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Jackson gets school board appointment over objections

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday night named John Jackson of Plymouth Township to fill a one-year appointment on the school board.

However, the selection didn't come without some controversy as one of the four candidates for the vacancy, Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township,



Jackson

said "the fix was in" to keep him from being chosen.

Jackson was given the nod by five of the six trustees, who asked nine questions of the candidates before making their selection. John Nichols of Canton Township received the other vote.

Heise and Greg Morrison of Plymouth, who didn't participate in the interviews, did not receive any votes.

The vacancy was created when Mark Slavens resigned at the May 8, 2007, board meeting to accept an appointment from the governor as a Wayne County Circuit Court judge.

"First and foremost is to figure out how to maintain the level of student achievement we have now, and maintain

that during these tough financial times," Jackson said after being selected. "How do we operate more efficiently and smart?"

"The superintendent search will be big, and another is communication," he added. "We have to figure out a way to get out the successes of the district."

Heise, in his opening statement, told board members they should follow the lead of

the voters in the May election.

"It's time for new blood and new perspective on the school board," said Heise, who moved into the district last fall. "Over 2,500 voters selected me as their choice for school board in May. It is time to set the record straight on the past election and let's do the right thing, and let's elevate the third-place person to that vacant seat."

However, in the end, trust-

ees said they wanted someone who has some history in volunteering in the district, and selected Jackson, who has been a Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters president, a member of the bond steering committee and finished third in last year's election.

"My plan, all along, was to run in 2008, but when Mark Slavens resigned it became

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Louise Hopping (left) greets Trudy Roettger at her 100th birthday party Wednesday at the Summit. Back in the 1980s, Hopping was assistant coordinator for Canton's senior programs, which Roettger has been active in for years.

A heart 100 years full

Beloved Canton volunteer celebrates a century of life

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

As she dabbed tears from her 100-year-old eyes, Trudy Roettger thanked her family and friends for helping her celebrate a century of living.

"I'm choked up," she said. "My heart is full. I never would have made it to 100 without you wonderful people."

A party for Roettger, who was born on July 11, 1907, took place Wednesday at the Summit on the Park.

Roettger, who has been active in Canton's Senior Adult Program since the 1970s, has been a "fabulous volunteer" and is much loved, according to Dianne Neihengen, director of the Canton Senior Adult Program.

"She is a remarkable lady. She is also one of the most organized and energetic ladies that I have ever known. She is truly loved by everyone here," Neihengen said. Over the years, Roettger has served on the Senior Advisory Council and as social club president, and has been active at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton.

During Wednesday's celebration, The Sounds of Canton performed snippets of nearly two dozen songs. Roettger was an original member of the 30-year-old vocal group, then called the Canton Senior Kitchen Band, but stopped performing with the ensemble two years ago.

"Trudy, this is for you,"

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Mud Day fun

Chris Roman (from left), Joey Roman, Alec Olson and Mackenzie Olson, all of Canton, got as dirty as they could during the Mud Day festivities Tuesday in Hines Park. They weren't so dirty when they began (left). For more photos and a story about the annual Mud Day, please see page A6.



Township approves largest bond sale in its history

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The township board has unanimously agreed to the sale of its largest bond amount in Canton's history.

On Tuesday, board members approved a resolution for the sale of \$44.3 million in bonds

to pay for improvements to the township's water and sewer system.

Township officials initially pegged the project at \$40 million but later asked that an additional \$10 million be added. The final figure landed at \$44,300,000.

The bond underwriter is

the Florida-based Raymond James Financial Inc.

Paul Wyzgoski of Dickinson Wright PLLC served as bond counsel and said this was the township's largest bond sale. Upon his congratulating township officials on the deal, Township Supervisor Tom Yack joked, "I feel richer

already."

The interest rate for the life of the bonds is fixed at 4.62 percent, which will be paid over 20 years through 2027.

Township officials credited the interest rating to its recent credit ratings by Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's. Fitch gave Canton a AA+ while

Standard & Poor's gave a AA. The ratings were requested for the current bond sale.

Finance and Budget Director Rick Eva was pleased with the ratings.

"Despite the current financial conditions in the state, Canton has maintained a sound financial base while

continuing to provide, and improve, service to the residents of Canton," he said.


By maintaining or improving its bond ratings, the township is able to receive lower interest rates when required to finance projects.

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Bicycle rodeo

Kids are invited to join the Canton Police Department and Canton Leisure Services for an evening of bike riding in Heritage Park on Thursday, July 19, from 6-7:30 p.m.

This free event will include bicycle registration and equipment inspections, followed by a bicycle safety presentation. Kids can then participate in a ride around Heritage Park with Canton Police bike officers.

Immediately following the Bicycle Rodeo, families are invited to stay for the free Thursday Night Concert in the park featuring the Gratitude Steel Band. Steel drums, bass pans and calypso sounds will bring the islands to Heritage Park. Leisure Services will be providing "Caribbean-themed" leisure stations for everyone to enjoy.

No pre-registration is necessary. For more information contact Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

Kiwanis moves

The Plymouth Canton

Kiwanis Club is moving its weekly meeting to the Canton Coney Island at 8533 N. Lilley Road in Canton.

Club officials say the new meeting spot offers a very central location just south of Joy Road that is convenient to both the Plymouth and Canton communities. In addition to an excellent location, the restaurant has several rooms for various meeting sizes and offers the opportunity for breakfast for the "early birds."

To kick off the new location, the club will host Brian Sullivan as a breakfast speaker July 17. Sullivan is the Director of Sales, Marketing and Communications for the Tooling Manufacturing & Technologies Association. He will discuss the "state of manufacturing" in the Michigan economy.

The meeting starts at 7:15 a.m. and coffee is provided. Breakfast is available for purchase prior to and during the meeting. The club would like to encourage interested parties to attend. RSVP via e-mail at info@pckiwaniis.org or call (734) 981-0460.

Boosters fund-raiser

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters and the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band are launching a summer fund-raising drive to raise enough money to purchase a new semi-trailer to replace the 50-foot trailer currently used by the nationally acclaimed band to carry all the large, front-ensemble instruments and equipment.

The public is welcome to purchase the \$10 tickets for the special fund-raising raffle being held in conjunction with Plymouth Motorsports. Raffle tickets will be sold all summer long to win buyer's choice of a waverunner, motorcycle, snowmobile or four-wheeler.

The tickets will be on sale at the upcoming Art in the Park festival held in downtown Plymouth July 13-15. The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters will have two booths at the event, where bottled water and the raffle tickets will be on sale. Band members will be on hand to meet with members of the community. Raffle tickets will be sold

throughout the summer, with the final winner announced at the Great Lakes Invitational Marching Band Competition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters at Canton High School Oct. 13. All proceeds will benefit the Plymouth-Canton band programs. To purchase raffle tickets, visit www.pcmb.net

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its August Networking Luncheon on August 1, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch, which is open to the public, is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert.

The luncheon will feature guest speaker Tamme' Quinn, owner and president of VerbalWise, LLC, a Plymouth-based firm that specializes in finding hidden resources in organizations so they can increase the impact to their bottom lines. Companies have utilized her expertise to increase productivity, improve customer service and develop



Get a clue

Adeline Renzi, 8, and her mom Kim Renzi of Canton, recently signed up for the summer reading program at the Canton Public Library. More than 3,000 children have already signed up for the "Get A Clue" summer reading program at the library, which features five different groups based on the reading level of the participant. Adults are also signing up for "Read Around the World," the adult summer reading program. The more you read, the more entry slips for prize drawings you earn. Top prizes include a Nintendo Wii for teens and a Northwest Airlines gift certificate for adults. The summer reading programs are free, and July 26 is the last day to register and Aug. 12 is the last day to pick up prizes. Call the library at (734) 397-0999 for more information.

stronger work teams and build corporate intelligence. The luncheon is being sponsored by Turnbury Park Apartments. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is July 27.

Entertainment Books

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Scores of spectators are expected to fill the streets of downtown Plymouth for this weekend's annual Plymouth Art in the Park.

Art in the Park to feature hundreds of artists

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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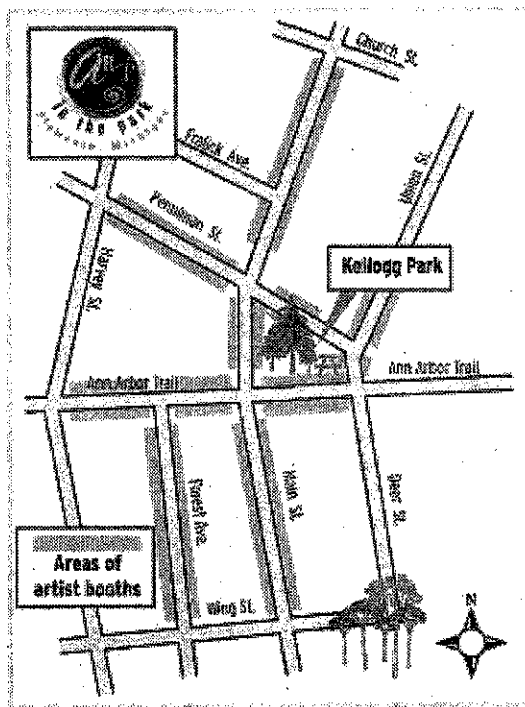
Paula Robarge and her family have been making furniture out of tree branches for nearly 20 years, displaying their handmade goods at art fairs around metro Detroit.

However, this will be the first time Robarge will be selling her wares at Art in the Park, scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday in downtown Plymouth. Robarge wanted to be part of the festivities so badly she and her family drove from their Livingston County home to deliver a chair for Art in the Park founder Dianne Quinn to personally view. Quinn liked it so much she bought the chair and gave Robarge one of the show's nearly 400 exhibitor booths.

"It has a lot of people, and so we went for it," Robarge said. "Plymouth looks like a friendly place to do a show, and I've heard from other people how nice a fair it is."

Quinn said she received about 1,000 applications from exhibitors who wanted to be part of the three-day show, with fewer than half getting an invitation.

"We have a committee that looks at photos and slides from every application, and when we say 'wow,' those are the ones that get in," Quinn said. "Nobody is guaranteed just because they were in the show before. This year we have over



100 new artists."

There will also be 20 child artists who go through the same process. "They'll be around the fountain with the things they've made all year, from handmade soap to rhinestone dog collars to painted rocks," Quinn said.

Quinn, whose father was the director of nurses for a former state home in Northville Township, said she's particularly pleased to have developmentally disabled exhibitors from Services To Enhance Potential (STEP) in Livonia selling their goods.

"They were involved in his life for many years, and we were always aware of people with special needs, and learned to respect them and their families," she said. "It will be special to have a whole new group of people sharing in this experience and getting people excited about what they're doing."

Quinn started Art in the Park 28 years ago with 28 booths in Kellogg Park. Now the event is spread throughout most of downtown and draws 300,000 people over three days.

"I could have never imagined this," said Quinn. "It's truly remarkable."

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Yack's OK after 'heart stopping' rollover accident

BY KURT KUBAN
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In a matter of a split second, what began as a day of great anticipation for Tom Yack and his wife Barb nearly turned into tragedy when they were involved in a scary accident on June 23.

The Canton Township supervisor and his wife were driving north on US-23 just south of North Territorial Road when the car in front of them swerved to the left to miss some ducks that were attempting to cross the expressway. Yack, who was driving, then swerved to the right to miss the animals.

According to Yack, once his rear tires hit the gravel shoulder, the township-owned 2003 GMC Envoy began to fishtail back and forth. The SUV began to spin and then hit a ditch, which caused it to roll over once, ultimately landing back on its wheels and coming to a stop.

When the dust cleared, the couple took stock of the situation.

"My wife looked over at me and said, 'Are you OK?' I said, 'I think so,'" said Yack, who called the accident a "heart stopper."

Yack didn't suffer any serious injuries, but his wife, Barb, suffered a cut on her head and was taken to St. Joseph-Mercy



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This is what's left of the township-owned 2003 GMC Envoy, after Tom Yack and his wife Barb were involved in a scary accident a couple weeks ago.

Hospital. She received five staples to close the wound and was released a few hours later, after other tests turned up negative.

The Yacks were traveling to Portland, a city near Lansing, to attend Canton Township Trustee Todd LaJoy's wedding, something the Yacks were looking forward to.

"It was going to be one of the high points of the summer," Yack said.

The township-owned Envoy, which suffered major damage, was determined to be total loss. On Tuesday, the township board voted to purchase a cost of \$25,500 a new Ford Edge, which is a crossover

vehicle. It has a lower center of gravity than the SUV and is less likely to rollover, according to Yack, who said this was his first accident in 44 years of driving.

"I guess if you're going to do it, do it big," Yack joked.

All kidding aside, Yack said he shouldn't have swerved to avoid the animals.

"The moral of the story here, unfortunately, is hit the animals. That's what the state trooper told me. When you leave the roadway, bad things are going to happen," Yack said.

He was unsure if the animals made it across the expressway or not.

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Police department hires new officers

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■ Kristy Branson, 27, earned her associate's degree from Oakland Community College in 2005. She worked as a Wayne County Airport police officer shortly before joining Canton.

■ Darren Kossick, 25, earned his Associate's Degree from Schoolcraft Community College in 2004, and received his MCOLES certification from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy in 2004.

■ Michael Murphy, 34, earned two associate's

degrees from Henry Ford Community College. Prior to being hired in Canton, he worked as a U.S. Customs Agent.

■ Adam Shulman, 23, earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in 2005, and received his MCOLES certification from the Macomb Police Academy in 2005.

Candidates for the Canton Police Department go through a vigorous testing process that includes written and physical agility tests, oral board, medical and psychological examinations and an extensive background check.

To find out more about opportunities at the department visit www.canton-mi.org.

Madonna to host St. Casimir reunion

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Alumni and parishioners of the former St. Casimir Parish and school, along with nuns, clergy and teachers will reunite at Madonna University this weekend to celebrate the 125th anniversary of its founding.

Festivities over the two days include a dinner reception, mass, brunch and picnic.

"After mass, former students are going to be able to go back behind the altar and see some of the teachers who they haven't seen in 30 to 40 years," said Tom Wozniak, a Livonia resident who graduated from St. Casimir in 1966 and has helped plan the reunion with members of the schools last graduating class, from 1969, Sister Victoria Indyk, Alicia Ramirez and Irma Valdez Reyes.

St. Casimir, established in 1882 at 23rd Street and Myrtle (now Martin Luther King Boulevard), was the largest Polish Catholic parish in Detroit west of Woodward.

Over the span of 125 years, three churches, two schools, two rectories and two convents were built at the site.

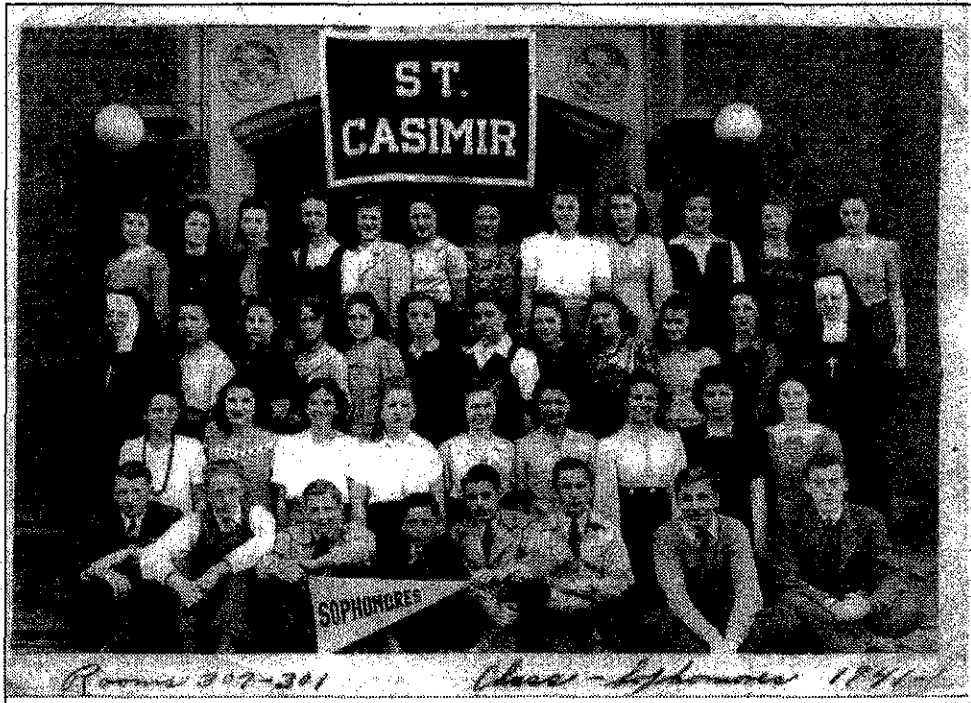
Wozniak attended St. Casimir for 12 years. His grandmother was baptized there in 1890, and his mother was married there in 1944.

"The day we graduated ... nobody wanted to leave the school," Wozniak said.

Redford resident Stanley Kosinski also holds fond memories. He has maintained a record of 1,484 graduates of St. Casimir High School from 1931 to 1969.

Kosinski left school on March 1, 1944, when he was drafted into the U.S. military. But his principal, Sister Mary Valencia, made sure he had enough credits to graduate.

"When she found out I was being called up for the draft, she sent a letter to the draft board," Kosinski said. She told them he would need to complete half of his senior year first.



St. Casimir High School's sophomore class poses in front of the school in 1941.

His class of 36 students had just five boys. Three are alive today, and they get together for breakfast once a month.

Kosinski played varsity basketball and served as president of his sophomore class. Back then, he would go to school, practice and then work stocking shelves, go home for supper, do his homework and then go out with friends, he remembers. "It was a fantastic time in my life."

Although enrollment was on the rise, the school closed in 1969 due to an anticipated decline when the Felician nuns left, lay teachers took over and tuition increased. However, Theresa Bartkowiak, of the Class of 1952, kept the grade school — and its boiler — running until 2005.

Bartkowiak, who had gone on to become Sister Leonard, applied for a boiler's license through the county and arrived early to heat the school every day, Wozniak said. She will also be at the

reunion this weekend. "She'll use the 100-year-old recess bell to call us all to dinner," Wozniak said.

On Sunday, Bishop Francis R. Reiss, who served as the church's pastor for 20 years, will celebrate a 9 a.m. Mass at the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse, followed by a brunch and picnic at the Madonna University Residence Hall.

A bus tour is planned to the old St. Casimir convent and school, now owned by Core City Neighborhoods.

Banners, trophies, yearbooks, newspapers, and photo albums will be on display in a Memorabilia Room. A DVD tracing the history of the parish and school from 1882 to 2005 will play both days.

A Web site, www.saintcasimir.com, contains hundreds of photos and information about the church and school.

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Trudy Roettger reacts to a bouquet of red roses in honor of her 100 years at a birthday party at the Summit on Wednesday.

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said pianist Bernice Russian, who grinned when she spilled Roettger's secret to longevity. "She once told me that every night she has a little glass of red wine."

In reaction, Roettger feigned shock and wagged her finger at Russian.

Born in Ohio and described as "sharp as a tack," Roettger is a preacher's kid who grew up with four brothers and a younger sister. She's the only one of her siblings still alive.

As The Sounds of Canton performed, Roettger would often sing along, throw up her hands and mimic playing the banjo. She later blew kisses to the vocalists, who were dressed in her favorite color, red.

In addition to *I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy* and *Hey, Good Lookin'*, the group sang four songs that included the great-grandmother's name, including *If You Knew Trudy* and *Hello, Trudy*.

After they performed *We Can't Give You Anything But Love, Trudy*, Roettger playfully nodded her head and said "I'll take it all."

The mother of two was presented with more than a dozen red roses during *Everything's Coming Up Roses* and was serenaded during a rendition of Nat King Cole's classic tune, *Unforgettable*.

"She was so excited about this," said Roettger's daughter, Janet Simpson. "She's the only one left in her generation."

Roettger, who used to live in Canton, now lives with Simpson in Detroit.

"She's just the sweetest lady," said Canton resident Lynne Coker, who met Roettger around seven years ago through The Sounds of Canton. "She and my mom (Betty Turner) were good friends and she's so sweet."

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PR firm honored

Markit Strategies and PR, LLC, a Canton-based integrated strategic marketing and public relations firm, is the recipient of the 2007 Renaissance Award of Merit from the Detroit Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC). IABC honored the Markit Strategies team (Peggy Fenwick, Julie Metea and Julie Rogier) for the Plexus Systems Business-to-Business Media Relations Campaign at the annual awards program held in June 2007. "We're especially proud of this significant recognition as it honors our effective teamwork in Markit Strategies' first full year of operation. In fact, this exceptional teamwork is the fuel that allows Markit Strategies to attain truly noteworthy results," notes Markit Strategies founder and principal Peggy Fenwick.

BOARD

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the time to do it now," said Jackson, who indicated to the school board he would run to keep the position in the May 2008 school board election.

Afterward, Heise claimed he was told by Trustee Dianne Gonzalez two weeks ago not to pursue the appointment.

"She repeatedly told me to take my name out of consideration so I wouldn't be embarrassed, that another candidate would surface and she wouldn't support me because of the people I associate with," Heise said. "I think the vote was designed to keep me out. The fix was in."

Gonzalez said she met privately with the three candidates, but denied telling Heise

the full board wouldn't support him.

"I pride myself on doing my homework and met with all three candidates," Gonzalez said. "I cast my vote for who I thought would do the best job. I think John Jackson will do the best job in these difficult times."

Heise said he would not run again if the next school board election is held in May

"because the forces that are assembled against the minority viewpoint are overwhelming."

"Following tonight's decision, I will remain in the public arena," Heise said. "We will need to look to Lansing for the real education reforms our kids and taxpayers need, and that is where I will be focusing my efforts in the coming years."

After selecting Jackson, trustees elected Judy Mardigan as board president for the 2007-08 school year, her second stint as president.

They also elected Barry Simescu vice president, Steven Sneideman secretary and Tom Wysocki treasurer.

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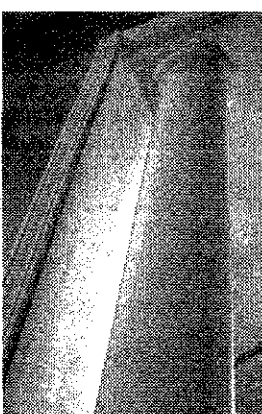
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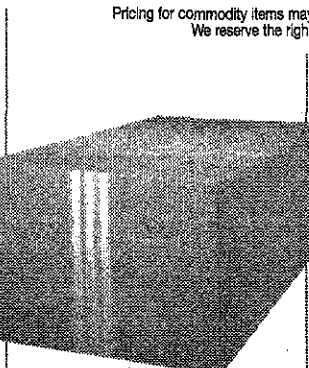
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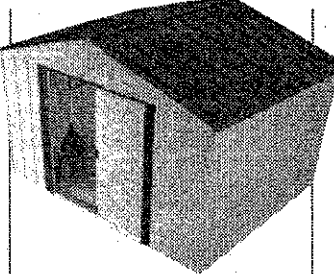
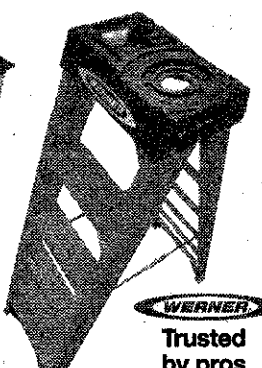
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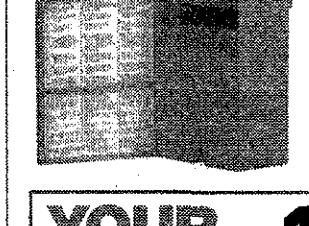
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Parents give 'muddy' OK to this Tuesday in the park

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Carrie Burch of Canton was with sons Kyle, 11, and Noah, 8, just waiting for the fun to start Tuesday at Wayne County Parks' Mud Day. "Cause I want to get muddy," Noah said of his reason for showing up at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park in Westland. Big brother Kyle said, "Pretty much because it's really rare for me to go in and get drenched with mud."

The park was flooded to just the right muddy consistency and at 11 a.m., with TV news crews and other photographers at the ready, the countdown from five started. Kids, divided by age up to 12, rushed into the mud, some doing belly flops.

"It's OK for today," mom Carrie Burch said of the mess. "It's fun once in a while."

With her was Pam Siesel of Canton with sons Matthew, 8, and Michael, 6, who showed up "so I can get all muddy." They were attending for the first time the event held yearly since 1988.

Nearby, Beth Olson of Canton was with daughter Mackenzie, 12, and son Alec,



Muddy Mike Green, a Redford resident, shows that adults can have fun, too.

9, traveling with Joe Roman's family, also of Canton, including sons Joey, 11 going on 12, and Chris, 10. "To get muddy," Beth Olson said of their first-time attendance, "get as dirty as we can. They have been wanting to go for years and we have been out of town."

As *Who Let the Dogs Out?* blasted over the park loudspeakers, kids dove and

rushed in. Watching with her camera was Michelle Gordon of Garden City who brought daughter Anne Buford, 10, and friend Savanna Turner, 10. It was the first time for both girls at Mud Day.

"This is awesome," Michelle Gordon said. She brought trash bags for muddy clothes, and the kids wore old things. "When I read it, I was like



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And they're off! Kids relay race across the mud pit.

"Oh, my God, that would be totally awesome." The woman clerk at Walgreens when they stopped for film was envious they were going to Mud Day, Gordon added.

Cleaning up the kids fell to the Westland Fire Department firefighters, and Wayne County sheriff's deputies were on hand to help keep things orderly. Mud Day was sponsored by Fox 2 News.


"It's one of those things the kids enjoy," said Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano. "All in good fun. It's a nice break."

Around noon on a sweltering Tuesday, the cool fun continued with relay and wheelbarrow races through



Marat McMaster never saw a Mud Day when he lived in Kazakhstan. Now he lives in Dearborn Heights.

the mud. The day was nicely capped off by the crowning of Mr. and Mrs. Mud, Troy Watson and Isabella Letts.



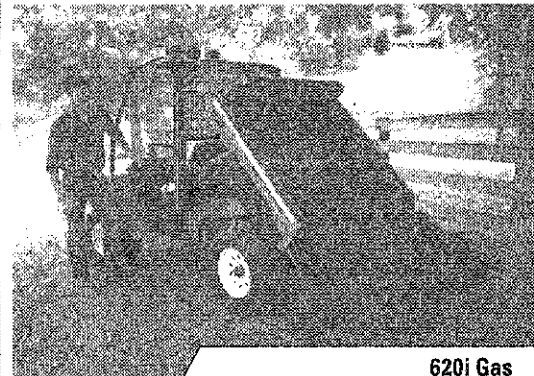

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OUR VIEWS

Board chooses, hubbub must stop

To the surprise of absolutely no one, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education Tuesday chose John Jackson to fill the open seat created by the resignation of Mark Slavens.

Jackson was chosen over Kurt Heise and John Nichols, both of whom had applied for an earlier opening and neither of whom apparently drew much interest from the six board members, who voted 5-1 for Jackson.

We think Jackson will do a fine job mixing in with the current board. He's a bright, intelligent man who has had plenty of involvement in the district. Board members liked him, obviously, at least in part because he was an ardent supporter of the failed bond issues and worked tirelessly to get the word out to voters.

John Jackson is a stand-up guy, active in the community and in his church. As a "band parent" he's been not only active, but a leader in one of the most active, ardent support groups in the school district.

The uproar over Jackson's appointment was never personal; no one thinks he's the "wrong" pick or that he won't do well in the job. The ruckus has been more about the manner in which his name surfaced.

He declined to run for election in May, he said because there were two quality candidates — incumbent Mark Slavens and Nancy Eggenberger, who were eventually elected — whom he could support. He didn't apply for the first opening after Slavens resigned (it went, and rightly so, to Eggenberger).

Jackson didn't enter the discussion until it became apparent Heise and Nichols were going to be the only other choices (a fourth candidate, Greg Morrison, applied but won't be interviewed because he's out of town). Board members don't like Heise because he's only lived in the district a short while and he apparently hangs out with the wrong crowd; no one is really sure why they didn't pick Nichols.

Did board members recruit Jackson? Although admitting board President Barry Simescu and Vice President Judy Mardigian are friends, Jackson says he went to them, not the other way around.

While we take him at his word — he's an up-front, honest guy — we concede it's an easy leap for conspiracy theorists to make that he was hand-picked, that the "fix was in," as former board candidate Larry Martin put it.

No one will ever know for sure, and you won't convince anyone on either side of the argument they're wrong. With huge challenges ahead — replacing a superintendent and shaving millions from the budget — it's time to put the arguments away and allow the board to get down to business.

Universities key to state's success

The key to a strong Michigan economy is a strong system of higher education.

Everyone agrees that for Michigan to remain competitive, it needs to maintain its reputation for solid research and teaching universities. Yet in the recent effort to balance the 2006-07 budget, Michigan's public universities took another hit. The governor and the state Legislature agreed to shift a scheduled \$139 million August payment to state universities with a promise that it would be repaid by Oct. 1. This followed an earlier \$26 million cut in an attempt to balance the 2007 budget.

Universities have to make tuition decisions this month and many say they can't wait for the Legislature to act. Higher tuition rates are squeezing many prospective students from pursuing postsecondary education at the universities, even as the state's economic future hinges on a highly trained workforce.

Michigan is blessed with a wide range of postsecondary educational opportunities, from innovative community colleges to excellent private liberal arts colleges to private technical institutes. But it is the state's diverse field of 15 state universities that offers most students the best chance to become competent professionals and well-rounded citizens.

But just as the need for higher education becomes more critical, the state's budget problems are putting our state schools in a bind. Without adequate state funding, they must turn to their students for higher tuition and fees, even as those students and their families are strapped by Michigan's troubled economy.

In addition to training the next generation of leaders, several state universities are engaged in critical research in the social sciences, sciences and technology.

The state must make good its commitment to fund our public universities fully and the Legislature needs to move quickly before the universities make it cost-prohibitive for many young Michigan students to attend.



We are becoming a disgrace

I would ask that Mr. Tom Watkins ("Moore's 'Sicko' - is it just what patient ordered?") to please point out the section of our constitution that is entitled "Universal Health-Care for All." For that matter, I would appreciate it if he would tell me where the rest of the federal entitlement programs are chartered. Oh, I also must have missed the section where our founders established the Federal Income Tax, too.

The Watkins/Michael Moore vision of America is certainly not what Adams, Franklin, Hamilton and the rest of the founders had in mind. I cannot imagine their outrage to see the bloated federal government we now have, employing in and of itself more people than the largest corporation in our country. But of course the liberals want more. They will not be satisfied until we can rightfully call ourselves the People's Republic of America. What a disgrace.

G. Gordie
Canton

EMU leadership responsible

As the father of a current Eastern Michigan University student and the husband of an alumna of the same, I have been following the investigation of EMU regarding potential violations of the Clergy Act with keen interest.

While I have been appalled by the initial results of the investigation regarding the lack of timely release of information, I am even more appalled by the potential punishment.

It seems unbelievable to me that the punishment for the university leadership's violation of this law is to fine the university or withhold federal funding. The only people punished by these sanctions will be the students.

This type of punishment will simply result in less money being available for education instead of punishing those responsible for the violation of the law.

I would ask our entire community to use the power of your collective pens to encourage our elected officials to minimize the impact to the students of Eastern Michigan University and instead hold accountable the leadership responsible for these actions.

It seems to me that fining the university or withholding federal aid is analogous to holding depositors responsible for a bank robbery. It is time to hold the leadership of EMU responsible and deprive them, not the students, of their money or their liberty to send a clear message that violation of federal law will not be tolerated.

Mark Horvath
Canton

Support is tainted

Apparently there is a snowball surviving in Hades, because I am writing a letter defending the Plymouth-Canton school board from your dismal editorial regarding the replacement of

Judge Slavens on the school board.

Personally, it makes no difference to me who gets the appointment, because the current board is going to do whatever it wants, and one dissenting voice won't change their mind. Even if one brilliant voice was appointed, I do not believe the power structure of the board would care.

That being said, here is my defense. In paragraphs four-seven of your editorial, logic and decency are discarded for rumor peddling and the insinuation of political misdeed. You report accusations made by Kurt Heise and his supporters as if they are fact. Maybe Mr. Jackson was handpicked, but do we know for sure?

Mr. Heise says that a board member told him directly that he had no chance because of his political association? Which board member? If anyone in office had the nerve to tell me that to my face, I would definitely expose that person. Do we really know for sure what is going on? The answer is no.

Since we do not know for sure what is going on, it was highly irresponsible to print such things in your editorial. Personally, I would not mind seeing more political diversity on the board.

Clearly, members who are favored by the MEA get elected, which is why they have decided to keep elections in May. But my personal feelings aside, it is wrong to use space in your paper to print political rumors, and I feel you owe the PCCS board a very sincere and public apology.

You know, if you had just made the case based on Mr. Heise's votes in the election, you would have been on fair and firm ground. But you taint your advocacy of him, and help him tarnish his own reputation, by printing careless rumors in your editorial.

Jason Vorva
Plymouth

Fix was in

Congratulations to John Jackson for his appointment to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

As I wrote this on July 3, I believed the appointment was a forgone conclusion. My condolences to the rest of the candidates. You never had a chance. Mr. Jackson is one of three foils the board could bring forward to beat the "appoint Heise" crowd.

Consider what Mr. Jackson brings to the table. He ran for school board in 2006, netting third place with over 3,300 votes (15 percent). That's more votes, but a smaller percentage than Kurt Heise received in this year's race (18 percent).

His unofficial "running mate" from last year is a sitting trustee. That endorsement is still posted at <http://electsteven.com>. Mr. Jackson's campaign treasurer was the husband of the current board secretary. He also had the endorsement of the local MEA political action committee. His resume also includes being a past president of the music boosters. A position that at least one current board member has

also held.

This isn't sour grapes. I ran twice for the position and lost twice, once to Mr. Jackson. I'm sure he will fit in perfectly with the current board.

The point of this letter is to point out the hypocrisy of those that lament that politics is forcing its way into school board races, and the only way to stop it is to keep elections in May. What worries those people is the potential loss of control of the board to those that don't share their ideological background.

Tip O'Neill said, "All politics is local." You can't get much more local than a school board race.

Who is served most by keeping school board elections in May? The status quo.

What is more important to education? A May election or busing children? The music boosters will maintain their board majority and make sure the \$120,000 art coordinator position stays around. This administrator position was added last year, while critical teaching positions are being cut. Meanwhile, one athletic director has been cut, with another to come. Local politics. Band vs. athletics. Band wins.

Who is the largest contributor in school board races? The MEA. Local politics.

The chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Howard Dean, founded Democracy for America with the mission of supporting "socially progressive candidates at all levels of government — from school board to the presidency." The local Plymouth-Canton chapter president ran for P-CCS school board in 2006. Local politics.

Michiganliberal.com was ecstatic on May 8, reveling in all their candidates winning school board races.

These examples aren't good or bad politics, but they are politics. Don't pretend politics doesn't exist in school board races. It is there. It has always been there. It will always be there. It is OK for politics to be there. Move the election to November where the true representative voice of the people can be heard.

Larry Martin
Plymouth Township

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QUOTABLE

"It was very humbling to think I was going to get to serve the citizens of the county of Wayne, but it was also very exciting. Once the proceedings got going, I felt almost electrified."

— Canton's Mark Slavens discussing his June 29 swearing in ceremony as 3rd Circuit Court Judge attended by Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelley and former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer

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State's leaders must protect our (Great) Lakes resources

I've just returned from a week at my cabin on the south shore of Lake Superior. And as usual, I've come away bowled over at how extraordinarily fortunate we are to have the remarkable natural resources we do in this beautiful state.

Sure, there are lots of wonderful, lovely places in this country. The East Coast is historic and rock-ribbed, but very expensive and terribly overcrowded. Florida is warm and sunny, but it's very expensive, also overcrowded and much too humid for my taste. The Pacific Northwest is blessed with tall pines, great views and delicious seafood, but it's ever so chi-chi and getting more and more trendy and pricey every day.

But in Michigan, we've got the Great Lakes (representing more than 90 percent of all the drinkable fresh water in this nation), miles and miles of coastline, thousands of pristine inland

lakes, countless miles of sparkling rivers and who knows how many acres of deep green forests. They're all within easy driving distance for everybody, no matter where you live. And they're still within the means of most.

What this means is that the quality of life we have available right here in Michigan, along our "North Coast," is unmatched.

That's important to remember in charting our economic future. It is a maxim that any economic development strategy worth considering, whether for a business or a state, requires identifying and preserving that entity's distinctive and competitive assets — and then investing in their promotion and development.

Our North Coast assets represent the best of what we've got going for us. They have to be an essential part of any economic strategy we develop, and must be seen as essential to the firm foundation we must construct to create Michigan's future prosperity.

But so far, the news is decidedly mixed. On the down side, the Legislature — in its frenzy to "balance" the state's budget without raising taxes — has managed to cut support for travel advertising promoting "Pure Michigan." This year, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the lawmakers added \$15 million to the Michigan Economic Development Corp.'s travel promotion budget. But next year, we're back to \$5.7 million, which puts us in the bottom third of competing states. Promotion expenditures pay off big-time and quickly, so it's hard to understand why the Legislature is so hell-bent to pull money out of a program that's been proven cost-effective.

On the plus side, Democrats in the Michigan House last week introduced a package of bills calling for much improved water conservation practices for big users such as utilities and cities. The proposed legislation also gets into the complex issue of bottled water: How much should bottling companies be allowed to take from springs and rivers? How much should be export-

ed away from the Great Lakes basin?

All this raises another big question: Why don't we have better statistics on water use, when the task of writing a sensible policy demands a solid base of factual information?

While we're at it, Michigan needs to formally ratify the Great Lakes Basin Water Resources Compact with our fellow Great Lakes states and Canadian provinces — as soon as possible.

This past February, bipartisan bills to do that were introduced in both houses of the Legislature, but they've gone nowhere. (One of the Democrats' water protection bills also calls for ratification.) Minnesota and Ontario have both moved forward, while Illinois awaits nothing more than the governor's signature. Come on, lawmakers! We should be ahead of the pack on this, not dragging up the rear.

Lastly, and maybe most importantly, the National Wildlife Federation, whose Great Lakes Office is located in Ann Arbor, led a group of conservation organizations last month in planning to file a suit against shipping companies that operate in the Great Lakes.

They will demand compliance with the Clean Water Act. The lawsuit is aimed at stopping the flow of aquatic invasive species such as the zebra mussel, the lamprey eel and a score of others that enter our lakes when ocean-going ships dump their ballast water in our harbors. The result is ruining the ecology of our waters.

"We're initiating legal action today because invasive species are killing the Great Lakes," says Andy Buchsbaum, the director of the wildlife federation's Ann Arbor office. "The threat is urgent, the solution is clear and the law is straightforward."

He says the federal Clean Water Act prohibits vessels from discharging pollutants, including biological materials, into U.S. waters without a permit. The suits will charge that the shipping companies have illegally dumped ballast water into the lakes for years.

According to the National Wildlife Federation, there are at least four effective, commercially available treatments available for ballast water, including chlorine treatment similar to that used in municipal water treatment plants. "There is absolutely no reason why ships cannot treat ballast water," says Joel Brammeier, associate director for policy for the Alliance for the Great Lakes.

Here's hoping they start — and that our lawmakers make sure they do so. Our Legislature needs to move now to treat our precious North Coast resources with the respect they deserve.

The courts — and the rest of us — need to move quickly to say enough, and stop ships from implanting unwanted species and fish-killing diseases like the new VHS virus, all of which are destroying our most priceless asset.

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Even school buildings are an experiment in education

Few things raise the ire of parents as much as the concept that schools are experimenting with their children. Any new program, technique, technology or change in curriculum runs the risk of being labeled as "experimental."

But in fact, education is a constantly evolving experimental process that is reflected in a lot more ways than we think.

That even shows up in building design, which is a rather hot topic these days in the Bloomfield Hill Schools. The district maintains that Lahser and Andover high schools are obsolete and need to be replaced.

You can debate the merits of that argument, but there is no question that schools do become obsolete. That was evident from



Greg Kowalski

the earliest days of public education. Officially public education began in Michigan in 1837 when we became a state and adopted a constitution, which called for a superintendent of public instruction and the creation of school districts.

Among other things, the superintendent was to oversee school building design. Even in those primitive days (although folks were remarkably sophisticated in many ways then) it was evident that the old one-room school houses common at the time were inadequate.

Also at that time were a vast number of tiny school districts, some 7,000 by 1912, and the state began a program to combine districts. That led to the creation of "union," or unified schools. These often were two- or four-room buildings with movable dividers between walls which provided a degree of separation of different age groups.

By the 1850s the state's population was growing steadily and more attention was given to the specific educational needs of children of different ages. "Ward" schools were developed, which were essentially elementary schools. By the 1860s, high school were separated and kids were divided into grade groups of 1-6, 7-9, 10-12.

With the dawn of the 20th century, educators were becoming alarmed with the dropout rate of young teens, and determined that this group needed its own grouping, which became known as junior high schools, and now middle schools.

Also at this time more emphasis was being placed on health and safety issues. As

Further refinements of school design came with the development of vocational schools, the addition of gyms, pools and physical education facilities, and later, the establishment of media centers, with classrooms clustered around them at the building core. Some schools in the early 20th century even had medical facilities, including doctors and dentists.

schools grew to multi-floor structures, staircases were moved to be alongside the outside walls so they would be near exits in case of fire.

It was even decided that the most effective lighting would come from windows located over the left shoulders of the students, so classrooms were designed with windows only along one wall and seats oriented to get light in that angle.

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Following World War II, with the Baby Boom, new schools were needed. While early 20th century schools were often ornate examples of Art Deco and Art Moderne styles, the then new schools were simple, straightforward usually squat buildings.

But they were not haphazard. Different designs were tried, like the "finger," plan in which the school is shaped like the letter "E" with outdoor spaces separating the lateral wings. Some schools incorporate interior courtyards; other have flexible designs so walls can be removed to change the floor plan.

We have come a long way from the old one-room school house, like the stone school at the corner of Wing Lake and Maple.

And while you may not approve of a district's plan for a new school building, you can least appreciate that there is logic to the plan.

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In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of the Motor City Middays crew and would like to have lunch or dinner at Buddy's Pizza in July with the trio from 97.1 FREE FM.

Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

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Shila, Jay Towers and Bill McAllister

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with stars include August: CoCo of WJLB-FM (97.9); and September: Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4).

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters. The stars featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date is to be determined with the winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

Bonds are an important part of portfolios

I am frequently asked why someone should stay with bonds in their portfolio as opposed to increasing the investment in equities.

The last few years have been difficult for bonds. When you compare the returns of stocks vs. bonds, stocks have outperformed bonds the last few years. However, bonds play an important part of an overall portfolio.

Unfortunately, most people invest in what is hot at the time. It is this strategy — chasing returns — that has led many investors to unsatisfactory returns.

Chasing returns is a fool's game. In theory, it sounds great; however, in the real world, it doesn't work. People who follow this strategy saw a complete meltdown of their portfolios back in 2000 and 2001. These investors tended to have the bulk of their portfolio invested in technology-based investments. When the tech sector had its downturn, these investors were severely hurt.

On the other hand, investors who held bonds found that their losses were not nearly as severe. The bonds were able to cushion the loss.

Bonds are an important part of a portfolio.

One analogy is the recipe for chocolate chip cookies. You need a variety of ingredients, including chocolate chips, flour, sugar and eggs. The key to the perfect choco-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

late chip cookie is to have the right ingredients in the proper measurements.

The same can be true about a portfolio. The key to a successful portfolio is the sum of ingredients, which is all the different mutual funds. When all the pieces are put together, you have one portfolio that will protect you and grow for the future.

Investors who constantly chase returns tend to let greed dictate short-term decisions. The key is to allocate your portfolio into a variety of different areas. Bonds are an important part of that diversification.

When it comes to bonds, it's important to diversify into different classes. I recommend international, Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS), GNMA and even some high-yield bonds. Just like in a stock portfolio, you need to diversify in the bond portfolio in order to protect yourself.

When purchasing a bond fund, pay attention to costs and fees. After all, when the yield on bonds is the 5-percent range, an extra 1-percent fee can cost an investor at least 20 percent on the

return side.

The return on bonds — just like stocks — has two separate components. In stocks, you have dividends and, hopefully, appreciation in value. In bonds, you have interest and appreciation in value.

In regard to interest paid, a general rule is the lower the investment quality of the bond, the higher the return. That is why high-yield bonds, or junk bonds, pay higher rates of returns than U.S. Government bonds.

In selecting bonds based upon maturity, there are three typical types of bonds: short-term, intermediate-term and long-term bonds. Long-term bonds will have the greatest volatility when it comes to value of the bond, while short-term bonds will have less volatility. In today's market environment, I am keeping my exposure in short- and intermediate-term bonds.

In order to protect one's portfolio, an asset allocation strategy that will allow you to protect and grow your portfolio is needed.

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JULY

Worship service

The Free Church of Scotland [Continuing] will hold a weekday worship service 7 p.m. Friday, July 13, at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill road at Ridge, Canton. The Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Australia, will preach at service. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, visit www.westminsterconfession.org, or e-mail www.psalm2verse6@yahoo.com.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 13-14, at Timothy Lutheran, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia.

Blessing of the chariots

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia, will host a Blessing of the Chariots: Motorcycles & Car Cruise 9 a.m. Saturday, July 14, at the church. Music, food, dash plaques to the first 100 who attend, vendors and more. Admission is \$5, includes one beverage/food token. For details, call Roger Ratkowski at (734) 546-7279.

Classic car show

Livonia Church of Christ holds its 6th annual Classic Car Show to benefit Angela Hospice 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 14, on the church grounds at 15431 Merriman Road, north of Five Mile. For more information about the car show or the programs of Angela Hospice, visit www.angelahospice.org or call (734) 464-7810. Spectators are invited to attend for free, classic car enthusiasts can enter a car for \$15 which includes a meal ticket. Judging will take place noon to 2 p.m. with class trophies plus "Best of Show" and "People's Choice" presented at 3 p.m. Dash plaques and goodie bags will be provided to first 100 entrants.

Special mass

The Native American community invites the people of the Archdiocese of Detroit to a special Mass in honor of blessed Kateri Tekakawitha noon Saturday, July 14, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward, Detroit. Tekakawitha, known as Lily of the Mohawks, is the first Native American to be declared Blessed. Her life was devoted to prayer, penitential practices and the care of the sick and the aged in the village of Caughnawaga near Montreal. She died in 1680 at age 24. Her feast day is July 14.

Blood drive

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

Wellness lecture/healing workshop

With Dr. Saul Shaye, a chiropractor, presents the message: A Funny Thing Happened on my Way to Disprove God during services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, July 15, workshop 1-4 p.m. (suggested donation \$15), at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Shaye has demonstrated a special gift of spiritual healing. Personal appointments with him are available during the week. For more information, call (734) 421-1760.

Cooking classes

Are you tired of feeling sick and tired? Eating well, and feeling bloated afterwards? Suffering from acid reflux? So many different diets, how can you tell what is really healthy? Join in for a NEWSTART (Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunshine, Temperance, Air, Rest and Trust in God) cooking classes with lessons based on the 8 principles for Good Health with a complete vegetarian meal based on the nutrition guidelines recommended by NEWSTART 5-6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 15, and Tuesday, July 17, at Cherry Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, east of Wayne Road, west of Venoy, Garden City. Call (734) 524-0880. Every class includes cooking demonstrations, samples, handouts and lectures at no charge. Other materials will be available for purchase. Seating limited, reservations requested. For reservations only, call (734) 326-6998. For more information

and reservations, call Juanita at (313) 580-9081.

Strength and Company

The group will be at Living Waters Tabernacle 3 p.m. Sunday, July 15, at New Beginnings Church on Dequindre, north of 15 Mile, Sterling Heights, where Living Waters is meeting. Pastor Daniel Strength leads the new Pentecostal Church of God congregation. For information, call (734) 812-1099.

Carillon series

10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday, July 15, July 29, Aug. 5 and 12, and Sept. 2, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. Call (248) 626-2515.

Women of the word

Women of the Word Bible Studies offers a choice of 2 studies this summer at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. To register, call (734) 455-0022, ext. 4 or download a registration form at www.vchurche.com/cbcwomen. The first study is on 1 Samuel, a Precept Ministries study began 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Video lectures by Kay Arthur will expand on the material covered in the discussion group. Cost for workbook is \$15. Second study is Loving Well, a four-week of heart-to-heart messages from Beth Moore 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Cost for workbook is \$8.

Women's retreat

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

Vacation Bible school

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

Rummage sale

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 19; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 20, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 21, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, one-half mile west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

Rummage sale

Community Rummage Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School, 9600 Leverne Redford. Call (313) 937-2424 or visit www.hosannatabor.org. Rummage sale will be outside in our parking lot if the weather is nice. Otherwise, it will be held indoors in the gym. A concession stand will be available. Cost is \$10 per space, \$5 per table. To register, call (313) 937-2424 to request a form.

Noah's Ark week

July 18-21, Pet Blessing on Saturday July 21. This should be a fun time for ages 1-100. Registration not necessary. Various presenters will show us their animals in action. Experts will speak and/or show and tell animals, facts and stories. Joining us will be Rainbow Feathers Bird Club, Garden City Canine Patrol, Certified Bee Keeper, Jill Andra Young Pet Photographer, 4-H club with sheep and rabbits, Dearborn Animal Shelter dog training expert, Regap rescued greyhounds, VCM Veterinary Centers, Wayne County Mounted Horse and Sheriff, Petco Pet Supply Company, and a Detroit Zoo docent. Handouts from various animal type organizations will be also be available. Each evening will be different. This event will be both indoors and outdoors. Hours are 7-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Bring your pet on Saturday for the 10 a.m. Pet Blessing Ceremony, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman. For details, call (734) 421-8628 and leave a message.

The Donut Man

A Jesus Kids Concert starring The Donut Man will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 21, at Sacred Heart Banquet Hall and Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$6 per person and available at the door.

Patriotic concert

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

hosts a Patriotic Concert featuring the Motor City Brass Band 7 p.m. Sunday, July 15, in the Sanctuary, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-7400. Veterans will be honored so come in uniform. The concert will be followed by an ice cream social. There is no charge but a free will offering will be taken.

Soccer mini-camp

6:30-8 p.m. July 23-26, for boys and girls ages 5-12 (any skill level), at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington road, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$20 per student, includes instruction, snacks and soccer ball to take home Fee payable at time of registration. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required to enroll. Call (734) 522-6830.

Avalanche ranch

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

Vacation Bible school

Bible stories, crafts, games, puppets, snacks and prizes 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 23-27, at Grace Baptist Church, 280 E. Lincoln at Edgewood, Birmingham. Bring your friends ages 2-17 and join us each day. For more information, call (248) 646-2000, Ext. 16.

Messiah

Come sing in instant performances of the world's greatest choral music in Summer Sings 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, (Messiah by George Frideric Handel), and Aug. 29 (Saint Nicholas by Benjamin Britten), at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maples, Birmingham. No entrance fee or preparation necessary, no auditions required, no long-term commitment. For more information, call (248) 644-2040, Ext. 136.

Media mania presentation

On Protecting Our Children who are overexposed to sex by way of television, music, magazines, and the Internet, often communicating the wrong message. As part of the presentation Dr. Kevin Barber will give tips on how parents can protect their children. Barber is a Neurological Psychologist who owns Psychological Evaluation and Consulting Services in Livonia, and has a specialty with children. A practicing Catholic who is married with two children in Catholic school, Barber also coaches high school football. Presentation (with Q & A) is 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in Fellowship Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. No charge.

Vacation Bible school

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

Anniversary Mass

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

Song ministry

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

Summer Bible studies

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

Summer camp

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

Summer camp

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

Sunday school classes

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

UPCOMING

Choral concert

The Holman-Climax Male Voice Choir from Cornwall, England, as part of their second Michigan tour, performs 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church located on the corner of West Chicago and Hubbard, south of Plymouth road, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. Members of the church and community will be hosting the 70 people

touring with the choir. A committee has been established to plan Detroit area activities as well as to house and feed the group. A Free Will offering will be taken that night. For more information contact either Ken or Ruth Allen at (734) 427-6268 or at Rallen7468@aol.com.

Special services

9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, with Rev. Ron Scott, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

Vacation Bible school

6-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10 (for ages 3-11 and an adult small group class, at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. The theme is Dreams and Schemes, learning to deal with family issues and getting along with family members. Crafts, dinner, music, small groups, music, lots of fun and prayer. For more information, call (734) 425-2800.

Vacation Bible school

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

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 23-24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. For details, call (734) 421-7620.

Church Women United

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

Crafters needed

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

Cruise

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

Uplifting church services

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

ONGOING

J.O.Y. meeting

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

Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m., presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Worship service

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

Youth wanted

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

A healthy you

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

Summer worship

Summer schedule for worship to Sept. 2, is 10 a.m. Sunday services (with nursery), and 7 p.m. Wednesday Contemporary Service, at Holy Cross

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ALMA L. WRIGHT

Age 81 of Rochester, passed away peacefully Thursday, July 5, 2007, in her home at Harbor Chase of Auburn Hills under the loving care of her family, facility staff and Hospice of Michigan. Beloved wife of the late David J. Wright; Loving mother of Diane (Scott) Insley; Dearest Gram of Lisa, Karl and Sara; Loving Great-Grammy to surviving great-grandchildren Sally, Ray & Kaelyn; Dear sister of Charles O'Brien of Maryland and Janet (Sam) Gallaher of Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Loving Aunt of Laura & Sam Gallaher and Dennis O'Brien. Alma was a very loving and caring woman who touched the lives of everyone around her. She will be missed dearly but held closely in our hearts forever. Family and Friends will gather at Harbor Chase of Auburn Hills, 3033 North Squirrel Road, Building 3, at 4pm on Friday, July 13, 2007 for a memorial service. At family's request in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, envelopes available at Harbor Chase.

MARILYNN Y. LAMBERT

Age 75, of Farmington, died July 4, 2007. Dear mother of Linda Luoma (Paul) and Carla Minotas (Jay). Cherished grandmother, Paul, Erik, Samantha and Tim. Memorial Service 11:00 a.m. July 14, 2007 at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. Family will receive family and friends 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family has asked memorial gifts be sent to the American Diabetes Association and American Heart Association.



MARKE A. KNAPP

July 8, 2007, Age 76. Beloved son of the late Keith and Marion Knapp. Dear brother of the late Julie Ratkus. Brother-in-law to Carl Ratkus, cousin of Linda Nolan and Susan Alexander. Uncle to Keri Vaught and Amy Ratkus. Great-uncle to Chloe, Cole and Ava Vaught. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home on Wednesday Share memories at schrader-howell.com

RICHARD H. RICE

Age 91, formerly of Plymouth, died Friday July 6, 2007 in Kalamazoo. He was born March 12, 1916 in Galesburg, Michigan, the son of Harry and Eula (Griffith) Rice. He was employed in human resources for 29 years with state and local governments. For many years, he was a resident of Plymouth, MI, where he was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, Plymouth Optimist Club, Plymouth Historical Society and a 30 year member of the Boy Scouts of America where he received the Silver Beaver Award. As a resident of Kalamazoo since 1995, he renewed old friendships and was currently a member of the Westwood United Methodist Church. Richard had an avid interest in history and genealogy. On October 17, 1943, he was united in marriage to the former Adina Faye (Miller) Rice who preceded him in death on November 8, 2003. He was also preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Darlene Scramlin; and by a son, Donald Rice in 1979. Surviving are his children, David (Kay) Rice of Ossining, NY, Steven (Susan) Rice of Paw Paw, MI and Brian Rice of Ann Arbor, MI; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert (Anne) Rice of Three Rivers, MI; two sisters, Veryl Swanson of Bear Lake, MI, Helen Daniels of Plainfield, MI, and many nieces and nephews. Services were held Tuesday at Langeland Memorial Chapel, 622 S. Burdick Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Memorials in Richard's memory may be directed to the Plymouth Historical Society, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170. www.langelands.com 269-343-1508



ROBERT K. MORRISON

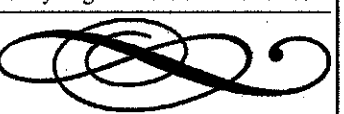
Age 65, passed away on July 3, 2007 at Southwest Regional Hospital in Ft. Myers, FL of acute pulmonary disease. Bob is survived by his mother, Elaine Morrison of Ft. Myers; sister, Diane Patton of Beverly Hills, MI; niece, Marci Frederickson of Grosse Pointe Park, MI; nephew, Michael Patton of Oakland, CA. He is predeceased by his father, Robert L. Morrison of Naples, FL. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

VIVIAN BRADBURN

Age 76, of River Ranch Florida, formerly of Plymouth, passed away July 10, 2007. Born Feb. 3, 1931 in Duluth, Minnesota and later moving to the Plymouth community in 1963. While in Duluth, she worked as a telephone operator. She became very active in the Plymouth community by volunteering in the Catholic Social Services, working in the soup kitchens every Tuesday in Detroit. Gardening gave her much joy in life, she served as past president of the Plymouth Garden Club. The most important part of her life was her family and her faith. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She is survived by her husband Warren; her loving children: Beverly (Philip) Venables, Peggy (Michael) Akrigg, Terri (Douglas) Young, Richard (Polly), and Beth Ann (Michael) Murphy. Proud grandma "B" of 12 and great-grandma of five. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Friends may visit at Schrader-Howell Funeral, 280 South Main, Plymouth Friday 3-9pm, with a Rosary service at 7:00pm. Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Rd, Plymouth, Saturday 10:30am with visitation beginning at 10:00am. City of Plymouth is hosting the "Art in the Park" fair, if you need assistance in getting to the funeral home, please call 734-453-3333. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

WILLIAM JOHN DALLAS

Beloved husband of the late Gertrude. Loving father of Diane, Mary (Bob) Fletcher and the late Donna Jean Cudney. Dear brother of Carol Loudon. Loving grandfather of Jeff (Julie) Fletcher, Greg (Hollie) Fletcher, Nicole Matthews and Joseph (Charlotte) Matt he was Great-grandfather of Kyra, Anna, Alan, Stefanie, Ryan, Ian, Nathan, Daniel and Lorelei. Memorial service 11:00a.m. Friday at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor, Trail (E. of Newburgh). The family has entrusted care and service to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 734-522-9400. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com



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FRANK R. YOUNG

Suddenly July 10, 2007 Age 90 of Franklin. Retired engineer with Chrysler Missile and SCANS Associates. Beloved husband of the late Phyllis for 63 years. Loving father of Laurie Ann, Jenni Jo Nelson (Jerry) and the late Alan R. (Alice). Dear grandfather of Debbie Spencer, Bryan R. Young (Shawn), Jennifer Nelson and Dana Nelson. Also survived by three great-grandchildren. Brother of Marie Devine (David). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday 4-8pm. Funeral service Saturday 11am at Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin. Visitation begins at church 10am. Interment Franklin Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Franklin Community Church or the Franklin Firefighters Benevolent Fund, c/o Chief Tony Averbuch, 32707 Franklin Rd., Franklin, MI 48025 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

RELIGION

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Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)
30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

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

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

Sunday services
Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one

block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

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

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

Farmington Women Aglow
Meets 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old

Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053 or (248) 890-5494.

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

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

Tiny Tots Preschool
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3- and 4-year olds, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

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

Bible study
The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying

the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

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

Worship service
All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

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

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

Adult literacy classes
Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English Conversational skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472.

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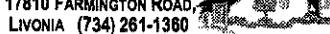
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Anthony Candito (from left), Ron Barck and Chris Walls stand by the cars they race occasionally at Milan Dragway. All three said the time and money they invest in the hobby is well worth the adrenaline rush that comes when the starting light turns green.

ADDICTED TO SPEED

Racing is a 'drag' for local drivers who compete at Milan

"I'm still playing with Hot Wheels, only now mine's a 2,400-pound Mustang."

—pro drag racer Eric Medlen
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Chris Wallis' "Hot Wheels" car is a jet black, looks-like-new 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle that roars like a lion and runs like a cheetah.

On a good day, it can go from zero to 136 miles per hour in the time it took you to read this sentence.

Wallis, who steered the vehicle he has nicknamed "Nighthawk" to a class championship at Milan Dragway in 2002, is one of several area drag-racing aficionados whose primary hobby consists of seeing how fast they can push their cars over a quarter-mile stretch of asphalt.

"There was one point in my life, when I was younger, when I would race at either the Detroit Dragway (which has since closed) or at Milan every weekend of the summer," said the 58-year-old Wallis. "It's almost like an addiction; it's a lifestyle — keeping the car running as fast as it can."

"I've always enjoyed sports and competing, so the combination of going fast and trying to win has always been

very exciting for me."

Need for speed

Anthony Candito can relate to Wallis' passion for speed. The 28-year-old Plymouth resident has invested close to \$20,000 (and maybe as many hours) into his 1992 Mustang, which he entered into the "Pinks" competition two weeks ago at Milan.

All the time he spent leading up to the event tweaking the car — he guesstimates it was close to 30 hours per week — was well worth it, he stressed.

"I was bitten by the racing bug when I was young and it hasn't gone away," said Candito, who first learned how an engine works in an automotive class he took at Canton High School over 10 years ago. "It's such a big adrenaline rush when you're sitting there and the yellow lights start to light up on the tree. Plus you have to remember everything you need to do to get down the track as fast as possible. There's nothing else quite like it."

Starting young

The racing fire in 36-year-old Canton resident Ron Barck's belly was lit more than 20 years ago when he first laid eyes on his older brother's '68 Camaro.

SPEED RACERS

Following is a list of Observerland residents who have competed at Milan Dragway this season:

Plymouth/Canton: Mickey Adams, Ron Barck, Mark Bone, Brian Butler, Anthony Candito, John Cassar, Michael Kelley and Chris Wallis;

Garden City: Mike Bowersock, Robert Haist, Ryan Murphy, Roxanne Shepard and Todd Thibault;

Livonia: Lori Deuby, Richard Deuby, Drew Edwards, Marlon Howes and Kurt Urban;

Redford: Robert Batha, Steve Heidt, Myron Hill, Keith Groves and Mike O'Rourke; and

Westland: Karri Beebe, Jamey Carey, Jeff Christ, Jason Gibbs, John Kummer, Kevin Lithgow, John Oleynik, Orb McCoy, Chris Robinson, Tracy Robinson and Dennis Spears.

He was too young to drive at the time, but not too young to dream about what it would be like to put the pedal to the metal.

"I loved how fast that car could go and I couldn't wait until I was old enough to get one for myself," said Barck, who purchased his first car — a '68 Chevelle — when he was 17. "I grew up loving cars, loving speed and the adrenaline that went along with it."

"Racing at Milan is an unbelievable feeling. When you're sitting at the starting line, you get so pumped

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Lady Ocelots find recruits for '07 class

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Deepak Shivraman's first recruiting class appears to be already getting high marks.

The new Schoolcraft College women's soccer coach has commitments from nine new players that will join six returnees off last year's squad, which finished 16-2-2 overall and reached the semifinals of the NJCAA National Tournament.

"I have a good feeling after watching them," said Shivraman, who takes over for Bill Tolstedt. "I think the personalities will click well with the players that are remaining."

Among the new area players in the fold include Clare Baptist, a forward from Plymouth; Ally King, a midfielder-forward who played two seasons ago at Livonia Stevenson; Emily Navas, a defender from North Farmington; and Margaret Mayer (formerly Margaret Wirth), a defender from Livonia Churchill.

Mayer, now 26, played two seasons for Shivraman when he coached at Farmington Hills Mercy before transferring to Churchill. Mayer got a full-ride scholarship to the University of Toledo and played a season before taking off to work full-time and get married.

"She has a child and a family, but we'll make it work with her schedule," Shivraman said. "She's the perfect fit and she looks phenomenal. Her work ethic is phenomenal and she'll be seen as a great role model."

King, meanwhile, took classes at Schoolcraft last year, but did not play.

"She (King) was playing on a co-ed team when I ran into her at Wixom (Indoor Soccer Facility) and she said she missed it so much," Shivraman said. "She asked me 'is there anyway I can play again.' She's a great player who brings a high level of skill, experience and leadership to the team."

Among the other prized recruits for the Lady Ocelots include center midfielder-forward Adrianne Guerrero (Dearborn High), forward-midfielder Amanda Bailey (Fenton), forward-midfielder Michelle Dowdey (Gibraltar Carlson), midfielder-defender Katelyn Gilbert, forward Kayleigh Maurer (Southgate Anderson) and midfielder Sam Harrington (Ypsilanti Lincoln) and Sally L'Esperance (Brighton), a defender who played for Shivraman in the spring.

Guerrero moved to the area from Texas and competed on the Under-18 Mexican National team, while Bailey played for the prestigious Michigan Hawks club team. "She (Guerrero) is a special

Please see **RECRUITS, B2**

Sidelines

Ignition add pick

The Detroit Ignition acquired the playing rights to defender Chad Dombrowski from the Milwaukee Wave with the second overall selection in the 2007 Major Indoor Soccer League Expansion Draft.

Detroit acquired the pick in a previous trade with the California Cougars for netminder Sanaldo on June 5.

The 26-year-old Dombrowski recorded eight goals and three assists for 20 points as a member of the Wave during the 2006-07 regular season. The 6-foot-1, 175-pound defender from West Allis, Wis. was selected as a second-team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America in 2002 and named first-team All-Horizon League during his final two collegiate seasons at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

During the Expansion Draft, the Ignition lost forward Carlos Farias (Round 2) to the Chicago Storm as well as veteran defender Bill Sedgewick (Round 4) and midfielder Miodrag Djersilo (Round 5) to the Orlando Sharks. The second-year club, based at Plymouth's Computware Arena and owned by the Hantz Group of Southfield, also lost the playing rights to Gary Sullivan and Mauricio Salles to the New Jersey Ironmen.

Hole-in-one club

On June 8, Dave Rucinski, of Plymouth, used a pitching wedge to ace the 137-yard, No. 7 hole at Birchwood Farms Golf Club in Harper Springs.

Rucinski, who hit the tee shot from a 65-foot elevation, was able to witness the ball go into the hole. He shot 89 for 18 holes.

Glenn football

Westland John Glenn will stage a varsity football camp stressing fundamentals from 6-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 16-20, at the high school.

The cost is \$50.

For more information, call Todd DeLuca at (734) 419-2329 or (734) 751-0015.

Rocks football

The Salem High School football program will be hosting a youth camp for Plymouth and Canton kids between the ages of 7 and 14 years old on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the grass practice fields behind Salem High School.

For the \$10 fee, youths will receive a T-shirt, lunch, certificate and instruction focusing on the fundamentals of every position.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the field.

For more information, contact Salem varsity coach Parker Salowich at (313) 820-2889.

Lured from Day 1

Bass angler Barrows casts lot on FLW Tour

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Redford's Kevin Barrows has been hooked since he was 16.

"I played baseball, but I've been fishing ever since my dad (Lynn) took me out," said the 37-year-old maintenance worker, who is among 200 co-anglers who will compete starting today in the Wal-Mart FLW Tour's Chevy Open on the Detroit River for a top award of \$40,000 cash. "Bass fishing is a challenge because it changes every day. I fish both bass and walleye, but I really don't like bass, unless I'm practicing for a tournament."

In FLW Tour competition, pros and co-anglers are randomly paired each day, with pros supplying the boat, controlling boat movement and competing against other pros.

Co-anglers fish from the back deck against other co-anglers. The full field of 400 anglers competes in the two-day opening round for one of 10 slots in Saturday's competition based on their two-day accumulated weight. Weights are cleared for third day, and co-angler competition concludes following Saturday's weigh-in. The top

10 pros continue competition on Sunday, with the winner determined by the heaviest accumulated weight for days three and four.

"I'm really excited," Barrows said. "I hope to get a good draw and finish high."

The total purse for the Chevy Open is \$1.5 million, including \$10,000 through 60th place in the Pro Division. It's the most lucrative tour-level bass tournament ever hosted in Michigan.

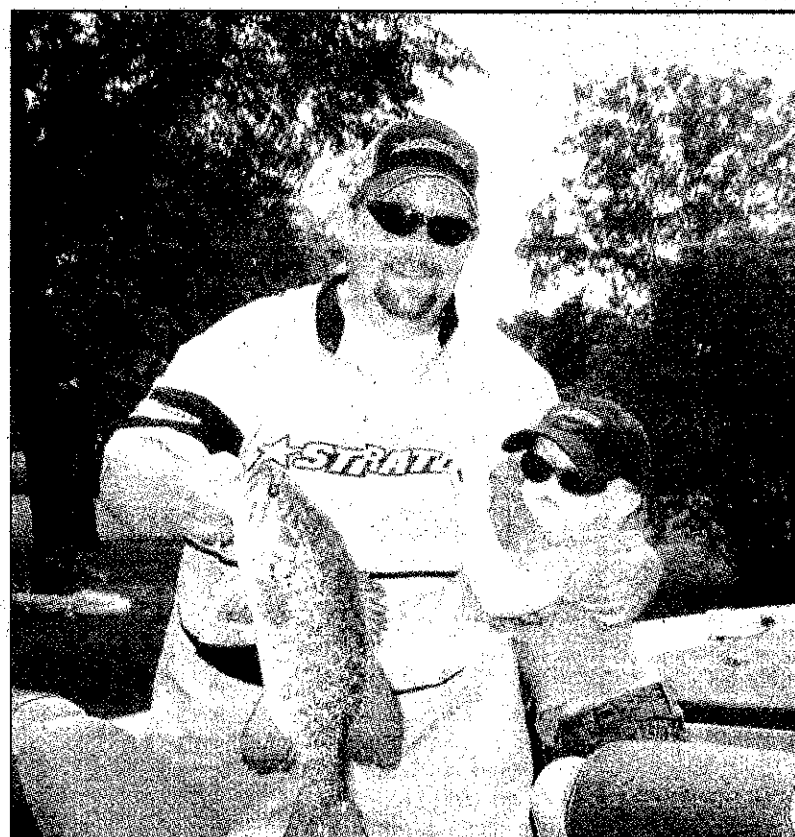
The Chevy Open offers anglers the chance to fish a wide area all the way from Lake St. Clair through the Detroit River and up through Lake Erie.

Barrows knows the waters well, but he's still considered an amateur.

Over the weekend, Barrows hit the water with two well-known regulars on the FLW Tour, Stacey King (Reeds Spring, Mo.) of Pro Bass Shops and Charlie Ingram (Santa Fe, Tenn.), the latter whom is host of Fishing University televised on the Versus network.

"Every time out you learn something, it helps because they know how to fish," Barrows said. "I

Please see **ANGLER, B2**



Bass fisherman Kevin Barrows of Redford, with son McClain, hopes to someday compete full-time on the Wal-Mart FLW Tour.

No-hitter sends Rams reeling as Cubs sweep weekend set

The lovable first-place Cubs weren't so lovable as far as the Michigan Rams were concerned.

The weekend series started Friday at Livonia's Ford Field with James Teas throwing a no-hitter as the 22-and-under Cubs earned a 6-1 victory.

The series was completed Sunday with the Cubs sweeping a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League doubleheader at Ford Field, 12-3 and 15-4.

The Cubs improved to 18-4-2 in the LCBL, five points ahead of the second-place Michigan Bulls, who are 15-5-2. The third-place Rams, a 20-and-under team, fell to 10-12-2, followed by the last-place Detroit Eagles at 0-22-1.

An 18-hit attack carried the Cubs to the first-game victory as Teas went 3-for-5 with four RBI. Matt Nickels added three hits and two RBI, while Bill Matoch went 2-for-2 with three RBI and two runs scored. Rod Helson and Jeff Digati also chipped in with two hits apiece.

Frank Persichino, Andrew Stafford and Nick Urban each collected two hits for the Rams.

Persichino, Kyle Hurtt and Max Kelmigian all knocked in runs despite the loss.

Winning pitcher Lefe Burnett scattered seven hits over six innings. He struck out three and walked two.

Losing pitcher Sam Yashinsky lasted 2.1 innings, allowing four runs on six hits and three walks. Reliever Mike Kaiser fared no better, giving up seven runs on 12 hits and two walks in 3.1 innings.

In the nightcap, Jon Zalenski went 4-for-5 with two runs and Nickels added three hits, including a double and triple to go with four RBI in a 14-hit Cubs attack.

Helson and Jeff Bultnick each contributed two hits and one RBI. Helson also scored three runs.

Mike Wiseman and Urban led the Rams with two hits and one RBI each. Kyle Gendron added two hits, an RBI and scored two runs, while Nick Plinka and Stafford also knocked in runs.

Winning pitcher Kevin Sabol worked the first four innings, allowing four runs on seven hits and three walks for the Cubs.

Losing pitcher Justin Mazur gave up six runs on four hits and four walks in just 1.2 innings.

On Saturday, the Cubs rolled to an 8-1 victory over the Rams at Ford Field as winning pitcher Josh Lewis tossed a complete-game six-hitter. Lewis struck out eight and did not allow a walk.

Dustin Joffries led the Cubs with two hits and one RBI. Teas and Bultnick each contributed RBI doubles, while Nickels, Zalenski and Brian Tellish also knocked in runs.

Persichino and Stafford had two hits apiece for the Rams.

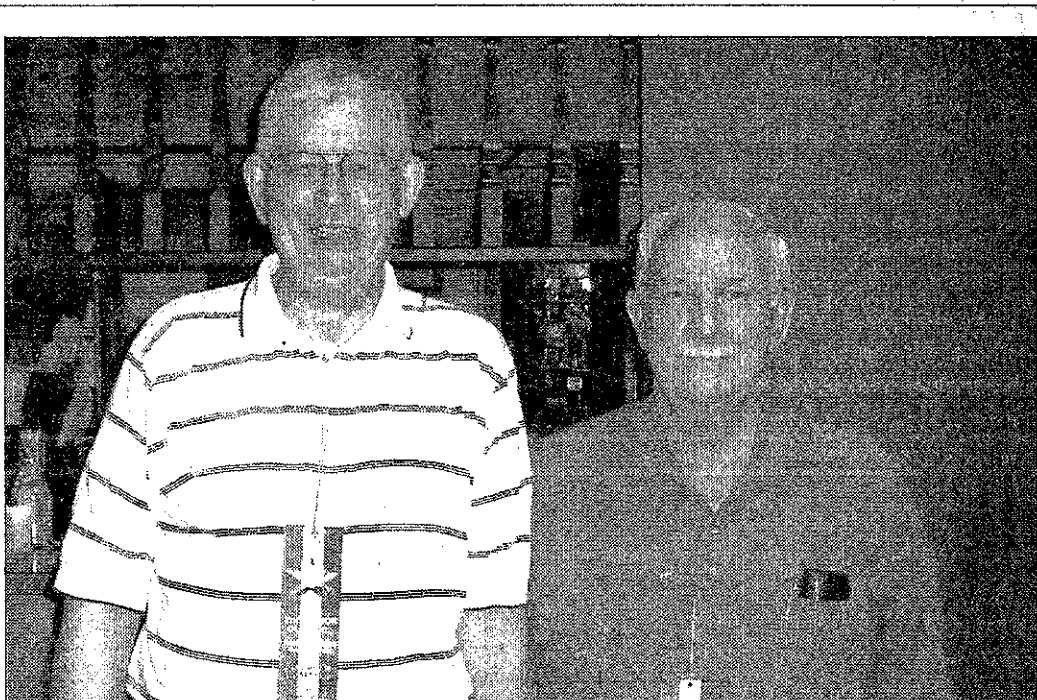
Losing pitcher Justin Collop (University of Toledo), went 6.1 innings, allowing seven runs (four earned) on six hits and five walks. The Wayne Memorial grad struck out five. Yashinsky walked three and gave up a run in two-thirds of an inning of relief.

In the no-hitter Friday, Teas struck out four, walked two and hit two batters in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Shane McCatty gave up six runs on six hits and seven walks in 5.2 innings for the Rams. Closer Steve Karchefsky allowed three walks and fanned one in finishing up.

Kelmigian's RBI groundout scoring Nick Urban, who was hit by a pitch and stole a base, accounted for the lone Rams runs in the first inning.

Nickels had two hits for the Cubs, including a home and three RBI. Bultnick went 2-for-2 including a double and RBI. Helson also knocked in a run.



5th in Seniors

Livonian Ed Carew (left), pictured with fellow qualifier Ed Leavy (right) of Roseville, earned a fifth-place finish among 39 competitors in men's 75-79 singles bowling competition at the National Senior Olympics held July 2-4 in Louisville, Ky. During the qualifying rounds, Carew opened with an uncharacteristic 505 series on games of 161, 135 and 209, but rebounded the next day for a 608 series on games of 237, 191 and 180. During his 237 game, Carew opened with a couple of spares before reeling off seven consecutive strikes to earn a berth among eight national finalists, which included bowlers from Minnesota, New York, New Jersey, Tennessee, Delaware, Utah and Ohio. Carew eventually wound up fifth overall with a 569 series and received a Senior Olympics ribbon during the medal presentation ceremony. The overall champion, meanwhile, finished with a 666. It was Carew's second trip to the National Senior Olympics. He also placed fourth in the 1999 men's doubles with partner Ken Gage, a longtime Livonia resident. Carew earned a spot in the nationals after winning a gold medal in state competition last summer in Kalamazoo. Carew continues to plan to compete at the state level with hopes of qualifying for the 2009 National Senior Olympics in San Francisco, Calif.

ANGLER

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can offer advice, but they do it for a living. Just the way they practice - they don't spend a lot of time in one area. They catch one and move to another area. You can't be lazy. Hopefully I'll hit as much water as I can. You have to think outside the box and apply the things that they do all over the country."

Barrows uses a drop shot bait called Goby, along with a soft plastic artificial lure, the Tube (made by Nemesis Bait of Wixom).

Barrows, who grew up in Garden City, is a member of the Wayne County Bass Anglers and is a regular on a regional tour called Fishers of Men, a Christian-based fellowship group. Barrows and teammate Mark Clark of Taylor recently finished seventh during a tour-

name held in May in Lake Murray, S.C.

Barrows is also a member of the pro staff at Wonderland Marine West in Howell (where he recently bought a Stratus 285 boat).

He also receives support at home from his wife, Shawn, and 3-year-old son McClain.

"He (McClain) loves fishing with dad," Kevin said. "My wife will go out and do book reading, she sits in the sun. I couldn't do it without her encouragement and help. She's been my biggest supporter."

Barrows dreams someday to be controlling the boat from the front end in a co-angler event.

"That's why we've gone down south to tournaments - to gain better knowledge," he said.

"Some day I'm hoping to be at the (FLW Tour) level. My goal is to be at the pro level."

RECRUITS

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player who I feel strongly about," Shivraman said. "I got lucky with Amanda (Bailey). She verbally committed to Oakland University, but she decided Division I (NCAA) is not for her right now."

Among the returnees will be forward Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin), defender Ashley Erickson (Walled Lake Central), forward-midfielder Megan McCabe (Pinckney), forward-midfielder Nicole Polite (Troy Bethany Christian), forward-midfielder Gloria Soyad (Harper Woods Regina) and goalkeeper Jessica Tuggle (Livonia Ladywood).

"I'm really excited because I think the new players will complement the returning players," Shivraman said.

Canton Sports Center hosts USSSA world series

Canton will be the gathering place for more than 100 youth baseball teams from 10 different states next week when the Canton Sports Center hosts the USSSA 10U, 12U and 14U Boys World Series.

The event, which is expected to attract 2,800 people to the area, will kick off Sunday at 6 p.m. with an opening ceremony that will feature the first ball thrown out by James Wisniewski, a Canton resident and defenseman for the Chicago Blackhawks. Sunday's ceremony, which is free, will also include a parade of teams, an honor guard and the National Anthem.

Games will be held Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Friday, July 20, and Saturday, July 21, games will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The championship contests on July 22 will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A weekly admission pass for those 13 years old and up is \$25 (\$7 per day). Children 7 to 12 years old will be charged \$20 for the week or \$5 daily while kids 6 and under are free. The fee for seniors (65 and older) is \$20 for a week-long pass and \$5 per day. Schedules, lists of teams and results will be available this weekend on the www.miuussa.com Web site.

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Red Sox claim third tournament crown

Three times this season the Michigan Red Sox have stepped up to the plate and delivered.

The Oakland County-based Red Sox, an 18-and-under Connie Mack travel baseball team, has won three championships in as many tries this summer.

The Red Sox captured all seven games in the Motor City Pride Tournament, June 22-24, in Adrian, beating the Michigan Dawgs out of Macomb County in the semifinals and the North Columbus (Ohio) Bruins in the championship game.

The following weekend took the Sox to Grand Rapids to the Midwest Showcase Tournament.

Michigan won all six games in this tournament, finishing the weekend against the U.S. Athletics out of Indianapolis in the championship contest, played at Fifth Third Ballpark, home of the Michigan Whitecaps.

This past weekend in Battle Creek, the Red Sox took the prestigious Gold Division championship of the Mayors Tournament. The Red Sox beat the Ypsilanti-based A Green team, 7-1, to advance out of their pool and face the Central Michigan All-Stars for the championship. The Red Sox jumped all over the Stars and won the crown with a 7-1 triumph.

The Red Sox were put

together by Bill Hardin of the Waco Wolves and Mark Sackett, who founded the Michigan Red Sox organization. Sackett is assisted by field coaches Michael Kaline, Joe Horvath and Phil Magsig. Sackett and Kaline started the team 10 years ago.

The Red Sox consists of players from all over the state and includes seven players of All-State or Dream Team status.

All players except for the underclassmen have signed letters of intent to play baseball at the next level.

Members of the team include Colin Kaline (Birmingham Groves), Jay Sackett (Birmingham Groves), Adam Bodary (Birmingham Groves), Joe Yourchock (Royal Oak), Norm Eichner (Royal Oak), Derrick Weiss (Troy), Kyle Horvath (Madison Heights Lamphere), Luke Harding (Troy Bethany Christian), Josh Rebandt (Birmingham Brother Rice), Bill Hardin (Livonia/Novi-Detroit Catholic Central), Taylor Younce (Livonia Churchill), Anthony Savone (Allen Park), Ben Magsig (Okemos), Josh Wedesky (Fowlerville), Tyler Loehr (Brighton), Zach Strauss (Toldeo Scott), Brandon Lindquist (Windsor Villanova), Mitch Delaney (Windsor Villanova), Walled Lake: Brent Reichle (Walled Lake Central), Brandon Eckerle (Corunna) and Rick Dodridge (West Branch Ogemaw Heights).

RACING

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up and the adrenaline starts flowing because you don't know what's going to happen. I've never been in a wreck, knock on wood, but I've seen some pretty bad ones."

Danger lurks

All three local racers acknowledged the element of danger that accompanies their hobby like a dark shadow. They're all well aware of what NASCAR driver Boris Said meant when he quipped: "When a race car hits a wall, the wall always wins."

"The cars we drive can break loose at any time and hit the wall," said Candito, talking about the fear factor that all drag racers must encounter. "I've never crashed, but a good friend of mine had the rear-end of his eight-second car lock up and he smacked the wall hard."

"You can die when you're going as fast as we are. You just have to be able to control the car and know what you're doing when you're going this fast."

One of the beauties of racing at Milan is that just about anyone can do it — as long as you have a relatively fast car and the \$40 per-race entry fee. The faster your car goes, however, the more stringent the rules become, Barck said.

"Once your car goes 11.49 seconds (over the quarter-mile track), you have to add a roll cage to it," he said. "At that point, you also have to wear a fire jacket for safety reasons."

"The faster you go, the more money it costs," Walis said, chuckling. "I just retired after 40 years at Ford, so I have more time to put into racing. The problem is I don't have as much money. It's kind of a Catch-22."

Support at home

Candito, Walis and Barck all said their significant others are supportive of their speed-seeking hobby — to a point.

"My wife (Christina) is cool about it," Candito said. "But at the same time, I don't think she'd mind it if I spent a little less time working on my car."

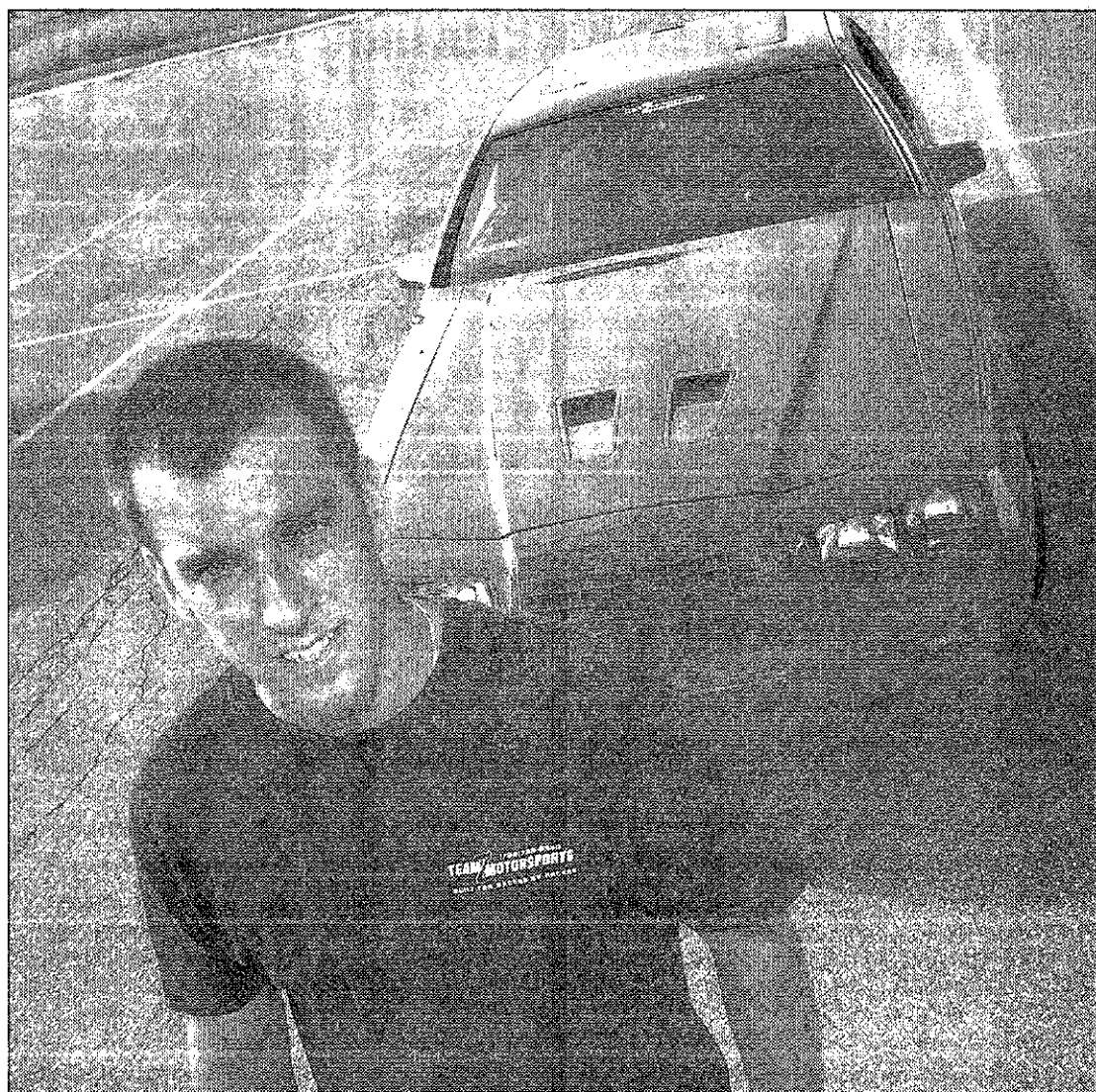
Walis' wife, Denise, shares his love for racing. In fact, several years ago she raced the Chevelle at Milan.

"My daughter, and son-in-law are really into racing now," he said. "They're over at Milan just about every weekend."

What advice would Barck give to an aspiring, part-time drag racer.

"Don't worry about how fast you go," he said. "Just make sure you have fun and be safe."

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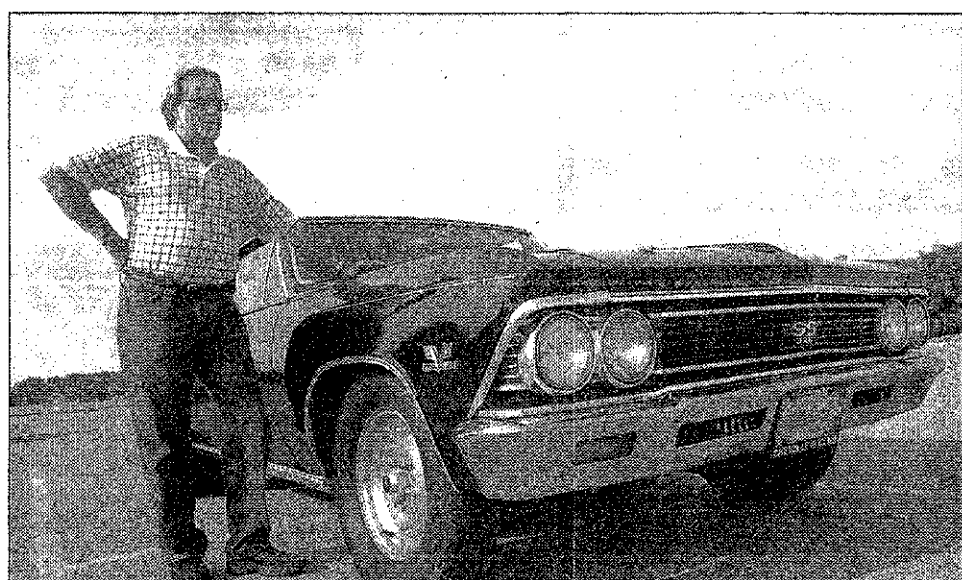


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Canton resident Ron Barck has been racing his 1983 Ford Thunderbird periodically at Milan Dragway since 2001.



The interior of Anthony Candito's 1992 Ford Mustang is functional and designed for racing the quarter-mile stretch at Milan Dragway.



Canton resident Chris Walis steered his 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle to a class title at Milan Dragway in 2002. The classic car has reached speeds of 136 miles per hour.

CAMPS/CLINICS

Franklin pom camp

The Livonia Franklin varsity pom pom team will stage a clinic for girls ages 6-14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, July 28 at the high school gym.

Included in the \$35 cost is a T-shirt and pizza lunch. A parents and friends performance will follow at 2:15 p.m. You must pre-register by July 10 because space is limited.

For more information or to pre-register, call Nancy Kuzura at (734) 502-0877.

Livonia Soccer Club

The Livonia Soccer Club will stage a soccer camp, Monday through Friday, July 23-27 and July 30-Aug. 3.

For registration information, visit WWW.Livoniasoccer.org.

MU cross country

Madonna University will stage a base camp for the serious high school cross country runner from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3, at Cass Benton Park, part of the Hines Park system just south of Northville on Hines Drive.

The cost is \$95.

MU will also stage a series of long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. on Saturdays, July 14, 21, 28; Aug. 4 and 11, at Cass Benton. The cost is \$2 each Saturday.

For more information, call camp director and MU head

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

Hawks soccer camps

The Michigan Hawks Women will offer a series of camps, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, July 23-26; and July 30-Aug. 2, at the Total Sports Complex, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom.

The cost for each session is \$125 (includes T-shirt and season pass to all University of Michigan women's games). Those organizing a group of six or more campers is \$115 per player.

For more information, visit www.michiganhawks-women.com; or e-mail Doug Landefeld at dlanefeld@michiganyouthsoccer.org.

C'ville mat camp

The 2007 Trojan Wrestling Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 16-20, at the Livonia Clarenceville High School gymnasium.

The camp is open to any Clarenceville student presently in grades 1-7.

The cost is \$60.

Checks should be made payable to Clarenceville Wrestling (c/o Anthony Saliccioli) and sent to: 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

Call Saliccioli at (248) 719-3273.

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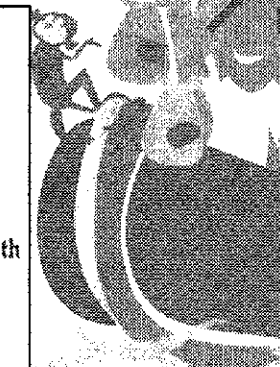
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Road Runner Classic returning to twilight

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The 2007 Road Runner Classic is undergoing a change of seasons.

The 1-mile fun run-walk and 8-kilometer event, which has been held past five years during mid-fall, has been moved up to Saturday, July 28 at Maybury State Park, located in Northville off the Eight Mile Road entrance, one mile west of Beck Road.

"We replaced a cold, fall day for a summer fun run in the park," Northville Road Runner member Gary Haf said. "This year we decided to mix a great run with a party. We're going back to our roots being it's the twilight. Maybury is a perfect setting for a run and party. We also want to give back to the community and its nature area."

All proceeds will benefit the Friends of Maybury State Park.

Formerly called the Redford Road Runners, the Classic became a mid-summer staple

during the club's hey-days of the 1980s and 1990s. It was part of the old triple crown of races staged in the Detroit area which included 8K races at Allen Park and Trenton.

The group, now known as the Northville Road Runners, will be celebrating its 25th anniversary next month. It was decided that an early-evening event would satisfy the needs of many in the local running community.

"We want to integrate family activities, too," NRR member Bart Gregoroff said. "Everybody's a winner because we'll have a story hour, face-painting and hands-on activities for the kids. It's also chance to upgrade the park and restore its history."

Benny and the Jets will provide musical entertainment. The Classic will also serve pizza (from the Starting Gate), libations, baked goods and a stage a raffle.

Awards will go to the overall male and masters (40-and-up) male and female winners. The top three finishers will also

receive awards for the following men's and women's age groups: under-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70-and-up.

The 1-mile run-walk, all on paved trail, starts at 5 p.m. The 8K run-walk, a combination of dirt and paved trails, follows at 5:30 p.m.

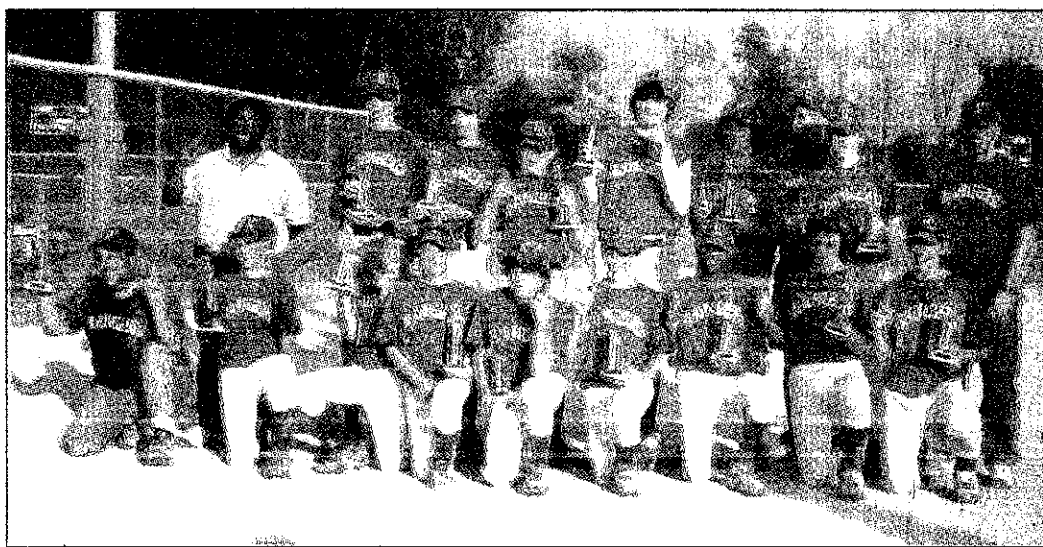
"The trails are not technically hard," Gregoroff said. "We've made it a fun run, yet it's competitive, too."

Pre-registration (through July 26) is \$4 for the 1-mile run-walk and \$15 for the 8K run-walk.

Late registration (July 27-28) is \$5 for the 1-mile and \$20 for the 8K. Race day registration starts at 3 p.m. Collectors T-shirts are also available for \$8. A Michigan State Parks motor vehicle permit is also required to enter the park.

Runners and walkers can also pay directly or register online at active.com.

Visit www.northvilleroadrunners.org; or call Gary Haf at (248) 231-6114.



Clean sweep

The Rangers captured the title in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association's 14U division when they finished with a 14-0-1 record. Pictured (front row from left) are Coach Dave McBride, Ryan Washburn, Joey McBride, Brad Panek, Andrew Yoder, Thomas Afetian, Sam Scott, Thomas Dean, Jeremy Kohtz, (back row from left) Assistant Coach Glenn Scott, Cody Sheeler, Sean Harte, Phil Schultz, Ryan Brown, Mitch Yoder, Assistant Coach Tom Dean, Sean Fitzpatrick and Assistant Coach Pat Fitzpatrick.



Treasured title

The 10U Pirates recently closed out an undefeated season when they captured their division in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association with a 12-0-1 record. Pictured are (back row from left) Head Coach Angelo Lanava, Assistant Coach Lee Gross, Assistant Coach Gary Hodgson, (second row from left) Connor Lewis-Campbell, Mitchell Gross, Lucas Callahan, Nick Boka, Andy Gregor, Greg Williams, (front row from left) Zach Rhodes, Adam Hodgson, Sean Meagher, Nick Lanava, Nathan Abbott, Bowen Burdette, Zach Nelson and (sitting) Josh Smith.

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LESSON ON GOLF
By Jeff Lesson

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It is the sport where the price for 18 holes at a public access facility currently ranges from around \$15 to \$1,000.00 (see Shadow Creek in Las Vegas). It is also the game where you learn so much about others and even more about yourself. You learn how people deal with pressure and how they act

when they are frustrated. And if someone cheats on a golf score, will they cheat you in business as well?

COURSE OF THE WEEK

Tanglewood in South Lyon has long been a top ten "Lesson on Golf" public course. It is an outstanding 27 hole public facility in South Lyon with some of the

best greens you will find anywhere, especially on a public course. I just played it last week and the course conditions were near perfect, despite the lack of rain we have had lately.

While supplies last, readers of "Lesson On Golf" can purchase golf at Tanglewood for 50% off at

lessonongolf.com.

Jeff Lesson is a WWJ Sports Anchor/Reporter and host of the award winning feature "Lesson on Golf" on WWJ Newsradio 950 weekend mornings at 5:45, 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45 AND every Saturday morning 7-8 am on

1270 XYT The Sports Station. Don't forget to check out **lessonongolf.com** for half off golf at great courses!

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O&E Golf Open

The men's and women's Observer & Eccentric Open will be Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 11-12, at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses.

The men's 36-hole medal play is 18 holes Saturday at Whispering Willows and 18 holes Sunday at Fox Creek.

Maximum handicap is 20 and you must have a current USGA index to participate. The women's 18-hole medal play is Saturday, Aug. 11 at Whispering Willows. The fee is \$50.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4. For more information, call (248) 476--4493.

2-woman scramble

The Michigan Women's Golf Association two-women scramble is Saturday, July 14 at Sugarbush Golf Club in Davison.

The shotgun start is slated for 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$64 for MWGA members; \$84 for non-members. Included in the cost is golf, cart, range, continental breakfast and prizes.

For more information, call tournament director Deb Horning at (248) 642-7834; or e-mail clubchaser@comast.net.

CYO golf outing

The 2007 Catholic Youth Organization Friends Athletic

golf outing will be Monday, July 16 at St. John's Golf Center in Plymouth.

Hole sponsorships are also available. For more information, call CYO athletics at (313) 963-7172, Ext. 149.

Judo juniors

The 2007 U.S. Judo Federation Junior Nationals will be Saturday-Sunday, July 14-15, at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

For more information on the Junior Nationals, visit www.MichiganJudo.org.

Motor City Jr. Golf

The Motor City Junior Golf Championship for ages 12-17 is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25 at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

The 18-hole event is sponsored by Caddy Shack and Top Flite Golf. Included in the \$49 entry fee is one practice round (prior to the event), one bucket of driving range balls (the day of the event), lunch ticket and gift pace.

Entry forms must be fill out in full, signed and returned by Wednesday, July 18 to Whispering Willows, located on Newburgh Road just south of Eight Mile Road.

Tee times will be announced after noon on Sunday, July 22. For more information, call

(248) 476-4493.

Soccer openings

The Waza FC Soccer Club has open positions for the following teams: under-8 (boys and girls), under-10 (girls); under-11 (boys); under-12 (boys and girls); under-13 (boys).

Practices will be held at Livonia's Bryant Field, located on Merriman between Six and Seven Mile roads.

For more information, call Jim Debolski at (734) 637-1730; or visit www.WazaFC.com.

3-on-3 hoops

The first annual Hoopin' for the Sal' 3-on-3 double-elimination basketball tournament will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11 at Salvation Army parking lot, 2300 Venoy, Westland.

The cost is \$80 per team. Registration starts at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11.

Divisions for co-ed include Open (adult ages 18 and up), Middle (15-17) and JV (12-14). Awards included a 20-inch

flat screen TVs to the Open Division winners; trophies and T-shirts to all other divisions.

For more information, ask for Captain Matt at (734) 722-3660.

Baseball lessons

The Bernie Carbo Pro Secrets Baseball Academy will be staging individual, small group and team skill sessions in power pitching, hitting and fielding.

Marketing showcase sessions for high school players are available.

Former Phillies minor league All-Star Mark Rutherford will be the featured instructor.

For more information, call (734) 421-4928.

High Velocity soccer

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering summer soccer clinics after the 4th of July.

The clinics are once a week for eight weeks.

The cost and day of the week for each class varies per class from \$60 to \$90. All classes

include a free T-shirt.

Schedules and fees are available on www.hvssports.com.

The available clinics include "Future Stars" (2- and 3-year-olds), "Small Stars" (3-4), "Kicks With Kids" (4-5 and 6-7), a Skill Acceleration Camp (8-9 and 10-12), "Beginning Booters" (8-11) and a women's clinic for adults.

Call (734) HV-SPORT. HVS will also offer skill development classes with Detroit Ignition players from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. The cost is \$5 for those who are already registered for spring or summer clinics at HVS or \$10 for anyone else. Finally, HVS will offer a summer soccer camp for kids between the ages of 5 and 12 June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$110. All HVS summer camps are buy one, get one half off.

WMGA tourney

The Michigan Women's Golf Association 22nd annual

state championship is set for Saturday-Sunday, July 28-29, at Hunter's Ridge Golf Course in Howell, voted in 2005 as the top "female friendly" public golf course in southeastern Michigan.

Players of all experience levels are welcomed, especially junior girl golfers. There will be three division of competition including Regular, Senior and Junior.

Juniors will play only on Sunday, July 29. The fee is \$59.

The Regular and Senior divisions will have a 9 a.m. shotgun start on both Saturday and Sunday. The cost is \$140 for MWGA members; \$160 for non-members (includes golf, cart, range, prizes, continental breakfast both days, and lunch after play on Sunday).

Call tournament director Sonia Pysh-Denison at (586) 212-6639; or e-mail Pysh-Denison@wmgolf.org. An entry form is online at www.mwgolf.org.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2007
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2007 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- The applicant is proposing a 779 square foot garage addition. The required maximum is 7% or 650 square feet, which ever is larger. The applicant is requesting a variance of 129 square feet.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department, 734 354-3210.

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 41889 Joy Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)254-0243 on 7/30/07 at 11:00 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

1006 - Jeffery Marshall - Desk, 8 Boxes, Lamp
1044 - Richard Kelp - 3 TV's, Couch, Trunk
1056 - Keith Urban - Freezer, Couch, Desk
1059 - Angela Miller - 20 Boxes, Cabinet, Dresser
2029 - Michael Mockeridge - Trailer, Leaf Blower, Power Tools
2030 - Mary Owens - Washer, Dryer, Couch
3020 - Marcy Mckinnon - Desk, 9 totes, table
4003 - Gerald Cherwalk - Power tools, stereo, misc items
4028 - Renee Peebles - Mattress, Box, TV
9244 - Michele Robinson - 20 Boxes, Bookcase, Misc Items

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

3047 - Jennifer Keenan - Sofa, dresser, love seat
4056 - Frieda Greenshields - 5 boxes, 10 totes, misc items
4251 - Barbara Kamper - 11 totes, 1 box, misc items
4294 - Diane Jacobs - 10 totes, 5 boxes, misc items
5006 - Kirk Surface - Aquarium, Loveseat, Guitar
5202 - Nyesha Penn - 10 bags, 50 totes, toys
5208 - Tracy Causey - Mattress, sofa, misc items
5240 - Debra Charnoske - keyboard, tool box, 15 boxes
5268 - Mike Zehel - recliner, sofa, loveseat
5270 - Ronald Bonzack - Dresser, 4 Chairs, 5 Totes
6012 - Gaylynn Wall - Dresser, Sofa, Misc Items
6017 - Kenneth Armstead - Ladder, Bicycle, Dresser
6048 - Nadeem Ahmed - Grill, Ice Machine, 20 Chairs
6203 - Rachel Knighton - Cedar Chest, Dresser, TV
6205 - Mary Pitts - TV cabinet, Mattress, Box-springs
6222 - Laura Smith - 20 Boxes, Misc Items, Basket

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EXTRA SPACE STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that on July 16, 2007, Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: EXTRA SPACE STORAGE, 6729 N CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

Francis Stringfellow B24 10x15 75+ Boxes of misc. items, 3 Lamps, Mattresses, Misc. Household Goods & Collectibles

Francis Stringfellow D148 10x20 50+ Boxes of misc. goods, 2 Dressers/Drawers, TV Stand, 2 Chairs, Many Misc. Household items &/or Collectibles

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction, July 17, 2007 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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CANTON DOWNTOWN
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 2007 for the following:

FORD ROAD (M-153) WIDENING WEST OF CANTON CENTER ROAD & TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES ALONG FORD ROAD (M-153) AT SIX LOCATIONS

Project includes the widening of 571 feet of Ford Road (M-153) west of Canton Center Road. This widening consists of removing existing pavement and curb & gutter, placing 543 square yards of HMA pavement, placing 121 square yards of non-reinforced concrete pavement with curb & gutter, and placing drainage structures as necessary. Also, the removal of existing traffic signals and replacement with new mast arms at six locations along Ford Road.

MDOT pre-qualification is required for all prime and sub-contractors performing work associated with the removal and replacement of the traffic signals.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Northwest Consultants, Inc. (NCI), 44978 Ford Rd., Suite A, Canton, MI 48187. A nonrefundable fee of \$65.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

Bid documents are on file and available for review at Canton Township Hall- Engineering 2nd Floor, NCI, Construction Association of Michigan, Reed Construction Data, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Construction News Service of Michigan, Inc.

The Canton Downtown Development Authority does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Canton Downtown Development Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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14 Ocean fish
15 Quicksand
16 Step on the gas
17 "May it not be an —!"
18 Quay
20 Grounded bird
22 Playground gear
24 Cry of discovery
27 Tumbling pads
30 Luggage
32 Broad-based
33 Used to be
34 Lisbon lady
35 Noted lamp owner
37 Beliefs
38 Topaz or emerald

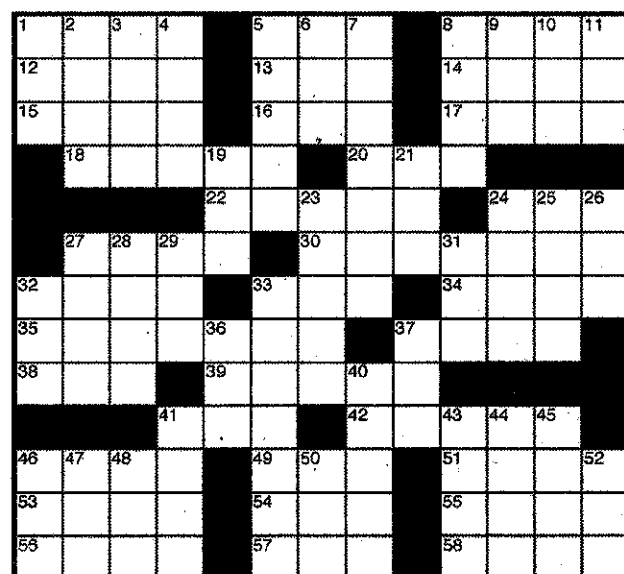
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41 Switch positions
42 Mandate
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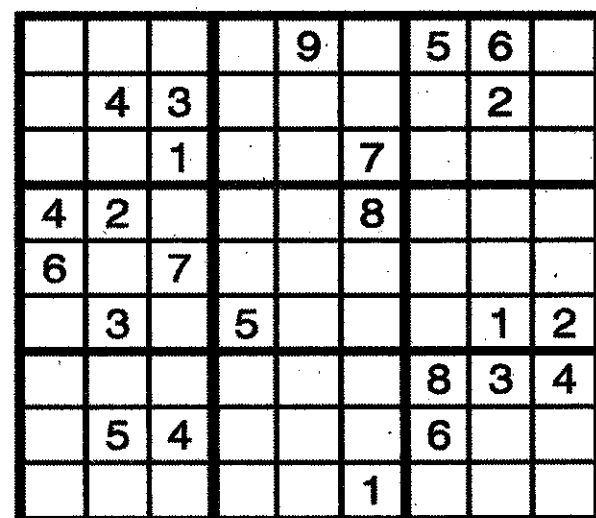
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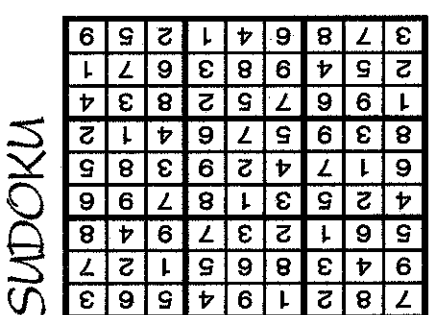
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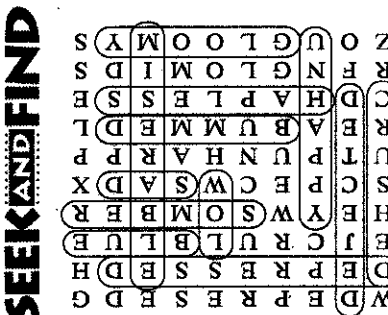
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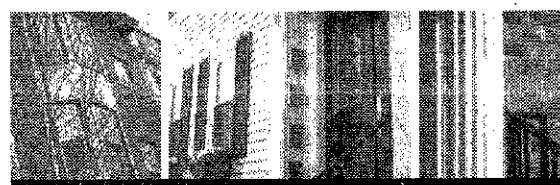
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opportunity. That isn't always the case.

Corie Raquel is a (virtual) health coach at the headquarters of The Regence Group in Portland, Ore. This \$8 billion not-for-profit health insurance carrier has 6,500 employees in the Pacific Northwest and Utah. I support individuals with health issues, whether alcohol, depression, insomnia, diet or exercise, on the phone, he says. In his previous company, he was one of five employees. There, as a personal trainer in a gym, he helped seniors with problems ranging from strokes to joint replacements.

Rick Faulk, in corporate sales, moved from a company with 100 employees to another with 2,200 and now Cisco, with 30,000. He is chief marketing officer at the intermediate company, WebEx. Faulk commutes from Boston to Santa Clara, where he manages 150 employees on four continents marketing collaboration applications. He enjoys the greater resources typical of a large organization and, through the use of the collaboration tools, access to innovation. Faulk concedes, however, that he works longer days.

Raquel feels as if he's at a

banquet at Regence. I have a lot more resources to use, and many more people to work with, he says, including health coaches and supervisors. In my previous company, people said I was more talkative.

I'm in my cubicle the whole time, he adds. Some co-workers are virtual. When we interact, it helps a lot. I find them more supportive. I get information from them when I have a problem. He also enjoys company-sponsored training leading to certification for well coaching.

SIDE-BY-SIDE

Andrea, who asked not to use her name, works almost full-time with two part-time jobs in a governmental agency. One has well over 3,000 employees; the other, fewer than 100. This puts her in a unique position for comparison, because she gathers and generates information in both.

She says that navigating in large organizations is extremely difficult. For example, she recently felt like a tiny cog in a very large wheel when her organization went to D.C. for training.

It was pretty much impossible to develop a relationship with anyone but my immediate co-workers, she explains. It's not a situation of being chummy. It's of understanding who people are, what their functions are, what department you need to go to for information you need.

She points out that titles often mislead people about a function. If you want to ask a question about an organizational issue, you have to look at

an org chart to determine where to get the information, she states. A really large org can be difficult for people who value information. The government bureaucracy isn't the problem. She faced a similar predicament when she worked for a major retailer.

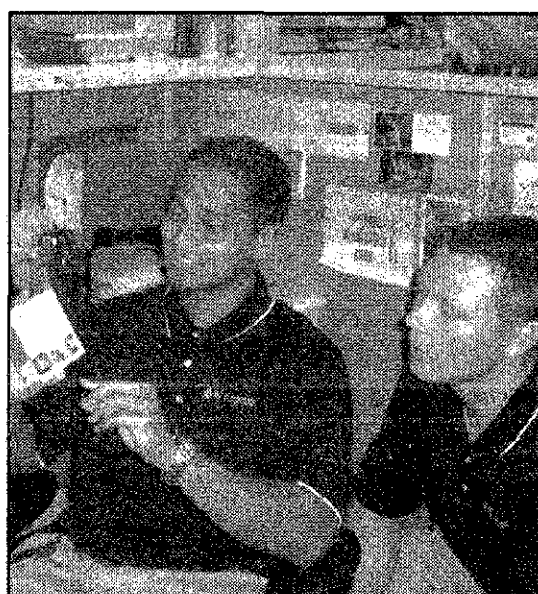
Andrea maintains that the work in a larger organization is more difficult, although the rules are clearer. It's much more detail-oriented, she states.

The bar is higher. The smaller one is a stress-reliever, but I'm glad I have the two to complement each other.

LEFT BEHIND

What do people miss about small environments when they're working in larger ones? Raquel misses the client interaction in his previous company, the face-to-face, one-on-one. I find myself seeking out my co-workers more.

Faulk comments that, in a large company, there is a whole new set of priorities. You have to figure out how to make sure you can deliver on your core business priorities while leveraging the resources of the larger organization. That is the key issue. He likes the fact that smaller companies are a more



PHOTOS: Corie Raquel (left) finds himself seeking out people in his large organization, The Regence Group, in Portland, Ore., where he is a health coach. His colleague, Steven Landers, is also a health coach.

Credit: Denise Townsend

culture-centric team environment. He notes that his days were shorter there.

Faulk also comments that in smaller companies, you may experience the evolution of a culture rather than be required to adapt to one that exists in a larger company. He says that one goal of large organizations can be to operate as nimbly as their smaller counterparts.

Andrea concurs with him about the general esprit de corps in smaller organizations. If there ever were a conflict between her two, she'd work for the large one -- which pays almost twice as much -- and volunteer at the small one.

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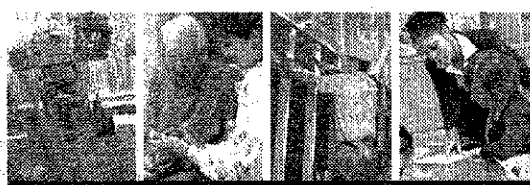
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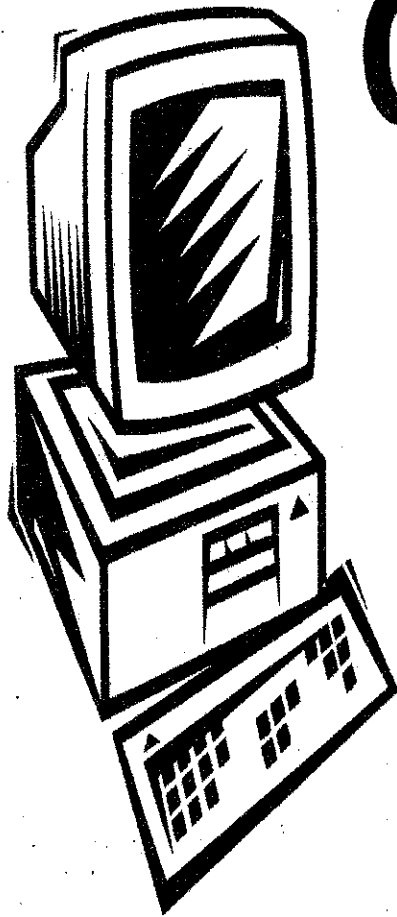
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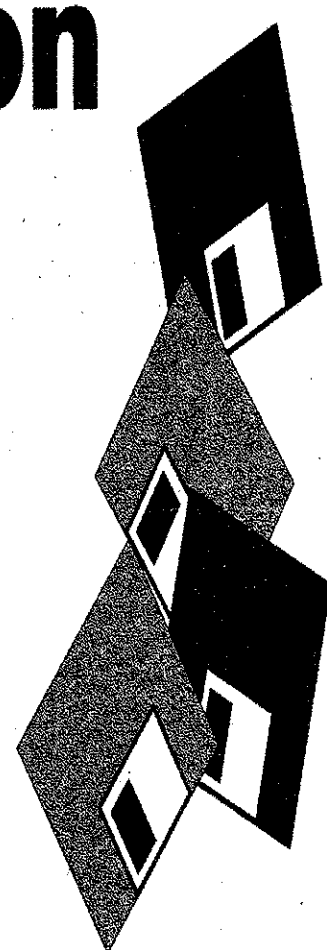
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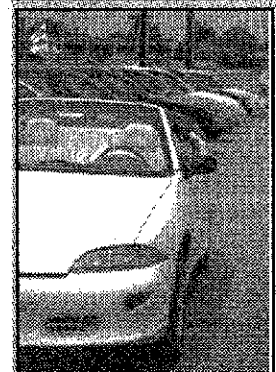
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NEW SUBARU TRIBECA IS A CROSSOVER VEHICLE TO MATCH

Advertising Feature

CAReport



By Dale Buss

The crossover segment of the auto market is still a fairly new one. Auto makers have only consciously been trying to field various hybrids of a car, SUV and minivan for a few years now, a trend that developed as a reaction to three different sets of consumer preferences.

The first was their hesitance to put up with the truck-like handling and awful fuel economy of large SUVs. The second trend in consumer thinking illustrated by the rise of crossovers was their desire to get more room and higher seating positions than those afforded them in most sedans. And, third, American car buyers were simply bored with minivans even though, arguably, they represented a very effective crossover concept in the first place.

And yet the relatively youth of the crossover segment means that there still aren't too many automakers who've gotten it quite right yet. One that has, fortunately, is the 2008 Tribeca, just on sale by Subaru.

The updated Tribeca sports a new six-cylinder engine, a curvaceous interior and exterior, sprite ride and handling, and (at least nominal) seating for seven - more on that later. Moreover, Tribeca, like all Subarus, only comes in an all-wheel-drive configuration, a mode that is rapidly becoming an industry standard anyway.

And yet, Subaru clearly has aimed this vehicle at the mainstream ranks of consumers who don't have any notion whatsoever of traversing offroad but, rather, want to use their crossover to perform any number of mundane tasks of urban and suburban living. That's partly reflected in the fact that the Tribeca name comes from Triangle Below Canal (Tribeca), a trendy district of lower Manhattan that also has spawned a film festival and many other "brand extension" of the area.

Styling-wise, Tribeca is Subaru's best execution yet. Subaru designers have never before come up with such a sleek, swept-back design, one that clearly positions Tribeca at the forefront of defining exactly what a crossover is supposed to look like. Unlike rivals' previous clumsy executions, such as the schizophrenic-looking Pontiac Aztek and the too-bulky Chrysler Pacifica,



Subaru's new, windswept 2008 Tribeca represents a major news advance in the crossover segment.

Tribeca strikes just the right exterior stance between sleek and substantial.

Inside, too, there is a resemblance to Chrysler's Pacifica. In this case, Subaru's artistically striking interior motif is a positive echo of the curvy design of the interior of the Pacifica. The 2008 Tribeca sports a front dash that echoes the exterior's wingspread design, arcing around the occupants and converging in a well designed, curved center stack. Everything is so well executed that it doesn't seem gimmicky at all.

Electroluminescent dials and subtle ambient interior lighting provide a sophisticated touch, illuminating the front and rear footwells, the center console and cup holders. The center console is dominated by an information center that groups the readouts for the audio system, clock, fuel economy and outside temperature.

With the optional navigation system, Tribeca drivers get a seven-inch touch-screen information center, a feature that exceeds previous expectations for this category. The screen also doubles as a display for the backing camera, which activates whenever you shift into reverse with a remarkably sharp image that is shielded from solar glare.

One feature of the 2008 Tribeca that Subaru likes to tout is the fact that it actually can seat seven passengers

when you fold up a third row of seating in the rear. However, a "field trip" with members of my extended family gave me an unfortunate demonstration of how well Tribeca's three rows of seating work in actual experience.

Our conclusion: the third row is so tight that it's of little practical value when adults are involved, perhaps being suitable only for a couple of children. The space is so confined by Tribeca's admittedly sleek exterior lines that it really restricts the practical value of the third row. Moreover, to fit the third row in, it seems that Tribeca's designers may have cheated the second row of a little space, because my second-row passengers found the Tribeca's seats to be too small to be comfortable for average-sized people.

In any event, there's lots more about Tribeca to recommend itself. The 3.6-liter engine is new, with a goal of improving low-end torque and also lowering operation costs with a change to regular unleaded fuel. The larger engine displacement has increased engine torque to 247 lb.-ft., Subaru says, up from 215, and horsepower to 256 from 245, providing the desired extra low-end torque without sacrificing high-rpm power. And on our short family trip, Tribeca came through for me exactly as Subaru was hoping.

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Last week I introduced you to services like Lala.com and nutSie, which allow you to access your digital music library from any Web-connected PC (and even a smattering of cell phones).

That's fine for connected travelers, but what if you're a home-body? What if you just want to fill your living room with the music that's housed on the PC in the den?



Tech Savvy

Rick Broda

You need a media streamer, a device designed to bridge

the gap between rooms and devices.

If money is no object, look no further than the Sonos Digital Music System (sonos.com). It's just a phenomenal product, but the \$1,000 price tag (for a basic hardware bundle) puts it out of reach for most buyers.

Instead, consider the \$299 Apple TV (apple.com/appletv). This crafty little box connects to your PC via a wired or wireless network and syncs with your iTunes library.

You interact with Apple TV via your widescreen TV (a requirement - it won't work with regular tubes) and a small six-button remote, which operates a superbly simple interface.

Indeed, it's not unlike operating an iPod writ large. And, like the iPod, the Apple TV does more than just music: It also serves up podcasts, photos and iTunes-purchased movies and TV shows.

Furthermore, a recent update added YouTube viewing to the mix, and let me warn you: Surfing those videos from the comfort of your couch is insidiously addicting. It's one of my favorite Apple TV features.

There are a couple of catches. First, you need to be an iTunes user. The software is free, but if your music library lives in a different program, you'll have to migrate (and be prepared: Songs bought from most other services won't play in iTunes).

Second, you can't use the Apple TV to buy stuff from iTunes; for that you need your PC. Of course, you may not want to bother with videos at all, as they look a bit fuzzy when played via Apple TV.

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BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

In the sweltering heat of a summer day around metro Detroit, there is no good reason to start up the oven.

Instead, chef Freeman Gunnell suggests it's the perfect time of year to experiment with the fresh ingredients in your fridge, and whip up a cool, crisp salad.

"In the summer I really like to eat light," he said. "We don't use the stove as much."

OUT OF THE KITCHEN

Gunnell suggests taking the cooking outdoors. Try grilling vegetables or roasting tomatoes. Grill up some salmon or chicken and add it to fresh greens like spinach or romaine lettuce. With so many options, it's easy to make this appetizing side dish into a healthy entree.

For those baffled by bagged lettuce or stumped by salad dressings, The Community House in Birmingham has you covered. This month, Gunnell will teach the tricks of the trade 7-9 p.m. Monday, July 16, during his class, *Salads and Vinaigrettes*.

Gunnell has worked with renowned chefs including Wolfgang Puck and handled everything from cuisine to pastry in gourmet restaurants like Detroit's Roostertail.

By day you'll find him in the Bakery Department at Royal Oak's Holiday Market. At night he teaches culinary classes like this one.

When making a salad, Gunnell said, he prepares all of the vegetables first. Then he moves on to grilling or sautéing a protein, like shrimp or chicken, which is added as a last step.

For a veggie-friendly option, he suggests using white beans or chickpeas in the salad, or in the dressing.



Chef Freeman Gunnell opts for a roasted vegetable salad on a summer day.

SALAD SMARTS

Choose dark green lettuce and spinach for your salads. Both have far more nutrients than iceberg lettuce, especially valuable antioxidants, which may provide protection against cancer and heart disease. Remember, the darker the color, the more nutrients.

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HOT AND COLD

Gunnell shared a few salad tips that promise to keep the greens from wilting right away when working with hot ingredients.

For a chicken Caesar salad, for

example, he steers clear of using one type of green. Instead of sticking to just spinach, Gunnell adds a few other greens, perhaps endive and romaine.

That way, he said, "When the chicken hits it, it won't deflate."

When using a heated dressing, he opts to coat some of the salad and incorporate it into the rest of the bowl, to cool it off.

"It does wilt on the plate, but it's a nice technique," he said.

When choosing ingredients for a salad, Gunnell said, you can't go wrong with an onion. Grill or sauté a vidalia or red onion, or finely chop a raw onion to add tang to the dish. Leeks make a nice addition to a dressing, he said.

As far as local produce is concerned, it's a good time to snag the last few spears of asparagus for a salad. Or, try grilling an eggplant. Tomatoes are almost ready, too.

Salads aren't confined to vegetables, either. Think about a roasted corn salad or a fruit salad for a change. Add cherries or apples for a hint of summer.

DRESSING FOR THE OCCASION

Gunnell doesn't keep bottled dressing on hand, except maybe a bottle of ranch. Instead he uses fresh ingredients to tailor a vinaigrette dressing to his salads.

Whatever he has in the fridge might be fair game, from red pepper hummus to mustard, orange marmalade to herbs. He chooses the flavor and adds in vinegar - often a balsamic or a red wine - and oil, preferably olive.

Fresh dressings forgo preservatives and make it easier to control the

Please see SALAD, D2

Accents



Sample Sale

Michigan Design Center (MDC) in Troy will open its doors to individual consumers during its Sample Sale, Friday-Saturday, July 27-28.

The design center is at 1700 Stutz, north off Maple between Coolidge and Crooks. Call (248) 649-4772. MDC is usually open only to interior designers and their clients.

Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. July 27 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 28. Admission is \$7, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit Gilda's Club.

Design seminars will be offered both days. Sample Sale participants may attend the seminars at no additional charge.

The topics include Mini-Makeover: Easy-to-implement Solutions to Revitalize a Tired Room (1 p.m. July 27, and noon and 2 p.m. July 28), and Developing An Action Plan For Your Kitchen Remodel (2 p.m. July 27, and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. July 28).

During the sale, professional interior designers will be available to answer consumer questions and give advice.

Sample Sale visitors will find savings of 60 to 70 percent off list prices on thousands of designer-quality home furnishings, including furniture, rugs, lighting, original art and accessories.

For example, the eight-piece dining room set shown here is from the English Manor Collection from Hickory White, available through the RJ Thomas Ltd. showrooms at MDC. Regularly retailing at \$23,655, all eight pieces (table, bookcase, curio, four side chairs, and two arm chairs) will be Sample Sale priced at \$9,459.

Merchandise will be sold as is, and all sales are final. Payment may be made by cash or check. Most showrooms will also accept Visa or MasterCard. A delivery service will be available, and arrangements may be made at the customer's expense. Delivery must be accepted within 10 days of purchase.

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Linda and Karl Stuecher's water garden is featured on this year's pond/water garden tour of the Michigan Koi and Pond Club. The tour will take place Saturday in the Rochester area.



Water gardens on display in tour

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Personal water wonderlands will be on display this weekend when the Michigan Koi and Pond Club (MKPC) presents its 10th annual pond/water garden tour.

The tour, showing water features and gardens at eight homes in the Rochester area, will take place Saturday, July 14, rain or shine (see related item).

It's a popular event," said Livonia resident Bruce E. Modetz, MKPC treasurer.

"It's a great tour," he said. Volunteers will be at each site to answer questions.

The tour could give visitors "an idea of something they might be able to do" at their own home, said MKPC member Gil Orris of Richmond.

The club, a not-for-profit organization, sets the tour in a different area each year. Locations of past tours include Westland/Garden City, Bloomfield Hills and Milford.

And every year the group donates some of the profits from the event to a different charitable organization or cause. This year's donation will go to the Older Persons Commission (OPC) in Rochester.

Over the years, the MKPC has given more than \$15,000 to Corner Stone Schools in Detroit, the Hurricane Katrina relief fund for animals, koi

POND/WATER GARDEN TOUR

What: 10th annual tour, presented by the Michigan Koi and Pond Club. Water features and gardens at eight homes in the Rochester area will be featured. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Older Persons Commission (OPC) in Rochester.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 14, rain or shine.

Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-15. Tickets are available at the OPC (east off Second Street at 650 Letica Drive in downtown Rochester), Bordine Nursery in Rochester, Barson's Greenhouse in Westland, The Pond Place in Milford and Weigand's Nursery in Macomb Township. Saturday, tickets may be bought only at the OPC.

Information: Bruce Modetz, (734) 425-7490.

herpes virus research, Special Olympics and the Red Cross, among other recipients.

"We try to give back to the community," Orris said.

Saturday's self-guided tour will start at the OPC, 650 Letica Drive, east off Second Street in downtown Rochester.

Featured water gardens include one designed around a large rock, and one that draws a variety of wildlife including ducks and deer.

Not all of the ponds are in

back yards, or even outdoors - one is in a two-story conservatory.

Modetz has had a water garden for six years.

"I absolutely love it," he said. "Having a water garden is soothing, very relaxing. You go out there and it's beautiful."

Orris, founder of the MKPC, got involved with ponds and water gardens about 12 years ago when he tried to make a pond out of a hole left after some construction work at his house. He got the idea for the organization when he couldn't find information on the topic.

"I thought, there's got to be somebody who knows something about this," Orris said.

About 100 families from throughout southeast Michigan are in the club. Not every member has a pond. Many people attend the meetings to learn about building a water garden from members and the visiting experts.

Meetings take place every month, usually between March or April and October at a member's home. Membership is \$25 a year (June 1 to May 31).

"We try to educate the general public," Modetz said.

The organization has developed educational presentations about pond design and construction.

For more information about the Michigan Koi and Pond Club, visit mkpc-se.com.

Hanna lets its wines express the vineyard

Christine Hanna, eldest daughter of Dr. Elias Hanna, founder of Hanna Winery in California's Sonoma County, is Hanna Winery's president and runs the day to day operations with winemaker Jeff Hinchliffe.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Because Hanna Winery grows all the fruit needed to produce 37,000 cases of wine from four vineyards totaling 250 planted acres, we asked Hanna to explain the uniqueness of each vineyard and why each is planted to the selected grape varieties.

VINEYARD EXPRESSIONS

Red Ranch vineyard is located around Hanna Winery's Hospitality Center in the rolling hills of Alexander Valley.

Since the appellation is warm enough to support red varieties, it's planted to cabernet sauvignon, merlot and zinfandel.

"Cabernet grown on the valley floor tends to have black cherry and plum components with a very soft tannin profile," Hanna said. "Cabernet grown on Red Ranch soils with its higher elevation, tends to have more structure and complexity with notes of anise."

Slusser Road vineyard in the Russian River Valley is planted to sauvignon blanc, chardonnay and pinot noir.

"All three of these varieties thrive in the cool climate of the Russian River," Hanna said.

"These varieties like the marine layer in the morning, warm afternoons and a fog return in the evening. This ensures good acid levels and a long growing season. All three varieties are thin-skinned and present high-toned aromatics and that's the reason they thrive there."

"Chardonnay, for instance, shows a pineapple, green apple aromatic component that I identify with Russian River fruit. Without a strong aromatic profile, new French oak aging would dominate the wine."

"It's possible to grow sauvignon blanc in Dry Creek Valley where it's a solid 15 degrees warmer in August than the Russian River. The wines

WINE PICKS

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■ 2005 Dutton Goldfield Dutton Ranch Russian River Valley \$35

■ 2005 DeLoach Russian River Valley OFS \$38

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feature melon and figs, but not grapefruit with brisk acidity. It will not exhibit that grassy, verdant, holy grail that we are looking for."

Hinchliffe said, "I had a hunch the cool Russian River Valley climate would be ideal for a stainless fermented style of sauvignon blanc. It allows the aromas and lively acidity to flourish unmasked by oak."

Hinchliffe gets credit for the Hanna style of sauvignon blanc that has earned the sweepstakes award for Best White Wine three times at the annual Sonoma County Harvest Fair.

UNIQUE SITES

Home Ranch, a second Russian River vineyard, is located west of Slusser Road vineyard.

It's closer to the Pacific Ocean, which means it's slightly cooler and a location producing pinot noir with an illusive earthy quality, identifiable in great pinot.

"Russian River pinot noir has cranberry-like fruit, but it also achieves a mushroomy, cuminalike earthiness that defines excellent pinot noir," Hanna said.

Bismark Ranch vineyard is located on the Sonoma side of the Mayacamas mountain range, which divides Napa and Sonoma counties at an elevation of 1,400 to 2,600 feet. All five Bordeaux varieties are planted there, plus syrah and zinfandel.

The mountain terrain required dynamiting to create terraces, and only 65 of 404 acres could be farmed. Planting began in 1991, but the first harvest wasn't until 1997.

Hinchliffe said, "Bismark Ranch fruit is powerful and intense, with a lot of herbal and mineral complexity under the core fruit flavors. Our challenge is managing that intensity."

WHAT TO BUY FROM HANNA

2004 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$27 shows blackberry, black cherry and ripe plum characters with well-managed tannins. It's plush and generous on the palate with an extended finish.

2001 Bismark Mountain Syrah \$40 boasts fresh black fruit characters with refreshing acidity. It's full, long and smooth ending with notes of cranberry, pomegranate and pepper.

2004 Bismark Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon \$48 delivers a wonderful spice character over black olives, anise and herbs. Pair grilled steak with this cab.

2004 Bismark Mountain Zinfandel \$48 shows a characteristic briar bush aroma followed by anise and cardamom in a full, rich style that calls for long-cooked meats like braised lamb shanks or Ossobuco.

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FOOD CALENDAR

Michigan cherry festival

Join Whole Foods Market as it celebrates the arrival of locally grown Michigan cherries.

From noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 14, visit any Oakland County Whole Foods Market to learn how to use cherries in your everyday cooking, including making cherry salsa, cherry pancakes, marinades and rubs with fresh cherries.

Cherry recipes for customers to taste will be featured throughout the store. Recipe cards and cherry facts will be available. Visit with many of the local vendors who use cherries in their products, including American Spoon Foods, Cherry Juice Power and Achatz Pies.

In Oakland County, Whole Foods Markets are at 1404 Walton, west of Livernois, in Rochester Hills, (248) 652-2100; 2880 W. Maple at Coolidge in Troy, (248) 649-9600; and 7350 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple and west of Middlebelt, in West Bloomfield, (248) 538-4600.

Eastern Market tour

Join Freeman E. Gunnell, instructor at The Community House, for a tour of Eastern Market where you can browse open-air stalls of fruit, vegetables and herbs, tour specialty gourmet food shops and visit a restaurant supply store where Gunnell will assist with kitchen tool selections.

Meet at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 14, in front of the R. Hirt Jr. shop, where Gunnell will hold a sign for The Community House Tour, \$34. Contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

The Community House

Several classes will be offered this summer at The Community House in Birmingham. For information and to register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates at (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Classes include: Salads and Vinaigrettes with Freeman E. Gunnell, 7-9 p.m. July 16, \$34; Quick and Easy Summer Appetizers with Pam Gustairs,

6:30-9 p.m. July 25, \$29 with \$6 material fee; Grilling with Chris Jones, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 1, \$34 with \$6 material fee; Summer Lunch on the Patio with Jennifer DeMay (lunch will be served at this class), 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 8, \$39; Tasty Tempting Thai Cooking with Lawan Chandraung, 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13, \$29 plus \$4 materials fee; Tomatoes with chef Gunnell, 7-9 p.m. Aug. 20, \$34.

Vinology wine classes

Vinology continues its series of classes about wine with Wines of France, Wednesday, July 18. Classes are \$55 individually. Vinology, 110 S. Main in Ann Arbor, is a wine bar and restaurant owned by the Jonna family. Call (734) 222-9841.

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@aol.com, or fax (734) 591-7279.

fat-free dressings tend to have more sugar. Sign up for *Salads and Vinaigrettes*. The class costs \$34; call (248) 644-5832. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates.

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SALAD

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fats and sugars in one's diet.

"We try to stay with healthy oils," he said, recommending olive oil, canola or safflower.

When using citrus flavors, orange, lemon or lime, Gunnell goes for a neutral oil like grapeseed or safflower.

But portion control is the key for calorie counters. Keep the dressing on the side, Gunnell suggested. And be aware that

remaining ingredients.) Divide greens among four salad plates. Arrange one-quarter of shredded carrot on top of greens. Arrange four tomato wedges around the greens, like points of a star.

Transfer dressing to a small bottle that has a tight-fitting lid with, ideally, a small hole to drizzle the dressing, as with a plastic squeeze bottle. Just before adding dressing to the salad, shake vigorously to combine and drizzle over each salad. Makes 4 servings.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

CHICKEN RAINBOW SALAD

8 oz. tricolored rotini noodles - cork-screw shape (about 3 cups dry)

2 cups cooked, cubed chicken

1 medium cucumber, sliced

1 cup sliced celery

½ red onion, sliced thin
½ cup light mayonnaise
¼ cup light sour cream
2 tablespoons skim milk
1 teaspoon dried dill weed
1 teaspoon salt (optional)
¼ teaspoon pepper

Cook pasta according to package directions, omitting salt and oil. Drain. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine chicken, cucumber, celery and onion. Mix in pasta. In small bowl, blend mayonnaise, sour cream, milk and seasonings. Toss dressing with salad mixture.

Variation: Rainbow Vegetable Salad - Omit chicken and reduce the mayonnaise to ¼ cup. Serve as a side dish. Makes 8 cups or 6 servings.

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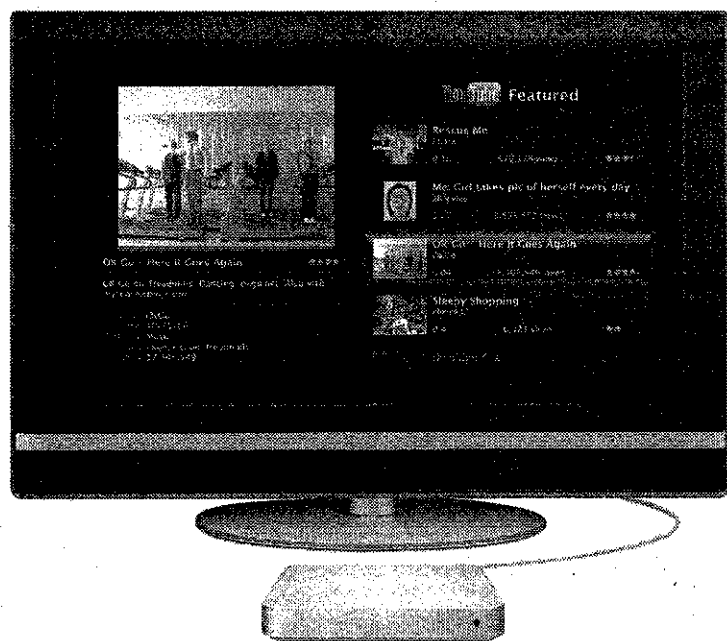
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SIT ON THE DOCK

If you're an iPod owner and want the same basic functionality for half the price, consider DLO's HomeDock Deluxe (dlo.com). It's a combination iPod charging station and dock, one that plugs directly into your stereo and TV.

Using the included remote, you can navigate your iPod from the couch: An onscreen menu system provides access to the music and video libraries. (No photos or podcasts, though - drat!)

It's a neat little product, and worth checking out if you want a more direct approach to melding your music with your home theater.

OPTIONS FOR OTHER ROOMS

The Apple TV and

HomeDock both presume you want your tunes to travel to the living room. But what if you want music in, say, a bedroom or kitchen?

The Sony VAIO WA Wireless Digital Music Streamer (<http://tinyurl.com/2vtlzt>) answers the call. It's like a portable boombox, except that it streams music from your PC and Internet radio stations instead of the airwaves.

Because it has built-in speakers, the music goes where it goes. It's a nifty device that sounds quite good and features some nice extras, like a remote and an iPod input. The WA sells for \$349.99.

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Think sleek for contemporary look for windows

Amy from Royal Oak says: "I recently purchased a loft and am in the process of decorating it. I love contemporary and transitional design, but I just don't know what to put on the windows. I don't want fussy, traditional window treatments, and I also want to avoid the look of plain blinds. There must be a way to dress my windows in beautiful fabrics and remain true to contemporary style."

Yes, you can definitely keep true to your contemporary leanings while adding beautiful window treatments.



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

Like you, I don't prefer the plain look of blinds standing alone on a window, but blinds can work beautifully as the first layer on your overall treatment.

Let the blinds take care of the light control and privacy needs. Then you can add a layer of fabric over the blinds.

With this layering method, you will be able to use less fabric on your soft, fabric treatments because they won't need to cover the

entire window. The blinds will be taking care of that.

As far as contemporary style goes in draperies, think sleek and sophisticated. This can be accomplished with a monochromatic color palette and rich fabrics.

Start with simple, fixed side panels on a decorative rod. Hang the rod at least a foot over the window, if space allows. Then you can select your main fabric, making sure it doesn't have a fussy pattern.

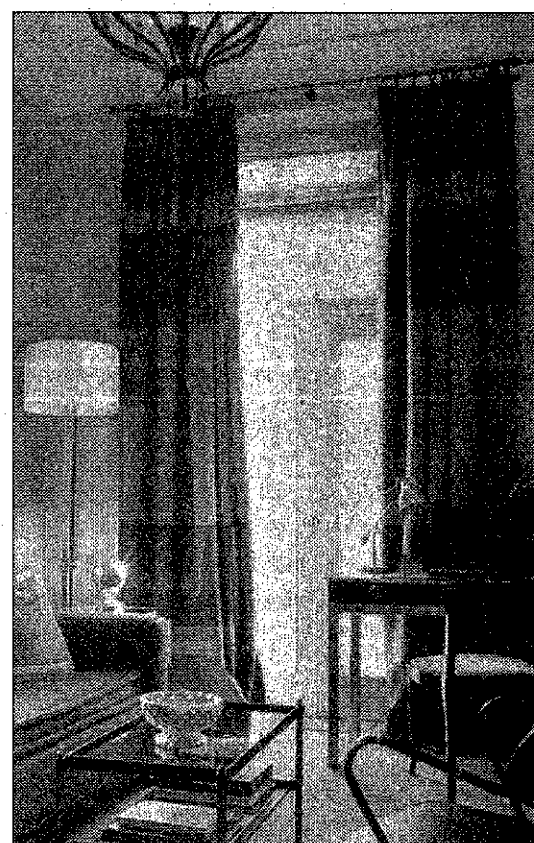
Once you have the main fabric, go ahead and add horizontal bands of another fabric, keeping with the monochromatic theme.

Wide fabric bands applied to drapery panels bring a horizontal emphasis and a contemporary edge to your windows.

Let the panels rest on the floor and allow the beautiful fabric to speak for itself. No need for tassels or beads with this design.

This is also a great do-it-yourself project that doesn't require complex sewing abilities.

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.exclusivinteriordesign.com.



Sleek and sophisticated describe these contemporary draperies with added horizontal banding, as seen in the book *Design Ideas for Windows* by Dorinda Beaumont.

Caution is needed to prevent rip-offs

There was a time in my life when I carried a gun and slept with it under my pillow, and worried about the stranger walking up to me.

All this and a whole lot more was never my imagination playing games with my mind. It was fear created by others who didn't appreciate my involvement in the world of consumer affairs.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

In my persistence I made some enemies, but in the end the State of Michigan and its citizens finally had an appliance repair

law in force to help protect them from being ripped off.

In the last few days I've asked myself over and over again if I should even begin to write this column. You will know why as you continue to read my story, which concerns the plumbing industry.

The recent news story where a plumber came to a home to give a customer a quote on a plumbing job and instead killed her for a necklace she was wearing may have something to do with my attitude these days, but I do know for a fact and recognize that most plumbers are hard-working individuals.

There are always a few who will tarnish the image of the industry and get away with it. Not anymore if I can help it.

It has been reported to me that certain plumbers are giving homeowners a quote to repair broken sewer lines in excess of \$20,000 and there isn't one thing wrong with the sewer line.

You may think that something must be wrong, or why would they call a plumber? I'm telling you: Not one thing is wrong with their sewer line.

This all happens because someone is selling or buying a home and wants to know the condition of the sewer line.

A plumber installs a camera inside the sewer line, tapes the video on a monitor and plays it back to the homeowner. The tape is then given to the homeowner as evidence of the break or defect in the sewer line.

The switch is made almost in front of the consumer's eyes but they can't see it. The tape

isn't really of their sewer line but of one from some other home where the line is actually broken.

The hook is then implanted into the homeowner because the plumber knows they can't sell the house without disclosing this type of information to a potential buyer. The homeowner has no choice but to get the repairs done no matter what it costs.

The smooth-talking plumber then carries out the rest of the con-job.

There is evidence to verify what I've just told you and it comes from the fact that several homeowners have been cautious enough to call another plumber for a second opinion.

This means that for every person who is wise enough to call for a second opinion, I would bet that there are many others who don't and go ahead and spend \$20,000 or so.

The plumbing industry in the State of Michigan is a regulated industry that requires licensing, etc.

Next week I am going to the Attorney General's Office, Better Business Bureau and Code Enforcement Division at the state level and see exactly what I can do to help prevent this sort of rip-off. I'll let you know. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays and on WDTW-AM 1310 at 6 a.m. Sundays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-6000, 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 and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

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Four-Legged Fashion

*Today's pets
are pampered
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BY JEANINE MATLOW
SPECIAL TO PINK

On any given day in Birmingham, you might catch a glimpse of a well-dressed pooch named Elroy, styled and owned by Jay and Chloe Dolata of Bloomfield Hills. Weighing in at a mere 7 lbs., the Miniature Pinscher may be small in stature but he makes a big fashion statement wherever he goes.

"He has very cool clothes," Chloe says. "Everywhere we walk, people say, 'Oh look at that dog. He's so cute.'"

The pampered pooch loves to travel, Jay says. Much of his wardrobe has been gathered from scenic spots such as Montreal, San Francisco and Carmel, California and Naples, Florida. Elroy's favorite low-budget/high-style haunt is Target. He also favors Teacups & Toys A Pet Boutique in Birmingham.

Employed at Brogan & Partners in Birmingham as a receptionist and mascot, Elroy has appeared in several print ads for the advertising and PR firm. After a long day at the office, Elroy unwinds in a Sumo wrestling outfit from Japan that resembles a robe. Elroy always comes prepared with the perfect outfit for every occasion including a raincoat for cloudy days, a trench coat, collar and tie for business meetings, boots for winter and Polo and Burberry sweaters for a night on the town or a special shopping trip. "He likes to shop at Somerset," Chloe says.

No matter what Elroy is sporting, he is certain to have heads turning in town. Occasionally, it's his own head that's turning when Jay and Chloe hide treats in the back pocket of his denim jeans.

ONE-OF-A-KIND DESIGNS

As a self-confessed shopaholic, Dana Keaton often struggled to find the right fashions. So, she began creating her own for herself and her friends. Soon, Diva Groove LLC was born, allowing Keaton to bring fashionable clothing and accessories to people and their pets.

The designer's muses are Dylan and Remy, her Maltese pups who have become mascots for the clothing line. "I consider them to be like my children. I want them to be cute," Keaton says. "People just love to see them walk through the neighborhood."

As her client base continues to grow, so does the concept of pet fashions. "It's become a fashion statement to dress your pet," Keaton says. The latest trends for the four-legged crowd, she says, are little boots (for cats and dogs) and t-shirts that are personalized with names and sayings.

Keaton, who works with each client individually, offers a wide selection of fabrics in her Detroit design studio. The savvy designer is careful to create something that is suitable for a

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particular breed. For a big guy, such as a Golden Retriever, she recommends a bowtie. "With larger breeds, you want to keep it simple," she says.

LEADING THE WAY

The Uppity Puppy in Royal Oak was the first dog specialty store in the metro Detroit area. For more than five years, co-owners Patty Livernois and Kim O'Brien have been offering incredibly fun and unique clothing, accessories and more for what they call "furry children."

O'Brien makes a lot of the clothing herself. The store carries a combination of custom and brand labels. They offer such fashionable items as name bracelets and necklaces for people and their pets.

Hot trends for summer include little dresses for females and short sets for males. Camouflage is all the rage with the traditional green for boys and pink for girls. The Uppity Puppy is proud to offer licensed Pistons, Red Wings and Lions jerseys for the four-legged crowd.

One of their celebrity clients is Channel 7 newscaster Val Clark who shops for her beautiful dog Uno (part Bijon and part Black Poodle). And Livernois' own puppy, Truffles "has more clothes than most people," she says.

FASHION AND FUNCTION

Moochie & Co. recently added metro Detroit to its list of locations. The store offers a wide variety of clothing and



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Elroy, owned by Jay and Chloe Dolata, likes to wear jeans to work on Fridays.

accessories for cats and dogs. Judy Brundle, who manages the Twelve Oaks store in Novi, says one of their hottest items incorporates fashion and function.

"We sell life jackets for dogs," she says. "So many people have pets and boats." They are available in three different styles, standard yellow and black, a fuchsia and white polka-dot number and a take on a Louis Vuitton design. The life jackets feature a handle for the owner to pull the dog out of the water.

Another practical but pretty option is a backpack for your dog. Designed to be lightweight enough for a pooch to carry on his own back, they can store toys and water bottles for a hiking trip or a walk in the park.

"All of us who work here have pets," Brundle says of the fun environment. "Everyone who comes in is really excited to be here too."

PAMPER YOUR PET

"Our pets occupy space in our hearts, our homes and our lives," says Lisa Pullman, owner of Shaggy Chic in Birmingham. Her store offers up a great selec-

tion of canine couture along with a fair share of feline fashions. Sometimes a product will appeal to both such as faux fur dog beds for smaller breeds that are just as comfy for cats.

"Pet fashions are really coming on strong," Pullman says. "They are the wave of the future." She believes in dressing your pets purely for the joy and fun of it. For the preppy four-legged couple, Shaggy Chic offers a take on the Izod alligator shirt for him and a mini tennis dress for her.

Larger breeds will drool over the leather collars with hammered hearts and stars that come in a variety of colors. Or, for the dog who has everything, opt for an exotic beaded collar from Africa.

Shopping can be exhausting for man's best friend, so just in time for summer Shaggy Chic offers pet strollers.

And if there is one item Pullman wishes everyone would purchase, it would be a car seat for their pooch. Because it's not enough for your pup to look great, it's also about "being well cared for," she says.

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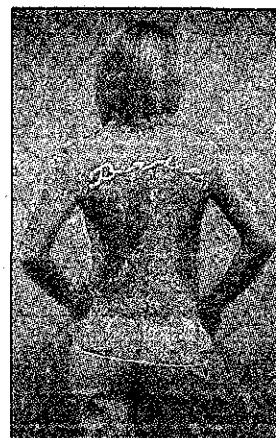


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