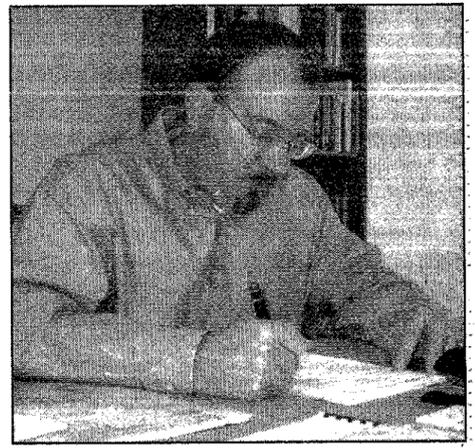
If Perlman could turn back the clock, he'd like to have prepared for a future that didn't require him to scramble, he says. My definition of success is turning down gigs.

Part of me says I wouldn't want to change anything, Wilson observes. When I was in law school, I knew I wanted to learn the labor employment side. It created a base camp that everything else has come out of. If you're a lawyer, it gets your foot in the door and leads to a lot of relationships. My one-year detour as director of HR was a great experience, and I met my wife. With HireExposure, I can now branch out into other areas.

Do many other people expend as much energy over multiple, sometimes unrelated, income streams? Wilson, speaking from his background in manufacturing, cites auctioning on e-Bay and little businesses, such as mowing, as largely the province of people with conventional jobs seeking play money. It's more of a serious effort by entrepreneurs, he says.

Once you've been bitten by the bug of starting, running and operating a business, and achieving success in one area, you think you could do it in another. For many entrepreneurs, doing so is essential.

But there's an enormous downside to



Phillip Wilson sees juggling multiple jobs as creating oceans of revenue from various streams.

the juggling. It makes you dread the cocktail hour question -- So what do you do? -- he quips. Sometimes I just say, I'm in the transportation business. I help companies and individuals get from point A to point B. The situation creates a networking challenge. I've noticed that if I give them the long list of things I'm doing, they start looking at me like I'm from Mars.

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### Garage Sales (7110)

**BELLEVILLE** Community wide garage sale, at Waters Edge Apts. Sat. July 15, 10-5, on tennis court. Located on S. I-94 service drive, 1/2 mile W. of Belleville Rd. Crafts, Jewelry, Avon and more.

**BERKLEY JUST MARRIED!** Multi-Family Sale. July 14 & 15, 9am-4pm, 2971 Kenmore. Furniture, baby, sporting equip., tools. Something for everyone - everything must GO!

**BERKLEY Triplet Mom** sale! Fri., Sat., Sun, July 14-16, 8am-5pm, 2410 Phillips (Catalpa & Greenfield). Lots of baby items & household.

**BERKLEY 1912** Cummings, at Greenfield & Coolidge, July 13-16, 9-5. MULTI-FAMILY Beanie Babies, stereos, clothing, (kids AND adults)

**BERKLEY: 3 FAMILY** 3340 Thomas 12 Mile & Greenfield area. Fri. & Sat., July 14 & 15, 9am-5pm

**BEVERLY HILLS - 4** Family, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-4. Furniture, toys, appliances, much more! 17870 Locherbie, 2 bks. N. of 13 1/2 Mile (Belvly Road), off Southfield Road.

**BEVERLY HILLS** Antiques, Blue Danube dishes, furniture, luggage, housewares, July 15, 9-4, 17186 Buckingham, E. of Southfield, S. of 14.

**BEVERLY HILLS 30563** East Lincolnshire, West of Lahser, South of 13 Mile, July 13-15, 10-5. Collectible toys, wicker, & much more!

**BEVERLY HILLS 16982** Georgina, near 13 Mile & Southfield, July 14-15, 9-3. HUGE SALE! Furniture, kids and household items.

**Beverly Hills: NOT YOUR TYPICAL GARAGE SALE!!!** You won't want to miss this one! Autos, hockey equip., skis, kneaboard, bike, pool equip., furniture, LOADS of kitchenware, books & videos, electronics. BRAND NEW car/boat truck canopy. NEW full set jr. golf clubs. Quality clothes & shoes, records, Beanie's. TOO MUCH to mention!! Worth the drive! Thurs.-Sat., July 13-15, 9am-5pm, 32570 Lahser Rd., just S of 14 Mile.

**BIRMINGHAM 540** Henrietta, near Woodward & Maple, July 15, 9-4. Huge sale, over 100 Longaberger baskets, Tupperware, designer clothes.

**BIRMINGHAM 1615** Latham St., N.1/4 Mile, W. Southfield, July 14, 9a.m.-3p.m., Benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation. A little bit of everything!

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**BIRMINGHAM** 5 family sale July 14-15; 9-3. 993 Surfside (between Quarten & Maple), furniture, household, golf clubs, etc.

**BIRMINGHAM 632** Rivenoak, W/Adams, N/Maple, July 15, 10-5. Brewer chairs, luggage, flute, books, classical tapes, recliner, office chair, & more!

**BIRMINGHAM Fri. & Sat. 8-4.** 1043-N. N. Old Woodward., N. of Oak, W. of Woodward. Antiques, furniture, clothes, misc. All good stuff!

**BIRMINGHAM FRI. ONLY!** 10am-4pm. Household items, chrome chairs, garden stuff, clothes, jewelry, antique catalogues, more! 711 Rivenoak, off Adams. No Pre-Sales!

**BIRMINGHAM Moving!** Garage sale. Duncan Phyfe Dining Room set, mahogany secretary, art work, assorted household items. ALL MUST GO! Friday & Saturday 9:00-3:00. 239 Pilgrim.

**BLOOMFIELD Hills** July 13-14; 9-3; 507 Overbrook (S. of Long Lake off of Lahser). Multi family, household, baby items, clothing & toys.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS 2024** Regent, btwn Franklin & Middlebelt July 14, 8:30-4, 2 family-Children, men, women's plus size clothing, household, shoes, bikes

**CANTON** Huge multi-family, 41644 Pheasant Creek, off Lilley, S. of Cherry Hill, July 13-15, 9-4, baby & kids clothes, toys, household items

**CANTON Moving!** July 13-16; 13th- 9-6, 14th 2-7 15 and 16th 9-5.41962 Trent Ct.(S. of Lily left on Oakland). Everything must go!

**CANTON 2** Incredible subs team up for a 1 day sale. Sat. July 15, only, 8 am-4pm. Many homes. Brand name teen, kids, & plus size clothing, furniture, decor and much more. Hampton Ridge South, West of Ridge enter N. of Warren, Hampton Ridge North., W. of Ridge enter S. of Ann Arbor Rd. DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

**CANTON HUGE!** 45286 Rector, off Canton Center, S/Cherry Hill, July 14-15, 8:30-4. Collectibles, household, glassware, Pyrex, furniture

**CANTON - Estate Sale** 48415 Ford Rd., between Ridge & Beck, Fri. & Sat., 7-14 & 15, 9am-5pm. Antiques, furniture, lots of misc.

**CANTON MOVING SALE** 45472 Fieldstone Dr., near Canton Center & Warren, July 15, 9-4, air compressor, snow blower, furniture and misc.

**CANTON SUB WIDE SALE** July 14 & 15, 8am-4pm. The Winds Cond. Association, on Haggerty Rd. S. of Cherry Hill.

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**CLARKSTON** Gigantic Sale! 30835 Rosslyn, btwn Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill off Merriam, 10-5, Fri-Sat., July 14-16. Glassware, knick-knacks, pots & pans, rug shampooer, bikes, fans, golf club bag, Nascars, old cookbooks, women's 1x-3x, Stephen King books, Barbies & lots more!

**CLAWSON** Block Sale Shenandoah Dr. btwn. 14/15 Mile, W/Selfridge Saturday, July 15, 8-5 Furniture, antiques, toys/dolls, big man/kids' clothes, records

**LIVONIA 18775** Purlingbrook, S. of 7 Mile, btwn. Merriam & Middlebelt, July 14-15, 9-5. gently used clothing (14M-1xW) from favorite stores, current styles, books (fantasy & romance), Beanie Babies.

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**DETROIT** Furniture, toys, electric stove, Much, much more! Good prices! Sat., July 15, 8am-3pm, 19758 West, Detroit, Pembroke near Greenfield.

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# Pontiac G6 sizzles with new coupe, convertible

Advertising Feature

## Thursday Drive Time



By Tenisha Mercer  
Avanti NewsFeatures

Built as the replacement to the Pontiac Grand Am, the Pontiac G6 hit dealer lots in the 2005 model year with high expectations. Though blah in terms of styling and design, the Grand Am had been a long-running sales hit for General Motors Corp. for nearly two decades.

The 2006 model won't disappoint Grand Am fans, or newbie G6 aficionados for that matter. The G6's stylish, innovative design is light years ahead of the Grand Am—a striking, clean design sure to give Japanese brands like the Nissan Altima plenty of competition.

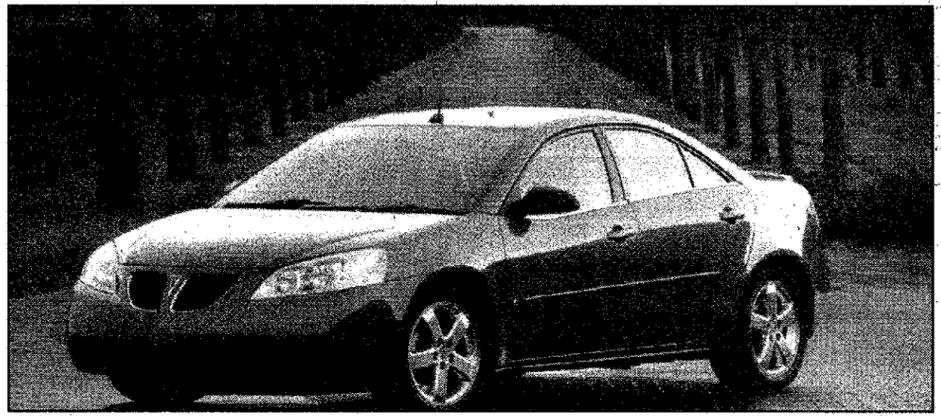
The G6 made a good thing even better, expanding its lineup this year to include a 2-door coupe and a four-door convertible. The coupe is sleek, but it's the convertible released this spring that's been a hot seller. Dealers have scrambled to keep it on the showroom floor.

Built on the same platform as the GM Epsilon, Chevrolet Malibu, Saab 9-3, Saturn Aura, Opel Vectra and Cadillac BLS, the G6 easily combines style with sleekness. There are custom options such as sporty exhaust tips, door sill plates that add pizzazz and a ground affects package with front and rear fascia extensions and rocker panels for a tricked-out look. A panoramic roof enhances the appeal.

But the G6 falls short of making converts of Toyota Camry and Honda Accord owners. It's smart and striking, but probably not enough to win over Japanese car fans, despite having the same pricepoint as V-4 Japanese imports. And the G6's interior console doesn't compare to Accords or Camrys.

With nine models that start at an MSRP of \$16,990 and a choice of engines that range from a V-4 to a four-speed automatic on the GT edition, the G6 sedan offers power and design at a modest price.

The sedan features 167 horsepower and 162 lb-ft



2006 Pontiac G6. Vehicle class: Mid-size sedan, coupe, convertible. Power: V-4, V-6 engines. Mileage: Varies, 18 city/34 highway. Where built: Orion Township, Mich. Base price: \$16,990-\$23,690, depending on the version.

of torque—not incredibly fast, but if power is what you're looking for, then upgrade to the 3.9 liter V-6 engine with 240 horsepower and 241 lb-ft of torque.

The sedan's transmission features 167 horsepower and 162 lb-ft of torque. A 3.5-liter V-6 engine provides enough power to zig zag through rush hour traffic.

An anti-lock braking system with a full function traction control system on the GT model provides a nimble ride, while an enhanced traction system on the sedan and 6-cylinder model. A 112.3-inch wheelbase provides ample room inside.

A Stabilitrack dynamic control system that's standard on the GTP model allows for solid braking, traction and control.

The crisp, two-door coupe with seating for four is equipped with a premium 8-Monsoon speaker system, along with full function traction control that monitors power and gear selection to stop wheel spinning during acceleration.

The G6 is comfortable with a roomy interior and chock full of amenities, but it's the convertible that really turns heads. Pontiac has sold out all of its 2006 models, and the convertible has only been on sale since this spring.

Starting at a base price of \$28,490, the four-seat G6 convertible has a folding roof and contains features of vehicles two to three times the price.

Buyers can choose between a 3.5-liter V-6 engine with 201 horsepower or 3.9-liter V-6 with 227 horsepower.

These are features the bland but top-selling Grand Am could only dream of—innovative, progressive styling that a finicky teenager won't mind tooling around town.

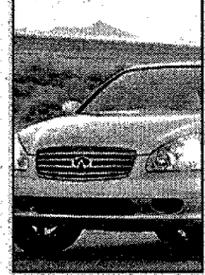
The apparent success of the G6 convertible makes the G6 even sweeter; it's bound to nearly trump the hype generated in 2004 when Oprah gave away 276 G6s on her show—a brilliant marketing move that put the car in the minds of millions of the talk show hosts fans, not to mention the buzz it created in countless newscasts and newspaper articles.

Will the G6 eclipse Pontiac Grand Am sales? The convertible could provide a hint of what's to come, but just like its former nameplate Pontiac Grand Am, the sales popularity of the G6 could last a long time.

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# Don't get BUGGED



## Garden pests don't have to take control



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Some do their damage by night. Some in broad daylight. Their negative effects can be insidious and small, or instant and all too obvious.

However they work to wreak havoc with plants and lawns, little pests can do big damage in the garden and lawn. But you can often control them.

Here are a few plant and lawn pests and problems.

### SPIDER MITES

"In the last couple of years, spider mites have been seen on rhododendrons and azaleas. That's very unusual," said Gail Morrell, an instructor for the Michigan School of Gardening since 1999 and a practical gardening trainer for the Practical Gardening Institute.

The Michigan School of Gardening offers classes through the year in Birmingham, Livonia, Troy, Ann Arbor and Pontiac.

Spider mites are too small to be seen clearly without a magnifying glass.

If you held a sheet of paper under a leaf and knocked the leaf, the mites that fell off would look like dust on the paper, said Morrell, who formed her own garden maintenance firm in 1991 and has served as the head gardener for several Bloomfield Hills estates.

Spider mites attack leaves and buds. A sign of their presence is that leaves look yellowed.

A hard spray of water will knock spider mites off the plant.

"By the time they get up they're dead," Morrell said.

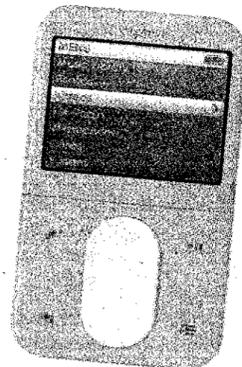
### SCALE AND SOOTY MOLD

Scale insects target all plants, robbing them of juices.

"They secrete a sweet liquid, honeydew, which is actually their excrement," said Gary Eichen of Mike's Tree Surgeons Inc. of Troy. "This turns black and becomes sooty mold ... It's really gross."

Sooty mold, a fungus, is a black coating that blocks light to the leaves, which hinders photosynthesis. It can be wiped or

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The Creative Zen Vision does almost everything an iPod can do, plus it plays FM radio and records voice notes.

## Turn MP3 player into a practical business tool

Everyone loves iPods. And why not? They store mountains of music, and the latest models even let you watch TV shows.

But these famous features tend to eclipse the devices' other more business-savvy talents: downloading photos directly from your digital camera; storing copies of your address book and calendar; transporting large files from one PC to another; and so on.

Forget Taylor Hicks and *Desperate Housewives*; an iPod can double as a bona fide business tool.

Of course, Apple's celebrated baby isn't the only game in town; many of the latest hard drive-based MP3 players can do more than just music. Let's take a look at the practical side of these devices, then talk about some noteworthy models you may want to consider.

### Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

### AUDIOBOOKS

Audible.com is an online audiobook store that sells thousands of fiction, non-fiction, and business titles.

Many MP3 players, the iPod among them, support Audible content - check the company's Web site for a complete list.

Other sources for "books on MP3" include Simply Audiobooks (simplyaudiobooks.com) and your local library (check its Web site to see if it offers audiobook downloads, as many libraries now do).

### CONTACTS AND CALENDARS

Sure, you probably already keep your address book and calendar in your PDA, cell phone or paper planner. But wouldn't it be handy to have an extra copy in your pocket? The iPod is among those players that can sync with programs like Outlook and absorb contacts, appointments, and even memos.

### FILE STORAGE

Except for being physically smaller, the hard drive inside an MP3 player is no different than the one inside your PC. As a result, it can be used to back up important files or to move large chunks of data from one place to another.

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## It's java time: Coffee remains an American passion

After many years of getting up at 3:30 a.m., you might think that we've gotten used to it.

Not true. Ask anyone who works the "morning shift" - from a nurse, a bus driver to ... yes, a radio host. Getting up before dawn is unnatural. Let's face it. Even the sun doesn't get up before the sun rises.

But, as fate would have it, some of us have to get up really early and that, it would seem, is why God had his adminis-



Dick Purtan

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trative assistant invent coffee.

Coffee is an American passion. Research shows that over 100 million Americans begin their day with a cup of joe. And not just the Maxwell House "good to the last drop" kind. No, we're talking the four-dollar "half-caf, triple pump, soy no foam latte" variety doled out by coffee establishments that have sprung up on every corner of every neighborhood.

Don't get me wrong ... I'm not saying there is anything wrong with the near intravenous infusion of caffeine offered up for bleary-eyed citizens on

their way to keeping their world running. In fact, part of me envies them.

You see, I'm a decaf man myself. I know - it sounds crazy. How can I do a five-hour morning show every morning on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC (editor's note: shameless plug) without the benefit of caffeine? To be honest, caffeine makes me a little jittery - uneasy - and, more importantly, unable to take the afternoon nap I need to be fully alert when I watch Maury's latest paternity escapade I TIVOed.

Over the last 10 years, if there are any words I have uttered more often

than "104.3 WOMC" it's "Are you sure this is decaf?" I have put this question to countless morning show interns, faithful co-workers, complete strangers and, yes, even my wife Gail. (This despite the fact that we haven't had "regular" coffee in our house since Mrs. Folger was a Miss.)

Who hasn't laid awake at 2 a.m., the mind racing between the fairest way to handle illegal immigration and how *Desperate Housewives* got aced out of this year's Emmys (don't get me started)? Cursing silently - "I knew that waiter gave me regular!"

The bottom line is this: Coffee, whether regular or decaf, is part of morning in America. With or without

caffeine, a freshly poured cup, warm and fragrant, somehow signals the beginning of a new day. No matter your choice - leaded or unleaded - you know you're sharing a great American experience. Something that binds us all together (hopefully not too tightly).

And, be comforted in the knowledge that because of your conspicuous consumption, you have enabled Juan Valdez's children to receive a better education.

Bottoms up. Dick Purtan & Purtan's People can be heard every morning on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.

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# Take a look at the dryer's fuse

I have spent over 40 years helping people with questions on their major home appliances. To this day, it still feels great to have someone say "thank you." This new age of the computer world brings even more pleasure as messages are sent my way from young readers who mention they heard about me from their parents.

Scott writes: "My grandmother was over for dinner and I called for a service technician to come and fix my dryer, in her presence. She began to tell me about how you helped her fix her clothes dryer years ago right after my grandfather died."

"She insisted that I call you the next day, which I did, and

as a result, I repaired the dryer myself. Thank you so much for telling me about the fuse."

## TALE OF THE FUSE

It is called a thermal fuse and became quite popular some dozen years ago. It never used to be in clothes dryers until some guy made such a fuss about dryer fires and the responsibility for such that should be shared with manufacturers. After several lawsuits, the engineers designed this fuse that would fail should dryer vent lines be improperly installed or plugged up with lint. I am sure that the fuse has prevented dryer fires and even saved lives, but it still can fail even when the dryer is vented properly. It just gets worn and used and old, and then it goes bad. The result is a dryer that won't heat.

The fuse is a part that looks like a teardrop, and is about half the size of your baby finger. It is located on the back of the clothes dryer mounted on the

blower side (that's where the vent line hooks up to the back). This part will cost about \$22 and is very easy to replace. First pull the electrical plug, unhook the two wires, remove the two screws and it's that easy.

Wherever you go to purchase one should be able to check the fuse and confirm that it is defective. I would strongly suggest that you check out the vent line before you put the dryer back into operation. Take it off, take it apart and make sure it is as clean as a whistle. I can even suggest that you take a leaf blower and blow it out.

The service call to replace this fuse can be very costly. I once had a gentleman hear me on a radio show where a consumer called to thank me for telling him about the fuse. He was very grateful and replaced it himself. This guy listening then called me all upset. He had just had a technician to his house that charged him \$176 to do the job. The man was in and out of his house in less than a

half hour. He called it a ripoff, and I agreed.

Many homeowners purchase major home appliances and never give them a second thought until they break down. There is failure to realize that these products will break down, do need maintenance and occasional repairs and in many cases the problems can be quite simple. It is not difficult to reach me, by mail, by phone or Internet, and if I give you the solution and you put it into effect, think of patting yourself on the back and saying, "good job." Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to [mklemic@hometownlife.com](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com) and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

# Break up pastels to update look of room

In the early 1990s, I had custom built-ins made for my formal living and dining room. They are finished in a peach laminate.

At that time, I used a contemporary pastel fabric on my two sofas, chairs and a bench in the living room. The fabric has peach, white, teal and some shades of blue and green.

These colors and the upholstery fabric are now looking outdated. I am not in a position to have all of the cabinetry remade, and I still love the fabric on the furniture. What can I do to update this room?

Color trends come and go every couple of years. Most people cannot redecorate their homes this often, so I encourage my clients to select colors they truly love when decorating their homes, especially for the big ticket items like upholstery fabric.

Very often, it isn't the color that becomes outdated, but the level of saturation, or intensity. The pastels were very big in



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the late 1980s and early 1990s. Let's figure out a way to cut the pastels with a little contrast. It sounds like you already have your color palette established. The colors are peach, teal and white. You didn't mention the color or material on the floor, so I will assume it is a neutral tone.

With that said, there are still things you can do to bring your home into the new millennium.

The upholstery fabric you like so well seems to be on everything. One sure-fire way to update your room is to add at least one other upholstery fabric; two would be better.

The purpose of this is to break up the monotony of one

pattern and introduce richer, more saturated colors to break up the pastels.

Consider reupholstering the bench in a very bold accent color from the sofa palette. Dark terra-cotta or an intense teal in a coordinating pattern could look very smart. Make a couple of toss pillows for the sofas out of this bench material.

Bring in a second fabric on the chair. A textural or solid color with a contrast welt would be a nice addition.

I encourage you to bring an armchair cover or fabric sample from your current upholstery into a good fabric store and begin to visualize how a little bit of contrasting fabric would add much needed interest to your rooms.

Even if you have carpet, a dramatic area rug in a rich color palette would anchor your seating and give a more updated look.

Next, check your window treatments. Many contemporary homes

in the '90s incorporated vertical blinds on the windows.

These have become a bit outdated and you should investigate some of the newer options for blinds and shadings.

Many of my contemporary clients have tossed their blinds for simple sheers to create a very clean, sophisticated and uncluttered look.

These few changes will add a little punch, and will update your decor. Take it slow, and reassess your plan each step along the way.

Remember that the rooms in our homes change with our lifestyles and the current trends, but ultimately, the room needs to reflect your personality and tastes so you are comfortable in your own home.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at [www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com](http://www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com).

## GARDEN CALENDAR

### Hydrangea Fest!

Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, will present Hydrangea Fest! 1 p.m. Saturday, July 15. Admission is \$15. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations. Discover exciting new and colorful hydrangeas with Goldner Walsh manager Joel Miller. Register to win a Big Daddy hydrangea that is valued at \$50. Refreshments will be served. Miller will review effective techniques for successfully growing hydrangeas, and dispel myths. Goldner Walsh carries more than 20 different varieties of hydrangeas.

### Cactus and Succulent Society

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at a member's home. Ferocactus: Sons of the Desert will be the featured program. Guests are welcome. Admission is free. Call (248) 524-0227 for information.

### Rose workshop

Rose Propagation Workshop will take place 1 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. The hands-on workshop will be repeated 11 a.m. Monday, July 17. Reservations are required. There is a \$25 material fee. Call (734) 461-1230. Participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings, and learn other techniques for easy at-home propagation.

### Water gardening

English Gardens hosts free seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays in July at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak-Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433) and Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900).

Water gardening will be the topic July 19. Learn the basics of how to create a healthy ecosystem, including selecting a site, constructing the pond, keeping the water clean, and adding plants and fish. Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden will be the topic July 26.

### Lavender festival

Celebrate the lavender plant and its many uses by visiting Michigan's fourth annual Lavender Festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 21-22, at Gabriel's Garden, 14000 34 Mile Road, 1-1/4 miles east of Van Dyke, in Romeo. Admission is \$3 for one day, \$5 for a two-day pass, free for under age 12. The event will include hands-on workshops, demonstrations, cooking class-

es, crafts, vendors, musical entertainment and gourmet food.

For information, visit [www.michlaven-derfestival.com](http://www.michlaven-derfestival.com) or call (586) 336-0418.

### Climbing roses

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of educational programs for the public. The popular programs are at the historic 1890s barn and display garden at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. Admission is free. Reservations aren't required.

Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. For information, visit [www.GreatLakesRoses.com](http://www.GreatLakesRoses.com) or call (734) 461-1230.

The schedule includes Succeed with Climbing Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, July 23, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, July 24), a slide presentation and garden demonstration of selection, training and pruning.

### Master gardener

The Michigan State University Extension-Oakland County Master Gardener Training Program will begin Aug. 22 and run through Nov. 14. Seats will be offered on a first come-first served basis. The application fee is \$25 and the class fee is \$300. For an application, call MSUE-Oakland County at (248) 858-0887, or go to the MSUE Web site at [www.msue.msu.edu/oakland](http://www.msue.msu.edu/oakland) and look under horticulture and gardening.

The 13-week class will meet 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the MSUE offices in the Oakland County Service Center, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Each session will focus on a different horticultural topic that will prepare participants to fulfill a 40-hour community service commitment to earn master gardener certification.

### Hidden Lake Gardens

The Royal Oak Garden Club will go on a field trip to Hidden Lake Gardens in the Irish Hills 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2.

The tour bus will leave from the Mahany/Meininger Community Center, 3500 Marais in Royal Oak. Cost is \$7, which includes the tour bus, admission and boxed lunch.

Space is limited, so register early. Call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540. The 755-acre botanical garden features a greenhouse complex, a lake, a picnic area, a 6-mile, paved scenic drive, and thousands of labeled trees, shrubs and flowers.

Indoor plants include bamboo, banana, cocoa, coffee, sugarcane, tapioca and vanilla. A visitor center has informative exhibits.

## GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

### Water gardens

The Southeast Michigan Koi and Pond Club's ninth annual Pond Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 15. For information and tickets, call Bruce E. Modetz at (734) 425-7490 or visit [www.mkpc-se.com](http://www.mkpc-se.com).

Ten ponds clustered in the Milford and Highland Township area will be featured. Partial proceeds from the event will be donated to local charities. The Michigan Koi and Pond Club is a not-for-profit organization.

### Northville and Novi

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi will present The NO-NO's Gardening Adventure 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

Tickets are \$10 in advance. They are available at [www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org](http://www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org), Anglin Nursery in Novi, Backyard Birds in Plymouth, Gardenviews and Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, Bordine Nursery in Brighton and Saguro in Whitmore Lake. The event will feature six exceptional home gardens and 17 individual gardens at the Tollgate Education

### Center. Gardening lectures and demonstrations will take place throughout the day (the ticket booklet lists the time for each session).

Plant and garden art vendors, garden-related displays from local organizations and artisans, a quilt exhibit, a raffle of garden-related items, and homemade refreshments will also be featured. The plant vendors will have a selection of the plants shown in the gardens.

### South Lyon

The Four Seasons Garden Club of South Lyon is sponsoring the eighth annual South Lyon Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available Saturday at McHattie Park, off Pontiac Trail south of 10 Mile, starting at 10 a.m. For information, call (248) 437-8751 or visit [www.homestead.com/fsgc/garden-walk.html](http://www.homestead.com/fsgc/garden-walk.html). Six private country gardens will be featured, and garden treasures and plants will be sold in the park. Proceeds will be used for community beautification and horticultural education.

### Canton

The Canton Garden Club's eighth annual Garden Walk will take place 1-6 p.m. Sunday, July 16, rain or shine. Visit beautiful private gardens in the Canton area.

Shop for garden-related items from vendors at the Garden Market on the grounds of the Canton Historical Museum, where the Country Lines Michigan Heritage Quilt is displayed. Free admittance to the Garden Market and the museum.

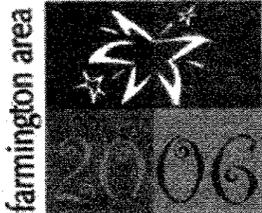
Garden Walk tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 Sunday.

They are available at Backyard Birds, Graye's Greenhouse, and Plymouth Nursery Home & Garden Showplace, all in Plymouth; Crimboli Nursery & Sweetwater Village, Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse, and Mary's Farm Market, all in Canton; and Feather Your Nest Antiques in Superior Township. Tickets will also be available Sunday only at the museum and each garden location.

For more information, call Dianne at (734) 254-1023.

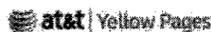
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# Gutter protection prevents fascia rot

BY DAVID BOBBY  
LICENSED BUILDER

Without maintenance or intervention, rain gutters attached with spike and ferrule will eventually be pushed off the house and fall to the ground.

And in time, the fascia boards - to which the gutters are attached - will rot. Even if the fascia is cedar (which is naturally rot-resistant) and even if the fascia is covered with aluminum or vinyl, they will rot.

Fascia board rot happens very slowly, imperceptibly, and it happens because water always wins.

When downspouts are blocked by wet leaves and debris, the gutters fill up and overflow with rain, snow and ice. Repeated contact with moisture in all these forms can cause the fascia board to wick moisture into itself and rot.

Spikes driven into wood that becomes rotten won't hold.

Factor in the tremendous downward pressure from the weight of ice and snow. Snow

and ice in and on the gutter cause the entire gutter system to bend downward slightly. When the ice and snow melt, the gutters return to their original positions - almost.

As this cycle goes on for many years, the spikes slowly start to loosen. Spikes begin to back out and become "proud," which means they protrude more and more from the face of the gutter, until they eventually fall to the ground.

Pounding loose spikes back into place is only a temporary fix because the hole has been compromised. When enough spikes come loose or fall out, the gutters will fall off.

When the rain runs off the roof and into the gutters, the cylindrical ferrule (into which the 8-inch aluminum spike rests) channels and directs water back into the fascia board. This is the problem with spike and ferrule attachment.

You might think that this can't happen to your home if you have aluminum or vinyl "skin" covering your fascia. That's a worse situation

because water still gets in through these protective skins but cannot escape or evaporate - the boards cannot breathe. It's like placing a wet sock in a ziplock bag and tossing it outside.

To avoid these kinds of problems and enjoy the additional benefit of never having to clean gutters again, consider a gutter protection system.

Ask the following questions and get satisfactory answers before making an investment:

■ Will the gutters be attached with premium hidden hangers, or spike and ferrule?  
■ Does the gutter protection system cover and protect the fascia board?

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■ Does the gutter protection system offer a lifetime transferable warranty?

Along with his son Darian, David Bobby owns Atlas Gutter Helmet and Atlas Seamless Gutter in Whitmore Lake. Call (810) 227-9164. Visit [www.atlasgutterhelmet.com](http://www.atlasgutterhelmet.com).

## Check drains before buying older home

Buying an older home can be exciting, because the home usually has lots of character.

Unfortunately, older homes often have something new homeowners dread: clogged floor drains that lead to sewer backups.

Pete Wood, president of Rooter, M.D. in Livonia, said that older homes are usually on lots with mature trees, and tree roots often clog sewer drains and cause backups.

"We get a lot of calls from recent home buyers of older homes, complaining about serious drainage problems," Wood said.

"Unfortunately, the home's disclosure statement on the real estate listing did not disclose the drain problems."

To avoid disappointment and large, unexpected expenses when buying an older home, Wood suggests following these tips:

1. Test all the drains of the home - While having a professional home inspection, ask the inspector to run all the plumbing fixtures.

First, fill as many sinks, bath-

tubs and laundry tubs with as much water as possible. Next, release all the water into the drains at the same time.

Once the fixtures are drained, continue to run the water for several minutes.

Check the drains and openings in the basement or lowest level of the home continually during the water flow testing. If the water levels rise, it's an indication there is a problem with the main drain.

2. Check tiles around floor drains - Look for stains or loose or new tiles around floor drains in the basement or lowest level of the home. These can be indications of drainage problems.

3. Look for wall stains - If you notice water stains on interior or exterior walls, it probably means there has been a drain problem, and could mean the sewer has backed up into the basement.

4. Talk to the current homeowner - Always ask the current homeowner if they know where their main cleanout is located and if they have had previous sewer backups.

If they had a problem, ask where the water backed up, how

often it happened, and where the drain problem was located.

5. Have problems inspected by a professional - If there has been a problem in the past, potential home buyers should have a plumbing professional video inspect the underground drains with a closed-circuit camera to determine if tree roots have infiltrated the drain or if the drains are worn or damaged.

Fortunately, Wood said modern technology enables his company to use high-pressure water jetting and a cured-in-place drain restoration process that allows the drain to be repaired without digging up the homeowner's lawn.

"Whenever people are buying a home, they should always do their due diligence regarding the drains and plumbing to ensure they don't get any costly surprises after they move in to the home," he said.

Rooter, M.D. is a division of Pete Wood Plumbing Co.

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## Play it safe when pruning rhododendrons

BY LEE REICH  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Your last chance to prune your rhododendrons this year comes soon after their blossoms have faded.

That pruning might entail nothing more than snapping spent flower stalks off with your fingers to direct a plant's energy into growth rather than seed production.

Or, you might do something more dramatic: pruning back stems, a good way to reduce the size of an overgrown plant.

Ideally, prepare the bush a year or two before it is to undergo drastic surgery with mulch and a generous supply of moisture and food.

Be careful, though, because not all rhododendrons will sprout new growth from old stubs left after drastic pruning.

Play it safe by cutting back no more than a few large stems

any year, then watch to see if new sprouts appear within a few weeks. No sign of new sprouts means no more drastic cutting. Rhododendrons that do sprout from older wood also can be pruned less severely by merely shortening woody stems as a way to make them bushier.

Such pruning awakens buds just beneath the cuts. These buds grow out into new shoots, resulting in two, three or four shoots where there was only one stem.

Yet another way to make a rhododendron more bushy - whether or not it sprouts readily from old wood - is by shortening young, growing shoots.

Except for late-flowering rhododendrons, such as rosebay, these shoots begin growing around the time the blossoms open.

Just pinch back those shoots by 1/3 to 1/2 their length with

your fingernails. But don't wait too long to do, so or the shoots won't have time to develop flower buds for next year.

There was another opportunity, earlier in the season, to prune rhododendrons to make them more bushy.

Let's go back to early spring and look closely at the buds that were then just swelling. We saw two kinds of buds. The large, fat ones open to become blossoms; don't touch them.

The slender buds, in contrast, become shoots. Three or more typically cluster at the tip of a stem, but usually only the middle one grows. Pinching out that middle bud allows two or more of the others to grow.

Don't get the idea that rhododendrons need plenty of pruning. Young plants do eventually develop good form and size without pruning or removal of spent flowers, but less quickly.

### HOME CALENDAR

#### Home staging

Learn how to view your home through the eyes of a potential buyer and highlight the positives of each room in Stage Your Home to Sell or Live, a class at The Community House in Birmingham Monday, July 17. Cost is \$25, plus a \$5 material fee payable in class. Pictures of problem areas are welcome.

To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit [www.community-house.com](http://www.community-house.com).

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#### Detroit walking tours

Preservation Wayne presents guided walking tours of five historical areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the

Cultural Center), 10 a.m. Saturdays now through September.

It also presents Tuesday After Work tours in downtown Detroit 5:30 p.m. every week.

Tours of the New Center area are available by appointment.

Each tour offers a blend of the history of the area and what is happening now. Cost is \$10. Visit [www.preservationwayne.org](http://www.preservationwayne.org) or call (313) 577-7674. Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail [mklemic@hometownlife.com](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com), fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

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Different players work differently in this regard. In some cases, just connecting it to your PC's USB port is enough: the player gets assigned a drive letter and functions like any other drive (meaning you can view the contents, drag and drop files to and from it, and so on). Other players require you to switch over to a "hard drive

mode" or use special software for file management. Check the manual for instructions.

**PHOTO DOWNLOADS**

When you're on vacation and your digital camera's memory card fills up, your options are few: swap in another card (if you remembered to bring one) or start deleting old photos to make room for new ones. A better solution: offload those photos from the camera

to your MP3 player's hard drive. The iPod makes this possible by way of a \$30 accessory (the iPod Camera Connector); other players support direct camera connections.

There are also a few models that have media slots where you can insert your camera's memory card and download the photos. The Creative Zen Vision, for instance, has a built-in CompactFlash slot, and an available adapter adds slots for Memory Stick, SD, and other kinds of media.

**PODCASTS**

A podcast is nothing more than an audio recording, usually of the spoken-word variety. These range from interesting and informative shows like *60 Minutes* and NPR's *All Songs Considered* to homebrew recordings from individuals or businesses.

Because most podcasts are produced in MP3 format, they're compatible with virtually all portable players. Apple's iTunes software makes it particularly easy to find and subscribe to podcasts; users of other players can check out myPodder (podcast-treasury.com), a free utility that automatically downloads podcasts and copies them to your device.

**VOICE RECORDINGS**

One feature that's sorely lacking in iPods - but available in many other players - is a built-in voice recorder. A hard drive has room for hundreds of hours' worth of voice notes, which you can copy back to your PC later if you want to make permanent records.

Now that you know some of the hidden talents possessed by some MP3 players, the only question left is this: Which model should you buy? Apple's 30GB iPod probably seems like the no-brainer choice, and in many respects it is. Priced at a reasonable \$299, it offers simplicity and sex appeal matched by few other players.

However, as noted earlier, it doesn't do voice recordings, and if you want to download photos from your camera,



Apple's iTunes is an excellent source for podcasts, but it's compatible only with iPods.

you'll need an optional adapter. One well-equipped alternative is the Creative Zen Vision:M (creative.com). Though priced the same as the iPod, it includes a voice recorder, an FM radio, and even the option to record FM stations.

Plus, unlike the iPod, the Vision:M is compatible with a growing number of music-subscription services, great if you want to use your MP3 player for, you know, music.

If you really want to push the MP3 envelope, consider something like the \$299 Archos Gmini 402 Camcorder (archos.com).

True to its name, the Gmini doubles as a digital camera/camcorder, though don't expect high-resolution photos or movies. Instead, they're suitable for posting to Web sites or capturing on-the-fly movies for quick and impressive presentations to clients.

The Gmini also has a port for connecting your digital camera and downloading photos. What it doesn't do is sync with your desktop contact manager, so you can't use it to look up appointments and phone numbers.

Admittedly, there's no single device that "does it all," but if you want an MP3 player that can do a lot more than just play MP3s, you won't have to look very far.

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**PESTS**

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hosed away, or rain will remove it.

Scale insects are brown and oval-shaped. Their outer shells protect them from pesticides. Spraying is usually done at the end of June or early July. Spraying applications should be timed so they are done when the scales are in their crawler stage.

Scale insects can be removed with a cotton swab dipped in alcohol, if their presence is detected before the infestation gets too big.

**ASCOCHYTA**

"We're seeing a lot of ascochyta," Eichen said. This leaf blight causes irregular brown patches in the lawn. It's prevalent when there are extended wet periods.

"We don't recommend chemical treatment for it," Eichen said.

Instead, be patient. The blight is a foliage, not a root or crown, disease. New grass will emerge after a few weeks.

Watering and cutting your lawn properly will help prevent diseases such as ascochyta and leaf spot, which causes patches of thin, brown grass.

Do your watering between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., not early in the morning or late at night, Eichen said.

Spend around 15 to 20 minutes watering per zone, and water on a daily basis; "frequently but lightly," he said.

"Mow high" and don't cut the grass too short, Eichen said. And keep the mower blades sharp, he said.

**SLUGS AND SOWBUGS**

Slugs attack live plants, leaving large and ragged holes in leaves and destroying seedlings.

Sowbugs, also called roly-polys, hide in dark, moist places in daytime and feed at night. They primarily feed on decaying matter.

"When their numbers get high they will eat live plants," Morrell said.

She uses a product called Sluggo® to get rid of both pests.

**APHIDS**

Aphids are typically found

clustered on the underside of leaves and on new growth.

They suck juice from a plant, leading to growth defects. A sign of significant infestation is when the plants are covered with a sticky honeydew.

Ladybugs are a natural way to control aphids.

**OTHERS**

Talk to nurseries about pest problems.

Lynn, a salesperson at Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington Hills, said people have brought in cuttings and photos of problem areas.

The nursery owner will go to properties to inspect trees that appear to be ailing, she said.

Jon Sternfels, owner of JonBoy Landscaping of Redford, advises people to keep an eye on the corners of their garages and inside clothesline poles, where bees can make hives.

"Most people don't think to look," he said.

In its May newsletter, the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club shared tips from *Garden Gate* magazine that included:

■ Use Clorox disinfectant wipes - instead of mixes of bleach and water that can drip and ruin clothing - to clean pruners.

"Sterilizing your pruners between cuts is important to keeping your plants healthy and disease-free."

■ Bind six to eight stems of lavender flowers together with a daily leaf and lay the bundle in the water in the birdbath, to keep algae from growing. One bundle will keep the water free of algae for two or three weeks.

"The chemical released by the lavender won't kill algae already growing, but it does prevent new growth from starting."

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# Take a trip to a Mediterranean kitchen

Summer is a good time to visit, or revisit, the Mediterranean diet. We've heard it for years: A Mediterranean diet high in fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts, whole grains and olive oil will help you live longer. The Mediterranean diet is mostly plant based, with an abundance of vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans. Even flavorings such as rosemary, oregano, onion and garlic, which are so much a part of Mediterranean food, do more than make the food taste good. They add antioxidants and other anti-cancer substances. Olive oil is a signature ingredient in Mediterranean cooking. Because olive oil does not raise blood cholesterol and does not seem to promote cancer development, it is considered a healthful oil and a good source of fat. Some studies suggest that natural compounds in olive oil may even protect against cancer. But, taking calories into consideration, more olive oil than what you might currently be using could require a more active lifestyle, or less of other high-calorie foods. Fish has a prominent place in the Mediterranean diet. It is an excellent source of protein, vitamins and minerals, and is lower in saturated fat than red meat. Fish contain mainly unsaturated fat, which is better for blood cholesterol

levels, and other substances believed to reduce cancer risk. Nutrition experts recommend two servings of fish each week. Government guidelines, however, advise that, because of possible mercury contamination, certain people should avoid swordfish: young children; and women who are nursing, pregnant, or might become pregnant. For information on mercury and the safety of other fish, see the government website at: [www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/admeHg3.html](http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/admeHg3.html) Because swordfish is firm, dense and has an almost meat-like taste, it is one of the most popular fish for home cooking. It's so firm, it can be prepared in many ways: grilling, broiling, baking, poaching, or sautéing. The firm, succulent texture of swordfish steaks makes them perfect for barbecuing. For optimum flavor, choose rosy, fresh-looking steaks. All they need is a drizzle of olive oil, a little salt and pepper and, after being lightly cooked over a medium-high heat, a squeeze of lemon. They are also delicious marinated in fresh oregano, lemon and oil, or simply dusted with paprika then grilled.

- 2 tablespoons capers
- 4 1/2-inch thick swordfish steaks, each 4 ounces each
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 lemon, cut into quarters

Using a blender or food processor, blend oil with garlic, lemon juice and capers. Transfer to a non-metal container. Add fish and marinate 20 to 30 minutes, turning fish once in the process.

Meanwhile, prepare the grill or preheat the broiler. Remove fish from marinade and pat dry with paper towelling. Season with salt and pepper. (If using an indoor grill, spray fish lightly with olive oil or canola oil spray.)

Grill the fish about four to five minutes per side, depending on thickness of fish, or until fish is opaque in the center. (Fish usually takes about 10 minutes per inch of thickness to cook through.) Don't overcook or fish will be dry.

Serve with wedges of fresh lemon, either hot or at room temperature.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 169 calories, 8 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 3 g. carbohydrate, 21 g. protein, less than 1 g. dietary fiber, 223 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR's Web address is [www.aicr.org](http://www.aicr.org).



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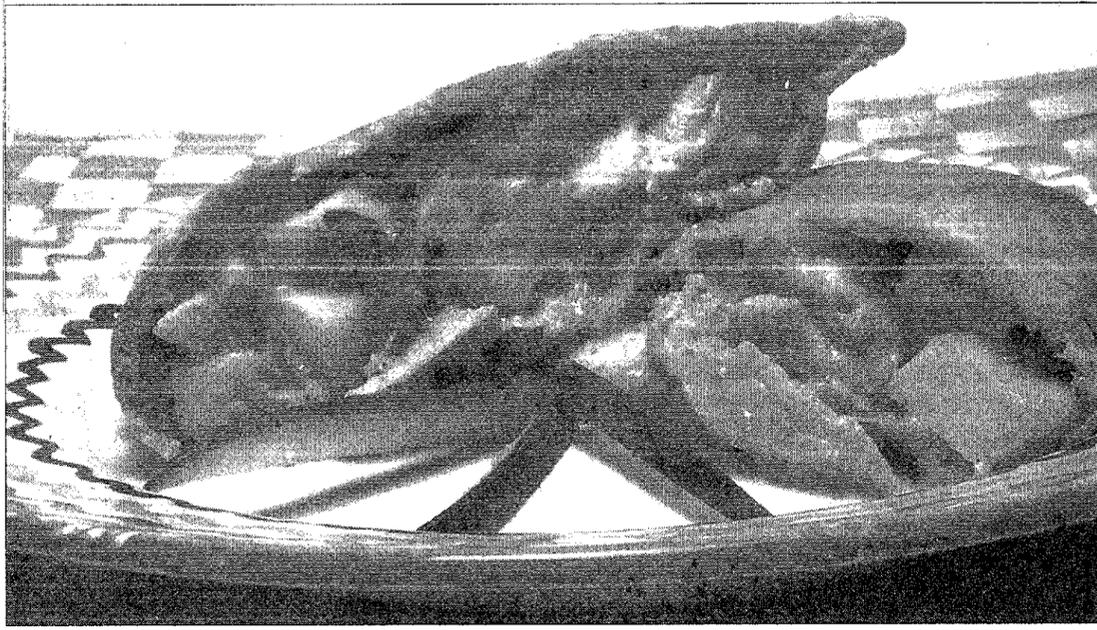
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# Mangoes are popular and versatile

Once an exotic tropical fruit, the mango is now almost as common as the apple.

Mangoes appear in salsas, chutneys, smoothies and fruit salads as well as puddings, tarts and cakes. They are such a versatile fruit in cooking that their popularity continues to grow. They also are delicious eaten with no embellishment.

Mangoes are rich in nutrients and fiber. They also are an excellent source of beta-carotene and vitamins A, C and D.

Mangoes have been cultivated in India where the mango tree is considered sacred since at least 2000 BC. Now the fruit is grown in temperate climates all over the world, including Florida and California.

Mangoes can be oblong or round and weigh from 4 ounces to 4 pounds. Their thin, tough, green skin turns yellow with red mottling as the fruit ripens. The flesh of the mango

is bright orange and has a rich, sweet taste with a hint of lime.

When choosing mangoes, look for fruit with unblemished yellow skin with a red blush. Gently squeeze the nose of the fruit and, if there is a slight give, the mango is ripe. Mangoes can be stored in a cool place but not refrigerated for up to two weeks. The green, unripe fruit is used in the cooking of India, Malaysia and Thailand.

Mangoes are in season from May to September, but imported fruit is available sporadically throughout the year. In addition to their many uses in cooking, mangoes make a fine sandwich ingredient.

And a more versatile version of the sandwich is a wrap. Add some mango to a turkey wrap for a light summer lunch or dinner. It's cool, refreshing and fast — three summer requirements.

Turkey lends itself particularly well to a variety of season-

ings and condiments. It also is a meat that goes well with many fruits. Wrap thin slices of turkey, along with lots of thinly sliced vegetables, in a whole-wheat tortilla and you're on your way to a healthful lunch.

The following recipe pairs turkey with mango in a light curried mayonnaise and, for a change, uses a pita pocket rather than a tortilla.

### TURKEY-MANGO POCKETS

- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1/4 cup fat-free or reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 8 ounces cooked turkey, cut up
- 2 cups cucumber, peeled, seed and cubed
- 1 ripe mango, peeled, pitted, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1/2 cup Italian flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- 1/2 ripe avocado, peeled, pitted

and cubed  
4 whole-wheat pita pockets

Heat curry powder, stirring constantly, in a small skillet over medium-low heat until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Transfer curry powder to small bowl. Stir in mayonnaise and lemon juice. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Mix seasoned mayonnaise with turkey, cucumber, mango, parsley and avocado. Put one-fourth of the mixture into each pita pocket.

Wraps can be made up to 4 hours ahead and refrigerated wrapped tightly with plastic wrap. Bring back to room temperature before serving.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 339 calories, 7 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 49 g. carbohydrate, 25 g. protein, 8 g. dietary fiber, 498 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR's Web address is www.aicr.org.

## Update your kitchen with appliance refacing

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Want to update your kitchen on a budget? There are lots of things you can do beyond cabinet refacing.

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### FOOD CALENDAR

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#### Grapevine

The schedule of classes from the Grapevine School of Wine, includes Pinot Noir: The Seductress of Red Wine, 7 p.m. July 25, Quarter Bistro & Tavern, 300 S. Maple, Ann Arbor, \$35, register online at www.grapevineschoolofwine.com. For additional information, call (248) 990-4613.

#### The Community House

Cooking classes, including Authentic Italian—Simple Recipes for Delicious Classics, taught by Dawn Bause, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, \$29; Salsa and Guacamole, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, \$30; Salads and Vinaigrettes, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, \$30; classes taught at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com

#### Gluten Free Dinner

Fried artichokes, penne with fresh tomato basil sauce, mixed field greens with white balsamic vinaigrette, steak Siciliano, Monday, Aug. 7, \$23, Giulios, 31735 Plymouth, Livonia (734) 427-9500.

#### Vintage Wine Tasting

Viewpoint Estate Winery, 151 County Road 50 East, Harrow, Ont. hosts Southwestern Ontario Vintners Association 2006 Vinters Wine Tasting, 1-4 p.m. Aug. 12, tickets \$50, available at SVOVA wineries, visit www.vintagetesting.com

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# Sauvignon blanc: white wine with flavor, style

Sauvignon blanc with its fresh lime, grapefruit and melon aromas and flavors is refreshing on a warm summer day. It's a most versatile pour with everything from salads to chicken, fish, pasta, scallops, mussels and spicy Asian cuisine. Plus, the clean, crisp flavor invites another sip.

With so many wonderful sauvignon blancs available, we suggest that you do a little experimenting with this delicious varietal. Try more than one at a time or when entertaining serve several rather than two or three of the same. You will soon know which is most appealing and which style best matches your chosen cuisine.

"The New Zealand style highlights the herbaceous side of sauvignon blanc," said Grady Wann, Quivira Vineyards winemaker. Wann is pleased that the New Zealand style has achieved acceptance among U.S. wine buyers because, "if such an herbaceous style came from California, it never would have sold. Now, it's the rage and I think it's great because it's the essence of sauvignon blanc."

## GRASSY & HERBACEOUS

Emergence of a New Zealand style has allowed California winemakers to rethink sauvignon blanc characteristics and



## Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

even accentuate its herbal, grassy nature when possible. It's a wine for people seriously interested in pairing wines with modern food styles.

In California, Wann believes that winemakers have been trying to tame "the beast" (herbaceousness) to make it palatable, and now that sauvignon blanc has gained enough popularity as a varietal, we are allowed to appreciate it fully.

"I can't make the herbaceous style in Sonoma County; our sauvignon blanc tends to be more citrusy with a note of lemongrass," Wann said.

"Even if I stainless steel fermented it and picked it earlier, I wouldn't get that character. In warmer years, our wine tends to be more melon, while in cooler years it shows an herbal character with a citrus centerpiece."

## FRUIT DRIVEN

Napa Wine Company, a custom crush facility in Napa Valley's Oakville district, is home to Mason Cellars. There,

Randy Mason crafts his style of sauvignon blanc. He credits his success to a hot sauvignon blanc market and the fact that his tastes good.

"We've been able to penetrate a huge number of restaurant wine-by-the-glass programs," Mason said. "The wine was priced right and we knew that if we could get people to taste it, reorders would be spectacular. That's why the label went from 1,400 to 18,000 cases in four years."

"Fruit-driven wines incorporate no oak and highlight relatively green fruit," Mason said. "Whether one likes it or not, it showcases the varietal. At the other end of the spectrum are those wines, barrel fermented to be a chardonnay lookalike. I want my wine to be varietally true, yet if the wine is true in the nose, meaning herbaceous, it passes through to the taste and a whole bunch of people don't like such an aggressive style."

The key to the popularity of Mason sauvignon blanc is that it finishes well. This is achieved by partial barrel fermentation. "At 10 percent barrel fermented, the wine was too lean and at 20 percent, the oak showed through and I didn't want that," Mason said. "The bottom line today is that Mason sauvignon blanc is 85 percent stainless steel fer-

mented with 15 percent fermented in new French and American oak."

In the vineyard, Mason shades one side of the vine row differently than the other to give a variety of ripeness levels. The sugar difference between green and golden berries is minimal, but the flavor difference is huge. Thus, the Mason style is grapefruit-citrus with a substantial finish. From a winemaking point of view, Mason works strictly on texture. He wants the wine to feel good in the mouth from beginning to end. "This is not about flavor," he stressed, "it's about 'mouthfeel.' If I can get the right mouthfeel, everything else will be there."

Mason likes oysters and clam fettuccine with his sauvignon blanc. Spicy Thai food works well since the wine's acidity cuts through the sauce. "I like sauvignon blanc because it tastes good — as simple as that," Mason said. "It's fun. As a winemaker, the challenge is to extract all the flavor the grape will give."

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally-respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

## WINE PICKS

In addition to 2004 Quivira Fig Tree Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc \$16 and 2004 Mason Cellars Sauvignon Blanc \$16 mentioned in Focus on Wine, the following are other highly recommended Sauvignon Blancs to begin your tasting adventure.

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Subtle oak in these wines creates a bigger impression: 2004 Rudd Napa Valley \$35 2004 Flora Springs Solioquy, Napa Valley \$25 2005 Duckhorn, Napa Valley \$25

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## Itsy-bitsy bikini has big history

By Samantha Critchell • AP Fashion Writer

**NEW YORK** — It figures: The bikini was created by men. It happened 60 years ago in — again, no surprise here — France.

But it's women, and largely Hollywood stars of the 1950s, who embraced the belly-baring bathing suit and haven't let go.

Kelly Killoren Bensimon, a model-turned-magazine editor, wrote "The Bikini Book" (Assouline), which aims to document the substantial significance the tiny two-piece has had on the world since Jacques Heim and Louis Reard introduced competing versions of the small suit.

What sets the bikini apart from other two-piece bathing suits is its miniature size. Women in bandeau tops and separate bottoms were depicted in ancient wall paintings dating back to 1400 B.C., Killoren Bensimon reports. Burlesque and vaudeville performers wore two-piece outfits in the 1920s and in 1932 French designer Madeleine Vionnet offered an exposed midriff in an evening gown. Then, in 1935, American designer Claire McCardell cut out the side panels of a maillot-style bathing suit that's seen as the bikini's forerunner.

But when Reard presented "le bikini" at a Paris swimming pool in the summer of 1946, he created a global sensation. The name "bikini" came from another



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### Swim Scene Must-Haves

Suit up with this season's essentials in swimwear and accessories:

- **Anything chocolate brown.** Whether it's a skirted one-piece suit, a halter bikini or cover-up, brown is the color of 2006.
- **Natural embellishments.** On suits and cover-ups, look for playful shells, funky wooden beads, ring detailing, coins and brass.
- **The biggest of bangles.** From gigantic hoop earrings and multiple wrist bangles, to oversized rings and beaded necklaces, chunky jewelry adds panache at the pool.
- **Fancy footwear.** Choose from cork wedge sandals, metallic slingbacks, gold-toned open toes or casual thong flats to strut your stuff in style.

Source: T.J. Maxx

historic event: The testing of atomic bombs on the Bikini atoll in the South Pacific that same summer. Writing about the bikini is "a perfect fit" for Killoren Bensimon. "I love fashion and the bikini is social history, which I also love, and I'm an avid bikini wearer," she says. Killoren Bensimon is editor of Elle Accessories and has written other books focusing on American style. She is donating a portion of the proceeds of "The Bikini Book" to the Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

In the 1950s, the public was seduced by the bikini, especially if Jayne Mansfield or Brigitte Bardot was in it. Even now, the fashion set boasts of packing "a wardrobe of bikinis and just a few things to throw over them" for

their glamorous vacations in the Caribbean.

Movies have been an important part of the bikini's history — and they continue that role today. Aside from Bardot's "And God Created Women," bikini images burned into our minds include Ursula Andress in "Dr. No" and Halle Berry who re-created that look 40 years later in another James Bond flick, "Die Another Day."

Then came the Sports Illustrated swimsuit covers — and later swimsuit issues — and Cheryl Tiegs posters.

"The Bikini Book" proves models and actresses look great in bikinis, but what about the rest of us?

"Any woman can wear a bikini ... There are so many choices," Bensimon says. "You make it your own. A surfer, a socialite, a rocker — there's a bikini for you."

### List

**Serious Moonlight**  
Serious Moonlight will transform the grounds of Cranbrook Art Museum into an enchanting summer soiree on July 15. Enjoy a strolling supper, live entertainment, dancing and silent auction, then take time to view the ongoing exhibit "When Philip Met Isabella — Philip Treacy's Hats for Isabella Blow." Tickets, \$75-\$100, benefit Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum. Call (248) 645-3312 or visit www.cranbrookart.edu

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**Nordstrom Anniversary Sale**  
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**Skin Care & Beauty Camp**  
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