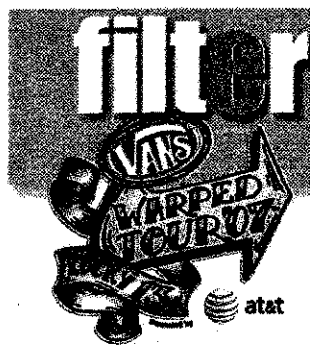


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Psychologist: Statements to cops should be thrown out

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

A forensic psychologist testified Monday that it's unlikely Carol Poole gave voluntary statements to the police after the death of her 2-year-old foster child in September 2006.

Steven R. Miller was called to the stand by the Canton woman's attorney, Mark Satawa, who is arguing that statements Poole, 42, made to the police after Allison Newsman's death should be suppressed.

"By that point, she had already



Poole

emotionally and psychologically collapsed," Miller said, adding that Poole was self-destructive, guilt-ridden and couldn't "resist" agreeing with police that she was the cause of the toddler's injuries.

Miller, who interviewed Poole once in February and again in April, helped base his opinion on her statements and said he believed she was truthful with him.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jerry Dorsey IV countered that because Poole gave Canton police four accounts of how Allison got injured, she also could've been lying to Miller about her emotional state.

Dorsey further took issue with Miller testifying that Poole felt guilty by pointing out that each of her different explanations for the child's death involved claims of accidental injuries.

The hearing before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Ulysses W. Boykin will continue Aug. 24, when another Canton police officer will be

called to testify.

Poole, whose long, auburn hair has grayed since the death of her foster daughter, often sat stoically during testimony Monday, but would occasionally put her hands up to her face and sob or glance at her husband.

Miller said it's possible that Poole has "detached" from the situation and quickly goes from calm to dramatic at the mention of Allison's death.

Poole has been charged with felony murder, first-degree child abuse and involuntary manslaughter in Allison's Sept. 22, 2006, death. An autopsy

showed the child had a skull fracture bleeding over the surface of the brain and brain swelling.

According to police, Poole offered multiple explanations for the injuries, including that the toddler slipped in the shower, fell from a vanity and accidentally went over a second-floor balcony during a game of "whirlybird."

Earlier this month, Satawa unsuccessfully argued that Boykin should dismiss the felony murder and first-degree child abuse charges.

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Cruisin' in her pink Cadillac

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Radiant skin? Check. Flawless lipstick? Check. Pink Escalade? Check.

Twenty-one years ago, Dawn Otten-Sweeney fell into a career with Mary Kay and today, in celebration of her accomplishments with the cosmetic giant, she's cruising around town in a new pink Cadillac Escalade.

"It's amazing how one decision can affect your entire life," said the Canton woman, who started off as an independent beauty consultant, but has since become an independent national sales director with 750 people under her.

When approached by two Mary Kay representatives in 1986 that asked if she was interested in being a face model, Otten-Sweeney seemed to have it all together: she had graduated from the University of Michigan and was trying to work her way up the corporate ladder at another job.

But a slight problem was in her way. "I hated my job," she said. "It was depressing and everyone was only there for a paycheck. You got excited about Saturdays but were depressed on Sunday evenings. There was always more month than money. I knew there had to be a better way."

Otten-Sweeney's better way became the 45-year-old cosmetic company, which is touted as America's best selling brand of makeup.

Being with the company has not only taught Otten-Sweeney how to perfectly apply her eye shadow, she says it was also a refreshing change of pace.

"The corporate world is all about what you can



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Dawn Otten-Sweeney of Canton shows off her new pink Cadillac Escalade, which is a sign of her success with Mary Kay.

do for the company," she said. "But we're about having balance. The company understands that it's God, family and then career. That was so refreshing."

Oh, and the free vehicles haven't hurt either. "For the last 19 years, I've had no car payment," Otten-Sweeney said. "It's been a huge blessing."

For her husband, Larry, and two teenage children, having a signature Mary Kay-pink vehicle in their driveway is nothing new.

"I brought both of my babies home in pink Cadillacs," she chuckled. "My son (Jake, 16) thinks the Escalade is the coolest thing."

According to a press release from the Texas-based company, Otten-Sweeney is among an

elite group and had her pick of six Cadillac models. Since 1969, more than 100,000 Mary Kay representatives have qualified for one of its vehicles.

While standing beside the pink and chrome SUV outside her plush home, Otten-Sweeney grinned and said she's relieved she didn't listen when people told her she would be crazy to quit her job in order to sell cosmetics.

"Makeup is the vehicle we use to impact women's lives," she said. "I was faced with a lot of preconceived notions when I started. People said 'that's not a real job' but when I think about how different my life would be, I'm grateful I didn't listen. I trusted the Holy Spirit, my fiancé (at the time) and my gut feeling."

Prez set to face challenges

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Judy Mardigian knows the upcoming school year is an especially important one for Plymouth-Canton Schools as the district faces the possibility of funding cuts from the state, which would most likely result in millions of dollars in budget reductions.



Mardigian

As the newly elected president of the Board of Education, Mardigian lobbied for the challenge of leading the district as she begins her 10th year on the school board. Despite the financial struggles ahead, Mardigian doesn't perceive that as the top priority.

"The top priority is, and always will be, student achievement," said Mardigian, who lives in Plymouth Township. "I think despite our challenges, we'll continue to see improvement."

"The second, and very pressing, is replacing (Superintendent) Dr. (Jim) Ryan," she said. "In September, we'll begin narrowing down search firms and begin a full-blown superintendent search, which is a pretty big effort. I've been through four in the past, which is one of the reasons I wanted to be president this year, because I wanted to lead the effort."

In fact, Mardigian and Trustee Tom Wysocki are the only two of seven board members who have experience hiring a new superintendent.

"It has to be a national search, we are the fourth-largest district in the state," Mardigian said. "I believe we need to hire a superintendent that understands the dynamics and complexities of a large district."

"We need to hire a search firm to assist us and empower a community group to help assist the board," she said. "It's really important to have an engagement in that process."

The board, in the past, has received criticism from parents because the budget process has generally been so late in the fiscal year they can't effect changes authorized by the board.

This year's budget process could begin as early as this fall, and Mardigian said she wants to include the public more in those discussions.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we're going to have to make additional reductions next year, but I think we need to get out to the community to get their feedback on what they can, or can't, live without, because we're going to have to make some tough decisions," Mardigian said. "We need a budget process that is more rigorous, so we can explore cuts and fully under-

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Cherry Festival starting to create a buzz

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

With a surprising crowd of 3,000 strong last year, the organizers of the Cherry Festival are hoping to turn the event into a full-scale, multi-day bash — but they aren't going to rush it.

"We would love to have another Liberty Fest, but it took years to get that festival where it is today so we're going to nurture this one, too," said Jon LaFever, Canton Leisure Services recreation coordinator.

The second annual Cherry Festival will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in Cherry Hill Village. The event is designed to bring traffic into the Village, highlight its businesses and provide

family fun.

Like last year, Huntington Bank is the title sponsor.

"We got twice the crowd we were expecting last year," LaFever said, adding that the 2006 event was only three hours long. "It was a huge hit."

Organizers hope to meet or surpass last year's attendance.

"If we continue growing, we would love to make it a full-blown festival," LaFever said. "We've been slow in getting businesses into the Village so this is exciting and creates a buzz."

Festival activities will include live entertainment, a marketplace and a fine arts workshop for children. A chalk art competition is also scheduled. Registration for the event, which is open to both

amateur and professional artists, is from 8 to 11 a.m.

The Canton Historical Society and Early Engine Club of Southeast Michigan will be on hand at the Bartlett-Travis House displaying more than 50 engines. From 1:30-4:30 p.m., a dance instruction workshop will take place inside the Village Theater.

Several Village businesses will offer specials, freebies and sidewalk sales.

LaFever said the festival has a relaxed, come-and-go feel.

"A lot of people that live in the Village will come, but this is for the whole community," he said.

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Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its August Networking Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 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 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.

Band director distinction

Amy Boerma, associate director of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, was elected to membership in the American School Band Directors' Association National Convention held recently in Dearborn.

The ASBDA is a national organization composed of professional trained, experienced directors and teachers of school bands whose purpose is to advance and improve music education of those students engaged in the study of band instruments.

Directors are selected on the basis of their teaching experience, the success of their music program, and the recommendation of members of the organization. The association consists of approximately 1,000 band directors from the U.S. and Canada.



First in line

Karen Cobb, 59, of Canton was the first Canton Library patron to check out a copy of the brand new Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows on Saturday, the first day the book went public. The library has 80 print copies of the book, of which 70 copies are in the general collection. Those were already checked out by Monday morning. Ten other copies went on the Lucky Day shelf, which means that if you walk in and it's there, you can check it out for one week. All of those copies were checked out, as well. There are also 10 copies of it on audio CD, which were also checked out. The fastest way to get a copy of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows is to place a hold via the library's Internet Branch, www.cantonpl.org, by finding the title in the catalog, clicking "Request" and entering your name and library card number. When it comes in, you get an e-mail notification and you have four days to pick it up before it goes to the next person.

Woman accused of attacking husband awaits trial date

A trial date for the Canton woman accused of attacking her 86-year-old husband with a utensil could be set Friday.

Kelly Campbell-Baumgartner, 46, was arraigned Monday on three charges stemming from the April 22 incident and is set to be in Wayne County Circuit Court again on Friday for a calendar conference.

Campbell-Baumgartner allegedly attacked her husband of seven months, William Baumgartner, with either a knife or a fork while the two were inside Max and Erma's in Canton.

Although witnesses spotted blood on the elderly man's face after Campbell-Baumgartner



Campbell-Baumgartner

was escorted from the eatery, Baumgartner has denied that his wife injured him at the restaurant, but admitted she had struck him earlier that day during an argument at

their home.

Campbell-Baumgartner has been charged with felonious assault, domestic violence and assault and battery.

She pled guilty last year to stabbing her mother with a fork.

By Tiffany L. Parks

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School may be out for summer, but Destination Theatre has been hitting the books all summer to bring Disney's smash hit *High School Musical* to the stage July 26-29 and Aug. 2-5. One of southeast Michigan's newest performing arts companies, Destination Theatre, is one of the first community theater groups in southeast Michigan to present this stage version of the popular 2006 Disney Channel movie.

Destination Theatre's *High School Musical* takes place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. All tickets are \$15, with 8 p.m. showtimes Thursday-Saturday each weekend and 2 p.m. shows each Sunday.

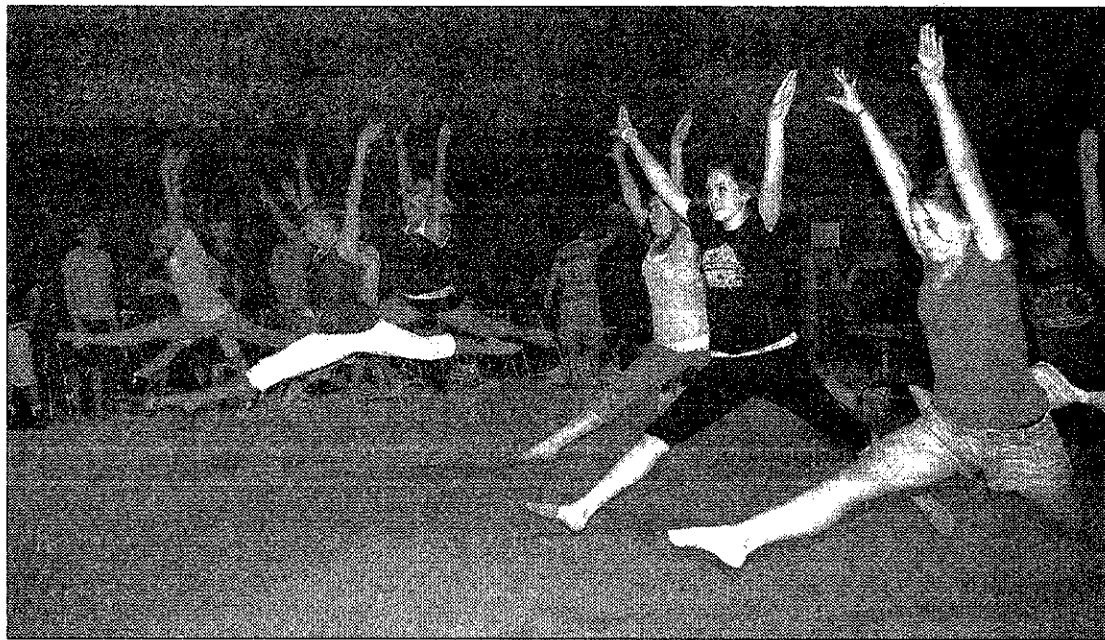
David Cardenas stars as Troy Bolton, basketball star of East High, who meets Gabriella Montez (played by Jennifer Novak) at a karaoke contest over winter vacation before



Members of the Destination Theatre cast hail from Plymouth, Canton, Wayne, Westland, Ann Arbor and Milan, ranging in age from eighth grade to college students.

realizing that Gabriella has just transferred to East High. Back at school, Troy is faced with mounting pressure over his basketball commitment while Gabriella shies away from her math smarts to blend in with

a new crowd. When Troy and Gabriella both decide to audition for the school musical, the results turn the school's social scene upside down. Mia Topalian and Andrew Buckshaw play the perennial



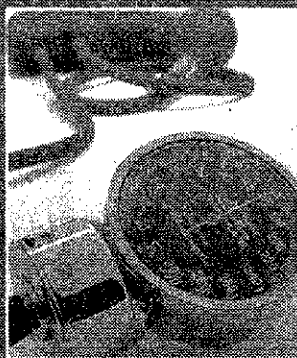
Actors go through their paces as Destination Theatre prepares to bring 'High School Musical' to the stage at the Village Theatre of Cherry Hill in Canton.

drama club favorites Sharpay and Ryan Evans. Pamela Dean and Sharon Belobraidich direct Destination Theatre's talented young cast of more than 50 performers, with music direction by local theater veteran Ken Pletzer and choreography by Kristen Quesada, who also directs the Park Players at the

Plymouth-Canton high schools. The cast hails from Plymouth, Canton, Wayne, Westland, Ann Arbor and Milan, ranging in age from eighth grade to college students. For more information, visit www.destinationtheatre.org. Tickets are available online as well as at Canton's Summit on the Park

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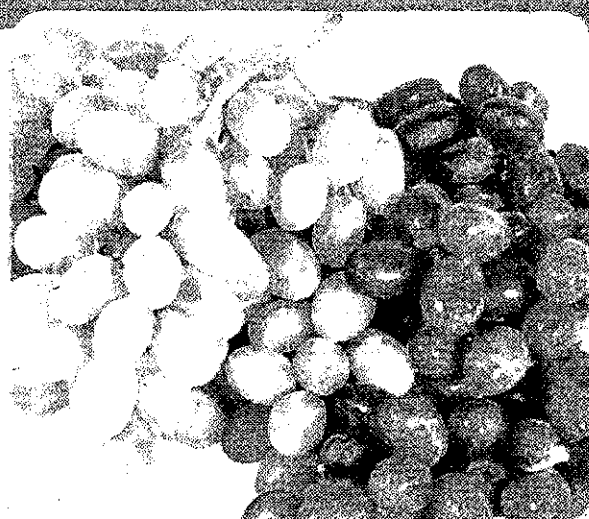
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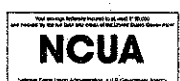


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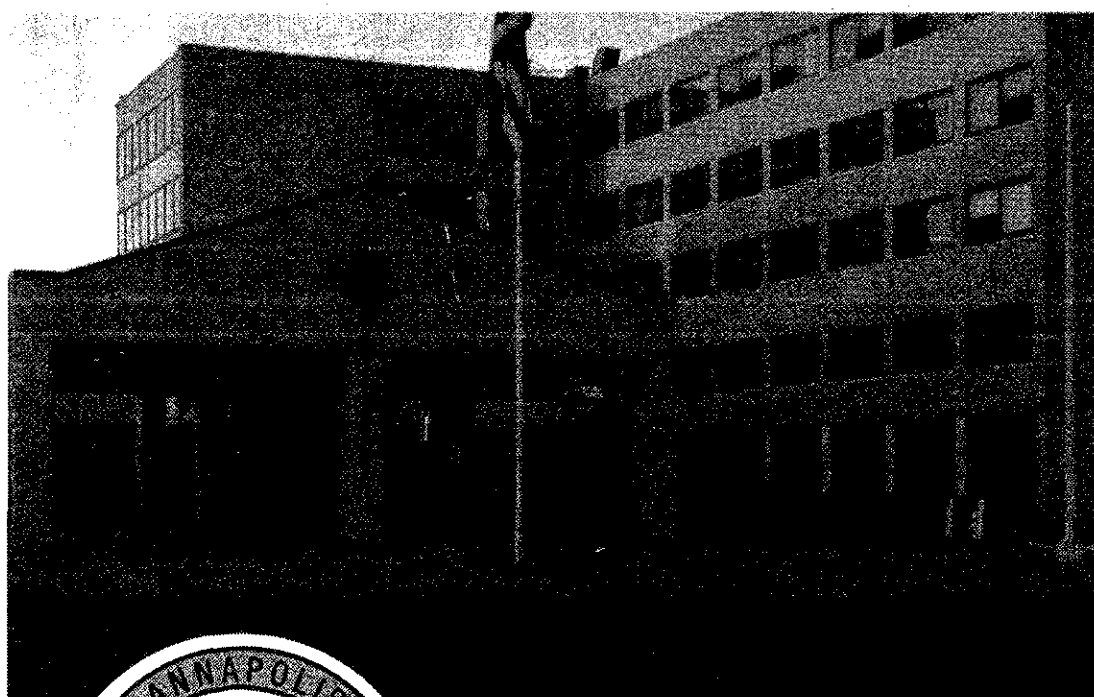
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stand what they will mean on student achievement and the community."

Over the past decade, Mardigian has been a stalwart in attempting to get the state legislature to amend Proposal A and give Plymouth-Canton Schools — which receives about \$1,000 less per pupil than neighboring districts — an equitable amount of funding. Despite seemingly hitting a brick wall in her efforts, Mardigian said she believes progress has been made.

"I think the legislature understands we have a problem, which is better than we were five years ago," Mardigian said. "We have an inherent funding inequity, we've been penalized for being frugal."

"We need to continue to work with Lansing, and we've worked well with Rep. (Phil) LaJoy and Rep. (Marc) Corriveau in taking our case to the legislature," she said. "I think they understand our situation."

The old adage states the only thing constant in life is change, and Mardigian has seen plenty of it throughout her tenure as a Plymouth-

Canton school board member.

"When I look back over my 10 years, this organization has changed a great deal," Mardigian said.

"It's hard to imagine it's the same place as most of the administrators are different, we've had four superintendents, we have four new school buildings and the focus on instruction has changed by focus of state mandates."

"We've evolved over time," she said. "That's the natural part of any organization."

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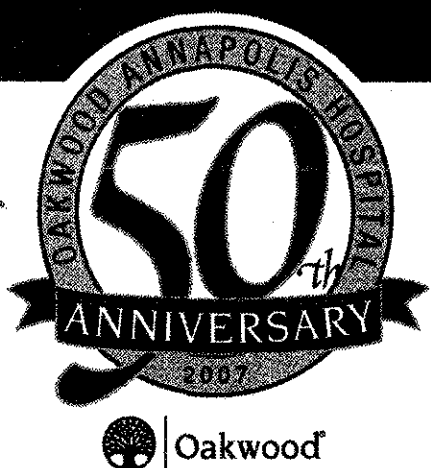
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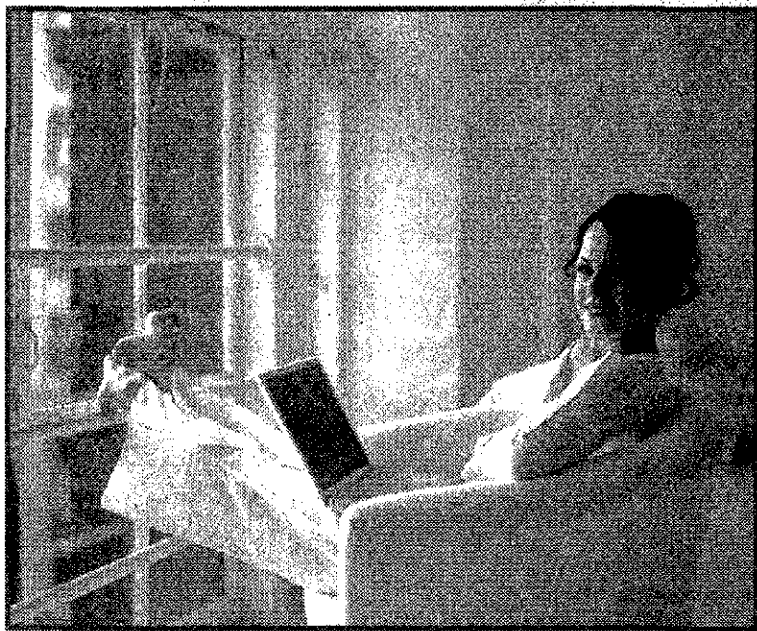
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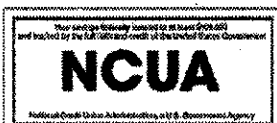
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Security agency lifts ban on lighters

In an effort to concentrate resources on detecting explosive threats, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced last week it will no longer enforce the ban on common lighters in carry-on luggage. Torch lighters will continue to be banned in carry-ons. The agency collects more than 22,000 lighters a day which represents a high percentage of all prohibited items surrendered at checkpoints nationwide. The measures will be implemented on Aug. 4.

"Explosives remain the most significant threat to aviation," said Kip Hawley TSA administrator. "By enabling our officers to focus on the greatest threats we are using our officers' time and energy more effectively and increasing security for passengers."

TSA is also modifying the procedures associated with carrying breast milk through security checkpoints. Mothers flying with or without their child will be permitted to bring breast milk in quantities greater than three ounces as long as it is declared for inspection at the security checkpoint.

The procedural adjustments were devel-

oped based on process and effectiveness studies, feedback from the workforce and regular consultation with airports, airlines and other security partners. This marks the third modification to security procedures within the last year. On Aug. 10, 2006, a complete ban on liquids, gels and aerosols was implemented immediately following the thwarted terror plot in the United Kingdom, and the update to those measures permitting travel-size amounts of liquids went into effect in September of 2006.

TSA has notified Congress of these changes and will soon begin training its workforce of 43,000 security officers. The United States previously had been the only nation in the world to prohibit lighters from carry-ons. Lifting this ban is another step in our efforts to harmonize security measures with international partners. Since August 2006, 59 countries around the world have adopted the 3-1-1 standard for liquids, gels and aerosols: three ounce containers, in one clear, zip-top plastic bag and one bag per traveler at the checkpoint. For more information, visit the TSA Web site at www.tsa.gov.

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Broderick named to head school group

The Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools, which advocates before the Legislature for the Catholic schools of the seven dioceses of Michigan, the Michigan region of Christian Schools International and the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri



Broderick

Synod Schools, has announced it has hired Brian Broderick of Plymouth Township as its new executive director. "Brian epitomized the perfect candidate for whom our executive search committee was looking to effectively lead the state's non-public education community," said Sister Dorita Wotiska, chair of the association's board of trustees. "Brian's breadth of legislative experience, coupled with his passion for public policy issues related to education, will carry forth our organization's mission to establish and enhance quality faith-based schools that will nurture, challenge and support children and youth."

Broderick, a Schoolcraft College trustee, was selected following a search that began in August 2006 and was conducted by a committee comprised of members of the association's board of trustees and its executive committee. As executive director, Broderick will be responsible for three major duties in leading the 450-member schools:

- Hold and communicate the vision and mission of the association while supervising and coordinating all of its work;
- Provide leadership in the work of all board of trustees committees and activities involving administrators, teachers, and parents; and
- Work in all areas of public policy related to education.

Broderick served the Michigan Catholic Conference from 1998-2003 as the organization's education policy associate. Prior to accepting the new position, Broderick served The Economic Alliance of Michigan as its legislative director, lobbying on behalf of member organizations that included General Motors, Ford, DCX, Comerica Bank and numerous small business and major labor unions.

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OUR VIEWS

District sends clear message with cell phone policy

Can you hear me now?

That's the message Plymouth-Canton Schools officials sent to students this week when they increased the penalties for using cell phones and other electronic devices during school hours.

The message should be loud and clear: The district will no longer tolerate students who violate the district's electronic policy. The district increased the penalty for such violations from warnings and detention time to out-of-school suspensions.

In essence, if students are caught with using or carrying around (in plain view) cell phones or other communication devices during school hours, they will be suspended. No questions asked. First-time offenders will get a one-day suspension, and the length of the suspension goes up the more times the student violates the rule.

Students who have come to rely on cell phones probably aren't going to be happy about the new policy, but district officials say the use of electronic devices, especially cell phones, has become a huge problem.

According to district records, there were 583 cell phone/electronic device infractions during the 2005-06 academic year. Last year, however, the number of infractions more than doubled to 1,373.

It is clear that cell phones and other devices have become a general distraction to the educational process. In many cases students are using them to text message friends during class time while teachers are lecturing, and there have even been situations where students have used them to send test answers to other students. Administrators say some students have even used them to set up fights after school.

It was obvious the district's old policy wasn't enough of a deterrent. The new policy has some teeth to it. Suspensions will cause parents to take notice, and hopefully eliminate the problem.

The reason kids come to school is to learn, something that becomes increasingly more difficult when their attention is focused on text messaging friends. Teachers and administrators have a tough enough time educating students without competing against the newest electronic gizmos on the market.

Break the energy gridlock with creative opportunity

Where there are challenges, there are opportunities, and Michigan is poised to power up the search for alternative energy sources and technology.

The attention being paid to the energy grid is coming none too soon. In 2004, according to the federal Energy Information Administration, Michigan ranked 39th in energy consumption, but 34th in energy expenditures per person.

That may not sound too bad, but consider that coal-powered systems are responsible for three-fifths of the state's energy market, the EIA said on its Web site. Not only does that pose emission problems, it takes energy to import the coal from other states.

The state's three nuclear plants supply a quarter of the electricity used, while renewable source energy generators are minimal.

Renewable alternative energy is a catch-all phrase that also can be applied to natural gas, oil and gasoline consumption. Short supplies and skyrocketing prices present challenges and opportunities here as well.

So Gov. Jennifer Granholm's energy initiative — and the companies finding Michigan an opportune place to make strides in generating alternative energy — are indeed welcome news.

Consider that a Massachusetts company, Mascoma, may build a wood-based ethanol plant in Michigan. Michigan's forests are providing an opportunity as a renewable resource.

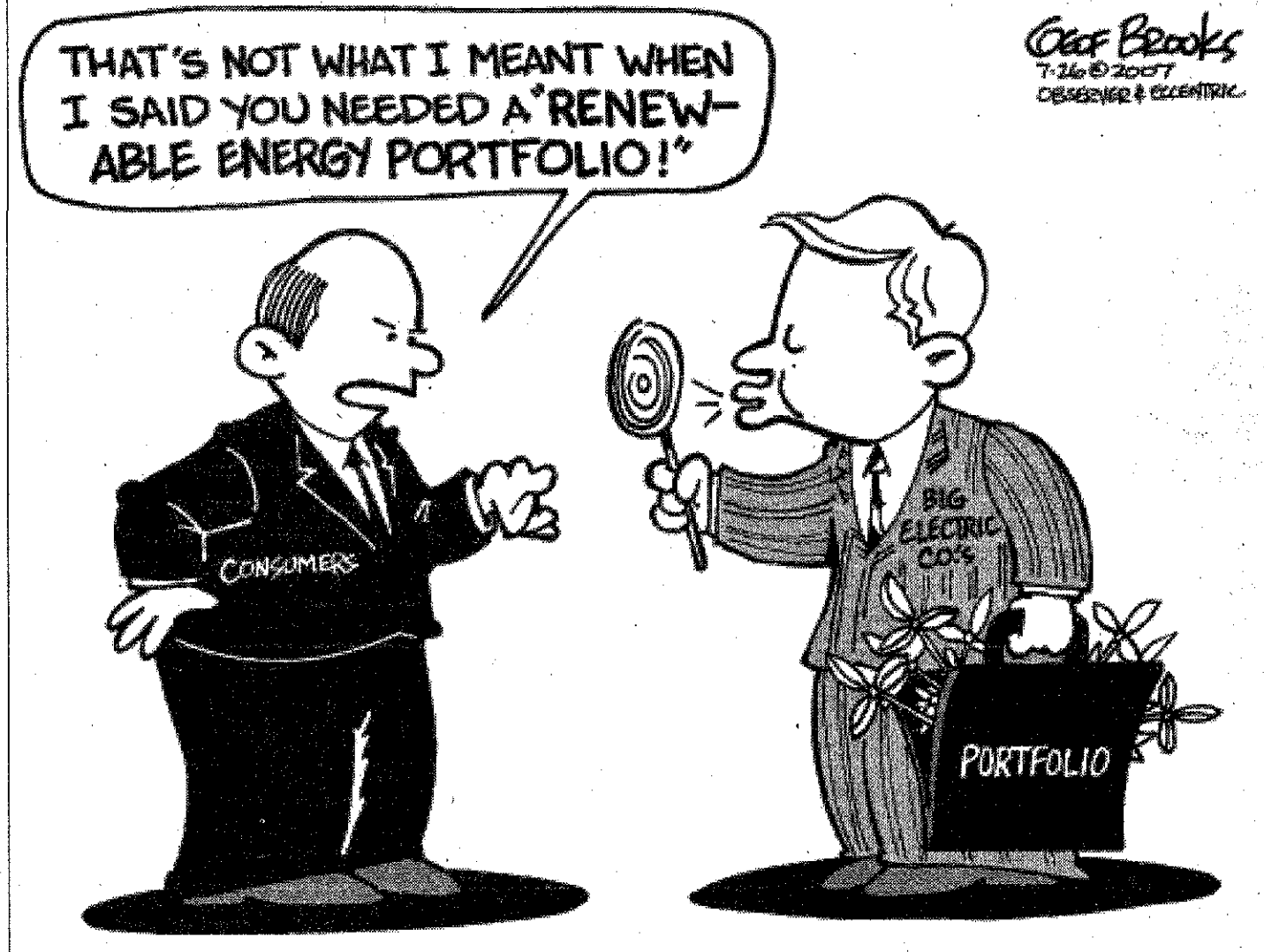
Jumping out in front is an East Lansing station, H&H Mobile, the state's first E85 ethanol plant.

Adding to the excitement was Hemlock Semiconductor, which several months ago announced it would expand a plant that makes materials for use in solar power equipment. It took some creative incentives on the state's part to make it happen here.

However, it will take a considerable amount of research and design to make us truly self-sufficient on renewable energy sources. Our universities are poised to do just that; Grand Valley State University has been involved in the Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center.

Helping make that happen will be Community Energy Project Grants that will be made available to nonprofit and public agencies in 2008.

Yet for these initiatives to ultimately be successful, the public must insist that state and federal elected officials develop policies that turn challenges into opportunities.



LETTERS

Keep Canton clean

Ever wonder what you can do to benefit your community that doesn't cost you any money? The Wayne County Adopt-A-Road program may be just the answer you've been looking for. What better way to benefit Canton than by donating your time and effort to pick up the litter (cans, bottles, papers, etc.) that accumulates on the shoulders of Canton's major roads, almost all of which are Wayne County roads?

In a couple hours of good walking exercise, a dedicated group of people can spruce up a neighborhood and feel good that they made a difference. And for high schoolers that need to fulfill a certain requirement of community service hours, this is a great way to do that.

Sponsors of Wayne County roads sections are required to do this work in the spring, summer and also in the fall, so there is plenty of opportunity for volunteer involvement through the good weather months. Sponsorship is comprised of businesses, business organizations, neighborhood associations, and social groups, as well as individuals.

All you have to do is decide what road you would like to work on and then contact the organizers of that section to learn when they will go to work on it next. You can see the sponsor's name listed on Wayne County signs, which are posted at the beginning and at the end of their section of road responsibility.

Trash bags and visibility vests are supplied by Wayne County and will be provided to you by the sponsor for the clean-up day. It is advisable to dress comfortably for the weather and walking conditions and bring a pair of work gloves to protect your hands from any sharp objects. Extra stuff like drinking water, iPods and Walkman players (please use with caution, as being able to hear the traffic is a must for safety), is up to you. It is a plus to get one of those mechanical "grabber" devices with the long handles that you see in the drug stores. It is faster (there's less bending, too).

You can find out who to contact for particular Adopt-A-Road sections by telephoning the Wayne County Adopt-A-Road coordinator Bob Verardi at (734) 955-2286.

Help keep Canton clean and beautiful!

Greg Greene
Canton

Senior party thanks

The 2007 Senior Party Committee would like to extend a big "thank you" to everyone who helped make this year's senior party a success. The 800-plus students who attended the party had a great time and will have some great memories of their graduation.

Many volunteers put in countless hours to make the party a success. We would like to acknowledge our committee chairs who worked so hard throughout the year in planning and preparing for the party: Jennifer Baker, Kathy DeGripp, Carolyn Powers, Kate Rosiu, Cindy Bartlett, Roberta Burdett, Valerie Lucio, Brenda Boyd, Terri Susterka, Marge Stacey, Julie Nyhus, Cindi Fry, Marianne Turner,

Beverly Waite, Basma Fakri, Neva Nahan Werda, Lori Sasena, Kirk Carlson, Darlene Jardine, Cheryl Galante, Kathy Suchyta, Noreen Desilets, Ann Smith, and anyone else who we may have missed.

We would also like to thank the many volunteers who helped the night of the party — we could not have done it without your support.

The community also provided much support for the party and we thank them. Their generous donations added to the success of the party. Our thanks goes out to our sponsors and donors: AAA; ABC Cab Livonia; Absopure Water; Arby's-Plymouth; Arby's-Canton; Ann Smith-Artist; Back Home Bakery; Bed, Bath & Beyond; Benito's Pizza; Big Boy-Canton; Blackwell Ford; Bob & Beverly Waite; Bob Evans-Canton; Boulders; Buffalo Wild Wings-Canton; Burger King-Plymouth; Burger King-Canton; Busch's Market; Caffe Italia; Canton Chamber of Commerce; Canton Tuxedo; Caribou Coffee; Catering by Kevin; Colleen Hynes; Compatible Group; Connie's Catering; Crow's Nest; DeMattia; DFCU Financial; Domino's Pizza-Canton; Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen; Dr. Ross Anderson; Drs. Bookwalter, Fee & Wright; Drs. Pinkney & Greenbaum; Dunkin Donuts-Plymouth; Fidelity Bank; Focal Point; Famous Dave's BBQ; Hines Park Lincoln Mercury; Holiday Market; Hungry Howie's-Canton; Hungry Howie's-Plymouth; IKEA-Canton; Jack Demmer Ford; Jack Demmer Lincoln Mercury; James Gobeski; Jet's Pizza-Plymouth; Jimmy John's-Canton; Jimmy John's-Plymouth; Joe's Italian Bakery; Jungle Java; Karcher Insurance Agency; Kroger-Plymouth; Lou LaRiche Chevrolet; Main Street Catering; Main Street Pizza; Maria's; Mayflower Party Shop; Mike's Marketplace; Mother's Pizzeria; Mr. Pita-Plymouth; National City Bank-Canton; Needles 'N' Pins; Neva & Bob Werda; Novi Bowl; Otis Spunkmeyer; Outdoor Fun Store; Packaging Corp. of America; Palermo's Pizza; Papa Romano's; Picnic Basket; Pilgrim Party Shoppe; Pizza Hut-Canton; Plymouth Christian Academy; Plymouth Lions Club; Plymouth Rotary Foundation; QuixWorks; Quiznos-Plymouth; Quiznos-Canton; Rawlinson Photography; Rio Wraps-Plymouth; Rose's Restaurant; Rusty Nail; Skatin Station II; Sparr's Flowers; Subway-Ann Arbor Road-Plymouth; Subway-Cherry Hill-Canton; Subway-Ford Road-Canton; Sylvan Learning Center; Taco Bell-Ann Arbor Road-Plymouth; Taco Bell-Ford Road-Canton; TGI Friday's; The Home Depot-Plymouth; Tim Horton's-Canton; Tim Horton's-Plymouth; University of Michigan; Varsity Lincoln Mercury; Victory Honda; Wendy's-Canton; White Castle; Willow Creek Dental; Zack's.

We extend our gratitude to the Plymouth-Canton Community School District for their support of the party. They opened the doors of Salem High School to host the party. The maintenance staff was wonderful in helping set up for, and clean up, after the party. The security staff was supportive throughout the evening, helping to maintain a safe and fun environment for the students. The administrative staff helped us

throughout the year in the planning and accommodating our needs.

Finally, we would like to thank the students who attended the party. Seeing you with your friends, having fun, made it worth all of the work. It was especially touching when so many of you took the time to say "thank you" as you exited the party. Moments like these help us to appreciate that Plymouth Canton is a great school district and a great community in which to live.

Debbie LaFontaine and Heide Leskun
2007 Senior Party co-chairs

Palm oil dangers

I have lived in Plymouth my whole life. I am a busy and soon-to-be seventh-grader at Greenhills School. My best friend, Rhiannon Tomtishen, and I are very active Girl Scouts. We recently have been awarded a Bronze Award, which is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can achieve.

For our Bronze Award, we have educated kids about orangutans, their habitat (the Indonesian rainforest) and the biggest reason orangutans are endangered, palm oil. In doing so we have created a PowerPoint presentation, wrote a palm oil article and created a Web site.

I think the public has the right to know what palm oil is doing to their health (raising cholesterol levels and promoting heart disease), the rainforest (causing deforestation, to make room for palm oil plantations) and the closest animal to us, the orangutan (destroys their habitat, along with many other animals).

Although I am a very proud to be a Girl Scout, Girl Scout Cookies have palm oil and I believe, along with many others, more people need to know the damage they are doing biting into a Thin Mint or Peanut Butter Pattie. To raise awareness about palm oil, Rhiannon and I have started a petition stating we dislike the fact palm oil is in Girl Scout cookies and something needs to be done to stop it.

If you would like to learn more about palm oil and how you can help, e-mail me at saveorangutans137@hotmail.com or check out our Web site, www.saveorangutan.bravehost.com.

Madison Vorva
Plymouth

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"It's not a new policy, we're just having stricter enforcement of the current policy and increasing the consequences. The previous consequences have not been adequate to create enough deterrence for their use, so we've gone from detention for the first offense to a one-day, out-of-school suspension. No questions asked."

— Bob Hayes, director of student services for Plymouth-Canton Schools, on the district's decision to get tough on students who use cell phones and other electronic devices in school

Partisan divide does our state a great disservice

Frankly, I have no idea why I did it. But there I was on a slow news day, sitting in front of my computer, trolling for interesting ideas. So I Googled both the Democrats and the Republicans to see what serious public policy issues they were talking about these days.

The Democrats announced they'd bought Michigan Chief Justice Clifford Taylor's car at public auction. The headline on the press release said: "Supreme Court Chief Justice admitted using taxpayer-funded car for personal reasons."

The chief justice, a Republican, voluntarily turned in his state-supplied Ford Five Hundred because of the state budget crisis. Other judges followed. But the Dems weren't about to give him any credit.

Their handout charged that Taylor "admitted" using the car for personal reasons.



Phil Power

Mark Brewer, the Michigan Democratic Party's longtime chair, quoted in a newspaper story: "Taylor, the highest paid judge in Michigan, abused the public's trust in state government when he used his taxpayer-funded car for dinners, trips to the grocery store and personal trips. During the state's budget crisis, Taylor should have led by example and not wasted taxpayer money." (Funny, but Brewer didn't mention that Democratic judges who got cars also used them to go to the store.)

The Republicans, naturally, were not to be outdone. On its Web site, the GOP ran a picture of Gov. Jennifer Granholm looking tired and frazzled next to the headline, "Granholm Travels to Germany/Sweden While Michigan Burns."

This was prompted by the announcement that the governor will be traveling to Europe to sell Michigan as a good place to do business. Republican Party Chairman Saul Anuzis was quoted as saying, "Today's announcement reeks of hypocrisy ..."

"If the governor wants to go on a 'real' jobs mission, she should travel to other states to convince the hundreds of companies that have left Michigan on her watch to come back."

Well, so much for thoughtful, constructive political discourse in a state facing the greatest economic crisis of our time.

For contrast, let's leave the playpen for a moment and consider New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's comments when he announced his resignation from the Republican Party in June. That was noteworthy, because it fueled speculation he intends to shake up the presidential race by running as an independent.

His comments were downright refreshing: "Any successful elected executive knows that real results are more important than partisan battles and that good ideas should take precedence over rigid adherence to any particular political ideology."

Speaking at a conference at the University of

Southern California, "Ceasefire! Bridging the Political Divide," Bloomberg pointed to climate change and stem-cell research as areas where cities and states had stepped in to fill the void caused by ideological and partisan bickering in Washington: "When people seek the presidency, hopefully they will address these issues rather than issues that are of importance to a small number of people."

There are some bright pockets. The *South Bend Tribune* ran a feature on Michigan Congressman Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, and his geographic neighbor on the other side of the political fence, Indiana Congressman Joe Donnelly, D-Granger. Both men were outraged at the inadequate treatment and the long delays in providing benefits for wounded soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

After reading a *Newsweek* story on the subject, Upton sought out Donnelly, a new member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over benefits for vets.

They then joined together to introduce a bill to shift the burden of proof in the complex and frustrating bureaucratic process of awarding a disabled veteran medical benefits. Their idea is to make the system serve the veteran, rather than the other way around.

"I've been fortunate to have a friend like Fred Upton," Donnelly says. "We work as a team. We don't care about the 'R' or the 'D' part of it."

For his part, Upton disavows his own National Republican Congressional Committee's targeting Donnelly for defeat. He instead praised "the very good job" his colleague is doing as a freshman congressman.

Lansing desperately needs some of that spirit today. Our government is paralyzed by partisan infighting over the 2008 state budget, reliably estimated by experts to be at least \$1.8 billion in deficit. Bipartisan votes will be required to erase the red ink.

Democrats need to vote for the kinds of structural reforms to government and cost cuts that Republicans want, while Republicans need to vote for the tax increase Democrats (and everyone else, for that matter) know has to happen to close the budget gap.

It's a grand bargain that most civilized, responsible adults could reach in moments. Yet when you see what kinds of partisan drivel both our political parties are churning out, you understand why it's so hard for our elected lawmakers to do the right thing.

The hard-working, set-upon citizens of Michigan deserve better — lots better. And it's high time we started to demand it!

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Fear is the defining legacy of the 1967 Detroit riot

This week marks the 40th anniversary of the Detroit riot. You can expect to read and see much about this painful anniversary with a great deal of analysis.

But rather than trying to dissect the social and economic underpinnings of the causes and effects of the riot, I think this sums up the whole experience:



Greg Kowalski

My father was a supervisor at a Chrysler plant in Detroit and on some Friday nights after work he and the guys would go to a nearby blind pig that was run by blacks. Everyone was welcome. After July 1967 they never went again.

They were afraid.

Not of the police, or the fact that the Detroit riot was sparked by a police raid of another blind pig. It was a fear for their lives.

As of that week in 1967 fear became the defining word for Detroit. It more than anything else has shaped the fate of Detroit.

Is it true, the population exodus from Detroit actually began in the early 1950s, long before the riot, as people, bolstered by the GI Bill and a booming economy, headed for the large lawns of the suburbs.

Detroit had built freeways to make their exit easier, and the city's water system was systematically extended to the farthest reaches of the suburbs. So people dribbled out of the city.

After the riot, the dribble turned to a rush. Ultimately, whole neighborhoods were abandoned and remain so today.

I do a lot of historical research that involves reading old newspapers. What has struck me was an amazing shift in the type of stories that were covered after 1967 and in particular I recall a series of stories done on the Van Dyke and Seven Mile Road shopping district on Detroit's east side. Soon after the riot, there were several robberies and a couple of murders of store owners in what had been a pleasant, peaceful little shopping district.

In the space of a few years, all the old stores were gone as the neighborhood was ravaged by crime. I am not a social scientist, but one can't keep but draw the conclusion that the riot helped spawn a generation of violence.

And that, as Detroit became known as "The Murder Capital of the World," cemented the perception that it was

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— and is — a dangerous place.

To this day, I routinely encounter people who will not go to Detroit under any circumstances.

They are afraid.

They are afraid they are going to be murdered. Three weeks ago I was talking to a store owner in Hamtramck, which is where I live, and which is completely surrounded by Detroit. She told me she got a call from a man coming into town from Lansing to shop at her specialty store. He wanted to know if he could park right in front of the store so he could run in, get what he wanted and get out. He literally asked her, "Am I going to get killed there?"

He was serious.

It was not the first time I have heard that type of comment. When I tell people that I live south of Eight Mile I often get the "you live there" look of incredulity. Sometimes I tell them that I do indeed live there and furthermore I don't own a gun and as yet I have not been murdered.

Detroit has done much in recent years to revitalize itself. There are signs that progress is being made. People are going back downtown for events and new construction in many areas is encouraging.

But there are still vast tracts of land that are as vacant as cow pastures. Whole blocks are empty.

And fear persists.

Until Detroit sheds its image as a dead-end place it will not recover from the riot of 1967.

In fact, none of us will.

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Beware of 'get rich' schemes

Sometimes I think I must be one of the luckiest guys in the world. Just over the last year, I've had at least a half-dozen opportunities to make millions of dollars. For example, I received an unsolicited letter from a woman in Nigeria who heard that I was a reputable and honest individual and that she needed my assistance in recouping tens of millions of dollars from her husband's estate. She needed a bank account to transfer this money to and for providing my bank account information to her, I could keep a finder's fee of nearly \$20,000,000.

I also have recently received letters from other parts of the world, including South Africa, from individuals hoping that I can help them as well. In fact, my good luck obviously transcends helping people because recently I was notified that I'd won a European Lottery for more than 700,000 Euros and all I had to do was send in some financial information so they could transfer the money to me. I'm just one lucky guy.

Obviously, my luck is not that I received these bogus opportunities, but my good luck is that I have the smarts enough to know when someone is trying to take advantage of me. Millions of Americans receive the aforementioned bogus solicitations and the great majority of us have the common sense to ignore them. However, thousands of Americans let their guard

down and get taken advantage of. These types of solicitations are used by identity thieves to obtain sensitive financial information from you and me. This information can be used in a variety of different manners, all resulting in problems. Therefore, when you receive these types of solicitations, don't try to figure them out; just throw them away and be done with it.

I recognize that some people like to think: what if this is true? Am I throwing away an opportunity? First, let's be reasonable. The chances of me winning a lottery in a country that I've never been to are virtually zero. That being said, just look at the letters that are sent. In the letters that I receive there are numerous typographical errors, spelling mistakes and outright things that don't make sense. It is only when we let our guard down and begin asking questions — like, is it possible? — that people begin to pursue these bogus deals to their detriment.

Sometimes, you receive unsolicited opportunities and it is difficult to figure what their scam is. For example, I recently had a client that received a letter with an opportunity, and accompanying the letter was a check made out to him from a well-known bank. The client asked me to look at the letter and wanted to know what would the harm be in cashing the check. When I looked at the documentation of the letter, on the surface I could not figure out where the scam was. However, as I told the client, this isn't a game that he should play. There is no reason to try to figure out what the scam is. The best course of action

is to take the offer and shred it. You and I both know that unsolicited offers to obtain great wealth are by their nature something that you and I should avoid.

One question whenever I talk about these types of issues is, if they are so bad, why doesn't the government do something? After all, you see many get-rich schemes offered on radio and television in addition to receiving unsolicited e-mail offers. The reality of the situation is the government doesn't have the resources to monitor all these activities. Furthermore, sometimes the opportunities offered are not per se illegal. The disclaimers used in many of these deals are enough to protect the promoters from legal liability.

I would love to tell you ways to 100 percent protect yourself from the scam artists — I can't. No matter how vigilant you are, there are still possibilities that bad things can happen.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His Web site is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please e-mail Rick at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick live from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

Corrections board seeks members

Wayne County is accepting applications from citizens who are interested in an appointment to the Wayne County Community Corrections board. The appointment will fill the board member slot designated for a representative of the business community.

The 13-member Community Corrections board is charged with developing a comprehensive plan that addresses the local criminal justice system and outlining how sound policy and community programs can more effectively utilize scarce jail and prison

space.

The board meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Temple Building, 640 Temple, in Detroit.

No compensation is provided to board members. Board members must reside in Wayne County. The term is for two years.

Those interested are asked to submit a resume and cover letter to Andrea Mercatante at the Wayne County Commission, 600 Randolph, Suite 406, Detroit, MI 48226, by July 31, 2007.

Bounty of Detroit gardens featured Aug. 1

On Wednesday, Aug. 1, Detroiters are invited to touch, taste and feel the roots of a healthy Detroit at the 10th Annual Urban Garden Tour, sponsored by the Detroit Agricultural Network (DAN).

This year's tour will provide a close-up view of the emerging fresh, organic food system in Detroit, which is providing hope and nutrition to many. The bus tours will cover east-side and west-side gardens, while the new biking tour will weave through gardens in the central city, including the Cass Corridor, Woodbridge and greater Corktown.

All tours will leave from The

Catherine Ferguson Academy located at 2750 Selden in Detroit. Registration begins at 5:30 and tours will leave at 6 sharp. A reception featuring local food and talent will follow the tours at 8 p.m. The fee for the tours is a sliding scale, \$1-\$20.

Early registration is strongly recommended. You can register by contacting Ashley Atkinson at (313) 237-8736 or via e-mail aatkinso@umich.edu. Contributions to grow Detroit's agricultural movement can be made to the

Detroit Agriculture Network and are tax-deductible.

Canton resident Tina Gerlach, who oversees the vegetable garden at Resurrection Parish in Canton, is interested in attending the Aug. 1 Detroit event. Those who would like to go with a local group can reach her via e-mail at tgerlach7339@wideopenwest.com. Detroit Agriculture Network's mission is to promote and foster urban agriculture and the sustainable use and appreciation of urban natural resources.

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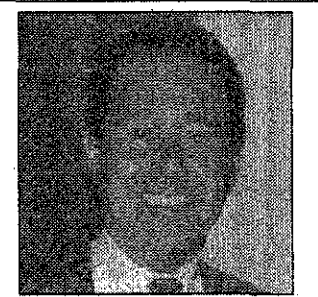
If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

JULY



BERNICE M. FULLER

July 20, 2007 age 87, of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved wife of Ernest for 65 yrs. Dear mother of Gayle F. Laffrey, Edward A. (Dulce) and Barbara F. Wallace (John). Loving grandmother of Bradley (Susan), Elizabeth (Drew), Amy (Joseph), Ted (Allison), Angela, Caroline (Kevin), Elizabeth (Eric) and William. Also five great-grandchildren. Sister of Raymond Irving (the late Bernice). Family services will be held privately. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons. 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



ELIAS TORRE

July 20, 2007 Age 74. Loving husband of Martha for 53 years. Dear father of Thomas (Torey), Charles (Lisa), Elias, Martha Carter (Fred) and Nancy Dauphinais (Michael). Also survived by 11 grandchildren. Funeral Mass Thursday (today) 11am at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church at 10:30am. Memorial tributes to St. Hugo of the Hills Endowment Fund or the Village Club Foundation, 190 E. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

EUGENE TERRANCE, JR.

July 24, 2007, age 68 of Jonesville, MI. Beloved husband of the late Kathryn. Dear father of Lea-Ann, Eugene III, the late Everett and Brian. Grandfather of Brian Terrance, Veronica and Erin McQueen, Jr. Brother of Carol Herne, James (Sandy), Gilbert (Karen-Ann), Agnes Schmitt, Elizabeth, Maggie, Linda and Maryann Terrance, the late Russell and Paul. Service Friday 1pm at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Family will receive friends Thursday 2-9pm. Memorials to Alzheimer Foundation or American Heart Association would be appreciated. Please visit and post a tribute at: www.uhtfh.com

HELEN V. MORCOM

Age 88, of Belleville, Michigan. Beloved wife of the late Earl. Dear mother of Gerrard (Carole) Morcom, John (Donna) Morcom, Kelli Shinn and Bill Morcom. Dearest grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of several. She is survived by her brother Raymond (Cathy) Gillem and Doris (Jack) Almendinger. She was preceded in death by her daughter Linda Morcom-Cooney, her brothers Clarence, Robert and Vernon Gillem, her sister Eileen Gillem and her parents. Funeral service is Wednesday, 10:00 AM, St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, Instate, 9:00 AM. Visitation is Tuesday, 1:00-9:00 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park.

JAMES A. LOWING

Age 92, died Sunday, July 22, 2007 at his home. A long-time Plymouth resident, he was a designer of railroad equipment at the former Evans Products Company in Plymouth for 30 years. He also loved golf and traveling. Mr. Lowing is survived by his wife of 63 years, Betty; his children, Robert (Sandy) Barry and Linda (Tom) Oswell; his grandchildren, Tracy (Jim Stephens), Robert (Mary), James and Jeffery and five great-grandchildren. Visitation will take place from 12 noon to 3pm on Friday, July 28th at the chapel in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, 43300 W. 12 Mile Road., Novi.

Fun days

Children's Summer Fun Days continue 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays throughout July and August at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Bring a bag lunch for you and your children. We will have playtime either inside or outside depending on the weather

and then lunch in the gym. After lunch, we will have Bible Story and Music Time. Parents will be responsible for supervising their children during this time. If you plan to attend, call the office to let us know how many children and adults will be coming (734) 427-1414. Everyone is welcome.

Passages

Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

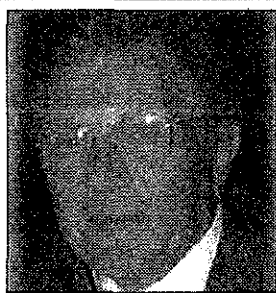
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JOHN V. DUTCHAK

July 15, 2007 of Garden City. Husband of the late Doris. Dear friend of Helen Medeiros. Loving father of Michael (Janice) and Nancy (Dennis) Outlaw. Brother of Michael and Mary Kurtz and the late Paul and Joseph. Grandfather of Katie, Kristin, Jim, Henry, Simon and Chelsea. Visitation was at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne. Funeral service was Thursday at St. Richard Catholic Church, Westland.

PAULA VARNER

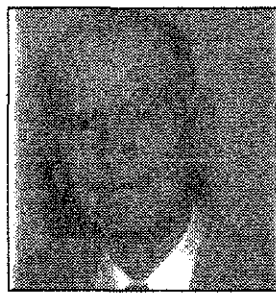
Age 89, Lincoln, NE died Sunday (7-22-07). Born Waco, TX to R.C. and Laura E. (Curbo) Price. Graduated from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, 1939. Married Woody Varner in 1940. Taught school in Waco. Was a lifelong partner to Woody in all of his professional endeavors in Texas, Michigan, and Nebraska. Played a pivotal role in the creation of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, the Lied Center for Performing Arts in Lincoln, and the Barth Syndrome Foundation. Avid fan of all Nebraska Cornhusker sports and the marching band. Paula was elegant, kind, gracious, humble, and had a wonderful sense of humor. Her loving influence on her family was always present and will be a part of them forever. Family members include son, daughter-in-law: Tom & Beth Varner, Metamora, MI, daughters, sons-in-law: Judy Varner & David Silchman, Omaha; Sue & Mike Wilkins, Lincoln; grandchildren: Matthew & Bridgette Kaiser, Andrew Seaman & Robyn Steely, Jessica & Mark Wiederspan, John Wilkins, Ben Varner; great-grandchildren: Owen & Zoë Kaiser. Preceded in death by husband, Woody, parents, and brother, Carl Price. Funeral Service: 2:00 p.m. Thursday (7-26-07) Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 1144 'M' Pastor David Lux and Pastor Carl Horton officiating. Memorials to the Paula and Woody Varner Science and Medicine Fund c/o the Barth Syndrome Foundation, P.O. Box 23173, Lincoln, NE 68542. No Visitation. Condolences or personal reflections may be sent online at: www.roperandsons.com



Remembrance Merrill Martin Schemm "Hon"

July 26, 2006

A tribute to my dearest husband. You were thoughtful, kind, and giving. The happiest moments were those I shared with you. You were my lover and my confidant and my friend. You inspired all who were privileged to know you. Your children are forever thankful for your wisdom, courage, strength, decency and faith. God has you in his keeping. We have you in our hearts...Wife Virginia; Children Linda, Marty, Mark and Lori---and all of your grandchildren. True love comes but once in a lifetime...my Hon gave me that...



ROBERT B. POKORNY

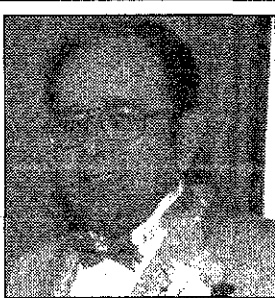
July 23, 2007 age 86 of Birmingham and Vero Beach, FL. Former owner of O.A. Pokorny Building Co. and proud veteran of the Army Air Corps WWII. Beloved husband of Betty B. for 67 years. Dearest father of Pamela A. Van Horn. Brother of the late Mary Katherine Gorham. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (brwn 13-14 Mile) Monday 3-8pm. Memorial Service Tuesday 11am at Kirk in the Hills, 1349 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Michigan State University Alumni Association, 242 Spartan Way, East Lansing, MI 48824. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JOSHUA STEVE DITMORE

July 22, 2007, Age 19 of Wayne Uht Funeral Home, Westland, MI

SHEILA THIBODEAU

Age 58, July 23, 2007. Wife of Paul. Mother of Kelly Hamby (Joe Phillips) and Adrienne. Daughter of Bertha Neely, Sister of Harold E. (Sandy) Neely and Carolyn Neely. Dearest friend of Bill Thomas. Funeral service Friday 11am at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Thursday 3-9pm. The family suggests donations to Karmanos Cancer Center. Please sign Sheila's online questbook at www.rgharris.com



WALTER RICHARD SAWICKI

Age 80, of Livonia, passed away on July 21, 2007, after a long illness. Born on February 28, 1927, to Anthony and Catherine (Denekas) Sawicki. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years Cecilia (Wiercioch) Sawicki; dearest father of Patricia (Gary) Seleski, Robert (Syndi Loussia), and Richard (Gerald); proud and loving grandfather of Michael (Jessica) Mistak, Christopher Mistak, Dana Sawicki (fiancée of Timothy Balogh), and Douglas Sawicki. Also survived by sister-in-law Frances Podwoiski, and brothers-in-law Joe (Connie) Wiercioch, Stan Wiercioch, and Larry (Pat) Wiercioch, many nieces and nephews, and friends who will miss his warmth and humor. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Tom and his wife Lillian and their dear grandson Tommy, sister Frances and her husband Dan Goldina, sister-in-law Mary Jane and husband Arthur Gutowski, brother-in-law Reverend Casimir Wiercioch, brother-in-law Anthony Podwoiski, and sister-in-law Gail Wiercioch. A veteran of World War II, Wally was drafted into the United States Army during his senior year of high school. He served as an MP and medic at the end of the European conflict. His military tour of duty took him to Casablanca, Paris and Nuremberg, where he attended the war trials. After leaving the service, he attended night classes and graduated from Cass Technical High School, then went on to trade school and served as an apprentice and journeyman. Walter and Cecilia were married on June 26, 1949, at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Detroit. Walter's family and his work were his life. He especially loved to travel the United States with Cecilia, his children and his grandchildren. He enjoyed a 40-year career in the tool and die industry as a tool maker, then in management and sales. After retirement, Walter drove the senior citizen bus at McNamara Towers in Livonia. Family and friends will gather for a funeral mass at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 28. Private services and interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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.

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.vchurches.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.

Carillon series

10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday, 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.

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 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 road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Classes include The Joy of Signing (sign language), Inside the Middle East, and Keys to Spiritual Freedom.

Worship schedule

10 a.m. Sundays through Sept. 9, when the fall worship schedule resumes at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile, Novi. For more information, call (248) 349-2345.

UPCOMING

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. Aug. 1, and Aug. 8, at the church located on southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth roads. Discussion topics are 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.

Summer camp meeting

With Evangelist Gordon Jensen Friday-Saturday, Aug. 3-4, at Living Water Pentecostal Church of God, 11663 Arcola, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 425-6360. Jensen grew up in Detroit and was a member of Brightmoor Tabernacle from a very young age. He has composed hundreds of songs and was nominated for Songwriter of the Year by the Gospel Music Association.

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 call either Ken or Ruth Allen at (734) 427-6268 or send e-mail to 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

Galilee-by-the-Sea, 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10, at North Congregational Church, 36520 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, in conjunction with Antioch Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. An authentic recreation of a Bible times village. Costumes, daily drama, old-world crafts, and games. Let your child experience what it was really like to live when Jesus lived. Cost is \$15 per child prior to Aug. 1, \$30 after, grades K-5. For more information, contact Susanna Muzzin at susannamuzz@mac.com or (248) 626-7906.

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.

Reformed Protestant service

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at the regular monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are welcome to attend the service with Rev. Sean Humby (of Ohio, originally of Australia) who will preach. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, Rev. Humby at (937) 252-1156, or visit www.westminsterconfession.org.

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 in.

Church tour

Hosted by St. Aidan Catholic Church on Saturday, Aug. 18, tour features St. Anne de Detroit, Most Holy Trinity and the Solanus Casey Center. Includes history, culture and structural architecture of each location plus a glimpse into the pastoral lives of the three associated priests Rev. Gabriel Richard (St. Anne de Detroit); Monsignor Clement Kern (Most Holy Trinity) and Rev. Solanus Casey (Solanus Casey Center). The tour will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and includes transportation via charter bus, tour and buffet lunch at Los Galanes Mexican Restaurant in Mexicantown and all gratuities. Individual donations to parishes at discretion of attendee. For information, call Debbie Dufour at (248) 719-2535. All are welcome and will be accommodated until busses are filled. Buses depart from south parking lot of St. Aidan at exactly 9:30 a.m., so please arrive 15 minutes early. Reservations can be made by contacting St. Aidan Church office at (734) 425-5950. St. Aidan Catholic Church is at 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia.

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.

Summer sings

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

Alpha - Questions of Life

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Includes a free dinner each week. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to

Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org.

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 road, 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 (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 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.nowack@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.

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CALENDAR

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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

Now enrolling for 2007-2008 for 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 1 Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

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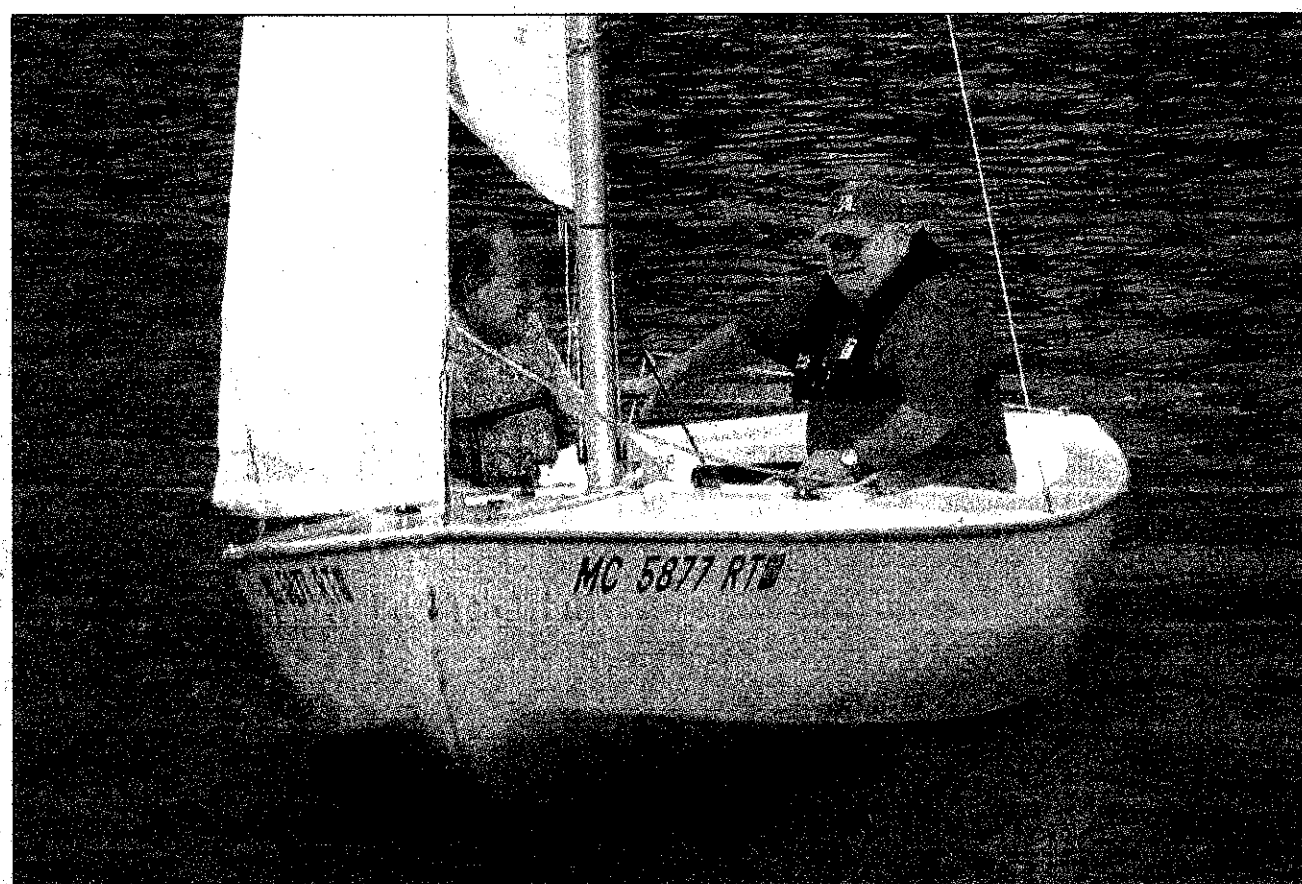
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Mark Hutchins (right) and Andrew Leszczynski sail on Kent Lake last week. Hutchins is a member of the American Sailing Institute, an organization that promotes the recreational activity with classes and a variety of other offerings.

Mast appeal

ASI benefits seasoned and beginning sailors

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If there's a better stress-reliever than maneuvering a sail boat across Kent Lake on a sun-drenched summer afternoon, Mark Hutchins hasn't discovered it yet.

That feeling is shared by the close to 200 members of the American Sailing Institute, a southeastern Michigan-based association that caters to those who are hooked on the wind-aided hobby — and those who are ready to get hooked.

"My uncle taught me how to sail when I was 12, and I've loved it ever since," said Hutchins, a Canton resident and former member of the ASI's board of directors. "Sailing is very enjoyable after a busy day, especially

out at Kensington Park (the site of Kent Lake) because there are no boats with engines allowed out there.

"It's very relaxing. You just rely on the wind."

Welcome return

Hutchins sailed regularly into his 20s before a combination of factors — a career that consumed more of his time and the fact that his friends were drifting away from it, to name two — forced a nearly 15-year hiatus from the activity.

"Then I was talking to a guy I worked with about nine or 10 years ago who told me he sailed," recalled Hutchins. "When I told him I used to do it, he told me about the American Sailing

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OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

What: Open house and annual picnic for the American Sailing Institute, a non-profit organization that offers inexpensive access to sailing through dues, volunteer work and boat donations.

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Diamond shines at tourney

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Capitol Park's first baseball tournament in five years turned out as smooth as the Redford Township facility's newly resurfaced infield, with more tourneys on the way.

"The tournament went great," said Capitol Park Senior Little League official Bill Sullivan, about the District 5 tournament for ages 15-16 earlier this month. "For the first time we hosted it in five years we did great. The field got plenty of use and it held up fantastic. They have a great ground crew out there."

Winning the seven-team, double-elimination tourney was a squad from Rosedale Park in Detroit, which defeated Taylor United for the championship. Redford's representative, the Nationals, went 2-2 in the tournament. Sullivan said the Nationals have players from Redford as well as Livonia, Plymouth and Westland on the roster.

Capitol Park, which is operated by Redford Township Parks and Recreation, shut down for a brief period this spring while work proceeded on the field. The work resulted in high school baseball teams from Redford Thurston and Redford Covenant needing to play home games at other locations for the rest of the season.

Meanwhile, there remains more work to be done, but early indications are that the improvements were well worth any wait.

"They took all the grass out of the infield and took it (the field) down until it was a flat angle," Sullivan explained. "Then they put in new sod and a red clay topping for the infield."

The facility is hosting yet another tourney this week, for Capitol Park Senior Little League teams in the ages 13-15 bracket. The championship contest is expected to begin about 6 p.m. Friday.

"I think next year we're going to be hosting tournaments here for younger kids," Sullivan said. "It (the District 5 tournament) worked out well, we've received nothing but raves."

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Sidelines

Softball sendoff

The Devon-Aire Softball League in Livonia is wrapping up Year 49 with an All-Star game and picnic this Saturday, at Devon-Aire Park (West Chicago and Henry Ruff in Livonia). The festivities begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m.

There are about 180 youngsters ages 7-to-18 in the league, which teaches them about softball fundamentals and good sportsmanship.

Meanwhile, the league is drumming up interest in the 50th year celebration to take place in 2008, and is looking to contact alumni. Contact Debbie Mead at eor1265@sbcglobal.net.

Hole-in-one club

■ Robert Mohan of Canton aced the 152-yard fourth hole at Eagle Crest Golf Course in Ypsilanti on July 17.

Using a five iron, Mohan hit the green with his tee shot then looked on with his playing partners as the ball rolled in.

"There were eight guys on the tee with a couple more groups within earshot of the whooping and hollering," said Mohan, who was playing in a league at the time of his ace. "The fact that all the league members were there made it that much more exciting."

■ Also scoring hole-in-ones recently were Dave Wittrock and Bradley Hawthorne of Livonia.

Wittrock scored his first hole-in-one July 11 at Duck Lake Country Club in Albion, Mich., using a six iron on the 160-yard 10th hole.

Hawthorne scored his ace July 20 at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford. He used an eight iron on the 125-yard 13th hole. The first ace of the 21-year-old's golf career enabled him to score a nine-hole round of 45.

Storm's over

The Livonia Storm 16-U travel soccer team ended the year with a third-place showing at the College Exposure Tournament held July 20-22 in East Lansing.

The Storm went 4-2 over the weekend, losing only to the highly ranked Grand Rapids Blaze and 2006 champion Compuware. That gave the team a final mark of 21-9.

Members of the squad, coached by Tim Hollandsworth, include Alecia Geraghty, Annie Hollandsworth, Amanda Paison, Lauren Brueck, Jamie Johnson, Natalie Polakowski, Genny Kotyuk, Brianna Taylor, Kathleen Höghn, Emily Hollandsworth, Laura Deacon and Brittany Taylor. Assistant coaches are Kevin Deacon and MoRenio Taylor.

New Unified coach eager to build team

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

During the day, Bob Murray teaches Taylor school district students about construction. Murray's new evening gig - as head coach of the Redford Unified hockey team - will give the Livonia resident opportunity to do a different kind of building.

But after just one week of voluntary conditioning and skating workouts, the 45-year-old Murray already is optimistic that the 2007-08 Unified squad will be a blue-collar unit to be reckoned with on the Redford Arena ice.

"They're absolutely dying to get better," Murray said. "They want to get there. Last night (Monday) they were skating until 11:30 p.m. and this morning they got there for the conditioning."

"They're motivated, ambitious and I'm more than ecstatic about the parents who are hockey nuts, in a good sense. It's an ideal situation, it really is."

There were 16 players, who attend either Redford Union or Redford Thurston, at the first dry-land session (including weightlifting, running and agility drills) and the numbers were up to 20 for Tuesday's workout.

"If we have as much talent as we have heart, we'll be in good shape," added Murray, former assistant coach at Taylor

PREP HOCKEY

Meanwhile, for any prospective players interested in skating with Redford Unified, Murray said the conditioning camp will continue from 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Redford Union and they can participate in the informal skating sessions 10-11 p.m. Mondays at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia (\$10 fee).

Kennedy before the team folded last season and former freshman baseball coach at Redford Catholic Central.

THE RIGHT PLACE

When Murray found out that the Redford Unified coaching position was open, following Larry Singer's decision to leave after three seasons, he didn't need to take long to realize it was a perfect fit for him.

"Proximity was one reason (to apply), certainly," Murray noted. "I teach in Taylor and live in Livonia, so it (Redford) is on the way home. With high school hockey, you have to be there on time."

"And Redford is very similar to Taylor, with regards to demographics, the makeup,

Please see **HOCKEY, B4**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pictured (from left) are the three new P-CEP boys lacrosse coaches: Eric Bielecki (Salem), Mike Costello (Plymouth) and Kevin Riley (Canton). Costello coached the unified PCS Warriors since their inception in 2002.

PCEP names new lacrosse coaches

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Like a large tree reaching maturity, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's high school boys lacrosse program will be branching out significantly in 2008.

Following six years as a unified team, Plymouth, Canton and Salem will field their own varsity squads next spring, three years after the Michigan High School Athletic Association mandated the change.

"The MHSAA told us three years ago that we'd have to split up, so we've been preparing for the day it would come," said Mike Costello, who served as the PCS Warriors' head coach since the team's inception in 2002. "As a result of us splitting up,

next year will be like a rebuilding year for all three teams, but it's a good thing in that it will give more kids an opportunity to play at the varsity level."

Costello has been hired to coach the Wildcats while two of his former assistants have been retained to take over the other two units. Eric Bielecki will coach at Salem while Kevin Riley will serve as the Chiefs' new mentor.

"I'm definitely excited about the opportunity," said Bielecki, who served as the PCS junior varsity coach for the past three years. "Each of the three teams should have about 12 to 15 kids back who have varsity or junior varsity experience, so we should all have a good nucleus of kids who know the game. There won't be any junior-varsity teams

Please see **LACROSSE, B4**

Rams, Cubs split LCBL twinbill

After the Michigan Rams were thrashed 11-0 Friday by the Bulls, they came back to earn a split of Sunday's double-header against the Cubs in their regular-season finale at Ford Field in Livonia.

In the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League opener Sunday, the Rams earned a 3-1 triumph, paced by a complete game from starting pitcher Ryan Gunderson, who allowed just two hits and two walks while fanning six.

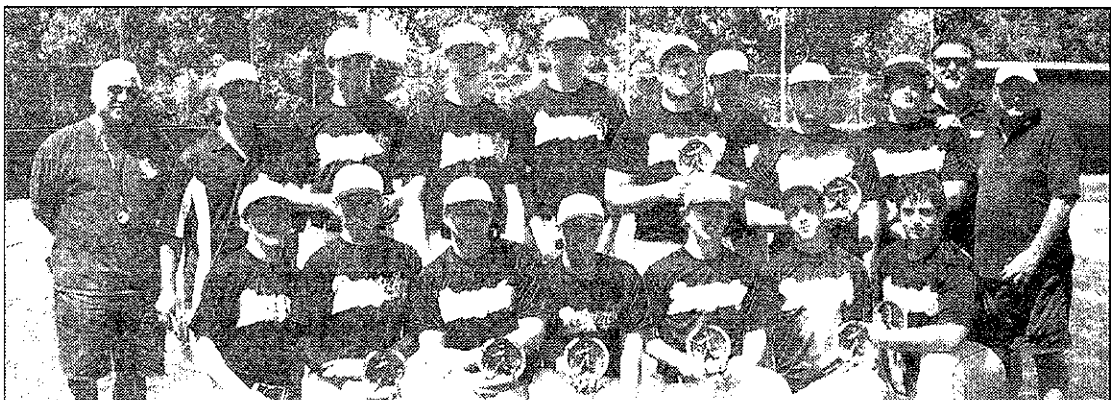
The Rams broke a 1-1 tie with two runs in the fifth, with Eric Vojtkofsky singling home Frank Persichino for the tie-breaking run. Also collecting RBI were Kyle Hurtt and Kyle Gendron (double).

James Teas went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Cubs, while pitcher Kevin Sabol was the hard-luck loser (complete game, six hits, two walks).

The Cubs (24-7-2) managed a split with a 4-1 win in the nightcap, with Brian Tellish giving up just one run and three hits (by Drew Churchward, Hurtt and Max Kelmigian).

Brent Lilly paced the winners with a 2-for-3 day, driving in two runs. Matt Nichols went 2-for-4.

Next up for the Rams (16-15-2) was an exhibition this week against the Metro Tigers of Pontiac, before embarking for the AAABA Regional Tournament (to begin Aug. 7 in Zanesville, Ohio).



The members of the Michigan Renegades team are (kneeling, left to right) Brad Hantler (Andover), Brett Burmeister (Lakeland), Jeremy Dunford (L'Anse Creuse North), Jimmy Tyler (Livonia Churchill), Josh Smith (Groves), David Kamerman (Lakeland), Cory Manoogian (Andover), (standing, left to right) coach Bill Tyler, head coach Dan Smith (Andover varsity coach), Max Gordon (Andover), James Andrzejewski (Troy), Steve Barrett (Troy), Matt Pochmara (Farmington), Eli LeWitt (Country Day), Andy Buchanan (Walled Lake Western), Tyler Haggerson (Seaholm), coach Carl Manoogian and team owner Steve Hantler. Not pictured is Matt St. Clair (Cranbrook).

Renegades win MU tournament

The 16-and-under Michigan Renegades travel baseball team won the Madonna Invitational championship by defeating the defending champion Michigan Muskrats, 6-4.

The Renegades got to the championship game by defeating the OC Bandits and Detroit Eagles and earning a 4-4 tie with the Muskrats.

The Renegades' only loss in the tournament was to the Great Lakes Eagles. Renegades Manager Dan Smith praised the team's pitching, defense and timely hitting, especially in the championship game.

"We had very few walks in the championship and played excellent defense," Smith said.

Smith called the Madonna Invitational "one of the most competitive tournaments in which the team has played this year."

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Demolition to host Sirens in IWFL Western title game

The four-time Independent Women's Football League champion Detroit Demolition will host the Sacramento Sirens Saturday at 7 p.m. at Livonia Franklin High School in the IWFL's Western Conference championship game.

The 7-1 Demolition advanced to the conference final by virtue of a forfeit while the Sirens clipped previously unbeaten Seattle, 29-12, on July 14 in Seattle.

The two teams, who have seven national titles between them, met previously in the 2006 Western Conference championship game with the Demolition outlasting the Sirens, 52-20. The winners rode an aggressive and attacking defense in the second half to register the 32-point triumph.

"We have a ton of respect for the Sirens, as they have won three IWFL championships," said Demolition head coach Tony Blankenship. "They are a good combination of skill and strength on both sides of the ball, and we do remember that they were able to score 20 points in one half on us before we made some effective adjustments and won the game last year."

In the Eastern Conference title game, 2006 IWFL champion Atlanta will take on New York in a repeat of their 2006 conference championship match-up.

Under the leadership of Blankenship, the Demolition has adopted the slogan, "The Drive for Five" this season. The franchise has registered an amazing 63-3 record since its inaugural season in 2002.

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Bucks get rid of Fever to enter the postseason on a high note

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

One final tune-up.

That's what the Fort Wayne Fever represented for the Michigan Bucks Sunday afternoon.

The Bucks, the defending U.S. Soccer-Premier Development League national champion, wrapped up the 2007 regular season as part of a double-header at the Crew Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, with a 3-1 triumph over the Fever.

The contest against the Fever was the last regular scheduled match of the Bucks' 12th regular season and helped steer the defending champs in the winning direction.

After Fever forward David Bauer stole the ball and placed an untouchable shot past Bucks goalkeeper Steve Clark in the 13th minute, Michigan turned the tables and started pressing the Fever.

It didn't take long before the Bucks' duo of Kenny Uzoigwe and Nate Jafta went on a tear to lead the Bucks as the highest scoring team in the 2007 PDL - 48 goals in regular the regular season.

Uzoigwe opened the Bucks scoring in the 16th minute on an assist from Nate Jafta (Lindsey Wilson College). Uzoigwe returned the favor in the second half when the Bucks' leading scorer (15 goals) fed Jafta with a breakaway goal.

The Bucks (13-4-3, 11-2-3 PDL, 36 points) finished out the scoring with a strike by Alex Morisset

off a Jafta pass in the 63rd minute to put the game away.

TORONTO 3, MICHIGAN 1: The Bucks rested most of its regulars and came up short Friday at Rochester High School with this loss to the Toronto Lynx.

With four of the Bucks superstars training all week with the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer (Nate Jafta, Steve Clark, Mike Holody and Eric Brunner), second-year head coach Dan Fitzgerald emptied the bench to play all of the dedicated Bucks players this year that have not played the minutes they probably deserved. Mauro Fusetti (Michigan) headed a Doug DeMartin (Michigan State) cross into the goal from 16 yards out to give the Bucks a 1-0 lead.

The Bucks jumped out early when Steve Bonnell (Detroit Country Day/Michigan) earned a penalty kick in the eighth minute when he was pulled down running by his defender. Nic Djokic took the PK and slammed it off the crossbar. Lynx goalkeeper Chris Baker made his first great save of the evening when he pushed the rebound shot over the bar for a Bucks corner kick. Michigan continued to press the first half, out shooting the Lynx 7-2 and finally put a ball past Baker when Mauro Fusetti (Michigan) headed a Doug DeMartin cross (Michigan State) into the goal from 16 yards out to give the Bucks a 1-0 lead.

Toronto would carry the play into the second half and scored two goals in 14 minutes when midfielder Murphy Wiredu put a pair of goals past Bucks reserve keeper Mitch Hildenbrandt (Livonia Stevenson/Oakland).

Toronto Stephen Phillips put the game away with a second-half goal.



CYO champions

The St. Raphael School varsity girls softball team captured the 2007 CYO Softball Championship last month with a 2-1 victory over St. Germaine at St. Lawrence in Utica. Garden City-based St. Raphael previously defeated All Saints of Canton and St. Alfred of Dearborn Heights in the districts, and then downed Livonia's St. Michael, 5-2, in the west side semifinal. Members of St. Raphael's softball team are as follows: (front row, from left) Katie Murphy, Jillian Kleismit, Teresa Wojnarowski, Kelsey Sussalla, Kelsey McHugh, Carley Shattleroe, Samantha Bellovary, Valerie Bertani; (back row, from left) coach Al Bellovary, Ashley Lynn, Heather Chiti, coach Jennifer Shattleroe, Samantha Zalewski, Jillian Kuclo, coach Kevin McHugh.

MICHIGAN BUCKS NOTEBOOK

■ The defending North American-Premier Development League (PDL) national champion Michigan Bucks begin their title defense with their opening playoff match this Friday night at Lake Orion High School. The Great Lakes Division champion Bucks (11-2-3) will take on the second place finisher in the Heartland Division, the St. Louis Lions (10-6), in the late game Friday at 8 p.m. The Chicago Fire Premier (8-4-4, second place Great Lakes Division) will take on the Thunder Bay Chill (10-3-3, Heartland Division champion) at 5:30 p.m. in the early game.

The PDL Central Conference champion will be determined when Friday night's winners clash at Lake Orion on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for Friday or Saturday's matches are \$10 Adult (16 and over) and \$5 Youths (under 5 are free). For a limited time only, the Bucks are offering a Central Conference

Playoff pass that you can purchase for \$11 Adults and \$6 Youth and will allow you seating at all three of the PDL playoff games held on the weekend of July 27-28.

Tickets can be purchased on-line until Friday at 12 noon. Visit www.bucksoccer.org for all ticket information.

■ The Bucks won their first PDL title last year in their eleventh season and have qualified for the PDL playoffs in 11 of 12 campaigns. The Bucks hold several PDL records, including most overall wins, most playoff wins and most playoff appearances in the 63 team league that covers the entire US and Canada.

The Bucks are led by leading scorer Kenny Uzoigwe (15 goals, five assists) and Nate Jafta (seven goals, nine assists). Both players are candidates for PDL player of the year. Goalkeeper Steve Clark finished the season 11-0-3 and only conceded 10 goals in 14 games, including six shutouts.

Hawks set for playoffs

Playoff action is heating up in the United Soccer Leagues, with the Livonia-based Michigan Hawks gearing up for a Friday afternoon tilt with big implications.

The Hawks (8-3-1) are slated to face the Atlanta Silverbacks (9-2-1) at 5 p.m. Friday in a USL semifinal at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Later Friday, the Minnesota Lightning (10-1-1) and Richmond Kickers Destiny (9-2-1) will take the field for the second semifinal match.

Michigan lost a tough match to Minnesota on July 21, 1-0, to fall to second-seed status. In the 75th minute of the match at

Detroit Country Day, forward Caroline Smith scored the lone tally of the contest. After a ball deflected off the left post, Smith was there to chip in the rebound.

Lightning goalkeeper Ann Gleason earned the shutout, needing to make just three saves. Taking the tough loss was Michigan's Kathryn Cummings (three saves).

On Sunday, the Hawks fell 2-1 to host London (4-8-0), with forward Kristi Swaving scoring the lone Michigan goal.

Scoring for the Gryphons were forward Kimberly Dimitroff and midfielder Fabiana Costi.

SAILING

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Institute and how appealing it was to become a member because you didn't have to own a boat. He told me if you joined the association and did some volunteer work for them, you could use their boats at Kent Lake and Stony Creek Lake for free. I've been a member ever since."

Under the 'Big Mac'

Hutchins' most memorable sailing experience unfolded a few years ago when he and three other ASI members guided a 30-foot sail boat from the southwestern shores of the Upper Peninsula to a dock hundreds of miles away near Detroit. The trip included an unforgettable voyage under the Mackinaw Bridge.

"The American Sailing Institute kept one of its boats in the Georgian Bay in Canada for its members to use," Hutchins explained. "Myself and two other ASI members volunteered to go up to near Escanaba and sail it back to Detroit. With perfect weather, it would have taken us about a week, but we encountered

some rough weather, including 10-foot seas and gale-force winds, so it ended up taking us about 12 days.

"It was a very memorable trip despite the weather because I was with three good friends and we all loved to sail. Sailing under the Mackinaw Bridge was something I'll never forget."

Giving of his time

The bulk of Hutchins' mandatory volunteering time for the ASI is spent teaching want-to-be sailors the essential skills it takes to guide a boat safely and effectively.

"Once a member passes our Level 1 tests, they can take our boats out as the skipper as often as they like," said Hutchins. "That's the nice thing about association — you don't have to be married to a boat."

ASI classes are taught at Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia and Macomb Community College. Students receive classroom and on-the-water instruction.

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U-9 Eagles soar

Outstanding team defense propelled the Livonia YMCA Boys U-9 Eagles to a very successful season, in which they went 7-0-1 to capture the Western Suburban Soccer League Division 2 championship. The team scored 39 goals and gave up just five. Members of the U-9 Eagles include (front row, from left): Nate Leach, Wynston Werden, Josh Karwowski, Danny Ismail, Brandon Navarro-Sutliff and Ryan Bohr; (middle row, from left): Keith Yermak, Diego Martinez, Jacob Karwowski, Jordan Whitt and Trevor Furkas. Standing behind the players are (from left) assistant coach Kevin Yermak and head coach Matt Warner. "The boys did a tremendous job this past spring," said Warner. "They had one focus and they accomplished it." The champs will now face their next challenge, moving up to the U-10 league in the fall.



The perfect Storm

The Livonia Storm Black 12U girls fastpitch softball team finished first at the Grand Blanc Tournament held July 20-22. Pictured (front row from left) are Peggy Phelan, Katelynn Devers, Frances Balluff, Maggie Leins, Tiffany Lambie, Afton Dewyse, (second row from left) Kelsey King, Jackie Tolles, Kristen Baumgardner, (third row from left) Assistant Coach Jeff Tolles, Alex Ferguson, Bailliee Keese, Coach Tom Lambie, Kaitlyn Glowacki, Joanne Kraska and Coach Bill Keese. Not pictured is Assistant Coach Monica Lambie.

LACROSSE

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for at least the first year, so we're hoping to get about 30 kids on each team."

Bielecki, who resides in Canton with his wife, Nicole, and his 20-month-old daughter Allison, got his first taste of lacrosse at Detroit Catholic Central High School (Class of '93).

"I loved the sport the first time I played it," said Bielecki, whose competitive playing days were ended when he tore knee ligaments while playing in college. "My coaching philosophy is to get the kids to play hard and never let up," he said. "It's a great sport and one of the fastest-growing sport in the United States."

Riley, a Redford Township police officer, was introduced to lacrosse while growing up in Canada in the late-'70s. He has served as Costello's lead

assistant for the past six years. Among the experienced players who will suit up for the Chiefs next spring is senior Justin Scott, who earned second team All-State recognition following his junior campaign.

"Most of our top returning players are defenders, so defense should be our strength," he said. "With our goalie and three or four long poles coming back, we should be strong back there."

Riley lives in Canton with his wife, Brenda, and two daughters: Victoria, a 10th-grader-to-be at Canton, and Alexandra, who attends East Middle School.

Costello, who lives in Plymouth with his wife Gail and 5-year-old daughter Rachel, said the explosion of popularity in lacrosse in the Plymouth-Canton community necessitated the expansion to three teams.

"Every year, there are more and more kids getting intro-

duced to the sport — at camps, in middle school, everywhere," he said. "It was getting to a point where we would have had to start cutting kids if we would have continued to have just one team for all three schools."

"For the first year at least, our schedules probably won't be as tough as they have been in the past, just because we're rebuilding."

The expansion from one to three teams will force the PCEP athletic administrators to look into a variety of facilities to use for games and practices.

"The athletic directors are going to have to get creative," Costello said. "We may have to have one team play at the junior varsity stadium at 6 p.m. and another team play at the varsity turf field at 8 p.m., things like that," he said. "Both athletic directors (Sue Heinzman and Tom Willette) are aware of the situation and I know they'll figure everything out."

HOCKEY

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the type of athletes you get. I think there's a working class mentality, where people want to do their best."

There is another area of construction that Murray is interested in pursuing in his new job. That is to help shore up the hockey profile itself as an exciting avenue for Redford youngsters. He expressed surprise that there are only two youth teams skating out of Redford Arena, with more than a few of those players hailing from Livonia.

Getting more kids playing hockey, to help eventually funnel athletes to the high school team, is an area that Murray

isn't unfamiliar with. While in Taylor, the issue of low participation in youth hockey also was one he had to deal with.

"There's just not a feeder program down there," Murray said. "When I came to Redford, I assumed they'd have one better than Taylor."

Murray won't rest until that situation straightens itself out.

Meanwhile, for any prospective players interested in skating with Redford Unified, Murray said the conditioning camp will continue from 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Redford Union and they can participate in the informal skating sessions 10-11 p.m. Mondays at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia (\$10 fee).

GOLF FOR HOCKEY
The Redford Unified hockey team is hosting its annual Golf Outing Fund-raiser, slated for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 at Brae Burn Golf Course in Plymouth.

"The annual golf outing is our largest fund-raiser every year," said Mark Scicluna, event organizer. "The players from both Redford Union and Thurston benefit greatly throughout the season because they can focus on their game, not the ice bill."

The team is looking for teams of four to play at the golf outing, as well as seeking sponsors.

The fee is \$100 per player (\$90 for current and alum hockey players). Each package includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, steak dinner and golfer gift bag.

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Horrible Coverage of the British Open

LESSON ON GOLF
By Jeff Lesson

So there I was this past Sunday watching the final round of the Open Championship (as they call the British Open in Europe) as 27 year old Sergio Garcias lined the potential tournament winning putt on the 18th hole. If he makes it, he wins his first major championship. If he misses, there would be a playoff.

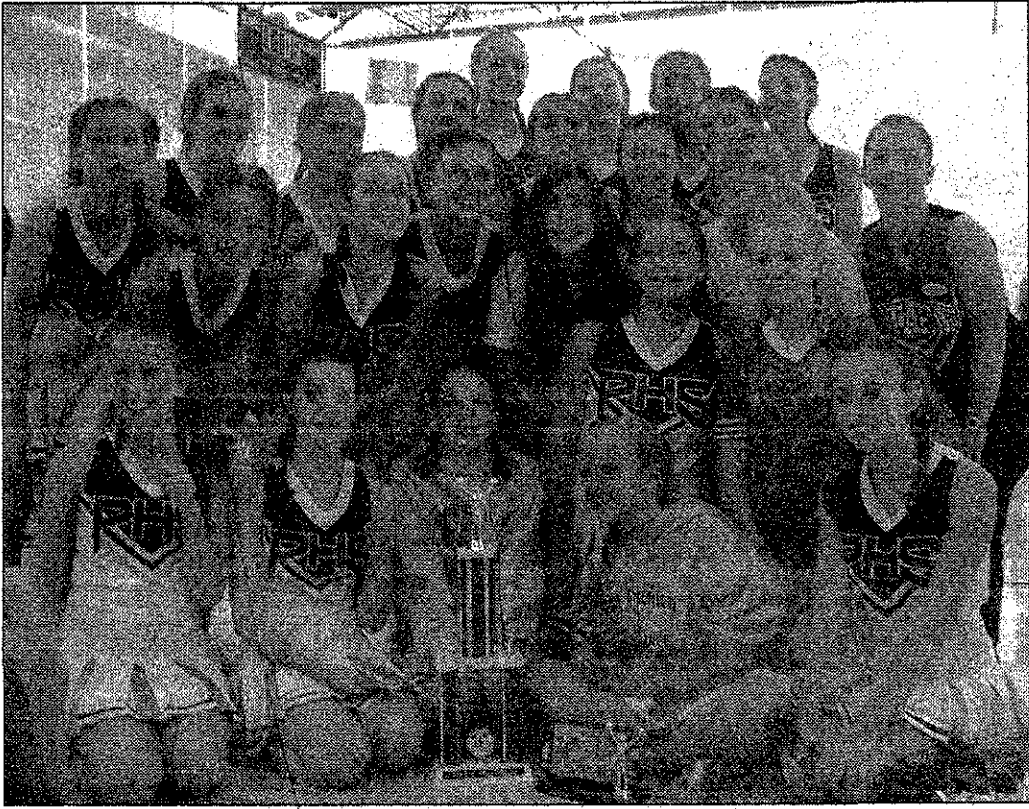
Given the fact your television set does not show the contours of the green or give you a proper idea of exactly how far away the ball is from the hole, we depend on our announcers for that. That is where ABC dropped the ball.

Play by play voice Mike Trico, a well decorated broadcaster who lives in Ann Arbor, apparently never thought it was important enough for the viewers to know if the putt that could win the British Open was either four feet or ten feet. He never told us, despite the fact that ABC had reporters all over the course within feet of the golfers themselves. Surely, they had the capability to relay that information. On a television screen, there is no way of knowing exactly how far they are because of camera angles and other factors.

ABC and Mike Trico are not alone in this. They are only the most recent. This is my biggest pet peeve with golf on television. It is a mistake made by many golf announcers. As a golfer, I want to know how far the putt is and how much it is supposed to break so I can relate to how difficult or easy an upcoming part is. I also want to know where it is going to break so the instant they hit the putt you can see whether or not the putt is on target or off.

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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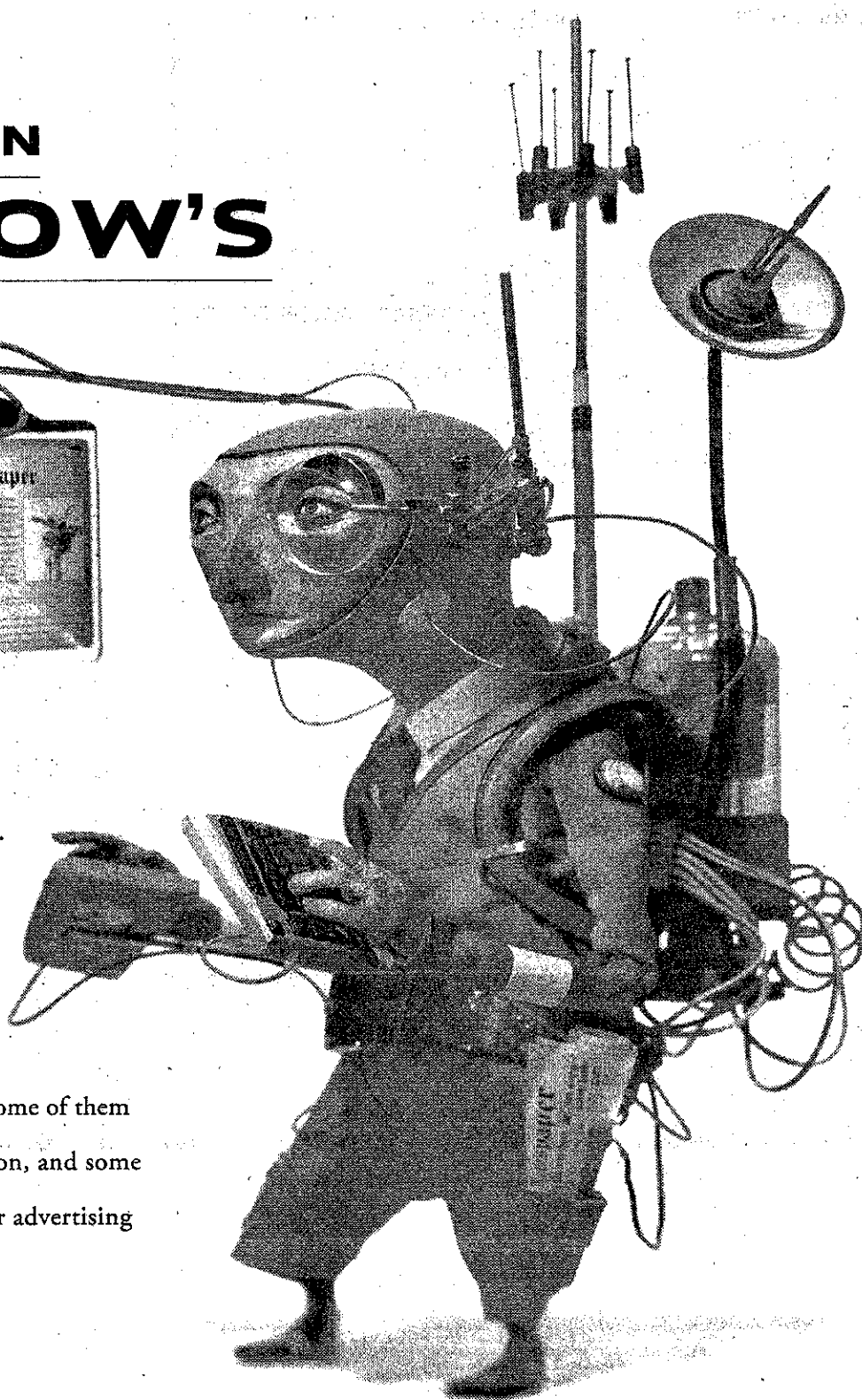
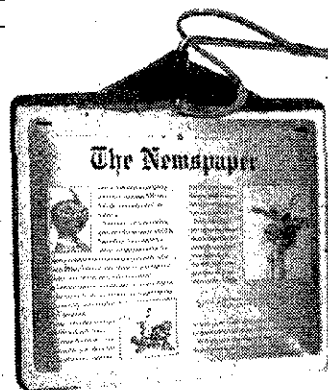
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Making a state-ment

Canton Sports placed third in the Baseball Players Association state tournament July 13-15 in Lake Orion. Pictured (top row from left) are Tyler McCurry, Matt Vreeland, Derek Mully, Justin Blair, Brent Ochodnick, Tom Briggs, (front row from left) Derek Ince, Ben Novak, Will Martin, Brett Feisenfeld, Ryan Nelson and Greg McCurry. The team is coached by Dale Ochodnick, Doug McCurry, Dave Mully and Tom Blair.



Yankees are perfect

The 11U Yankees captured the title in the 2007 Greater Canton Baseball & Softball Association this past season as they compiled a perfect 11-0 record. Pictured (front row from left) are Kevin Spialek, Josh Kramer, Adam Powilus, Evan Thomas, Andy Carr, Rodrigo Lopez, Coach Martin, (middle row from left) Coach Sydlowski, Alec Winfrey, Billy Adams, Justin Sydlowski, Curtis Martin, Joe Zylka, Danny Kitz, K.J. Wooley, Mitchell Langell and (back row) Coach Matt Adams.

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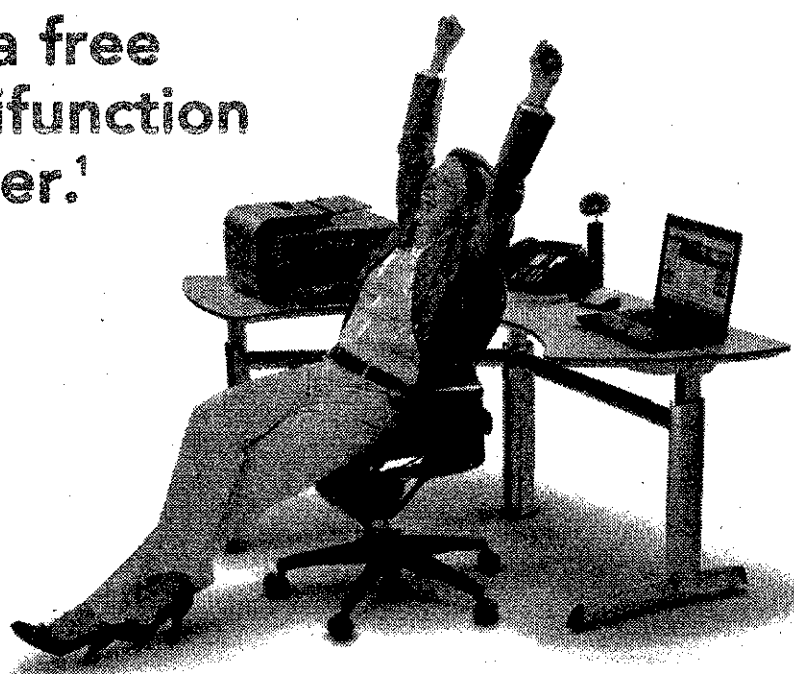
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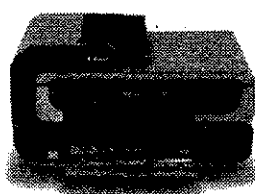
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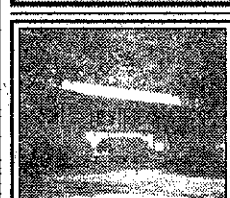
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- 17 Starlet's aspiration
- 18 Yoga position
- 20 Gold, in chemistry
- 23 Opposite of ruddy
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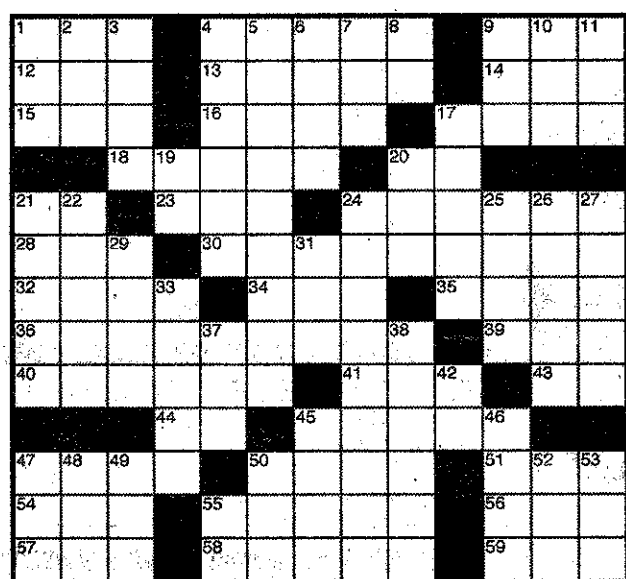
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- 56 E-mail server
- 57 Kennel sound
- 58 Watches over
- 59 Home, in the phone book
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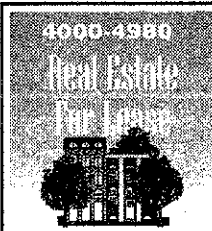
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standpoint. Let's look at it from that of the employee.

LONG HOURS
Harris Interactive, on behalf of global HR consulting firm Randstad USA, L.P., obtained 3,139 online interviews from 1,888 employees and 1,251 employers for Randstad's 2007 World of Work research report. It spots a trend among employers -- "tak(ing) on tasks that their employees aren't willing or able to do (leading to) rubbing shoulders with employees around the copy machine." This blurring of work roles is cited by 64 percent of employees and 67 percent of employers. Randstad attributes the phenomenon to excessive time at the office -- a median of 42 hours per week for employees and 50 for employers.

GAPS
Workers, perhaps unwittingly, often initiate on-the-job cross-training by filling gaps. Jim Stroup, management consultant at San Diego's Bosphorus Business Consulting, maintains that "inadvertent cross-training in a team environment is usually a problem. In fact, in such cases it actually isn't being 'done.' It is just 'happening' as a result of a systemic shortcoming." These stop-gap measures offer a short-term solution that may contribute to role-blurring.

Executive consultant Stefanie Smith of Stratex Corp. in New York City maintains that the increased "speed with which leaders are delegating tasks" also contributes to the blurring. "Ten years ago," she says, "a president

has an idea, calls two to three direct reports, discusses the task and decides time frames. This is done formally or not. Today, the same guy at the airport, waiting for the plane to board, uses a BlackBerry to fire off someone, "Look into this." The person responds immediately by working on the task or delegating it. Stroup contends that this manager is "abrogating duties," not truly delegating. It's "firefighting... a potential morale-buster."

DEMOCRATIZATION
If long hours and high productivity demands fuel role-blurring, another contributor is the democratization of the workplace. There are at least four factors driving democratization: employee attitude, technology, insufficient grasp of the nature of lifelong learning and organizational inattention.

Many employees think that they can do just about anything, and many employers believe the same (or at least act as if they do). Democratization breaks down the walls that defined roles representing. Willing employees may be undercutting themselves -- losing focus -- by adding new, unfamiliar "accomplishments" to their list of tasks. "People want their boss and their colleagues to know what they do, and they want to succeed in their responsibilities, and be recognized for these achievements," Smith observes. Their zeal in promoting the new tasks muddies the water.

Technology, the great leveler, has contributed to the feeling that anyone can write, design, sell, document, whatever. We need to return technology to its rightful spot, as a tool.

The emphasis upon lifelong learning, much acquired on the job, also contributes to the problem. Employees know that to protect their jobs and careers, and to keep work rewarding, they may have to stretch

themselves. Experience gained on the job through training, while necessary, becomes a substitute for true education. It may devolve into learning by the seat of your pants.

Organizational inattention also contributes to declining formality "in job and task identity, which is essential for job fulfillment and pride," Smith adds. "This decline is evident when job descriptions aren't updated to reflect current realities, compensation and title." She maintains that high performers are at greatest risk here, because they're turned to most frequently to get something done. She recommends that "diffused job identities" be addressed in quarterly conversations.

So do you jump in to save the day or your job? Do you hang back and risk all? Don't let "It's not in my job description" become your mantra. Get formal cross-training and formal education. If your employer won't help you, show him the door.

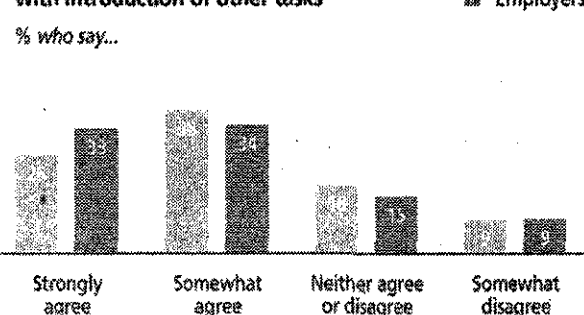
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Stephanie Smith (far right), president, Stratex Corp., discusses role blurring with (l to r) Nick Rossettos, CFO, Egenix Inc.; Rafael Pabon and Arsen Royzman, consultants, Stratex Corp.; and Jane Deuser, managing partner, Deuser Clarkson.

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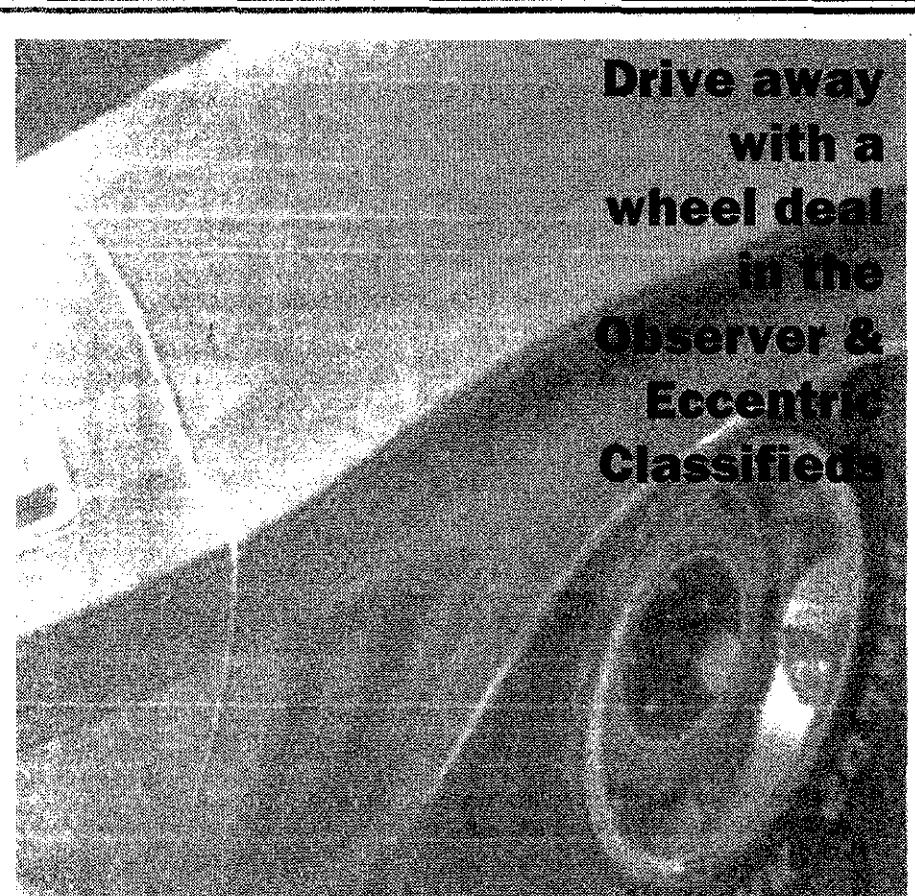
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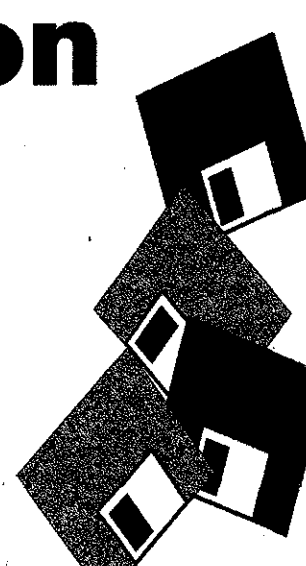
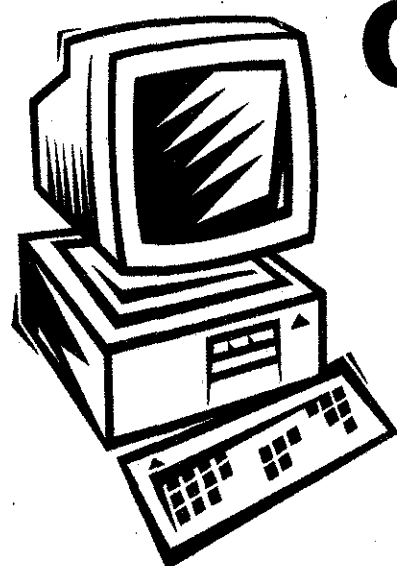
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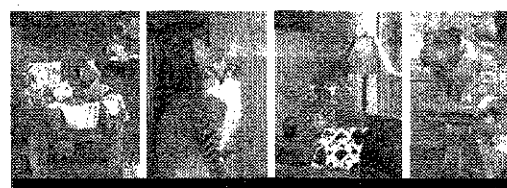
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A compact camera that won't break the bank

The last digital camera I bought was the Casio Exilim EX-S500, which my wife and I prized for its super-slim design, gorgeous burnt-orange color, and varied selection of scene modes (which automatically adjust the camera's settings based on the shooting conditions).



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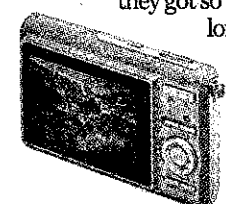
Unfortunately, the Exilim died an unceremonious death a few weeks ago, its retractable zoom lens getting stuck in the extended position. Mechanical failure happens — but it was still a bummer.

The even bigger bummer came after I returned the camera to Casio for repair. To the company's credit, it took only a week to get a reply by mail after I shipped the camera to New Jersey.

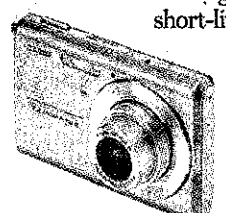
But my choices were rather surprising: I could spend \$125 to get the camera repaired, or I could spend \$135 on a reconditioned newer model.

In other words, they really didn't want to fix my camera.

This reminds me of VCRs: Eventually they got so cheap that it no longer made sense to repair them. If yours broke, you'd just buy a new one.



The Casio Exilim EX-Z75 features a large color screen for framing and reviewing your photos. However, it lacks a viewfinder, which some photographers might miss.



The \$199 Z75 is slim and light enough to ride in a shirt pocket, yet it includes a 3X zoom lens and 7.2-megapixel image sensor.

warranty. A new model, on the other hand, would give me a year.

I hadn't perused Casio's Exilim line in a while, so I went shopping (on the Web, of course).

SELECTION

The Exilim Zoom series currently includes three models: the EX-Z1200, EX-Z1050 and EX-Z75. They're capable of capturing 12, 10 and 7 megapixels, respectively.

Because I was more than satisfied with my EX-S500's 5 megapixels, I opted for a fetching light-blue EX-Z75.

The specs include a glorious 2.6-inch color LCD, a 3x optical zoom, and 34 of

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+ iLove iPhone

Apple's latest device earns high marks from gadget fan

I didn't camp out, or wait in line with a sleeping bag. I didn't tell anyone I was going to buy one. It even came as something of a surprise to me when two weeks ago I walked out of the Apple Store at Troy's Somerset Collection with little box containing a big purchase.

Don't get me wrong — I really, really wanted an iPhone. I fell victim to all the hype. I embraced it. I checked online periodically for months before it was available, watched the 20-minute instructional video online, and checked with AT&T to make sure I was eligible to buy a new phone. But I kept telling myself to wait, let Apple work out any kinks. Get the second generation phone. After all, my Motorola Razr had been so good to me.

Turns out, I'm far too impatient to be so practical.

But Apple never let me down. Like the two iPods, my coveted iPod and the workout-friendly Shuffle that came before it, my iPhone has assumed the role of my favorite new toy.

By now you know this little hand-held device has it all. It's a cell phone with a crisp 2.0 megapixel camera, an iPod that plays music, movies, TV shows and podcasts; and calendar that's become my personal organizer. It gives me full access to



Staff Writer Stephanie Angelyn Casola made the call, and gives rave reviews to Apple's new iPhone.

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How her garden does glow!

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Eileen Droste of Redford has a bright thumb when it comes to gardening.

In the Droste back yard, she has arranged 33 solar lights along fences and elsewhere in her garden. The result is a de-light-ful garden that glows as it grows.

"People say (of our house), 'It's the small house with a big glow,'"

Droste said.

"I tell people it's a cross between the MGM Grand and Disneyland."

The light isn't as bright as that, of course. Instead, it's a soft shine coming from a variety of items, including whimsical or romantic figures. Some of the lights change color.

There are stately lanterns. There are fairies, angels and cherubs.

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Eileen Droste sits alongside the glowing garden at her Redford home as the garden begins to light up.

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Grow melons in a valley but grapes on a mountain

Apparently, Jess Jackson (of Kendall-Jackson wine fame), who over the last 25 years has had the foresight to acquire some of the best vineyard land in California, has more than half of the 14,000 acres he owns located on benchland, hillsides, ridges and mountains.

Via helicopter a few years ago, Jackson flew us over some of these vineyards in Sonoma and Napa counties, but he has more in Mendocino, Monterey and Santa Barbara counties.

Jackson likes a quote attributed to an anonymous Italian farmer: "Valleys are for growing melons, mountains are for grapes."

To understand how special California higher-elevation sites with a coastal climate are for grape growing, consider a few facts: Less than 15 percent of California's wine grapes are growing in cool coastal regions. Less than 3 percent of all the grapes in California have benchland, ridge, hillside or mountain pedigrees.

Yet, 100 percent of all Kendall Jackson Highland Estates Wines have both. Highland Estates is a new series of wines, introduced by the Jackson family to underscore another fact: Vines grown at higher elevations produce small berries on smaller clusters. Small berries yield more intense flavors. The aim of Highland Estates winemaking is to capture this for your glass.

These wines are higher priced because higher-elevation grape growing is expensive. Mechanization is often totally impossible on the sites and hand labor is the norm.

CHARDONNAY

In the Highland Estates line-up, two chardonnays are available: 2005 Camelot Chardonnay \$25, a fillet mignon of the varietal, grown on a Jackson benchland estate in Santa Barbara. Creamy and rich, it sings tropical fruit with

WINE PICKS

According to a Nielsen Co. recent report, in the past year purchase of rosé wines has jumped 45 percent, making it one of the hottest growth categories among all table wines. Served well chilled, the following are delicious "beat-the-heat" summer pours:

- 2006 Jindalee Rosé Australia \$8
- 2006 El Coto de Rioja Rosado \$10
- 2006 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Rosado \$12
- 2006 Jaboulet Cotes du Rhone Parallele 45 Rosé \$12
- 2006 Louis Jadot Rosé \$13
- 2006 Kenwood Russian River Valley Pinot Noir Rosé \$13
- 2006 Valley of the Moon Rosato di Sangiovese \$14
- 2006 Langlois-Chateau Cabernet de Saumur "La Bretonniere" \$15
- 2006 Wild Rock Vin Gris Pinot Noir Rosé New Zealand \$16
- 2006 St. Francis Ros Sonoma \$17
- 2006 Chateau d'Acqueria Tavel Rosé \$17
- 2006 Beckmen Purisima Mountain Grenache Rosé \$18

When only bubbles will do:

- 2002 J. Vintage Russian River Valley Brut \$32
- 2004 Schramsberg Blanc de Noirs \$37
- 2004 Schramsberg Brut Rosé \$40
- 1997 Gloria Ferrer Carneros Cuvée \$50 - impressive with eight years on the yeast. Pair it with cracked crab or lobster.

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine order it direct from the winery.

French oak nuances. Seco Chardonnay 2005 \$30 from the Arroyo Seco region of Monterey, illustrates the tangerine and honeysuckle nuances from a blend of Rued and Dijon clones. It's available via direct sales only (www.kj.com). For those looking for what to have delivered to your doorstep, don't

overlook this wine.

PINOT NOIR

Today's "hot" red variety is stellar as 2005 Seco Highlands Estate Pinot Noir \$35, highlighted by bright cherry and raspberry fruit. Absolutely lovely at this price.

MERLOT

From Sonoma County's Bennett Valley at vineyard elevations between 1,200 and 1,400 feet, comes 2004 Taylor Peak Estate Merlot \$40 with violet floral scents and blueberry flavors, complemented by vanilla notes from aging in 53 percent new French oak. Mellow and really delicious.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Three offerings in this category will help you to understand the meaning of the French term terroir, which we like to call site personality. These wines, from different higher-elevation growing sites in three different California appellations are decidedly different.

Trace Ridge Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 \$55 is grown at 450 to 1,000 feet elevations in Sonoma County's Knights Valley. Aged 21 months in 88 percent new French oak, it's big and powerful with an outstanding dark fruit finish.

Hawkeye Mountain Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 \$50 hails from Alexander Valley in Sonoma County on steep hillsides at 900 to 2,200 feet elevation and showcases the intensity of dark fruit from smaller berry and cluster size. For its quality, it's reasonably priced.

Napa Mountain Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 \$60 originates from Veeder Peak on Napa Valley's Mt. Veeder at elevations of 1,250 to 1,850 feet. Although its rich and generous now, this is a blockbuster cabernet that will benefit from five to 10 years of cellar aging.

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GLOW

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Some of the figures hold flowers or globes. There's a chipmunk directing a light on a nearby elf.

One angel holds a globe that contains a fiber-optic display.

"That's the one my sister loves," Droste said.

There are spheres, star shapes, and lights that turn in the breeze.

The crackle glass on some pieces adds a colorful pattern to the fence or wall behind them.

Droste started putting the lights in the garden about five years ago, when her friend Norma gave her a rock-shaped "welcome" sign that glowed in the dark.

"She created a monster," Droste said. "I just kept adding to it."

Droste has found the solar lights at Township Hardware in Redford, the Farmington Founders Festival, Big Lots and Frank's, among other places.

She also features non-solar decor, including elf figures from her mother's yard.

Among the actual flowers in the garden is a small patch of twilight primrose.

During the day, these flowers are closed and resemble pods. They unfurl their petals after dusk, and the petals remain open until around 10 a.m. the next day.

"I have fun with it," Droste said of the garden. "It's relaxing to sit back here."

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IPHONE

FROM PAGE D1

the Internet, all of my e-mail accounts, text messaging, and clever tools with widgets for the weather, stocks, easy YouTube access, maps, and a photo library.

I sprung for the 8 GB model, at a hefty \$599, because - as a rule - if I'm going for broke where tech toys are concerned, I feel it's best to get more space for my money.

After more than a week of using it - as my only personal phone - I'm still gushing.

This might have been the most painless set-up for a new cell phone I've ever experienced. There's no SIM card to replace, no need to manually input any contacts. Just be sure your computer address book is up to date.

While you're at it, it's best to upgrade your software. Mac users will need OS X v10.4.10 or later, while PC people can use Windows Vista Home Premium, Business, Enterprise, or Ultimate Edition; or Windows XP Home or Professional with Service Pack 2 or later.

Either way it requires iTunes 7.3 or later. And anyone like me, who hasn't downloaded video or added album cover art to their iTunes library might want to do so now. I needed to update Quicktime to make the most of iPhone's features. Trust me, you'll want to fly through those album covers with a flick of the finger, just because you can.

From there, I just plugged the device into the USB 2.0 port on my iBook and within minutes, iPhone synced with my address book, e-mail contacts, calendar appointments and more. I chose which records I wanted to slide into its iPod and even downloaded some TV shows for the first time. My old iPod wasn't video-capable so this was an exciting endeavor. I transferred photos from iPhoto right to my phone. I can slide through them or easily assign pictures to my contacts. Then, when someone calls, I can see instantly who it is - even without a personal ringtone. That might not be new, but the ease with which this is accomplished makes it easy to see why iPhone is so revolutionary. It's not just the combination

of uses, it's the way Apple has managed to make this device so very simple.

Cindy was the first friend to text me on my new iPhone. I was absolutely giddy as I typed back on its touch-screen QWERTY keyboard "Can you call me?" I could hardly wait to hear it ring the spacey Sci Fi ringtone I chose.

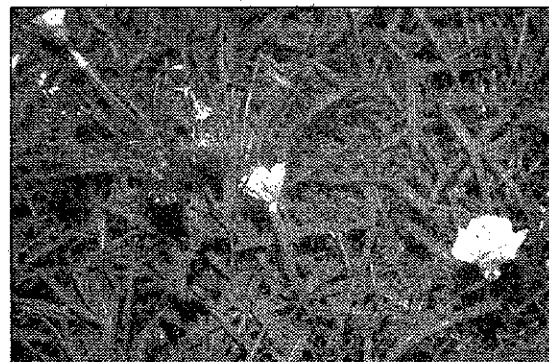
The calls come in clear and the service - which I've loyally kept for eight years - remains quite reliable. Sure, I've dropped a call here or there, but it hasn't been much of a problem. I am even able to save \$10 a month after switching to a new iPhone service plan.

The true test of my iPhone came July 12 as I boarded my flight for a long weekend in Los Angeles. Instead of loading my digital camera, iPod and cell (and all of their respective chargers) into my carry-on as usual, I popped iPhone into my purse and was ready to fly.

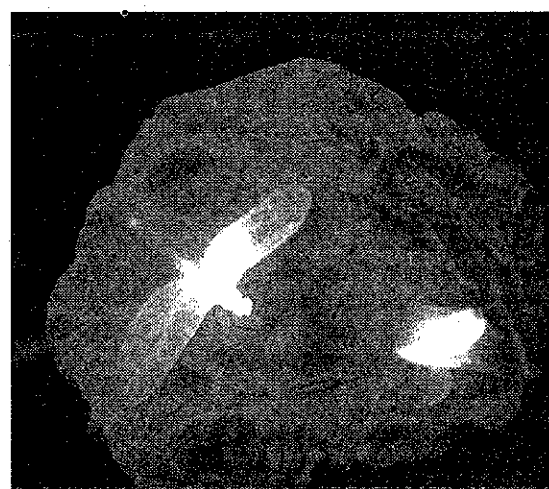
With plenty of space for my music, TV shows and more, my 4½-hour flight passed in no time. After lift-off, I listened to a podcast of NPR's *Fresh Air*, watched the cheesy pilot episode of that new reality show *Scott Baio is 45 and Single* and listened to Spoon's latest *Ga Ga Ga Ga* and Vixen's eponymous debut. By switching the device into Airplane Mode, my phone and Internet connections were disabled, so I wasn't breaking any laws.

While in L.A., my iPhone proved to be well worth the high expense. Wherever I went, I had the Internet at my fingertips. I could obsessively check my e-mail anytime I pleased, and the day's weather was just a peek away. Thankfully, I was visiting my friend Susie, a new L.A. resident who knows her way from Silver Lake to Venice Beach, Malibu to the Sunset Strip. But if I had to navigate those crowded streets on my own, the map feature would have come in handy. If only it could have pointed out a parking spot, the phone would be truly magical.

On my first afternoon in L.A. we managed to reserve seats online at an Upright Citizens Brigade comedy show all while standing at the corner



Primrose flowers begin to open as dusk falls on the Droste garden.



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Glowing dragonflies light up the garden at the Redford home of Eileen Droste.

of Hollywood and Vine staring at stars on the sidewalk. We clicked on the Web site, reserved two seats and confirmed them by checking my e-mail seconds later. Talk about convenience. It left us plenty of time for snapping a picture of the stack-o-albums-shaped Capitol Records headquarters, and shopping at Amoeba Records before heading across town to the show.

So far the battery life seems to be just fine. It's not as long as my Razr, that's for sure. And as of now it's not replaceable. I've been charging it every night, skipping one night here or there. The Internet, video use and e-mail use seem to drain the battery most quickly. Otherwise, Apple claims it has a talk time of up to eight hours and audio playback of up to 24 hours.

While I've managed to justify this major purchase (that I really couldn't afford), due to its pure utility, I have to say it's a joy to use.

I smile when it rings, or when the screen flashes a text message. I wonder at the way I can connect to speedy Wi-Fi connections almost anywhere, even though I don't really need one to read the news online. I'm proficient in all these new skills - pinching, tapping and sliding the screens up and down or right to left. And I relish the Visual Voicemail feature that lets me choose which message I want to listen to first.

I love that I can still use my little pink bluetooth when I'm driving.

It was a cinch to sync to iPhone and is still the only way I opt to chat while on the road. It's not easy, or even recommended, to use iPhone while driving.

And yes, I still use my old iPod all the time. I connect it in my car and love that it holds such a vast amount of music. I still take my old Shuffle along when I go running. But iPhone is my favorite pet. I bought a case and screen protector for it and it never leaves my sight.

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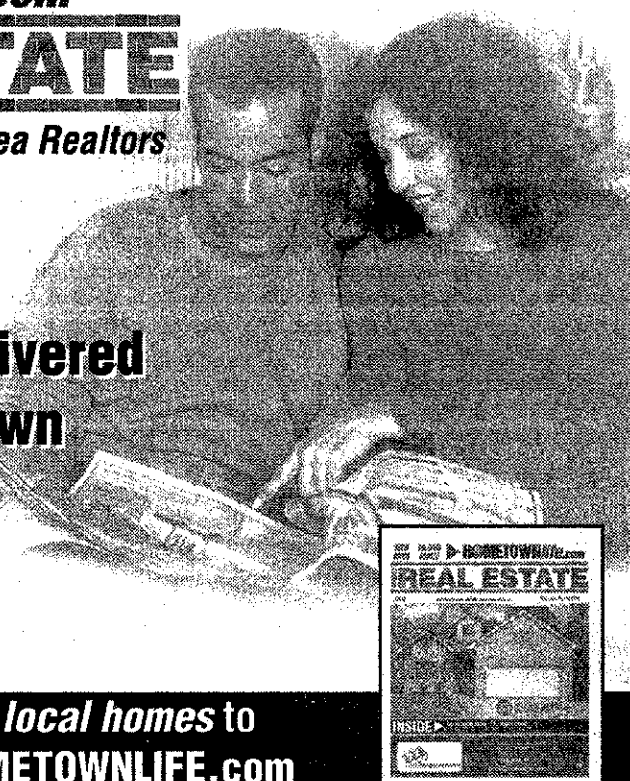
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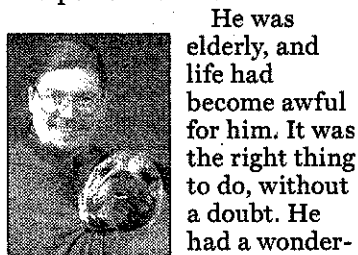


Wait until you're ready before you get a new pet

Taking quick action saves refrigerator and money

A few years ago, two of our cats died on the same night.

One of the cats, Bob, wasn't a surprise. His kidneys were failing, and after a long battle with the disease, my wife and I finally threw in the towel, and performed a euthanasia.



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

Detroit, with a tail that had to be amputated.

We went to bed very sad about our kitten.

In the morning, that sadness was compounded, when we found Madeline, our Persian cat, dead in the basement.

Madeline notoriously hid, and was also quite old. There would be days when we wouldn't see her at all. This day, though, she was all too visible.

Suddenly we had two pets to grieve for.

We also had experienced the two ways people lose their pets: by long-term problems leading to the choice of euthanasia, and by sudden death.

You could argue which is worse, I'm sure some would say it's better to have time to say goodbye, others would agree with Tom Petty that the waiting is the hardest part.

Either way, the sadness is very real. The pain and depression many feel when they lose their pet is devastating.

Those who don't own pets often can't understand this grief.

So often I hear clients say they have friends who heard that their pet died and say they should just get another one.

Most pet owners feel that this belittles the bond they had with their old pet, and hurts them to think about it.

What I tell people about getting a new pet is to wait until you are ready. The new pet will never ever replace your old pet, but the new one will find a new place in your

heart, and will help to fill the void.

That can only happen when you are ready.

STAGES

Most people have to go through the stages of grief in order to come to grips with what happened.

The first stage is denial, when the whole thing seems impossible. For many people their pet is like their child, and losing the pet is beyond comprehension. The mind tries to make it seem unreal to protect us from the pain.

The second stage is anger. Often people become angry with the vet, or the world, or even just angry with themselves.

Sometimes people call me saying they can't forgive themselves for making the decision. I usually point out they would have a harder time forgiving themselves for not making the decision, and letting the animal live in agony.

The third stage is bargaining, which means you try to think of ways to make things work out for the best. There are a lot of "ifs" in this stage.

The fourth stage is depression, which varies with the person. This often is linked to how closely the person and the pet were bonded, but not always. Many times not being close to the animal makes the individual sad that they missed out on time with their friend.

The final stage is acceptance. This is the time when people come to understand that what happened was awful, but that they were lucky for the time they did have with their pet.

When you reach this point, and you can accept the loss, you can become ready to move forward to try looking for a new pet.

Only you know when you reach this point. Others will try to help. Some even get a pup or kitten for you, which is rarely, if ever, a good idea.

Take your time. You'll know when you're ready.

When it comes to dealing with the grief, you should try to remember that you aren't alone. There are several people at any given time going through a facsimile of what you are feeling.

Many of these people form groups that allow you to work through your grief with them. These support groups are

similar to what people go to for other losses.

Your vet will likely have phone numbers of some pet loss support groups.

Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine has a pet loss support line staffed by volunteer veterinary students, who try to help you get through the grief.

A Web site many of my clients have loved is the Rainbow Bridge (some sites refer to it as the Rainbows Bridge). This refers to a poem that describes where people meet their pets again in the afterlife, and they both can be happy again.

At Rainbowsbridge.com, you can create a "virtual memorial home" for your pet. While some argue this is fantasy and meaningless, clearly it means a lot for those who participate, and allows a cathartic outpouring of emotion, which certainly helps healing.

I always feel for people who lose their pet, and decide it just hurts too much to ever have another. That shell may protect you for a while, but you're forgetting the reason it hurts so much.

It only hurts so much because they mean so much.

When you lose a pet, it's OK to hurt. You should hurt. But also pat yourself on the back, for giving your pet a loving home, and for making the hard decisions, especially if you had to decide to euthanize.

Sure it will hurt when you look at your couch and your tailless cat with renal failure isn't lounging there, wondering why you're taking so long to start petting. Sure you'll have a feeling of loss and emptiness. You're supposed to.

It's only because you were blessed with the opportunity to love them for as long as you did. Someday, you'll allow yourself to be blessed again.

Just wait until you're ready.

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Gail and Dave wrote: "We have a GE side-by-side refrigerator (19.7 cubic feet, no-frost refrigerator-freezer), Model No. TFX20Z. The fridge is set at 7 (coldest setting is 9) and the freezer is set at D (coldest setting is E). The fridge is nice and cold, and the freezer seems to be freezing everything just fine.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

help, but no, there is the water again.

"In fact, Joe, the inside of the freezer, bottom shelf, just below the drawer, looks like it is starting to rust and maybe mold. There is no smell so we weren't too concerned, but then thought perhaps you could answer our question.

"The outside of the doors is cold to the touch. We don't have the ice cube maker hooked up. HELP PLEASE. We are hoping we don't have to get a new fridge.

"Thank you, Joe, for any help

you can give us. We enjoy your column and your radio program."

There you have it, folks, one of many typical e-mail asking a question that I am always so pleased in answering.

But something in this one just jumped out at me and caused me to move fast. The statement they made about hoping not to have to buy a new refrigerator was it.

I had been away all week and I hoped I was in time to prevent them from spending a lot of money because of a problem that is so easy to solve.

On my Saturday morning radio show my producer called these folks to put them on the air, and Dave was good enough to come on and explain his problem. My explanation of the problem and solution to it were made easy by this person's attitude. He told me that the freezer floor was just a sheet of ice, which immediately told me that the drain line was plugged.

On a side-by-side refrigerator, behind the inside freezer back wall is the cooling coil, which accumulates a frost covering. Every six hours or so a heater comes on and melts the snow, and the resulting water runs down the back wall into a drain trough. The water in the drain trough goes down a hole and flows into the drain pan located underneath the refrig-

erator.

The drain hole was plugged. I told Dave:

Use a hair dryer to defrost all of the ice on the bottom floor of the freezer section. Place a bath towel on the floor of the freezer to prevent a mass of water going onto the kitchen floor. Make sure the ice is all melted in the drain trough and then take a plastic turkey baster, fill it with hot water, place it in the drain hole and squeeze the bulb. Do this three or four times and the drain is then clear.

I told Dave not to throw away the baster because this will happen again. This is one of the most common service calls performed by the appliance service industry.

I trust that the quick action saved these consumers from buying a new refrigerator; I hope that you reading this column can do the same for you in the future. 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) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

BROIDA

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those aforementioned scene modes (which is almost too many; it takes too long to find the one you're looking for).

I particularly like the eBay mode, which captures shots at an optimal resolution for uploading to your auction pages.

The Z75 can record movies with sound and lets you add up to 30 seconds of "voice notes" to your snapshots. The controls are quite simple, though a few of the buttons are too small for my tastes. Casio's menu system remains one of the easiest I've used. All this in a camera that measures 0.75 inch thick and weighs a mere 4.3 ounces.

I'm not a photography expert, but to my eyes photos looked sharp and colorful, with no noticeable aberrations. My wife and I have both been very pleased with the snapshots we've taken — but we're pleased when both children smile at the same time, so we're not the harshest critics.

What really impressed me was the price: \$199. I think I paid \$399 for my less-capable EX-S500 two years ago. Even better, I found the Z75 selling for around \$167 (shipped!) at a number of online stores.

If you're in the market for a pocket camera that's inexpensive and easy to use, I can easily recommend the Casio Exilim EX-Z75.

But I also recommend checking out similar models from Canon, Nikon, Sony and other makers. You may find something even better.

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Detroit aims for fashion capital status

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If Dana Keaton has her way, Detroit is about to become the next American fashion capital. Keaton, a fashion designer and artist, currently stands at the helm of Motor City Fashion Week, seven days of fashionable events set to kick off on July 30 in Detroit. Though she's produced such events before, this is the first year she and MCFW partner Sharryl Cross joined forces to make their vision a reality.

"I want this to be on the level of New York City's Fashion Week," she said. "And I'm not gonna stop until it is. The talent is here."

Dottie Popp is just one designer preparing to show her collection at the event. As owner of Peggendott Design Studio in Berkley, she's been sewing "forever," she said.

Her forte is clearly formal wear. When she's not adding the final touches to a gorgeous wedding gown, she's sewing into the wee morning hours to complete at least 15 pieces for the MCFW show.

Popp's plan is to follow a "color story." She'll start with bright yellows, smoldering reds and oranges, work her way through to a whimsical black and white dress and finish in pure white. Rough sketches in early July showed plenty of drama, plunging neck lines, a billowy "pick-up" effect on long gowns, even a playful pink babydoll dress. She'll go from sweet cotton cut-outs to swinging chiffon, beaded bodices to sharp red sashes.

It's a clean look, Popp noted. "I like it to be a little edgy and crisp."

Until now, Keaton said, talented designers have found few venues in which to promote the fashion that's coming out of metro Detroit.

"We all love our fashion," said Keaton, owner of DivaGroove. "We don't showcase it as much as we should. There are so many talented designers who do not get recognized. We're starving artists too."

So she sent out a call for artists and chose a total of 16 independent designers who represent a broad spectrum of fashion.

"I don't think there's a specific trend (right now)," said Keaton. "Everyone has a different style. We want to stay innovative and creative."

Popp is looking forward to the "adventure" of MCFW. "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to show what I can do," she said.

Keaton worked with the International Academy of Design Technology in Troy to find nine professional designers, and seven top design students who will show their work on the runway during MCFW.

"These students are very serious and very passionate about what they're doing," she said. And Keaton should know. She also runs a mentoring program to guide aspiring young designers and give them real-world experience.

Education is a cornerstone of the event. It will include three days of workshops covering every facet of fashion - from modeling to sewing. Motor City

MOTOR CITY FASHION WEEK'S 7 DAYS OF FABULOUS

Fashion as Art: Fashionable Art Exhibit opens July 30, celebrating the fashion in original works of fine art, photography and clothing. Exhibit runs through Aug. 8, at 4731 Grand River, Detroit. Admission is free.

Fashion Workshops: Learn the tricks of the fashion industry including classes in: Makeup Application, Basic Sewing, Advanced Sewing Techniques, Modeling 101, Pattern Drafting, Model & Designer Portfolio Workshops and Image Consulting & Wardrobe. All two-hour classes will be held at the 4731 Arts Incubator, Detroit. Cost, \$50. Workshops offered July 31-Aug. 2.

Student Fashions: Seven student designers will show their style and compete for a \$500 cash prize, plus a chance to be featured in a popular local publication. They include: Akiela Jones, DeAndre Owens, Keshia Rutledge and Raminta Vilkiene. The Student Fashion Show is at 8 p.m. Aug. 3, at the Model T-Plex, the Model T Automotive Heritage Complex, Inc. at 461 Piquette Ave., Detroit. Tickets, \$15.

The Main Event: The Motor City Fashion Show is set for 8 p.m. Aug. 4, also at the Model T-Plex. It will feature nine of the Detroit area's hottest designers, including MCFW organizers Dana Keaton of DivaGroove and Sharryl Cross. Tickets, \$25.

Designer Trunk Show: Patrons, boutique owners and fashion buyers can purchase items spotted on the runway during this event, set for noon-5 p.m. Aug. 5. For more information: Visit www.motorcityfashionweek.com for details on parties, to reserve tickets, volunteer, or register for a workshop.

Fashion Week kicks off with party and a focus on the fine art of fashion at the 4731 Gallery in Detroit.

Money raised during the MCFW fashion shows will be donated to two charitable causes: The Children's Center in Detroit and Keaton's own DivaGroove Fashion Mentoring Program.

"We gotta give back," she said. This year's sponsors include: Ambassador Magazine, DivaGroove LLC, Vitamin Water, 4731 Arts Incubator, Rayn Gallery, The Shoe Lady, All Around Entertainment, Alta Moda Salon, Spicier Elite and Women on Wax.

"People don't realize how popular fashion is," said Keaton. She hopes to draw more than 1,000 of Detroit's fashionistas and fashion-curious to see it for themselves.

Popp, who once tried out for a spot on Bravo's designer hit *Project Runway*, is equally as eager for a good turnout. "Anything that can empower Detroit and bring people in is a good thing," she said.

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Sharryl Cross



Dana Keaton



This design by Sharryl Cross will be featured in the Motor City Fashion Show, at 8 p.m. Aug. 4. The show, part of Motor City Fashion Week, includes nine of the area's hottest designers along with emerging student designers.



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Look for fun rock star night-lights, recycled T-shirt totes and vegan lip gloss, along with clothing, accessories, bath and body products, stationery, 'zines, toys, baby stuff, art, household accessories, jewelry, recycled and sustainable crafts and more. Visit www.detroiturbancraftfair.com.

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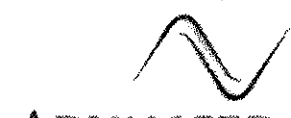


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