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**Monit gets  
WW board's  
top spot**

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

There will be a familiar face at the helm of the Wayne-Westland school board, following the election of Skip Monit as president.

Monit replaces Frederick Weaver who had served as board president for three consecutive years.

"We all know that fortunately we can work together," he said. "We don't stress the small things and focus on the important things."

The board voted 5-2 in favor of Monit, with Weaver and Trustee Ed Turner voting no. Turner had nominated Weaver for a fourth term as president.

The board also voted 5-2 to elect Cindy Schofield as vice president, replacing Terrance McClain. Casting no votes were McClain and Weaver who had nominated McClain for a second term. The board, however, was in agreement in keeping Martha Pitsenbarger as board secretary. Pitsenbarger was nominated by Steve Becher who also was re-elected board treasurer. The board also voted unanimously for Becher after voting 2-5 on the nomination of Turner by Weaver for the post. Weaver and Turner cast the yes votes.

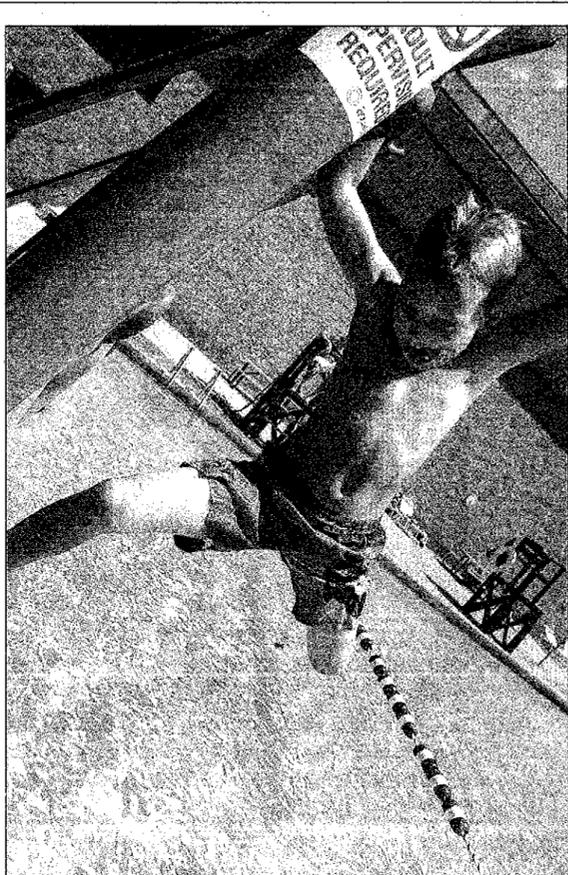
McClain thanked Weaver, saying that "through the years, we certainly appreciated your initiative and creativity and getting us all involved as a team."

"I always hope our focus will be on the kids," he added. "Decisions made in Lansing have put us behind the eight ball. Hopefully, we can continue to work together."

Monit, who also thanked Weaver for his work as president, said that he looks forward to "leading the board."

Becher also was elected as the board's representative to the Wayne County Association of School Boards, while McClain will be the Michigan Association of School Boards' representative.

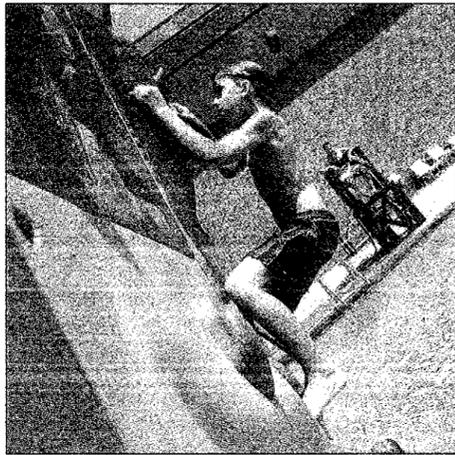
The election of officers came just after Pitsenbarger and Monit were sworn in to new four-year terms. Pitsenbarger had her daughter, Patti Hill, administer the oath; she is serving her fourth term on the board. Monit had his wife, Kitty, administer the oath to begin his third term.



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**When you're hot**

With the temperature in the 90s this week, DJ Dean, 8, of Westland found a way to cool off at the Bailey Recreation Center's outdoor pool. DJ was among youngsters trying out the Aqua Climb wall, one of several improvements made at the pool earlier this year. The wall got a high rating from DJ who said it's fun.



Devin Dean, 12, of Westland climbs the Aqua Climb at the Bailey Center Pool in Westland. "It's different," said Devin. "I have not seen this at another pool."

**Grave situation:  
Missing stones  
found in driveway**

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

It's a grave crime — literally — not to mention a little spooky.

A Westland woman turned over two large stones she found in the driveway of a home she recently started renting on Berville Court, in the Norwayne neighborhood.

"They're gravestones," police Sgt. David Heater said. "It's very bizarre."

The 50-year-old resident had heard from a neighbor boy that the stones were rumored to be gravemarkers.

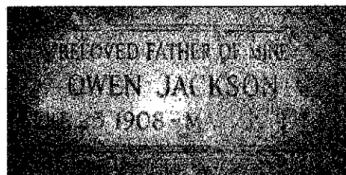
Sure enough, the two of them flipped over the heavy, granite stones and found inscribed on them: Father, Russell C. Howard, 1892-1955, and Beloved Father of Mine, Owen Jackson, Sept. 25 1908-March 30, 1972.

The resident called police to remove the gravestones after finding them Saturday on the property, which was recently bought by a new landlord after a foreclosure.

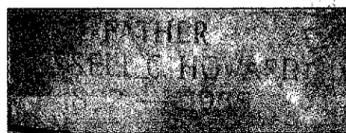
Hoping to solve the mystery, Heater called the State of Michigan Vital Records Office and learned that Howard had been buried at Northview Cemetery in Dearborn and that Jackson had been laid to rest at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Heater's investigation revealed that the gravestones have been in the driveway since at least November, if not longer. He called the two cemeteries, and officials there checked to find the markers missing.

"Neither of them had any idea before that that they were missing," the detective said.



Westland Police Sgt. David Heater discovered that Owen Jackson's gravestone was missing from Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.



This gravestone was found missing from the Northview Cemetery in Dearborn.

On Tuesday afternoon, police were arranging to get the gravestones back to the cemeteries. By Wednesday, Heater had learned that the marker in Dearborn already had been replaced by the family. "Apparently, it had been gone for some time," he said.

Heater called it puzzling that two gravestones came from two different cemeteries and somehow ended up in Westland.

Anyone who has information about the gravestones is urged to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 721-6311 or (734) 722-9600.

Anyone found to have taken the gravestones would face criminal charges.

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**Attorney gets delay in 7-Eleven robberies hearing**

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A court hearing for two suspects charged in a Westland investigation of 7-Eleven robberies has been adjourned until next week.

A preliminary hearing for Richard Martinelli, 20, of Inkster and Mark Boyce, 20, of Westland has been scheduled for July 19 in Westland District Court after a defense attorney sought more time to review the allegations and charges.

Martinelli and Boyce are charged with armed robbery and attempted robbery for incidents that happened early

June 22 at the 7-Eleven stores at Wayne and Avondale and at Merriman and Palmer, police Sgt. Thad Nelson has said.

Martinelli, alone, is charged with armed robbery for an incident that occurred May 24 at the Wayne-Avondale store, police Sgt. David Heater has said.

Police made an arrest after an officer spotted two suspects outside an apartment complex near the site of the last incident — an aborted robbery that happened at 4:10 a.m. June 22 at the Merriman-Palmer store.

The earlier incidents involved an armed robbery that occurred at 1:48 a.m. June 22 and at

1 a.m. May 24 at the Wayne-Avondale store.

For now, Martinelli is jailed with a \$750,000 cash bond and Boyce with a \$500,000 bond. District Judge C. Charles Bokos gave the defendants a \$250,000 cash bond for each incident in which they're charged.

Not-guilty pleas have been entered for the two men, who are expected to learn during their July 19 hearing whether they will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, they could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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**Kroger quick to open  
2 former Farmer Jacks**

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Kroger Co. is moving quickly this month to occupy two newly closed Farmer Jack stores in Westland, city officials confirmed.

In a related development, Mayor William Wild said it appears that an independent grocer will move into the city's third Farmer Jack store.

The latest news means that Westland apparently will not have any big vacancies following a decision by The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. to sell its 66-store Farmer Jack supermarket chain in southeast Michigan. "That's great news," Westland Planning Director Bruce Thompson said Tuesday.

He confirmed that Kroger plans to open at 8 a.m. this Friday at the former Farmer Jack location at Warren and Middlebelt.

Moreover, Kroger has indicated that, one week later, it will open at 8 a.m. Friday, July 20, inside the old Farmer Jack store at Cherry Hill and Merriman, Thompson said.

Kroger's decision means that it will open the stores about two weeks after A&P closed them, he said.

"That is fairly fast," Thompson said. On Monday, Wild said he had learned that the city's third Farmer Jack store, at Ford and Wildwood, will likely open as an independent grocer. He wasn't sure of the company's name or when the store might open.

A&P officials have said Farmer Jack stores were being sold in southeast Michigan because of poor sales performance.

The company also decided to focus more on its supermarket business in northeastern states.

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# Teacher remembered as 'positive, supportive, an optimist'

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER



Wilson

"Amazing" and "marvelous" are just two of many words Catherine McCallum uses when talking about her friend Michelle Tregembo Wilson.

"She was an amazing gal, an absolute angel," McCallum said. "She was a great friend and a wonderful lady. She will be greatly missed."

A teacher at Garden City High School, Mrs. Wilson died June 26 of complications after a 16-year battle with Lupus. She was age 50.

McCallum and the late Westland resident meet in the fall of 1990 when they were both student teachers at the high school. According to McCallum, they were quite unusual for several reasons: They were both in their 30s and were the first student teachers at the school in many years.

They both were hired to teach there and ended up classrooms side-by-side. An English teacher, Mrs. Wilson taught creative writing, college composition, literature classes and yearbook and "even in poor health" and in a wheelchair, would have her husband Gregory bring her to school so she could work on the yearbook on the computer.

"Teaching wasn't a job it was her career,"

McCallum said. "She loved what she was doing and it showed," Garden City School Supt. Richard Witkowski said. "Wherever I went in terms of the high school, she was always there. She was a dedicated teacher and will be missed in terms of what she did as a teacher."

Bruce Watkins and several students are finishing this year's yearbook, that includes a page dedicated to Mrs. Wilson.

"She was a dedicated lady, she really was," Watkins said. "She was in a hospital bed and worried about getting the yearbook done. She was a trooper."

"She was positive, supportive and an optimist," added her sister, Jennifer Tregembo. "On June 8, she had every intention of going back to school, she didn't think this was the end. She did go back on June 7 for a half day."

Tregembo described her "big sister" as a voracious reader who usually "had three, four books going at a time." She also promoted reading to her students and had boxes and boxes of books for them.

Mrs. Wilson started out selling advertising at

the *Community Crier* newspaper in Plymouth. Even after she started teaching, she still sold advertising part-time, her sister said.

"Her ultimate goal was to be a professor," Tregembo said. "She had a summer home near Calumet and her goal was to retire early and teach at Finlandia University. She loved working with young people that age."

Mrs. Wilson also had a "great passion" for lighthouses, and was active in the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association. She helped organize a three-day Lake Superior Cruise that took place this week. Her daughter Erika had flown in from San Diego, Calif., and had planned to drive her up north to take the cruise. Afterward, she had planned to spend the summer at the family home in Bumbletown, Tregembo said.

"She refused to give up, she planned on going," Tregembo said.

Mrs. Wilson also was editor of the GLLKA's quarterly publication until she gave it up in 2004 and was on its board of directors.

Her love of lighthouses began at an early age. He father was in the Coast Guard and was a light keeper.

The family lived in the Grand Traverse lighthouse and also in Escanaba.

"She very much was a history buff," her sister said. "She had been working on a history book of the people of Bumbletown and Allouez. She had been doing oral histories."

The family has received many notes from students who attended Mrs. Wilson's services at Newburgh United Methodist Church in Livonia. Word of her death reached them through text messaging and on the MySpace Web site, Tregembo said.

"We gave them stationary with a return envelope and are getting their memories of Michelle," she said. "They're letters about the impact she had on their lives."

"I once took her to the hospital 15 years ago and the doctors didn't think she'd make it through the night. Think of all the lives she had a chance to touch because she did."

In addition to her husband Gregory and daughter Erika, Mrs. Wilson is survived by John and Betty Tregembo of Plymouth, sister of Jennifer (Wayne Sapulski) Tregembo and brother John (Marisa) Tregembo, nephew Giovanni and niece Gabriella. Memorials may be made to Newburgh United Methodist Church or Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association.

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# Naughton is named Physician of Year

A Washington Township doctor has been named Physician of the Year at St. Joseph Hospital in Clinton Township.



Naughton

Dr. Joseph Naughton, the son of Patrick and Joan Naughton of Westland, received the award at the hospital's 17th annual Medallion Ball.

Described as "St. Joe's own Patch Adams," Naughton is the

medical director of both the postgraduate medical education program and Neighbors Caring for Neighbors clinics.

According to the hospital newsletter, while his often playful demeanor has endeared

him to many, he also plays a critical role in many aspects of St. Joseph's."

Naughton is a 1980 graduate of John Glenn High School, a 1984 graduate of Alma College and a 1988 graduate of the Michigan State University School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Married, he has two children, Lauren 12, and Ryan, 9.



Mary McGaw (back row, from left); Jade Smith, Westland Chamber of Commerce executive board member; Captain Matt O'Neil of the Salvation Army's Wayne-Westland Corps; Hugh Doody, Westland Rotary President Mark McConnell; Jefferson Barns Elementary Principal Laura Beckman; Patrick McNally, president of the western campus of the Wayne County Community College District; Raquel Andersen-Garcia, executive vice-president of the western campus; Mary Gregosky (front row, left), Westland Chamber of Commerce executive board member, and Lou Toarmina (front row, right) join students in showing off their backpacks.

# Students 'pack' it up for summer

Youngsters at two Norwayne schools, started their summer vacation with a gift - new backpacks.

Thanks to a group of individuals and community organizations, students at Jefferson-Barns and Lincoln Elementary were presented with blue and gold backpacks and T-shirts.

"We've been doing it for about four years," said Lou Toarmina who got the idea for the project from a teacher, Christina Stowe, who noticed that many of the youngsters didn't have backpacks. "It was her idea, and community people jumped on board."

The backpacks come with a two-word message on the

back - "I can." According to Toarmina, it's to teach them that "they can grow up to a successful career."

The T-shirts have the school name on the front and a list of sponsor on the back. The major sponsors include Westland Mayor William Wild; 18th District Judge Sandra Cicirelli; State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland; Westland Rotary Club, Westland Community Foundation, Wayne County Community College District and Toarmina's Pizza.

Toarmina focuses his efforts on the Norwayne Community because it's "where it's most needed," he said.

"Teachers have told us that 90 percent of the residents are low income," he added.

In addition to the backpacks program, Toarmina also publishes a newsletter, promoting good things about the community and current and former residents.

And while the backpacks given out last month were empty, the ones that will be given out at the start of the new school won't be. They'll be filled with school supplies. "We already have those ready," Toarmina said.

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Divine Savior Catholic Church will hold an American Red Cross blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at the church, 39375 Joy, west of Hix, in Westland.

Walk-ins are welcome or donors can call (734) 455-3620 and leave their name.

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# Quest begins for Westland's 'Idol'

Who will be the new Westland Idol? That question will be answered during the Westland Community Foundation's 13th annual Christmas in July fund-raiser, at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road east of Newburgh.

First, 10 finalists will be found during five karaoke contests as follows:

- 9 p.m. Sunday, July 15, at Malarkey's Irish Pub, on Warren Road between Wayne and Central City Parkway.
- 10 p.m. Monday, July 16, at Chatters bar at Wayne and Cowan.
- 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, at Strykers bar at Ford and Hix.

9 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, at Marvaso's Italian Grille, in a strip mall at Wayne and Hunter.

9 p.m. Friday, July 20, at Ford Road Bar & Grill near Ford and Wayne.

The new Westland Idol will be chosen by the audience at this year's Christmas in July event.

The fund-raiser will provide money for The Salvation Army's summer camp program and for the foundation's scholarship program for Westland students.

Christmas in July has allowed the foundation to donate more than \$446,000 during the last several years, foundation President Glenn

Shaw Jr. has said.

This year's event will begin at 6 p.m. July 26 with holiday decorations, Santa Claus and The Salvation Army band welcoming guests. The event also will include a silent auction.

At 7 p.m. there will be a brief presentation for this year's scholarship recipients. The Westland Idol contest will begin at 8:15 p.m.

Food stations will offer a variety of cuisine, dessert, beer, wine and pop. Cost is \$50 per person. Dress is business casual. Patrons are asked to bring food items to be placed under a Christmas tree for The Salvation Army food pantry. To sign up for the event, call (734) 595-7727.



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

# Madonna to host St. Casimir reunion, 125th anniversary party

BY REBECCA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Although enrollment was on the rise, the school closed in 1969 due to an anticipated decline when the Felician nuns left, lay teachers took over and tuition increased.

However, Theresa Bartkowiak, of the Class of 1952, kept the grade school — and its boiler — running until 2005.

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

"She will use the 100-year-old recess bell to call us all to dinner," Wozniak said.

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

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

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

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

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# LPS board officers keep seats

Livonia school board meetings will follow a similar pattern over the next year.

Lynda Scheel will remain board president. Cynthia Markarian will stay on as vice president, and Robert Freeman will continue to be the secretary.

Board members decided the roles at their organizational meeting Monday, after Scheel and Freeman were both sworn in for their second terms.

The votes were not unanimous.

Trustee Steve King voted against Scheel and Freeman, and in favor of Markarian.

He said he didn't like the status quo.

Trustee Tom Bailey arrived a few minutes after the meeting started and did not register a vote. Later, he said expressed support for the officers.

The board's committee assignments did change.

Freeman will lead the policy committee. Trustee Greg Oke takes over the building and site committee.

Trustee Dan Lessard will be chairman of the personnel committee.

King will lead the curriculum committee.

Markarian will stay on as

chairwoman of the finance committee. Bailey will lead the legislative committee.

Committee meetings will begin in August.

The board also set its calendar for the upcoming year.

Meetings will be Aug. 6 and 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 1 and 15, Nov. 5 and 19, Dec. 3, Jan. 15, Feb. 4, March 3 and 17, April 14 and 28, May 19 and June 2 and 16. Committee meetings and study sessions will be scheduled on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, as needed.

Agendas are posted online at www.livonia.k12.mi.us.

## AROUND WESTLAND

### Summer taxes

The city of Westland has extended the deadline for paying summer taxes without penalty until Friday, Aug. 31.

### Road closing

Glenwood between Wayne and Newburgh will be closed beginning Sunday, July 22, due to CSX railroad repairs. The project is expected to be completed by the evening of Friday, July 27.

### Preschool open house

McKinley Cooperative Preschool will have an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 14. The preschool is located at 6500 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Children ages 2-5 are welcome to attend preschool. Morning and afternoon classes are available. For more information call (734) 729-7222.

### Grand opening

The Evangelical Adult Day Care & Respite Corp. will have a grand opening of its adult day care and 24-hour respite center at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 26. The center is located at 400 Venoy Road, at Cherry Hill. call (734) 326-0058.

### Dinner and concert

AMVETS Post 171 will host a buffet dinner and concert featuring country singer Sarah Wilson Friday, July 20, at the post hall, 1217 Merriman Road, Westland.

Tickets are \$20 and include a three-meat buffet dinner, entertainment and open bar. Doors open at 6 p.m. for appetizers, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Entertainment from 8-11 p.m. Open bar until midnight. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call (723) 721-9440. Only 140 tickets will be sold.

### D.A.R.E. to golf

The Westland Police Department will host its D.A.R.E. golf outing on Tuesday, July 17, with registration starting at 7 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The 17th annual outing will be at the Woodlands of Van Buren, 39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne. It is sponsored by North Brothers Ford. Cost is \$125 per person and includes a hole-in-one contest. call Officer Kline at (734) 722-3273.

### Country breakfast

AMVETS Post 171 and its auxiliary will hold a country

breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, July 22, at the hall, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill in Westland. The cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for kids up to age 12 for hash browns, pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, coffee and tea. Milk and juice will be available for an extra 50-cent charge.

### Concert series

Mike Hamilton Revue, a variety and country group, will perform as the summer concert series continues at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 15, in the performance pavilion behind the Westland public library, on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford. The show is sponsored by the Westland Cultural Society, and it is free. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets.

### Glenn boosters

John Glenn High School Rockets Football Boosters will have a fund-raiser 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Town & Country bowling alley. Cost is \$10 per person and includes three games, shoes, pizza and pop. Merchandise also will be raffled. To pre-register, call Cheryl (734) 358-2278.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com). They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Academic Pathways preschool**  
Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia, offers classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 3-year-olds, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for 4-year-olds. Kindergarten readiness class will meet afternoons, Monday to Friday. Potty training not required. (734) 459-6689 or visit [academicpathways.tripod.com](http://academicpathways.tripod.com).

## Italian Night

Community Opportunity Center will hold its third annual Italian Night Monday, July 16, at East Side Mario's, 31630 Plymouth Road west of Merriman in Livonia. Anyone who dines at the restaurant from 4 to 8 p.m. on July 16 will be treated to East Side Mario's celebrated spaghetti, salad and bread for just \$10. Drinks, tips and tax are extra. The restaurant will donate the entire \$10 to Community Opportunity Center, a non-profit housing corporation supporting adults with developmental disabilities in Wayne County. For additional information call Denise King at (734) 422-1020.

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## For Earnhardt fans

NASCAR and Dale Earnhardt fans across the country will have one final chance to see the only Earnhardt family authorized documentary on 'The Intimidator' at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at the AMC Livonia 20 theater, 9500 Haggerty, north of Seven Mile Road. Tickets for one-night event are \$10 and are available online at [www.FathomEvents.com](http://www.FathomEvents.com) and the movie theatre box office. Narrated by Paul Newman, the film presents the late NASCAR driver in his own words and images, followed by never-before-seen footage, interviews, deleted scenes and more that are exclusive to this special event.

Michigan, a regional orchestra, is hosting student auditions for strings, winds, brass and percussion performers from age 5 to 18, from novice to advanced. Auditions will also be scheduled by appointment. Five different concert groups are offered. (734) 464-8704 or (248) 476-6341 or

visit [auditions@lypm.org](mailto:auditions@lypm.org)

## Hospice help sought

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide

respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org).

## Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

## Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

## Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit welcomes girls ages 5-17 to discover fun and friendship, while enjoying opportunities to develop leadership skills. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit also is

looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in girls' lives. To learn more, call (313) 972-GIRL (4475) or visit [www.gsofmd.org](http://www.gsofmd.org).

## Explore Girl Scouting

Girls ages 5-17 can discover how much Girl Scouts has to offer all. Scouting isn't just about camping and cookies anymore. Girls learn a lot about themselves and the world around them, form lasting friendships, become more confident, independent, helpful and resourceful. Through Girl Scouting, girls learn the importance of community service and challenge themselves and develop value systems they use the rest of their lives. Call the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council at (800) 49-SCOUT (497-2688.)

## EDUCATION

## Schoolcraft College classes

The following classes are offered at Schoolcraft College in the coming weeks: Accent reduction classes are 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays (\$209); and Back to basics refresher courses in math, reading and test-taking are offered. For details, visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/lac](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/lac) or call (734) 462-4436.

## St. Damian

St. Damian School is currently holding open enrollment for preschool - three-four-year-olds - and kindergarten through eighth-grade. The school is at 29891 Joy in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130 for more information and a school tour, or check out the school's Web site at [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com)

## Summer classes offered

The Continuing Education and Professional Development Department at Schoolcraft College offers classes. Visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/ces](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/ces) or call (734) 462-4448.

## ORGANIZATIONS

## Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

## Toastmasters

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday Cozy Corner Family Dining, 35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call Vicki Brannon at (734) 467-7224 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

## Democratic Club

The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. For more information, call Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344.

## Citizens for Peace

Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome. Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

## Suburban GOP Women's Club

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host immigration attorney Kathleen Poppenger answering questions on America's problems with illegal immigration at a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$18. For reservations and menu choice, call (248) 320-5473. Visitors and guests welcome.

## MOMS club

MOMS Club, a non-profit support group, welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers, offering children activities, weekly age-appropriate play groups, and family get-togethers. MOMS Club also performs service projects that benefit needy children in our community.

For more details, call Birtha, (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248)231-6120.

## Vietnam Vets

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

## In Harmony

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

## Veteran's Haven

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

## Silver Strings Dulcimer

Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass. Call (734) 482-2902 or check out the Web site at <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>.

## Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club meets for lunch at 12:15 p.m. each Thursday at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

## Garden City Rotary

The Garden City Rotary Club meets at noon Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed. Please join us there.

## Habitat help

The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

## Tutorial program

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

## Hospital retirees

The Oakwood-Annapolis Retirees meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne. All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

## Radio Club

The Garden City Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. The club is open to people who are interested in ham radio. Call Ben (W8AAA) at (734) 425-2629.

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# Train show rolls into St. Robert gym July 15

Train enthusiasts are invited indoors next weekend for the 15th annual Trains "N" the Park Toy Train Show at St. Robert Bellarmine School gymnasium, Inkster at West Chicago.

The show, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 15, will feature a gathering of train collectors and toy train items from four states, with money raised to help fund

children's sports activities and programs for the coming fall season at St. Robert.

The event is hosted by the Detroit Toledo Chapter of the Train Collectors Association and the St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club at St. Robert.

Visitors will be able to have their train tested by the Trenton Train Club and see that club's travel-

ing display of toy trains in operation. The show will also offer visitors a chance to see how much their dad's or grandfather's trains are worth.

In addition, the Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society will show videos of their train trips, along with their new 2003 train excursion trip schedule that is open to

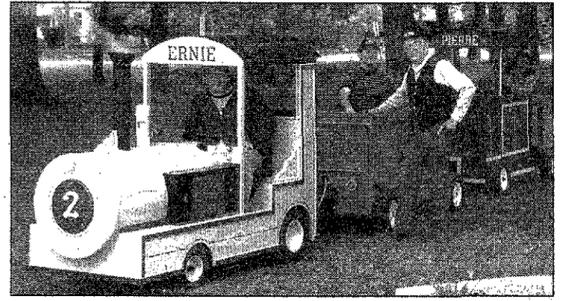
the public.

More than 100 dealer tables will offer a wide variety of collectibles covering a wide variety of train-related items.

Door prizes will be given away each hour.

Admission is \$3 per person, \$6 per family.

For more details, contact St. Robert Bellarmine's rectory at (313) 937-1500.



Getting ready for the 15th annual Trains 'N' the Park Toy Train Show, sponsored by the St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club, are engineer Dave Stevens (left), Men's Club chairman Joe Carrier, show host Ray Nikolai and train club member Gary Popek.

# 'Cup Classic' benefits Hockey has Heart

The sticks will be on the ice as the Red Wings World Hockey Association stages its 2007 "Cup Classic" Saturday, July 28, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

The doors open at 12:30 p.m., with the 1 p.m. game featuring three 20-minute stop time periods of play with 20-minute intermissions. Admission is \$5 at the door for adults, children age 12 and under are free.

There will be a 50/50 raffle during the game, and a concessions stand will be open for refreshments as well.

The RWWHA was founded by Commissioner Darren Moran in 2003. Comprised mostly of members from the Web site, RedWingsWorld.com (the Detroit Red Wings "mega fan" Web site) they have raised thousands of dollars during their first four years for the McCarty Cancer Foundation and the Spirit Foundation. This year they will battle it out to raise money for Hockey has Heart.

Their annual red vs. white game cup wins stand tied at two games a piece.

There also will be a dinner party that evening at Ginopolis, located inside Compuware Sports Arena. The dinner party begins at 7 p.m. and includes live entertainment from Plymouth's own Chance Band, as well as a silent auction.

Admission to the dinner party is \$10 per person.

For more information or to pre-register for the dinner party, contact Darren Moran at Datsyukes13@aol.com or by phone at (734) 834-6511. People wishing to make a donation can log on to HockeyhasHeart.com on the Internet.

# Scout council seeks nominees for award

Nominations are being accepted for the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council's 2007 Women of Distinction award.

The Women of Distinction Award spotlights outstanding women who strive toward the highest levels of personal or professional accomplishments. It recognizes women whose professional accomplishments and community service parallel the Girl Scout purpose of promoting leadership and responsibility.

Candidates must live or work within Livingston, Monroe, Washtenaw or parts of western Oakland and Wayne counties. A past or present relationship with Girl Scouting is not a requirement.

To nominate a candidate, visit [www.gshvc.org](http://www.gshvc.org) and download the Women of Distinction application packet or contact GSHVC at (734) 971-8800, Ext. 211. Nomination deadline is Friday, July 20.

The honorees will receive recognition during the Women of Distinction luncheon, Thursday, Sept. 27, at Weber's Inn, in Ann Arbor.

For more information, or to join Girl Scouts, call (800) 49-SCOUT, or visit the GSHVC Web site at [www.gshvc.org](http://www.gshvc.org).

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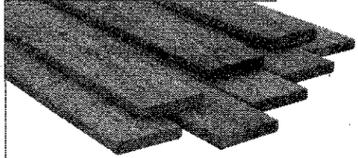
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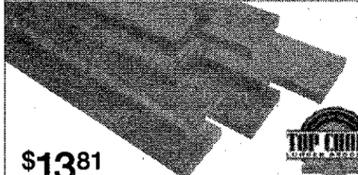


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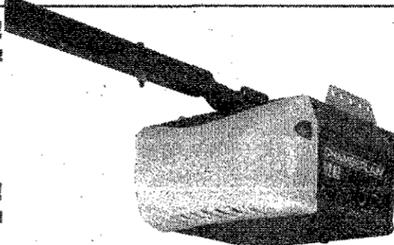
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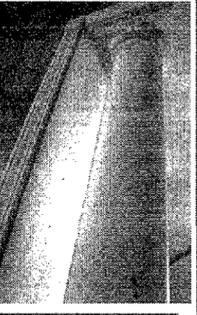
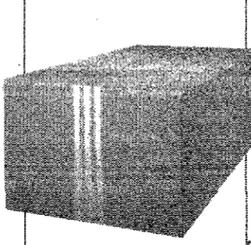
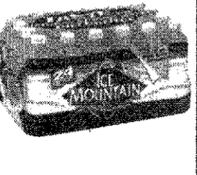
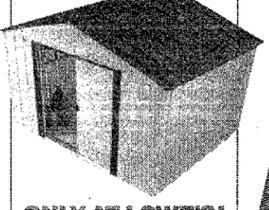
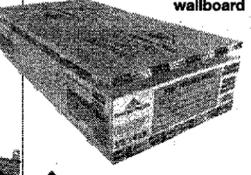
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# Parents give their 'muddy' OK to this Tuesday in the park

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Carrie Burch of Canton was with sons Kyle, 11, and Noah, 8, just waiting for the fun to start Tuesday at Wayne County Parks' Mud Day.

"Cause I want to get muddy," Noah said of his reason for showing up at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park in Westland. Big brother Kyle said, "Pretty much because it's really rare for me to go in and get drenched with mud."

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

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

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

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

As *Who Let the Dogs Out?* blasted over the park loudspeakers, kids dove and rushed in. Watching with her camera was Michelle Gordon of Garden City who brought daughter Anne Buford, 10, and friend Savanna Turner, 10. It was the first time for both girls at Mud Day.

"This is awesome," Michelle Gordon said. She brought trash bags for muddy clothes, and the kids wore old things. "When I read it, I was like 'Oh, my God, that would be totally awesome.'" The woman clerk at Walgreens when they stopped for film was envious they were going to Mud Day, Gordon added.

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

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

Around noon on a sweltering Tuesday, the cool fun continued with relay and wheelbarrow races through the mud. The day was nicely capped off by the crowning of Mr. and Mrs. Mud, Troy Watson and Isabella Letts.



Chris Roman, Joey Roman, Alec Olson and Mackenzie Olson, after Mud Day festivities.



Ashley Zab, a school-age teacher at The Children's Program, and Jacob Kubinski have a muddy good time. They're both residents of Canton.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Brandon McCutcheon, of Redford, cleans off in the spray from a firehose provided by the Westland Fire Department.



Chris Roman, Joey Roman, Alec Olson and Mackenzie Olson, before Mud Day begins.



Westland resident Tom Traub spent his day off from the Livonia Family YMCA with his younger cousin, Fox Everett. It was Fox's first Mud Day. He's a Birmingham resident.

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# Anderson to help shape workforce of 21st century

A Westland lawmaker will help develop policies and implement programs that will shape the state's 21st century workforce following his appointment to the Council for Labor and Economic Growth.

State Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland was tapped for the council by Lt. Gov. John Cherry. Members of the board serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the director of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

"One of the key messages of my campaign was working to bring jobs to our state, and this appointment will put me front and center in the state's efforts to do just that," said Anderson. "Michigan has the best workers in America, and if we invest in our workforce, I am confident that we will attract long-lasting, 21st century jobs to our state."

In its efforts to manage Michigan's workforce and economic development challenges, the council recently adopted "Creating a Culture of Innovation" as its theme for the next year and beyond. The council strives to produce innovative solutions that will foster a successful 21st century economy.

"We need innovative ideas that will make our state competitive in the global economy. Repackaging traditional solutions simply will not work anymore," said Anderson. "As a member of this council, I hope we can generate policies that will move Michigan forward."

Anderson represents the 6th State Senate District which includes Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township. He also serves as the assistant Democratic floor leader.

# Classic car show benefits Angela Hospice

Livonia Church of Christ continues its support of Angela Hospice's caring programs for the terminally ill, sponsoring its sixth-annual Classic Car Show to benefit Angela Hospice 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 14, on the church grounds.

Spectators are invited to attend for free, and classic car enthusiasts can enter a car for just \$15, which includes a meal ticket. Judging will take place from noon to 2 p.m. with class trophies, plus "Best of Show" and "People's Choice" presented at 3 p.m. Dash plaques and goodie bags will also be provided to the first 100 entrants.

"The Car Show charity event is a fun way to provide outreach to the community and get our members involved," said Mike Bennett of Livonia Church of Christ. "LCC has a number of members who've had personal experiences with people spending their final days with Angela Hospice, so we feel a real connection between our 'extended family' and theirs."

The Livonia Church of Christ congregation has also supported Angela Hospice through its prayer shawl ministry. Women from the church make hand-knitted and crocheted shawls for Angela Hospice patients to represent the love of Christ and their prayers while they create the shawls.

Judy Foulk of Wayne



Livonia resident Paul Schroeter took first place for Cars and Trucks 1958-1963 last year with his 1963 Chevy Impala.

explained she thought of the idea for the prayer shawl ministry while her father received hospice care at home in Pennsylvania.

"My mother and father both got prayer shawls and it just meant so much that they received them," said Foulk. "I thought it would be a wonderful ministry for us."

Through the past five years, the church has raised almost \$4,000 for Angela Hospice.

"We are so appreciative of Livonia Church of Christ's

loyalty to our mission," said Mary Beth Moning, executive director of Angela Hospice. "It is only through the generosity of the community that we are able to continue to provide our caring services. It means a lot to us to have their support."

Livonia Church of Christ is located at 15431 Merriman, just north of Five Mile. For more information about the car show or the programs of Angela Hospice, visit [www.angelahospice.org](http://www.angelahospice.org) or call (734) 464-7810.

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MIKE BENNETT,  
of Livonia Church of Christ.

## On the board

Joe Toth has been selected to serve on the board for The Village of Westland Senior Living Community. The Westland resident previously worked in construction roofing. He serves on the Deacon's Board and is a member of the building committee at Garden City Presbyterian Church.



## WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction July 17, 2007 at 11:15 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1992	Chevrolet	1500	P/U	1GCEK14Z5NE120319
1994	Chrysler	Concorde	4-Dr	2C3HL56T1RH345138

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## CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **July 26, 2007, at 10:30 a.m.** for the following (no exceptions will be made for late filings):

### Aluminum Ground Sign

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. Please direct questions pertaining to specifications to Robert Kosowski, Parks & Recreation Director at (734) 467-3255. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dwayne R. Harrigan  
Controller

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## CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **July 26, 2007, at 11:00 a.m.** for the following (no exceptions will be made for late filings):

### Vehicle Monoxide System System

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. Please direct questions pertaining to specifications to Dwayne Harrigan, Controller at (734) 467-3204. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dwayne R. Harrigan  
Controller

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## Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 36001 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185-6591 (734)729-7095 on 7/30/07 at 10:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:  
4010 - Kevin Harbour - TV, Sports equipment, 4 chairs  
4148 - James Tuttle Jr. - 4 TV's, Mattress, Misc Items  
5096 - Fayvian Watts - 10 bags, 10 Boxes, Dining Table  
1038 - Karen Viers-Eshbaugh - 40 Boxes, Dryer, 4 Tires  
3012 - Shannon Fields - 3 Bikes, 2 TV's, Drums  
6068 - Jessica Thomas - Couch, TV, 10 Boxes  
3008 - Brenda Provenzano - 30 Boxes, Futon, Misc Items  
4106 - Amber Wise - Couch, Loveseat, Dresser

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## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, July 26, 2007, various items of the City Westland DPW will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Stock	Year	Make	Model	VIN
3105791	1998	Wacker	Water Pump	1W9PS0519WM203045
3105801	1998	Wacker		11 LD 625 31B
3105890	1986	Wacker	PT6DT	585201233

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## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On JULY 17, 2007 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1997	Geo	Metro/4 Dr	Blue	1Y1SK5263VZ461287
1998	Chevy	Malibu/4 Dr	Tan	1G1ND52M9W6224843
1998	Ford	Explorer/SW	Blue	1FMZU35P3WUB44951
1995	Ford	Econoline/Van	Green	1FTJ834G4SHA70502
1997	Chevy	Van	White	1GCFC25W3V1092446
1989	Ford	Aerostar/SW	Black	1FMCA11U2KZA30970
1996	Pontiac	Grand Prix/2 Dr	Black	1G2WJ52M9TF205245
1992	Ford	Taurus/4 Dr	Silver	1FALP5243NG240654
1995	Ford	Contour/4 Dr	Green	3FALP6539SM135191
1995	Dodge	Intrepid/4 Dr	Red	1B3HD46T4SF655179
1994	Pontiac	Grand Am/2 Dr	Green	1G2NE15M8RM588247
1996	Ford	Escort/SW	Green	1FASP15J5TW134893
1992	Buick	Regal/2 Dr	Blue	2G4WD14L4N1508679
1985	Chevy	Astro/SW	Blu/White	1G8DM15N8FB179749
1997	Buick	Skylark/4 Dr	Blue	1G4NJ52T6VC422234
2002	Ford	Explorer/SW	Silver	1FMYU70E32UA98170
1995	Ford	Escort/2 Dr	Red	1FASP11J7SW115184
1998	GMC	Savana/SW	Tan	1GDFFG15M9W1044262
2001	Buick	Park Ave/4 Dr	Red	1G4CW54KX14293951
1993	Ford	Tempo/4 Dr	Maroon	1FAPP36X2PK204416
1994	Ford	Tempo/2 Dr	Red	1FAPP31X5RK125008
1988	Mercury	Topaz/4 Dr	Blue	1MEPM37X0JK602652

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OUR VIEWS

## Secure your home to avoid break-ins

Summer is in full swing as activities move from the indoors to outdoors and from home to a vacation destination. It's also a season for opportunists — those who want to steal property from unsuspecting homeowners.

According to FBI statistics, a house, apartment or condominium is burglarized once every 15 seconds. Fortunately, burglary is probably the most preventable of crimes. By taking a few simple precautions, you can dramatically reduce the risks.

Thefts from open garages can rise during the summer, when garage and entry doors are left open or unattended. Garage doors and other entry doors as well as windows should be kept locked, even when the home is occupied. A home becomes an easy target for thieves who enter through open front doors while the owners are in the back yard.

Also keep your vehicle doors locked, even when it's parked in the garage, and keep valuables out of sight.

Before leaving for vacation, be sure to lock all windows and doors. Keep window blinds closed and turn down the volume on your telephone ringer, so it cannot be heard ringing outside of the home.

Fool thieves by making your home look occupied all the time. Use automatic timers on lights when away from home. Have a trusted neighbor pick up the mail and newspaper. If possible, don't have either stopped. That gives information about you being away from home to others whom you don't know.

If you're going to be away for an extended period, have a plan in place to have the grass mowed. And don't skip your garbage pickup day. Ask that trusted neighbor to put your garbage cans out to the street and take them back in. You can also ask your neighbor to use your garbage cans while you are out. Burglars sometimes check for empty cans as a sign the family is away.

You can also place radios on automatic timers and raise the volume so they can be heard outside and never leave notes on your door that can tip off burglars. If possible, have your telephone calls forwarded when you are away from home. Burglars sometimes check to see if someone is home by making a telephone call.

Even if you don't need specific help, always tell a trusted neighbor if you are going to be gone for a few days, and if you are going to be gone for an extended period, ask your local police to check your home periodically.

This advice is timely and valuable. Ensure your summer months are filled with good memories by following these easy tips.

## Universities are key to state's success

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

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

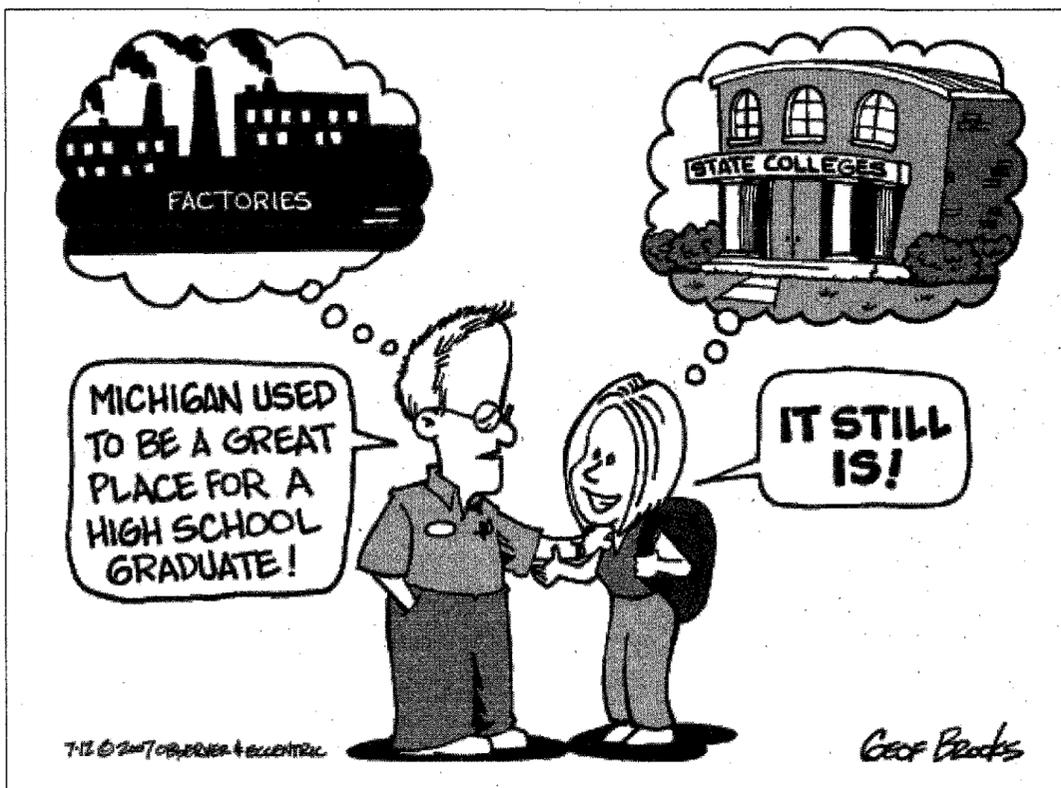
Universities have to make tuition decisions this month and many say they can't wait for the Legislature to act. Higher tuition rates are squeezing many prospective students from pursuing postsecondary education at the universities, even as the state's economic future hinges on a highly trained workforce.

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

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

In addition to training the next generation of leaders, several state universities are engaged in critical research in the social sciences, sciences and technology. The University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University and Michigan Tech are all playing key roles in positioning the state to be a leader in a high-tech future.

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



### Society is good idea

I would just like everyone to know how excited I am about the new Westland Historical Society being formed. We need a group in the city to work with the Historical Commission to get things done, so when Ernie Johnson brought up the idea to me I jumped at the chance.

I hope people will be as excited as I am and come join us at our initial organization meeting at 7 p.m. July 17 at the Bailey Center. Anyone who cannot make this meeting but would like to join us may call Ernie Johnson at (734) 522-3918 or Georgia Becker at (734) 729-1605. Excited about Westland history,

Georgia Becker  
Westland

### Wrong bad guys

You recently ran a column written by Haika Gay about the loss of resources for the academically talented program in Livonia Public Schools. It badly needed a counterpoint. Ms. Gay's comments were restrained and she appears to be a person who has not only talked the talk, but walked the walk. Nonetheless, I feel she identifies the wrong bad guys.

As a former Livonia school board member I vividly recall having to cast my vote on what levels of funding we could afford to provide to parts of the curriculum. The academically talented program had some strong, well prepared and well intentioned supporters, mostly parents advocating for their exceptionally bright children.

I came to believe that academically talented children did have special needs that we needed to address in ways different than the usual. But this didn't help much because over the eight years I was on the board, the voters of the state adopted education funding schemes that gutted the Livonia schools' property tax base and made us a state-dependent institution with little control over how much we could spend on our kids.

What Ms. Gay seems to feel is that board members and administrators could restore the academically talented program to its former glory if they wanted to. She interprets their silence in the face of her advocacy as a lack of vision. Parents whose local schools closed in the past two years surely feel the same way.

The truth is we are not going back to the good old days. Our board members have been called upon to be budget cutters, principally. What I find refreshing in the midst of all the budget cuts is that Livonia administrators and board members still managed to squeeze out some enhancements to the academic program in the form of the legacy initiative.

So who are the bad guys? As long as educational funding in Michigan remains as it is, we the voters, who elect legislators and adopt propositions (or don't vote at all) are to blame. If we want some of the great programs to return or be fully funded we must elect representatives and adopt legislation that provide education with the resources it needs to properly serve our kids.

Dick McKnight  
Westland

### Impeach Bush and Cheney

I call for the impeachment of both President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney now.

### LETTERS

The Department of Justice's own guidelines specify that to apply for a commutation a convict *must* first have started to serve their sentence *and* have abandoned all appeals. Scooter Libby has done neither. Instead, Bush has again abused his office to shield Cheney and himself from further exposure of their own impeachable offenses, as would happen were Libby finally compelled to testify truthfully, as was Judith Miller by her own incarceration.

The American public should not and must not stand by idle while these "leaders" make a mockery of the American justice system to meet their own personal needs.

Call and write your members of Congress and tell them you want these two criminals to face charges for their constitutional crimes, which are already a matter of public record, and more than sufficient evidence exists!

Patricia Linna  
Westland

### Favors free health care

Every U.S. citizen should have free, quality medical and dental and prescription coverage provided by our government, even if it means that the rich have to pay more taxes. For-profit private insurance companies should be eliminated because their premiums are too high, they frequently deny claims, and they refuse to insure people with pre-existing medical conditions.

Vivian Nyland  
Westland

### Supports acts of kindness

I read "Time for kind acts" on the June 28 *Observer* Opinion page, and, well, our former neighbors fell on hard times and had to abandon their home — just walked away. It has been sitting vacant for well over a year. I was mowing the lawn weekly. I am handicapped and I probably should not be doing my own, but someone has to. So not only was I mowing ours, I was mowing the vacant one also. We also parked in the driveway to give it a "lived in" look.

Well, I looked out our back door one day and someone was in the house. I went over and talked to him. He told me that my car was in violation, and he put a tag on my window. He told me if it was not moved, it would be towed. I was absolutely stunned. Here I am thinking I am doing someone, anyone a favor by watching after this vacant property.

And keep in mind, I was also shoveling the driveway and walkway. Now they have a company come out once a month to mow. The driveway looks like a jungle, and in winter time, oh, what a joke the company is that is supposed to shovel the walk. He gets out of his truck, walks to the porch, drops a cup of salt and leaves. It takes him longer to write something down in his truck than it does to walk up the driveway.

So when I read the story about neighborly kindness, I thought that is a great idea, and something that me and my neighbor across the street did. We took care of a house that did not belong to us, used our own gas, and keep in mind, I do not work. I am unable to do so. Our money situation is not good, we are struggling like many families, and to purchase gas to mow a vacant home ... and I just

did it a couple weeks ago because it was about 10 inches high. I can't afford to do ours, I take great pride in the way our home looks, and after I am done doing it I can barely walk.

So I am all for "Acts of Kindness." In fact, if one of my neighbors need me, if they are unable to, I will do their yard work. I will be there. There are acts of kindness, and stupidity, and that is exactly what I was when caring for this vacant house. Now the other house on the other side is vacant, she lost hers also. We have had some wonderful neighbors, and due to one reason or another, they have had to leave. We still have some great people in our neighborhood. In fact, one of them knows I am not working and told me that if I want, when winter comes, I can use his snowblower as long as I do his.

I am bored to death, I read at least one book a week, newspapers every day, and when my neighbors call, I help them out, so yes I will be doing our walks and more than likely the two vacants, because in winter it is hard enough for a kid to walk to school in the cold. At least the four houses will have the walks done, so they can. Now how's that for kindness?

Bud Somerville  
Westland

### Understanding ignorance

This is in response to Ms. Ahwal's comments "U.S. adopts Israeli methods in Iraq war."

Ms. Ahwal, thank you for your opinion. It is nothing more than that and is based on pure speculation and innuendo on your part, along with some vague reference to some survey done by the Pentagon.

You have no expertise with regard to Iraq nor do you have any personal knowledge about military service, while those of us who have served or are serving our country can easily debunk your comments based on our personal experiences.

In fact, you sound like the latest incarnation of Tokyo Rose or Hanoi Hanna.

You should consider yourself fortunate, Ms. Ahwal, to be able to publicly slander our military personnel.

Fortunately, the lesson I learned in Vietnam was to give phony pundits like you no consideration. What is really frustrating is that people like you can freeload off of the honorable service and lives of those who have protected your freedom while you criticize them without merit.

Gerry Wright  
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- Ernie Johnson of the Westland Historical Commission about the formation of a new historical society

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ed away from the Great Lakes basin?

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

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

This past February, bipartisan bills to do that were introduced in both houses of the Legislature, but they've gone nowhere. (One of the Democrats' water protection bills also calls for ratification.)

Minnesota and Ontario have both moved forward, while Illinois awaits nothing more than the governor's signature. Come on, lawmakers! We should be ahead of the pack on this, not dragging up the rear.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Phil Power is president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed in his columns do not represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Power welcomes reader comment at ppower@hcnnet.com.



Phil Power

## Even school buildings are an experiment in education

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

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

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

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

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

Among other things, the superintendent was to oversee school building design.

Even in those primitive days (although folks were remarkably sophisticated in many ways then) it was evident that the old one-room school houses common at the time were inadequate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

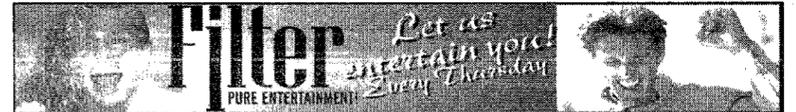
We have come a long way from the old one-room school house, like the stone school at the corner of Wing Lake and Maple.

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

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# Bonds are an important part of portfolios

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

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

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

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

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

Bonds are an important part of a portfolio.

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



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

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

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

Investors who constantly chase returns tend to let greed dictate short-term decisions. The key is to allocate your portfolio into a variety of different areas.

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

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

return side.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Patriotic concert**  
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UPCOMING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ONGOING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ALMA L. WRIGHT

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

MARILYNN Y. LAMBERT

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

VIVIAN BRADBURN

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

MARKE A. KNAPP

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

RICHARD H. RICE

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

DOROTHY QUEEN

Age 74, July 8, 2007. Beloved wife of Ruben. Dear mother of Marie Elena (Kevin) Stulp, Judy (Lonnice) Deck, Joseph (Debbie), Renee (Jim) Anderson, David, Timothy, Thomas (Sibrina), Edmund (Sabrina) and Suzanne (Bill) Green. Grandmother of 21. Sister of Eleanor (Merritt) Engberg and Jerilyn (Jim) Lobb. Visitation Wednesday 2-4pm and 6-9pm and Thursday 1-4 and 6-9pm with 7pm Rosary at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Friday 9:30am at Saint Dunstan Catholic Church, 1515 Belton (2 blocks west of Inkster, 2 blocks south of Ford Rd.) until 10am Mass. Memorials suggested to Saint Dunstan Catholic Church.

FRANK R. YOUNG

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

ROBERT K. MORRISON

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

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**RELIGION**

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Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://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](http://www.wardchurch.org). For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to [carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org](mailto:carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tiny Tots Preschool**  
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](http://www.celebraterecovery.com) and [www.wardchurch.org/celebrate](http://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**  
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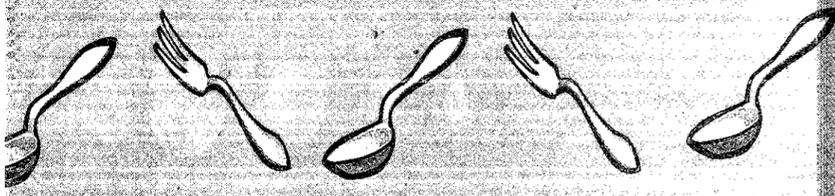
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Anthony Candito (from left), Ron Barck and Chris Walis stand by the cars they race occasionally at Milan Dragway. All three said the time and money they invest in the hobby is well worth the adrenaline rush that comes when the starting light turns green.

## ADDICTED TO SPEED

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

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

—pro drag racer Eric Medlen  
BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

very exciting for me."

#### Need for speed

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

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

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

#### Starting young

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

#### SPEED RACERS

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

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

**Garden City:** Mike Bowersock, Robert Haist, Ryan Murphy, Roxanne Shepard and Todd Thibeault.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please see **RACING, B3**

## Lady Ocelots find recruits for '07 class

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Guerrero moved to the area from Texas and competed on the Under-18 Mexican National team, while Bailey played for the prestigious Michigan Hawks club team.

"She (Guerrero) is a special

Please see **RECRUITS, B2**

## Sidelines

### Ignition add pick

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

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

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

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

### Hole-in-one club

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

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

### Glenn football

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

The cost is \$50. For more information, call Todd DeLuca at (734) 419-2329 or (734) 751-0015.

### Rocks football

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

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

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

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

## Lured from Day 1

### Bass angler Barrows casts lot on FLW Tour

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

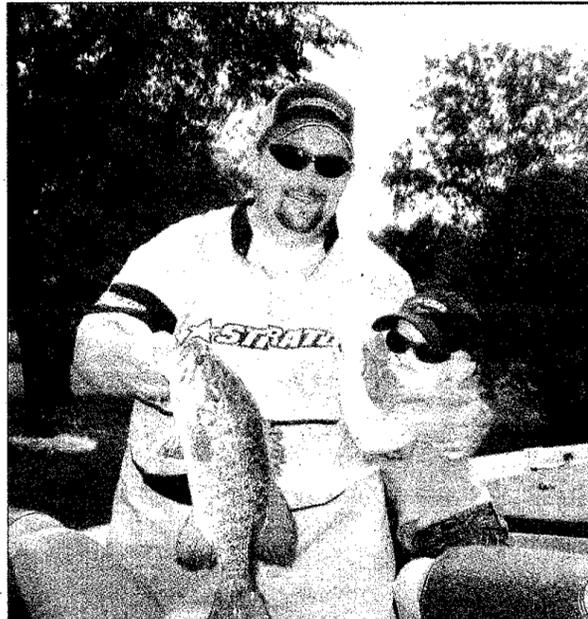
The Chevy Open offers anglers the chance to fish a wide area all the way from Lake St. Clair through the Detroit River and up through Lake Erie.

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

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

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

Please see **ANGLER, B2**



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

# No-hitter sends Rams reeling as Cubs sweep weekend set

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Winning pitcher Lave Burnett scattered seven hits

over six innings. He struck out three and walked two.

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

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

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

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

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

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

On Saturday, the Cubs rolled to an 8-1 victory over the Rams at Ford Field as winning pitcher Josh Lewis

tossed a complete-game six-

hitter. Lewis struck out eight and did not allow a walk.

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

Persichino and Stafford had two hits apiece for the Rams.

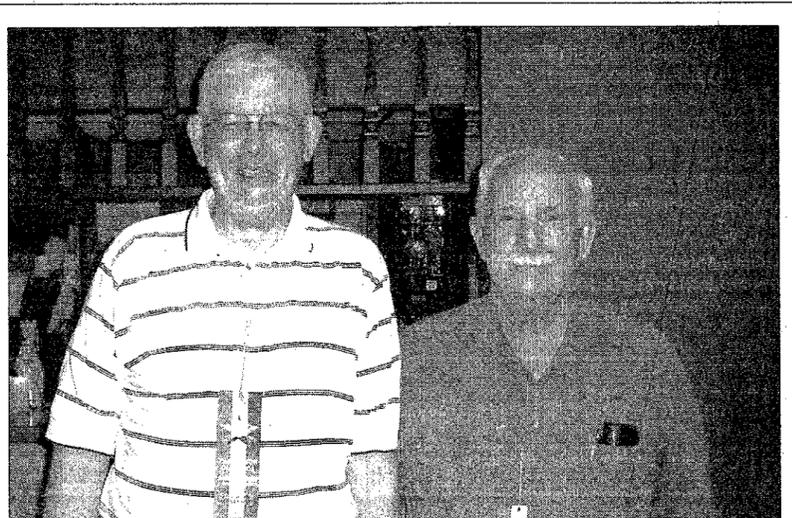
Losing pitcher Justin Collop (University of Toledo), went 6.1 innings, allowing seven runs (four earned) on six hits and five walks. The Wayne Memorial grad struck out five. Yashinsky walked three and gave up a run in two-thirds of an inning of relief.

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

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

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

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



## 5th in Seniors

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

## Canton Sports Center hosts USSSA world series

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

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

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

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

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## ANGLER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## RECRUITS

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

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

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

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## Red Sox claim third tournament crown

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Red Sox were put

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

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

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

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

## RACING

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

### Danger lurks

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Support at home

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

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

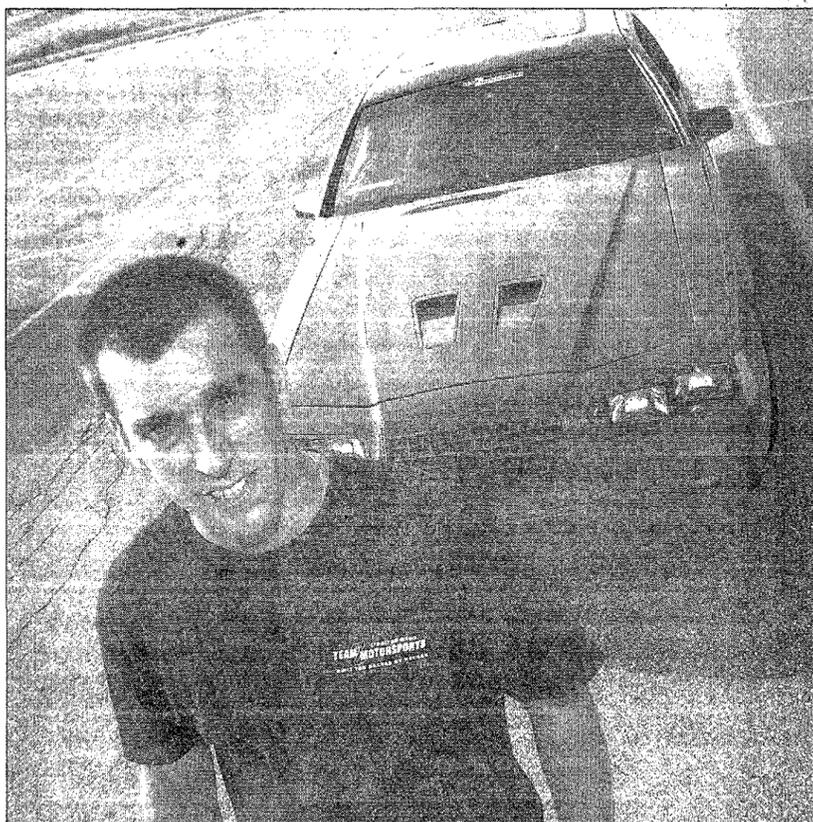
Walis' wife, Denise, shares his love for racing. In fact, several years ago she raced the Chevelle at Milan.

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

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

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

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



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



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

## CAMPS/CLINICS

### Franklin pom camp

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

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

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

### Livonia Soccer Club

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

For registration information, visit WWW.Livoniasoccer.org.

### MU cross country

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

The cost is \$95.

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

For more information, call camp director and MU head

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

### Hawks soccer camps

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

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

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

### C'ville mat camp

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

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

The cost is \$60.

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

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# Road Runner Classic returning to twilight

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

All proceeds will benefit the Friends of Maybury State Park.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Late registration (July 27-28) is \$5 for the 1-mile and \$20 for the 8K. Race day registration starts at 3 p.m. Collector's T-shirts are also available for \$8. A Michigan State Parks motor vehicle permit is also required to enter the park.

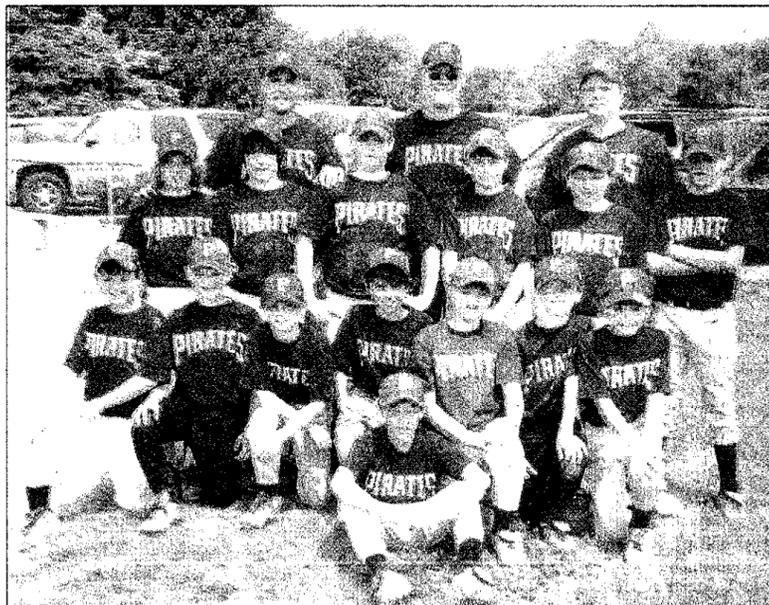
Runners and walkers can also pay directly or register online at active.com.

Visit [www.northvilleroadrunners.org](http://www.northvilleroadrunners.org); or call Gary Haf at (248) 231-6114.



## Clean sweep

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



## Treasured title

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

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By Jeff Lesson

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

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

## 2-woman scramble

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

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

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

## CYO golf outing

The 2007 Catholic Youth Organization Friends Athletic golf outing will be Monday, July 16 at St. John's Golf Center in Plymouth.

Hole sponsorships are also available.

For more information, call CYO athletics at (313) 963-7172, Ext. 149.

## Judo juniors

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

For more information on the Junior Nationals, visit [www.MichiganJudo.org](http://www.MichiganJudo.org).

## Motor City Jr. Golf

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

The 18-hole event is sponsored by Caddy Shack and Top Flite Golf.

Included in the \$49 entry fee is one practice round (prior to the event), one bucket of driving range balls (the day of the event), lunch ticket and gift pace.

Entry forms must be fill out in full, signed and returned by Wednesday, July 18 to

Whispering Willows, located on Newburgh Road just south of Eight Mile Road.

Tee times will be announced after noon on Sunday, July 22.

For more information, call (248) 476-4493.

## Soccer openings

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

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

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

## 3-on-3 hoops

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

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

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

Awards included a 20-inch flat screen TVs to the Open Division winners; trophies and T-shirts to all other divisions.

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

## Baseball lessons

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

Marketing showcase sessions for high school players are available.

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

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

## High Velocity soccer

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

The clinics are once a week for eight weeks.

The cost and day of the week for each class varies per class from \$60 to \$90. All classes include a free T-shirt.

Schedules and fees are available on [www.hvsports.com](http://www.hvsports.com).

The available clinics include "Future Stars" (2- and 3-year-olds), "Small Stars" (3-4), "Kicks With Kids" (4-5 and 6-7), a

Skill Acceleration Camp (8-9 and 10-12), "Beginning Booters" (8-11) and a women's clinic for adults.

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HVS will also offer skill development classes with Detroit Ignition players from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. The cost is \$5 for those who are already registered for spring or summer clinics at HVS or \$10 for anyone else.

Finally, HVS will offer a summer soccer camp for kids between the ages of 5 and 12 June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$110. All HVS summer camps are buy one, get one half off.

## WMGA tourney

The Michigan Women's Golf Association 22nd annual state championship is set for Saturday-Sunday, July 28-29, at Hunter's Ridge Golf Course in Howell, voted in 2005 as the top "female friendly" public golf course in southeastern Michigan.

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

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

The Regular and Senior divisions will have a 9 a.m. shotgun start on both Saturday and Sunday.

The cost is \$140 for MWGA members; \$160 for non-members (includes golf, cart, range, prizes, continental breakfast both days, and lunch after play on Sunday).

For more information, call tournament director Sonia Pysh-Denison at (586) 212-6639; or e-mail [Pysh-Denison@wmgolf.org](mailto:Pysh-Denison@wmgolf.org). An entry form is online at [www.wmgolf.org](http://www.wmgolf.org).

## Youth Triathlon

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its fourth annual youth triathlon Saturday, Aug. 18 at Clements Circle Park.

The bike, run and swim is offered to boys and girls, who will compete separately.

Those eligible are Livonia residents or those who reside in the Livonia Public Schools district.

Early registration is \$10. Race day registration is \$15.

All participants will receive a specially designed T-shirt.

Age divisions, race times and registration will be: 8-and-under, 8:30 a.m. start (8 a.m. check-in); 9-10, 9:45 a.m. start (9:15 a.m. check-in); 11-12, 11 a.m. start (10:30 a.m. check-in); and 13-14, noon start (11:30 a.m. check-in).

All participants need a swim suit, bike, bike helmet and running shoes.

Distances include 2-mile bike, three-quarter mile run and 150-yard swim (ages 13-14); 1.5-mile bike, half-mile run and 100-yard swim (ages 11-12); 1-mile bike, half-mile run and 50-yard swim (ages 9-10); half-mile bike, quarter-mile run and 25-yard swim (ages 8-and-under).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

## Celebrate Life 5K

The first annual Celebrate Life St. Mary Mercy Hospital 5K run-walk for cancer will be Saturday, Sept. 15 at the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Grounds in Livonia.

Early registration (on or before Sept. 7) is \$20 (includes T-shirt). Registration (after Sept. 7 or race day) is \$25. Awards will go to the top three male and female finishers in each age group.

For more information, call (734) 655-1402; or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

## F5 Running Club

The F5 (Faith, Fitness, Family, Friendship and Fun) Running Club will be running each Sunday through Aug. 13.

The club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot on the east side of Hines Dr., approximately a half-mile north of Six Mile.

The group runs on the nearby cross-country course, which is part of the Bennett Arboretum (also known as Cass Benton).

The club also meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Hines Park near the soccer fields on the north side of the road, just west of Haggerty.

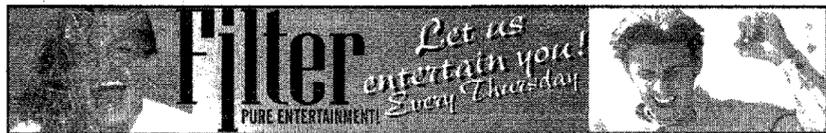
"All athletes are welcome to join the club, whether they plan to run cross country in the fall or if they simply want to stay in shape," said Steve Spreitzer. "There will be runners and walkers of varying ability, making a comfortable space for everyone."

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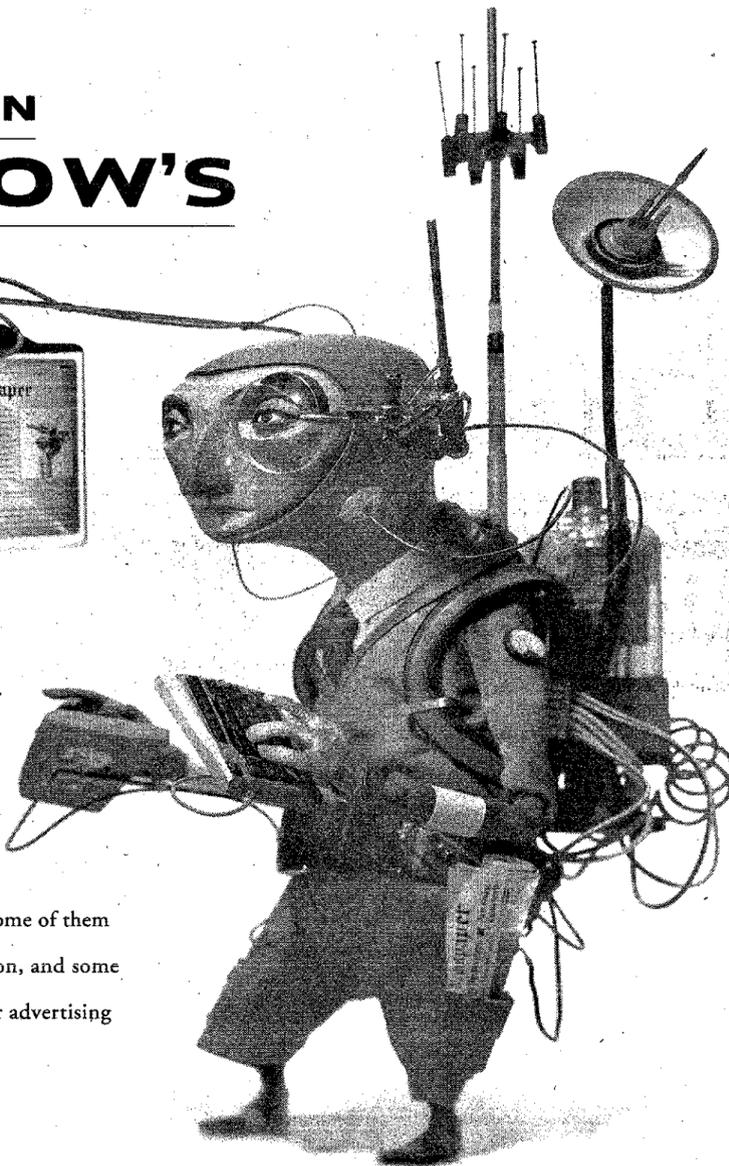
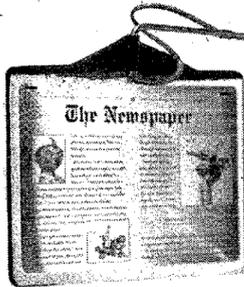


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# HOW LARGE COMPANIES APPEAL



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

You might think that large companies appeal to employees because of greater perceived opportunity. That isn't always the case.

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

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

Raquel feels as if he's at a

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

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

### SIDE-BY-SIDE

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

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

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

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

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

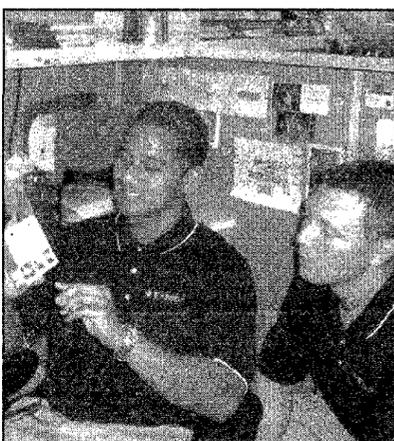
Andrea maintains that the work in a larger organization is more difficult, although the rules are clearer. It's much more detail-oriented, she states.

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

### LEFT BEHIND

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

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



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

Credit: Denise Townsend

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

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

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

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**PRE-SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR**  
Canton Township is accepting applications for Pre-School Instructor. \$10.30 per hr. Must be available to work Monday - Friday between the hours of 8am - 4pm. Applications available at the Canton Township Human Resources Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at www.canton-nl.org. All applicants must complete a Canton Township application form in its entirety and the form must be received by the Canton Township Human Resources Division prior to 4:00 p.m. July 27.  
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For dry cleaners.  
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**STYLIST & RECEPTIONIST**  
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### Help Wanted-General 5000

**STYLISTS** - Newly expanded salon in Plymouth looking for motivated stylists. Only 4 chairs left. Booth rental. Check us out on www.citysearch.com  
**SWIM INSTRUCTOR I**  
Accepting applications for the position of Swim Instructor I. \$8.24 per hr. Must be at least 16 yrs. of age. Job description with complete qualifications will be available on the Canton Township website at www.canton-nl.org or may be viewed at the Canton Township Human Resources Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188. Applications may also be picked up at the Canton Administration Building, Human Resources Division, or on the Canton Township website. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**\* RECEPTIONIST \* VETERINARY EXP'D ONLY NEED APPLY!!!**  
Full-time. Apply in person: Strong Veterinary Hospital, 29212 Five Mile Rd., Livonia. Ask for Eva. NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE!  
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Individual to answer phones & input data. 40 hrs wkly. 9am-5pm. Good phone etiquette, dependable. Call 248-406-4050 for interview.  
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### Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

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**SECRETARY FOR CONTRACTOR**  
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### Help Wanted-Dental 5040

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**DENTAL HYGIENIST ASSISTANT & PART-TIME FRONT DESK**  
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**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
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### Help Wanted-Dental 5040

**OFFICE MANAGER**  
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**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
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