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## Cat's meow

### MHS helps her get her Rosebud

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER



One of Rosebud's favorite places to hide - and to nap - is inside a cat tunnel.

Rose Mary Collins has two made observations of her feline companion, aptly named Rosebud. First, she loves everybody, and second, she has Collins "trained."

"She adopted me, she picked me out," said Collins. "She's only lived here a short time, but she rules the house."

It's obvious. A cat tunnel and toys can be found around the living room of Collins' seventh-floor apartment at Garden Tower in Garden City. In the bedroom, a pink covered litter box sits next to night stand and the bed where Rosebud likes to take her cat naps.

Collins met Rosebud June 29 at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland. She had been to the center several times looking for the right cat and returned after her daughter saw Rosebud's photo on the MHS Web site.

As she walked through the center's cat condo, she wasn't sure which one was the cat she was looking for, but then Rosebud stuck her paw out of her enclosure and meowed. When Collins walked out into the lobby, Rosebud was in her window, looking at her.

"I said, this has to be love at first sight," said Collins.

On a limited income, Collins had saved up each month in order to adopt a cat. Much to her surprise, her decision to adopt Rosebud came just a day after the MHS announced its Cat Independence Days, aimed at finding homes for hundreds of cats housed at its three centers.

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Rose Mary Collins says it was love at first sight between her and her four-year-old cat which she adopted through a special program offered by the Michigan Humane Society.

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## Gunfire rocks Annapolis Park neighborhood

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A shootout involving two groups of young men shattered the afternoon quiet of a south-end neighborhood last Friday, frightening residents who couldn't remember such an incident in the 50 years they've lived there.

Authorities called it amazing that no one was injured, and Police Chief James Ridener said stray bullets struck one house. No arrests had been made this week as the investigation continued.

"It's unfortunate this happened," Ridener said. "We're still investigating it, but the victims who were being shot at are being less than coopera-

tive." Witnesses told police that as many as 20-30 young men became involved before gunfire erupted in the residential intersection of Julius and Dancy, in the historic Annapolis Park subdivision.

"We had two warring factions here," police Sgt. David Heater said. "They got into a big fight, and this fight deteriorated into a gun battle. When police got there, everyone had fled. The real victims here were the folks in the neighborhood."

Police found one bullet-riddled vehicle, a red GMC Jimmy, in the Julius-Dancy intersection. It had been abandoned amid gunfire.

"It was not a drug deal or anything like that," Heater said. "It was a fist fight that got worse."

The problem started around 2 p.m. when a group of Romulus youths, in their late teens and early 20s, came to the neighborhood and clashed with local youths who didn't want them there, Heater said. A fist fight ensued in the area of Lacy and Marshall streets, but the Romulus crew fled on foot and left behind cell phones and shirts they had taken off for battle, he said.

The Romulus group rounded up more friends and returned in the

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## Police seek man in molestation of youngster

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland police are seeking help in finding a child predator accused of molesting a 9-year-old girl in Venoy-Dorsey Park, on Venoy north of Michigan Avenue.

Police released a composite sketch of the suspect, known to the child only as Richard, on Tuesday afternoon.

The girl was molested by a man who befriended her during park outings with her two siblings and their baby sitter, police Sgt. Debra Mathews said.

The baby sitter kept the children while their father was at work, Mathews said.

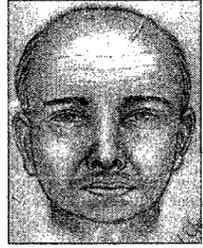
"He had befriended the caretaker in the park, and he bought candy for them," the detective said.

On the afternoon of July 3, the man asked the 9-year-old girl to go into a wooded area where he said he wanted to show her a fort, Mathews said.

The man made the girl fondle him and watch him touch himself, and then he sexually fondled her, Mathews said.

"The little girl told the caretaker, and the next morning she also told her dad," the detective said.

In turn, the father reported the



Westland police need help identifying this suspected child predator. Anyone who knows him is urged to call police at (734) 721-6311 or (734) 722-9600.

camouflage cap, Mathews said. The composite sketch also shows a scar on his forehead.

"He rides a red bike with white lettering on the handlebars," she said. "He has a black pouch attached to the back of the bike."

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

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## Carjacker takes woman's vehicle at knifepoint

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland police are asking for help in finding a suspect who took a 78-year-old woman's car at knifepoint while she was working in a garden on Henry Ruff south of Michigan Avenue.

The carjacking occurred about 6:55 p.m. Friday on farm land that Wayne County uses for a garden program.

The victim had noticed a suspicious-looking man who was watching her.

"She was approached by a white male who chased her with a big knife and took her car keys," police Sgt. Steve Borisch said.

The woman wasn't injured. The suspect fled the scene in the stolen car, described by Borisch as a maroon, four-door, 2001 Buick Century.

The farm land is located on property that was part of the old Eloise site, a sprawling hospital complex that included a poorhouse, gardens, an infirmary and many other amenities.

After the carjacking occurred, Dearborn Heights police spotted



Westland police are seeking information about this suspect, wanted for a carjacking that happened Friday evening near Henry Ruff and Michigan Avenue. Anyone who has information is urged to call Westland police at (734) 721-6311 or (734) 722-9600.

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

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# 2 masked gunmen hold up video store

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Two masked gunmen tied up two employees and robbed them early Sunday at Hollywood Video, near the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Merriman Road, police said.

No shots were fired and no one was injured, police Sgt. Steve Borisch said.

The incident started unfolding when a woman arrived for work and started to unlock the door about 8:50 a.m. The gun-wielding suspects approached her from behind.

"They made her go inside and open the safe and took the money," Borisch said. "One of the suspects pointed a black handgun at her head."

The suspects used packaging tape to tie the woman's hands behind her back.

The intruders also tied up a

male employee when he arrived for work. The suspects forced both victims to sit on the floor and then locked them inside an office area, Borisch said.

After the gunmen left, one employee managed to break free and untied the other. Then, they called for help.

The victims described one suspect as a black man 20 to 30 years old and the other suspect as a Middle Eastern man 20 to 30 years old. They told police that both gunmen wore black clothing.

The employees reported that the black suspect was wearing a ski mask and that the Middle Eastern suspect wore some type of black mask.

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

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# Kehrer: Explore ways to cut future expenses



Kehrer

Michael Kehrer, 53, is an excavating site inspector who is an independent contractor for Infra-Structure Systems. A Westland City Council incumbent, he is married and has three children and two grandchildren.

Kehrer graduated from John Glenn High School and attended Eastern Michigan University, where he studied political science and finance. He is finishing his last year for a bachelor's degree in public administration through the University of Phoenix.

He is a U.S. Jaycees international senator. He has volunteered for the city festival, Relay for Life, the Michigan Vietnam Monument, food basket programs, adopt-a-family, coaching and officiating sports and others.

**Q: Given Michigan's economic crisis, what would you do to maintain a budget surplus in Westland and to protect city services?**

A: I would continue to work on these programs:  
Strengthen our purchasing power with city-wide or county-

wide programs.  
Work on new programs to help curb future expenses on health care and sanitation costs.  
Applying pressure to our state government to receive our fair share of the state sales tax.

There are not a lot of expenses left to cut because we have been very efficient in doing so the last three or four years. When I talk to citizens, they are often surprised to learn that we have already cut most of the items that they suggest to me.

**Q: What can be done to attract more home buyers and businesses to Westland, considering Michigan's economic climate?**

A: Let's start with the home buyers. The new ordinance to maintain the rundown or vacant properties will help. Also, the promoting of our excellent city services, including advanced life support on emergency runs. The DDA is also making the business

areas look good to prospective businesses and home buyers.  
Contrary to popular belief, businesses have not left because of a lack of tax incentives like some citizens think happened with Sam's Club. Tax incentives are only allowed by state law and under certain circumstances. At this time, they can only be given to manufacturing type businesses.

**Q: Cite three of the top priorities that you believe should be addressed by the City Council.**

A: 1) The safety and the proper cleanup of Thomas Brown-Central City Park.  
2) The maintenance of vacant residential properties and the maintenance and development of vacant commercial properties.  
3) Exploring opportunities to save residents future tax dollars on items like sanitation costs and recycling.

**Q: Why should voters choose you over other candidates to fill one of four council seats at stake in this year's election?**

A: My family has been here since Nankin Township days, I

Editor's note: These are several in a series of candidate profiles and answers to an Observer questionnaire by the 11 council candidates in the Aug. 7 primary. The top eight vote-getters will advance to the Nov. 6 election, when four seats will be filled.

was raised in a blue collar family, and I can relate to current problems of the taxpayers and city.

I have campaigned as the "common sense" candidate since 2001 and I feel I have brought this approach to our city government since I have been in office.

Although I may be teased or criticized for my lengthy explanations, I understand the citizens don't always have all the information available to council members and they want to know why we voted yes or no on an issue affecting the whole community.

# Woman accused of setting fire

A Westland woman is accused of setting fire to her own mobile home Tuesday evening on the city's north side, a fire official said.

The woman's home was destroyed and another residence was damaged at the Big Trees Mobile Home Park on Joy between Middlebelt and Inkster, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Riley said.

The fire started about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Westland firefighters had help from Garden City, Inkster and Livonia.

The woman was home alone and wasn't injured, Riley said.

It wasn't known why the woman started the fire. She was sent to a hospital for psychiatric care, police Sgt. Jeff Trzybinski said.

# Reeves: Improve the quality of life



Reeves

Dewey K. Reeves, 54, is self-employed with Sartorial Impressions as a wardrobe consultant, personal shopper and clothing designer.

He formerly worked for the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

He is married. He attended Eastern Michigan University and majored in industrial technology.

Reeves has been involved in the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association and the Westland Historic Park Village. He was appointed to the Westland City Council in January.

**Q: Given Michigan's economic crisis, what would you do to maintain a budget surplus in Westland and to protect city services?**

A: The taxable value for real and personal property tax has

gone up more than 5.25 percent the last three years. Even with the current drop in home values, the taxable value as a whole for the city should continue to rise, as it did this past year. This is because the taxable value for most home owners in Westland has not caught up to their SEV, which is half of the appraised value. If state funding is reduced, and the current surplus cannot be maintained, then cuts

**Q: What can be done to attract more homebuyers and businesses to Westland, considering Michigan's economic climate?**

A: We must compete with surrounding communities for a quality of life that will appeal to homebuyers and businesses. Westland is a safe community, with excellent police and fire personnel. What is missing from Westland is park and recreational facilities to accommodate citizens of all ages. Westland's facilities are not up to national standards. People looking to buy a home and raise a family will compare our recreational facilities to other cities. We must have the best. I will fight to upgrade what we have and bring Westland's park and recreational facilities above national standards.

to Westland, considering Michigan's economic climate?

A: The city of Westland must continue to provide a safe and secure law-abiding environment that attracts first-time and new homebuyers, as well as new businesses. While the current tax base needs to be constant, more importantly it needs to grow. Additionally, the process for attracting new businesses to the city needs to be streamlined. Incentives for new businesses to locate in existing vacancies will improve the city's landscape, while maximizing current land usage.

**Q: Cite three of the top priorities that you believe should be addressed by the City Council.**

A: 1) The reopening of Central City Park.

2) Initiation of a citywide curbside recycling program.  
3) Improve the business climate to attract high-tech and light industry, which will also create new jobs.

**Q: Why should voters choose you over other candidates to fill one of four council seats at stake in this year's election?**

A: I am a mission and task-oriented person. As a City Council member, I will work tirelessly to improve all Westland city residents' quality of life. Quite simply, I find myself at a point and position in my life to "give back." My only agenda as a member of the Westland City Council is to move the city forward, while increasing the standard of living for the residents.

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# Rodriguez: Quality recreation needed



Rodriguez

Mark Rodriguez, 49, is operations manager for the cabinet division of Accent Remodeling in Canton. He is married with three children. He is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School.

Rodriguez has been an 11-year board member with the Westland Youth Athletic Association and was elected as its president five years in 2000 to 2004.

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should be made in some of the capital improvement budget items.

**Q: Cite three of the top priorities that you believe should be addressed by the City Council.**

A: 1) Remediation of Central City Park along with increasing

and improving the park and recreational facilities.  
2) Cost-effective curbside recycling program proposed to the citizens for approval.  
3) Maintain the budget surplus while keeping essential city services and city departments running effectively.

**Q: Why should voters choose you over other candidates to fill one of four council seats at stake in this year's election?**

A: Two of the most important issues in Westland's history will be addressed next year. The remediation of Central City Park and the renewal of the lease for CCP between Westland and Wayne County.

The 80 acres west of the closed portion of CCP is part of the original agreement, which expresses that it only be used for parks and recreation purposes. City plans show a desire to change that.

Having already been in promising discussions with the county regarding this property as a park, I will be better equipped to negotiate with them, to keep it as a park.

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## GUNFIRE

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Jimmy to get their belongings, Heater said. They got out of the vehicle, but the other group also had swelled in numbers.

"The Romulus people were chased toward the Jimmy, which was at Julius and Dancy. They got in, someone threw a rock and smashed out a window," Heater said. "The driver of the Jimmy wasn't there, so they had to flee on foot with shots being fired at them from a burgundy minivan."

Ultimately, police believe shots were fired in both directions.

Police found multiple shell casings from a 40-caliber handgun and a 30-caliber short rifle, Heater said.

The Romulus group ran west on Julius while being chased by the minivan, and police found more shell casings near Julius and Henry Ruff.

The Romulus youths jumped a fence and escaped into the Westland Meadows mobile home park, but police spotted them near Van Born and Merriman and questioned them.

"No one appeared to want the police involved," Heater said, adding that those questioned by police denied they had fired any shots.

The Jimmy was impounded, and police learned that it belonged to the father of one of the youths involved in the fight.

Authorities haven't determined what started the fight. They received conflicting accounts, such as earlier differences between some youths or a dispute between two youths over a girl.

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

Residents, who aren't named here to protect them, told the *Observer* that they hope justice will be served.

"This is unacceptable," one longtime resident said.

"If they live here, they should move. If they don't, they should stay away. Innocent people could have been hurt, or someone's son could have been shot."

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## ROSEBUD

FROM PAGE A1

For a limited, the animal welfare agency is waiving its adoption fee for cats age six months and older. The program started July 5, but the center waived the fee for Collins. She only paid for a feline leukemia test.

"I was overwhelmed, shocked, I didn't know what to say," she said. "They gave me a cat with all of its shots. It's so wonderful."

The money Collins saved allowed her to buy the pink litter box and a few other things for Rosebud. She also made a donation to MHS.

"I can't tell you how much joy she has brought me," she said.

The program has proven successful, increasing cat adoptions by 60 percent over last year, according to Stephanie Baron, MHS public and media relations coordinator.

"We have more than 400 cats and with this program, people like Rose Mary who are on a limited income, are able to adopt a cat," said Baron.

"It's a wonderful thing. I think it could be an incentive for seniors to adopt a cat."

Mike Robbins, MHS marketing and communications director, said the program is one of several ways MHS is trying to address the cat overpopulation problem in southeastern Michigan. Last year, it was able to offer pet owners free spaying on a limited basis. Several other programs are planned for this year to aggressively address the problem.

"By bringing attention to the significance of the issue and the reality that cats make great companions, we're optimistic that we, as a community, will create good homes for these fantastic four-legged companions," Robbins said. "Even with the success of this program, we cannot adopt our way out of the overpopulation problem."

This isn't Collins' first cat. When she lived in Virginia, she had a long-haired gold and white cat named Goldie, which passed away at age 16. She also cared for her grandchildren's injured guinea pig.

Collins is careful with her new companion who runs to

the front door when she hears a knock. Seventh-floor residents have told not to worry, they know where Rosebud lives, if she does get out of the apartment. She's also setting aside money to by a screen door for her balcony door to keep Rosebud from wandering out there.

As for companionship, Collins can't agree enough with Robbins. She was looking for an older cat that had been declawed, a requirement of the apartment complex. Rosebud was "perfect" for her.

"She's very affectionate, she loves to sit in my lap, that's something I wanted my cat to do," she said. "She's made a difference in my life. I couldn't have found a better companion."

People interested in adopting a cat during Cat Independence Days can visit the MHS shelters in Westland, Detroit and Rochester Hills or visit the MHS Web site at [www.michigan-humane.org](http://www.michigan-humane.org) to "meet" their potential new family member. All three centers are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

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## Police probe holdup at cash advance store

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland police are investigating allegations that an employee of a cash advance store was robbed by a knife-wielding intruder.

The 20-year-old woman was tied up with duct tape around 8:50 a.m. last Thursday when she said a lone bandit robbed her at Cash Land, on South Wayne between Palmer and Glenwood; police Sgt. Steve Borisch said.

"A lone employee said she propped open a side door to take a smoke break when a robber came in and took all the money," Borisch said.

The woman told police the intruder had a knife and that he held it to her back and threatened her. She said the bandit took several thousand dollars and fled the store.

A customer arriving at the store heard the employee yelling and called the Westland Police Department, Borisch said.

The employee, herself, was questioned by police but was released while the investigation is continuing.

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## Shoppers go for bigger Target at Wonderland

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

As soon as the old Target store on Plymouth Road closed, the new one on Plymouth Road opened. Shoppers, employees and their families descended on the new store as the automatic doors opened for the first time Tuesday.

The new Wonderland Village Target store had its "soft" opening Tuesday afternoon and about 2,500 people came out—roughly equivalent to a normal full day's business. The real grand opening is scheduled for Sunday. The old store will be gutted over the next month and demolished to make way for new development.

Karen Glab of Livonia was one of the first customers through the door on Tuesday. She liked the store.

"It's really nice in there, they have everything," she said. "I knew today was the opening because my sister-in-law works there."

She said the new store seems to have a larger grocery section, and more of everything else, than the old one. Paul Farr of Livonia heard about the opening from a friend. He said of stores of its type, he likes Target better than the others.

"It's better than Wal-Mart," he said. "I don't like that place. They treat their people bad."

Kathy Glodich was also at the opening.

To be fair, she's at every Target opening. She's an employee working at the Michigan group office and she works to create uniformity.

"We have our prototypes and use them to have the same Target everywhere you go," she



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Simon Toma, 2 and his sister Salena, 3½, enjoyed their visit to the New Target store at Middlebelt and Plymouth Road with their parents Salwan and Sue Toma. They had their painted faces as a tiger and princess and ate cookies during the "soft" opening Tuesday.

said. "We want our guests to have the same great experience shopping here that they do in our other locations."

Gloria Taulbee of Dearborn was in the store because her daughter works there and both were treated to a hors d'oeuvres buffet traditional for employees and their families at Target openings. After the

doors opened, she got some shopping in.

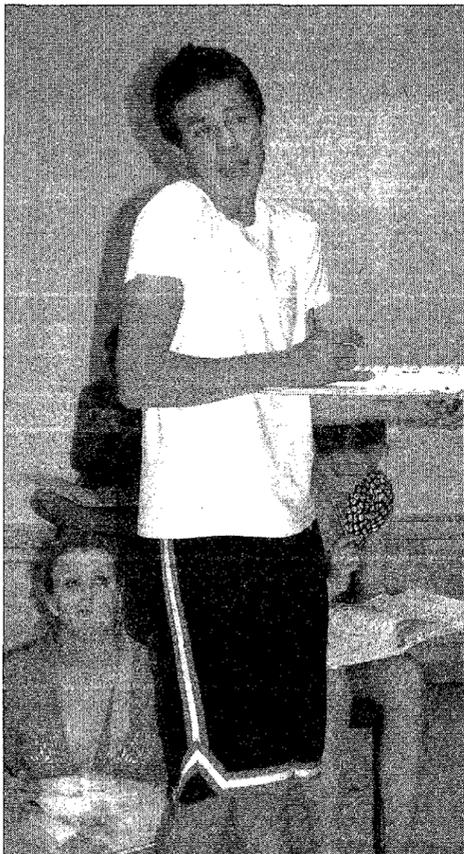
"I love it, I came for the party and then decided to buy some stuff," she said. "It's clean, it's bright. Everyone's friendly."

Marguerite Bayer is a former Livonia resident who was visiting her parents Tuesday. She said the new store is better than the old one.

"I love it. It's different from the other one," she said. "It's larger, nicer. The people are very friendly."

Aside from regular Target fare, the store also boasts a Pizza Hut and Starbucks counter.

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### Good show

Eric Franz of Westland rehearses a monologue he delivered in "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" during Madonna University's recent Music Theatre Workshop. The workshop culminated in a free performance at Kresge Hall July 14, featuring songs, dances and monologues from various plays and musicals. The son of Mike and Lynn Franz, he is a senior Catholic Central High School and has been performing in plays since eighth grade. He frequently performs in plays at Ladywood High School in Livonia.

## Constan says Michigan Business Tax will help Michigan

A local legislator is pleased that Gov. Jennifer Granholm has signed the Michigan Business Tax into law.

The comprehensive MBT will help move Michigan toward economic recovery by rewarding investment, protecting Michigan-based companies, and safeguarding funding for education, health care, and

police and fire protection, according to State Rep. Bob Constan, D-Dearborn Heights.

"The Michigan Business Tax rewards companies that create jobs for our workers and bring investment to our state, which will help Michigan become a key player in the global economy," Constan said. "The MBT will make Michigan a magnet

for emerging industries and 21st century job providers. This plan will help get Michigan headed in the right direction."

The MBT replaces Michigan's outdated Single Business Tax, which expires at the end of the year. Under the MBT, about 75 percent of businesses in Michigan will pay less in taxes. The MBT will:

- Provide over \$600 million in new tax credits that reward Michigan businesses for investment, compensation, and research and development.

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- Protect education, health care, police and fire protection and other essential services by

ensuring revenue-neutrality.

"The MBT gives companies looking to relocate or expand huge incentives to choose Michigan," Constan said. "This plan will make Michigan a destination for emerging industries, which will help rejuvenate our economy and create jobs for our workers. This is a win-win situation for Michigan."

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## New veterans Web site puts services in 1 spot

Michigan's veterans can find the help they need at new Web site, launched last week by the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Department of Information Technology.

The Web site - www.Michigan.gov/veterans - is the result of proposal introduced in May by State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, who envisioned a one-stop shopping Internet site that would include employment, education, and benefit information available to veterans in one central location.

"The men and women who have served our country in uniform deserve the best care and services our state can offer," said Anderson. "During these tough budget times, we need to be especially conscious that these important health care, employment, and education services are as accessible as possible."

While the State of Michigan already offered veterans' information online, many veterans

had experienced difficulty connecting with the different programs that are available. Quite often, veterans needed to obtain this critical information through word-of-mouth or were unaware of how one program could supplement the work of another, Anderson said. The new Web address puts important resources in a central location, making it easier to find and better use the information will be easier to find and better used.

Anderson, whose 6th District includes Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township, praised the agencies for updating the Web address.

"This Web site is a fine example of state agencies stepping up to the plate to reform the way we administer government services," he added. "This will help streamline and secure access to all the resources veterans need to make a smooth transition back to civilian life."

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### August - One Winner

Two Detroit Tiger tickets plus \$100 in cash for Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 p.m. against the Yankees. The drawing for these tickets will be held on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.\*

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# Students use X-rays to study mummies

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

A Livonia couple was among the group of community college students who traveled to South America last month to use 21st century tools to find out more about people who died almost a thousand years ago.

Students from Washtenaw Community College traveled to Ilo, Peru, to help excavate the mummies of the Chibcha Indians, a pre-Inca civilization that lived there almost a thousand years ago. The students used portable versions of common X-ray machines to learn more about people who died hundreds of years before Europeans found the Western Hemisphere.

Washtenaw Community College Clinical Coordinator for Radiography Jim Skufis said the program was started by a professor at the University of Arkansas. When that school got out, he carried it over to WCC which turned out to be a good fit.

"The temperament of the class worked well with their operation," he said. "Nothing goes on a deadline in Peru, you've got to roll with the punches and take a lot of direction."

The program, formally known as International Studies in Radiography, gives the students a chance to apply what they've learned in a radically different environment.

"Normally, we're used to X-raying living people," Skufis said. "These people have been dead for 800 or 900 years. They're still examining skeletons and identifying bones, but they're able to apply that skill to a different science."



Bryan Bentley, whose wife Linda is a radiography student, shows one of the valuable bowls dug up during their work in Peru.

WCC student Linda Bentley and her husband, Brian, traveled to Peru during that country's winter. It wasn't what the Livonia couple expected.

"We were thinking it was going to be hot but it only got into the 70s during the day," she said. "When the sun went down, at 5:30, it got down to the 50s. We brought sweat shirts but we could have used jackets."

While their accommodations were spartan — they stayed in a hostel — the reception they received was warm. Bentley said the people there were friendly and generous, with meal-times drawing people from all over the area. The Livonia

resident's training gave real insights into the history of the bodies pulled out of the Peruvian soil. The dirt in that area is very dry (no rain in 10 years) and has almost no insects — an ideal environment for preserving bodies. Bentley is a radiography student at WCC and she used an X-ray machine normally used for diagnosing injuries in horses to examine the mummies they found.

The lives of people in the 1200s were undoubtedly different, but the mechanics of the human body are the same no matter when those people lived.

"We were looking at traumas," she said. "These people hunted for food in the ocean

and had a lot of broken, healed foot injuries."

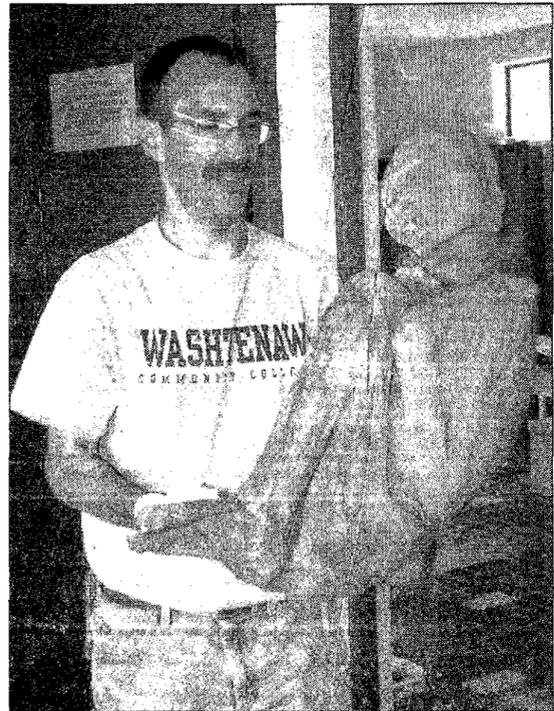
There were also indications of how they cared for each other.

A number of the bodies showed signs of spina bifida, a birth defect that prevents the fusing of the spine. The interesting thing is that the bodies were adult, meaning they had been cared for from infancy, she said.

Other things found in the X-rays weren't as heartwarming.

"Some of the heads were misshapen," Bentley said. "Children's heads were banded to change the shape of them, to elongate them. Some of them died from it."

While the X-rays reveal the



Jim Skufis, Washtenaw Community College Clinical Coordinator for Radiography, shows a mummy unearthed during a study trip to Peru.

trials and folkways of these ancient peoples, the overall dig has brought up a trove of the funeral items and everyday detritus of their lives. The bodies are groomed and dressed, surrounded by the tools and materials they used in life. Those items, she said, are the ones that need the most saving.

"A lot of people are looting those graves," Bentley said. "The people around there are very poor and the bowls and pottery pieces, worth between \$40,000 and \$50,000, are being sold in nearby Bolivia. Entire cultures are disappearing."

The program is supported by funding from the WCC Foundation, the charitable

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arm of the college. The foundation put forward \$10,000 toward the trip.

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Darcie Burton, a former Garden City High School student, has earned the equivalent of a master's degree in mathematics from the state.

Burton, a high school graduate, received a top score of 5 on her advanced placement calculus exam which earned her eight college credits and ensured she won't have to take another college math class.

Other testing earned Burton an additional six college credits.

The daughter of Todd and Cathy Burton of Brighton, she has earned a full academic scholarship to the University of Detroit-Mercy beginning in the fall. Burton plans to study dentistry.

Samuel Kocsis of Garden City received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y.

He is the son of Gary and Judy Kocsis and a graduate of Garden City High School.

Roseanne Nyland of Westland has been named to the spring 2007 Dean's List at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

The daughter of Gerald and Vivian Nyland, she had to achieve a 3.5 grade point average of better and carry at least 12 credit hours to be named to the list.

Four Westland residents have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2007 semester at Lawrence Technological University.

Matthew Leright, Alec Droblich, Jennifer Gunther and Jeremy Ferack maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Brett Tavana of Wayne Memorial High School and Bryan Henley of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center received scholarships from the Wayne Lions Club during a ceremony June 20 at the China Star Restaurant in Westland.

Nikhil Kalothia of John Glenn High School received the club's John and Irene Ryan Memorial Scholarship.

Several area educators and support personnel were honored during Wayne County RESA's 21st annual Celebration of Excellence in Education Awards recently.

Joli Carr of Wayne-Westland's Jefferson Barns Elementary and Melissa Jones of Memorial Elementary in Garden City were honored as Rookie Teachers of the Year for showing outstanding devotion and passion for teaching.

Michael Ziembrocki, a school teacher at Garden City's Fremington elementary was honored as an ancillary professional staffer for his exceptional dedication to making sure all students can learn.

Recognized as District Teacher of the Year were Kelly Kaminski of Taft-Galloway Elementary in Wayne-Westland and Lesley Williams at Garden City Middle School. They were nominated by their respective districts.

Jennifer Wrobel of Garden City recently received her bachelor of arts degree in business administration through a unique educational Alliance between Schoolcraft College and Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio.

Wrobel was able to combine on-campus coursework at Schoolcraft with online classes through Franklin to complete her degree work.

Nicholas Stone of Westland has been named to the Olivet College 2007 spring semester Dean's List.

To make the Dean's List, Stone had to be full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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# Security agency lifts ban on lighters

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

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

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

The procedural adjustments were devel-

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

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

## Health fair

Families are invited to join Spectrum Community Services Child Care Center for its Fun Fair and Health Extravaganza on Friday, Aug. 3. The event offers great fun for the whole family while helping parents ensure their children are receiving timely health screenings. It includes free immunizations from Wayne County Health Department, free kindergarten physicals, dental screening by the county's Dental Mobile, entertainment, games, prizes, face painting and more. The free event will be 1-7 p.m. at Spectrum's Child Care Center, 28303 Joy, Westland. For more information, call Barbara Fowkes or Theresa Lipar at (734) 367-6755.

## Health classes

Dr. Carol A. Fischer, holistic physician and clinical nutritionist, will present a free health class, "Is It Really Your Thyroid?," at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Are you suffering with cold hands/feet, stubborn weight gain, unwanted pain, mood swings? Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns. Learn what your doctor won't tell you about this and other hormones. There is help the natural way. Help your body get back on track with safe, natural, effective alternatives. She also will present a free class, "Eat Your Way Thin," at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, also at Noble Library. Take a natural approach to a healthier, new you. Learn why diets do not work, ways to avoid weight gain and how to lose weight with diet/nutrition and exercise. When to eat, what to eat and how to eat will be discussed. Learn why eating the correct fat will not make you fat. Both classes are free of charge. To reserve a spot, call (734) 756-6904.

## 3-Day Walk benefit

A Wine Tasting and Silent Auction will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at the Wayne Senior Center, Howe at Annapolis in Wayne. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and include wine and hors d'oeuvres. The event will benefit Susan G. Komen for

the Cure as part of the Breast Cancer 3 Day Walk. For tickets or more information, call Sherrie at (734) 740-0606 or by e-mail at [breast\\_friends\\_4\\_life@yahoo.com](mailto:breast_friends_4_life@yahoo.com).

## Real Estate Expo

Taniya Nayak of HGTV's popular show "Designed to Sell" will be featured at a Greater Detroit Real Estate Expo 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, July 29, on the lower level of the Center Court at Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. Nayak will share information from real estate experts, including professional home stagers, real estate agents, mortgage brokers, home insurance agents and many more, on everything there is to know about buying and selling a home to get the most for your money. For more information, call (313) 593-1370 or visit the shopping center's Web site at [www.shopfairlane.com](http://www.shopfairlane.com).

## 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).

## Volunteers needed

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## 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.gsford.org](http://www.gsford.org).

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## FOR SENIORS

## Friendship Center

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

## Dyer Center

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

## Senior fitness

Seniors can get in shape through some programs offered at the Maplewood Center. The Senior Fitness Room is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Annual membership is \$50 per year or \$1 for a daily pass. Aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.



Don Detrow and his staff show off their 1960s style as part of a 'Hairspray' promotion held at the Studio 1 Salon and Day Spa last Thursday.

## Salon does 'Hairspray' for the day

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Employees of a Westland hair salon took a step back in time by wearing 1960s beehive hairdos and clothing.

The trip down memory lane at the Studio 1 Salon and Day Spa on Warren was inspired by the release of the John Travolta film *Hairspray*, which is in theaters last Friday.

"The whole movie is based around a hairspray put out by Sebastian," salon owner Don Detrow said. "We signed on for the promotion and decided to dress up and do a whole day of it. The customers just loved it."

Detrow got the idea to have the *Hairspray* day and do a drawing for movie passes provided by Beaute Craft Supply Co. and free CD downloads, after he and members of his staff attended a private premiere in Birmingham on July 16.

The premiere was hosted by Sebastian Professional Products, which is heavily promoted in the movie. Sebastian also offered a promotion that Detrow picked up for Studio 1.

While the premiere was fun, there was a lot of security on hand to prevent pirating with handheld video cameras and cell phones.

"I never saw security like that," Detrow said.

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DON DETROW, salon owner

"It was fun and it's a cool movie."

The film is an adaptation of the Tony Award-winning 2002 Broadway musical of the same name, itself an adaptation from John Waters's 1988 comedy film.

Set in 1962 Baltimore, the film follows a "pleasantly plump" girl named Tracy Turnblad as she simultaneously pursues stardom as a dancer on a local TV show and rallies against segregation.

Detrow's older stylist had no problem recreating doing Tracy's beehive hairdo for last Thursday's event, however, it was a challenge younger employees.

"I have girls who have never done up-do's," said Detrow, who has owned the high-end salon for five years. "The older customers were saying, 'I remember when I did that.'"

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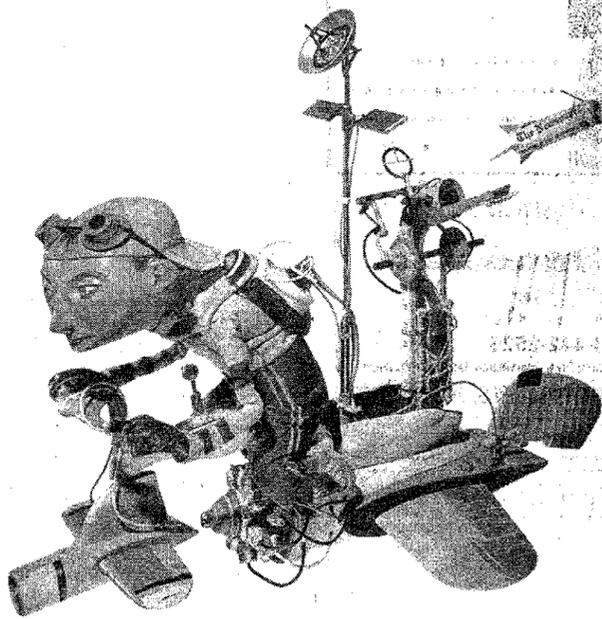
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# Broderick named to head school group

The Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools, which advocates before the Legislature for the Catholic schools of the seven dioceses of Michigan, the Michigan region of Christian Schools International and the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Schools, has announced it has hired Brian Broderick of Plymouth Township as its new executive director.

Broderick, 42, is a former executive search consultant for whom our executive search committee was looking to effectively lead the state's non-public education community," said Sister Dorita Wotiska, chair of the association's board of trustees. "Brian's breadth of legislative experience, coupled with his passion for public policy issues related to education, will carry forth our organization's mission to establish and enhance quality faith-based schools that will nurture, challenge and support children and youth."

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

- Hold and communicate the vision and mission of the association while supervising and coordinating all of its work;

- Provide leadership in the work of all board of trustees committees and activities involving administrators, teachers, and parents; and

- Work in all areas of public policy related to education.

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



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OUR VIEWS

## Candidates you should vote for

Tuesday, Aug. 7, Westland residents will go to the polls to determine which candidates for mayor and city council will advance to the November general election.

There are three choices for mayor in the mayoral election — Daryl Novack, Charles Pickering and William Wild.

With the state's dismal economic climate and the threat of cuts in state shared revenue, we believe that government experience is a must for candidates seeking the city's highest elective office. Both Pickering and Wild have that experience.

Pickering has lengthy experience in government, both as a member of the city council and as mayor. Wild also has served on the city council and is the current mayor, appointed to the position in January.

They understand the problems facing the city and are capable of making the difficult decisions. That is why we urge voters to select **Charles Pickering** or **William Wild** for mayor in the primary election.

In the City Council race, 11 candidates are seeking the four seats that will be filled in November. Only eight candidates can advance to the November election.

Campaigning for the seat are current council members James Godbout, Michael Kehrer, Dewey Reeves and Bill Johnson, as well as Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Gary Bulson, Howard Dunn, Sam Durante, John Goci, Todd Kangas and Mark Rodriguez.

We believe the council candidates need a strong understanding of the issues facing the city. They must be able to see the whole picture and not focus on one small element.

Incumbents Godbout and Kehrer have lengthy service on the council and have shown a commitment to the city. Reeves and Johnson have proven to be quick learners following their appointment to the council in January.

Among the challengers, Bulson has the strongest track record of involvement in the city, both as a businessman and as a member of the Jaycees. Kangas and Rodriguez also have been heavily involved in the Westland Youth Athletic Association. Bryant and Durante have been volunteers in the city as well.

Dunn has pursued elective office for many years, and Goci is staging a serious effort as a write-in candidate to make it to the November ballot.

We believe **James Godbout, Michael Kehrer, Dewey Reeves, Bill Johnson, Gary Bulson, Mark Rodriguez, Sam Durante** and **Todd Kangas** should advance to the November general election.

We also urge voters to go to the polls or cast their absentee ballots in the Aug. 7 primary. For all of these candidates, every vote matters. This is a non-partisan election, so voters need not worry about making a party choice.

## Break the energy gridlock with creative opportunity

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

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

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

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

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

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

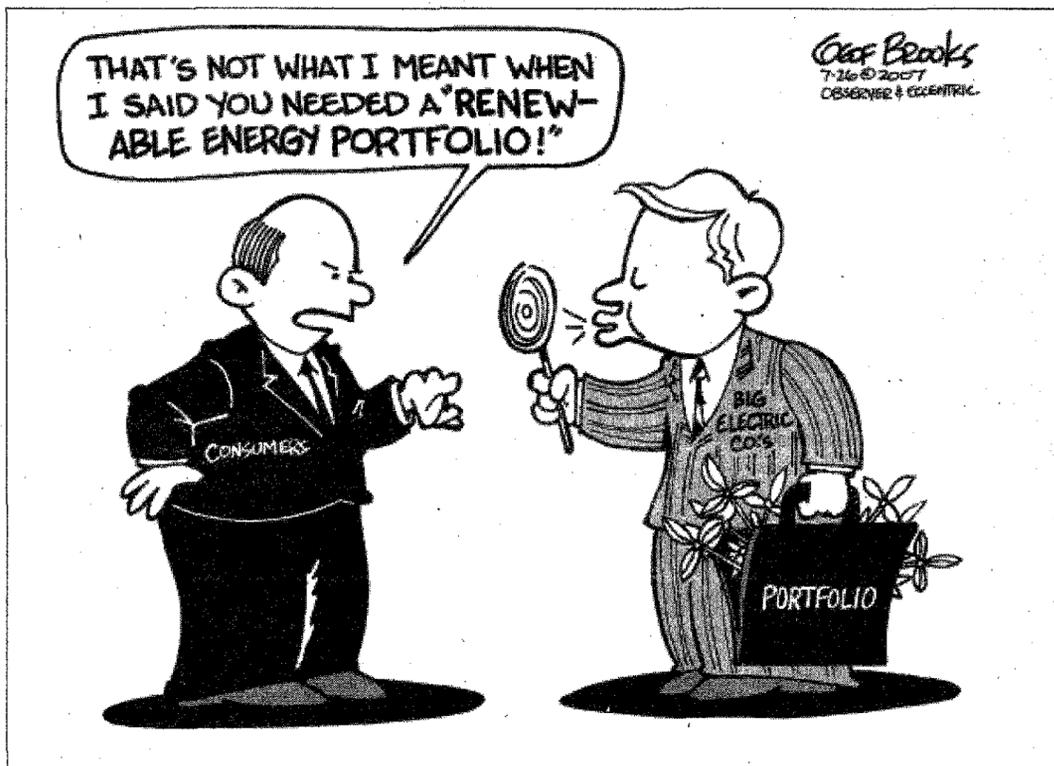
Consider that a Massachusetts company, Mascoma, may build a wood-based ethanol plant in Michigan. Michigan's forests are providing an opportunity as a renewable resource.

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

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

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

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



### Dad is best choice for mayor

Let me start off by introducing myself. My name is Erica Novack. I am a 22-year-old senior, currently attending Oakland University's School of Nursing, where I also was a member of the women's golf team for four years.

I am a 2003 John Glenn High School graduate and grew up in the city of Westland. When my dad first came to me with the idea of running for mayor, I thought to myself, that's the perfect job for him! Growing up, my dad has made sure to teach me the importance of helping people.

He has always said to treat others the way you would want to be treated. He has helped turn me into the person I am today and I know that he is proud of me. If given the opportunity to be mayor, I know he would make this city a place the people and its citizens are proud to call home.

My dad has made it a point to help his family, friends and even the average stranger on the street, if in a time of need, for as long as I can remember. He's not afraid to get his hands dirty and doesn't sit back and wait for things to happen, he makes them happen.

My dad is a hard-working and dedicated man who has been employed with the same company for 30 years and been married to my mother for going on 23 years. In this day and age, that's not something many people are able to say; it's few and far between.

If given the opportunity to be mayor of Westland, it is a position I feel he would hold for many years to come. Don't take my word for it, either. Talk to him yourself and you will see that every word coming from his mouth is truly and sincerely from the bottom of his heart. He cares so much and would give so much to this city that this city would love him just as I do.

He is a great man with great ideas to help the city of Westland. He's someone I am proud to call dad!

Daryl Novack has my vote 110 percent, not only as my father, but as the mayor of the city of Westland.

Erica Novack

### Bury more than 'N' word

Chris Campbell wrote a wonderful article in your newspaper Sunday, July 15, about the burial of the "N" word. He made several observations about the meaning behind the "N" word, and even suggested the elimination of such words as "spic," "honky," "cracker" and "hymie."

But in doing so, he may not have noticed the obvious differences in how he described these words. He justifiably referred to the "N" word as just that. The "N" word. But when it came to describing the other four words, he didn't refer to them as the "S" word of the "H" word or perhaps the "C" word or the other "H" word. I think he doesn't really take offense to those words, since they're never aimed at him, like the "N" word might be. No, he noticeably spurned them out.

Now, in no way am I suggesting the beginning of a massive censorship of all the many offensive words that are being slung around thoughtlessly and carelessly, for that would surely take away our First Amendment right to free speech. But what really offends my ears and is spewed from the mouths of so many is the "MF" words. The words don't even refer to any particular ethnic or racial groups, but it really makes the hair on the back of my

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neck stand up when I hear them used with such frequency and viciousness that I think some people who use them so frequently couldn't even speak if they weren't calling someone an "MF."

While the best we could hope for is a voluntary censoring of our own language and recognition of what those hurtful words mean or imply, if we are going to truly bury the "N" word, let's also bury the "MF" words alongside of it.

It is time for a resurrection of some of the best self-behavior/self-control rules of conduct that existed in the 1940s, '50s and '60s. While racism was certainly prevalent in the past and needed to be eliminated, not everything from the past was bad.

Common courtesy and consideration for others, for example, lived in the hearts and minds of the people and was taught and lived by those of use who grew up in that era, and I think we turned out pretty good. If we are going to make any meaningful and lasting changes in the world for the better, let's don't go half way, let's go all the way and "do it right."

William E. Tremper  
Westland

### It's about power

Westland residents, if you voted, would you vote to go to Hawaii or other places? Maybe fatten your bank account? You won't have to worry about paying your taxes or paying your mortgage.

Just run for office. First you have to get some big-hearted people that believe in you. After you win, you can forget them. Politics is not about people, it's about power. Washington, Lansing, Westland and our courts.

The longer you live, the more you learn about people. I am 80 years old and so is my Irish husband whose mother came from Ireland with him in her arms. He worked his heart out for people in office and now wonders why.

Marge Connors  
Westland

### Hillary and health care

According to many liberal pundits, Hillary Clinton will be the next president. Good luck, one and all.

What Hillary Clinton knows about economics would fit in one very small Karl Marx shirt pocket. She has declared her preference for government ownership of the means of production and distribution. Be reminded she sequestered with some 500 leftist doctors, lawyers and educators on White House grounds during the Bill Clinton administration to design a one-pay government system to cover all doctor and hospital visitations.

Universal health care, leftist denizens of the limp and cough crowd call the care program we now employ as our free enterprise system, is socialized medicine. Karl Marx has to be smiling broadly knowing that America one day will be his.

The "universal health care" programs indigenous to Canada, Germany and other industrial states are much less extensive in the care given, care less efficiently administered, a program much more costly to the citizenry. It is axiomatic that government having anything to do with the production of goods and services means second-class, in some countries, third-class achievement. Government has not and can not produce goods and services to compete with the quality of the private sector.

Want efficient, more comprehensive, care

in the doctor's office and hospital environment? Avoid Hillary's unknowing government program for health care. Supporting a government arrangement to extend health care is assurance that Hillary Clinton doesn't know. Her acquaintance with economics at the university was avoided as she paraded and protested while a student at the typical eastern university.

Read the label one more time. Hillary Clinton doesn't know about free enterprise economics. She hasn't tried to learn. Socialism results in relative poverty as any slave system will guarantee. We citizens ought not to have to pay for a new president's nearly complete lack of knowledge and understanding that socialism means shortages in consumer goods, the loss of inalienable rights, a loss of individual freedom and eventually pitiful want and slavery.

Neil Goodbread  
Livonia

### Canadians coming here

"Deluge of propaganda?" Hardly. It's the deluge of Canadians coming over here for medical care when the Canadian system puts them on a waiting list for surgery, etc. Once on the list, they get a phone call every so often to see how they are doing. These patients believe the only reason they are getting a call is to see if they are still alive and to be kept on the waiting list!

You are doing your part in the liberal media's well-orchestrated drive for universal health care, single-payer health system and all the other nice names for socialized medicine.

If free health care is a right, then free rent, free food, free utilities, free clothing and free transportation are "rights" as well.

"Republicans doing their best to demonize all government spending?" Please tell me, sir, why we need a \$100 million civil rights department in this day and age? I'll tell you, it's Gov. Granholm's payoff to Mayor Kwame! So much for prudent and necessary government spending.

As far as public education spending goes, the teachers and professors are way overpaid. Look at the debacle here in Southfield — \$16,000 a year for a teacher's health care premiums. Studies show that on an hourly basis teachers make more than accountants. So we have teachers in Southfield making \$70,000-plus for a nine-month-a-year gig! And what does our school board do? They just gave them another raise! That, sir, is what is taking us taxpayers to the brink and causing the housing problems in Southfield.

Mack Tario  
Southfield

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## Partisan divide does our state a great disservice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Speaking at a conference at the University of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Fear is the defining legacy of the 1967 Detroit riot

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

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



Greg Kowalski

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

They were afraid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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— and is — a dangerous place.

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

They are afraid.

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

He was serious.

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

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

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

And fear persists.

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

In fact, none of us will.

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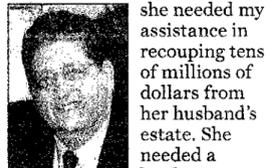
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## Beware of 'get rich' schemes

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



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Corrections board seeks members

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

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

space.

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

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

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

## Bounty of Detroit gardens featured Aug. 1

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

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

All tours will leave from The

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

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

Detroit Agriculture Network and are tax-deductible.

Canton resident Tina Gerlach, who oversees the vegetable garden at Resurrection Parish in Canton, is interested in attending the Aug. 1 Detroit event. Those who would like to go with a local group can reach her via e-mail at [tgerlach7339@wideopenwest.com](mailto:tgerlach7339@wideopenwest.com).

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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JULY

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Women of the word**  
Women of the Word Bible Studies offers a choice of 2 studies this summer at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or download a registration form at www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen.

The first study is on 1 Samuel, a Precept Ministries study began 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Video lectures by Kay Arthur will expand on the material covered in the discussion group. Cost for workbook is \$15. Second study is Loving Well, a four-week of heart-to-heart messages from Beth Moore 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Cost for workbook is \$8.

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

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

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

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

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

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

UPCOMING

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

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

**Choral concert**  
The Holman-Climax Male Voice Choir from Cornwall, England, as part of their second Michigan tour, performs 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church located on the corner of West Chicago and Hubbard, south of Plymouth road, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. Members of the church and community will be hosting the 70 people touring with the choir. A committee has been established to plan Detroit area activities as well as to house and feed the group. A Free Will offering will be taken that night. For more information call either Ken or Ruth Allen at (734) 427-6268 or send e-mail to Rallen7468@aol.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ONGOING

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

**Higher Rock Cafe**  
Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.at.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**  
Twens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

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

**Summer worship**  
Summer schedule for worship to Sept. 2, is 10 a.m. Sunday services (with nursery), and 7 p.m. Wednesday Contemporary Service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

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

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

**Sunday services**  
Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

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

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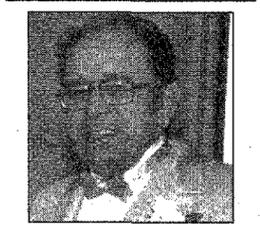


**BERNICE M. FULLER**  
July 20, 2007 age 87, of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved wife of Ernest for 65 yrs. Dear mother of Gayle F. Laffrey, Edward A. (Dulce) and Barbara F. Wallace (John). Loving grandmother of Bradley (Susan), Elizabeth (Drew), Amy (Joseph), Ted (Allison), Angela, Caroline (Kevin), Elizabeth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

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

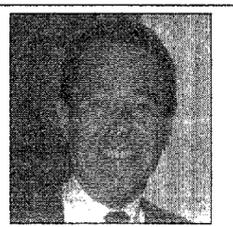
**SHEILA THIBODEAU**  
Age 58, July 23, 2007. Wife of Paul. Mother of Kelly Hamby (Joe Phillips) and Adrienne. Daughter of Bertha Neely. Sister of Harold E. (Sandy) Neely and Carolyn Neely. Dearest friend of Bill Thomas. Funeral service Friday 11am at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington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

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



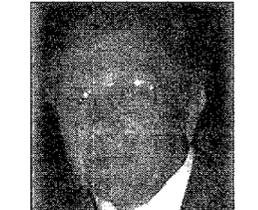
**WALTER RICHARD SAWICKI**

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



**ELIAS TORRE**

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



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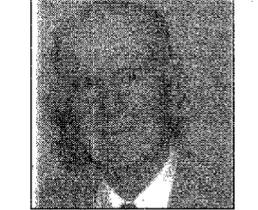
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A tribute to my dearest husband. You were thoughtful, kind, and giving. The happiest moments were those I shared with you. You were my lover and my confidant and my friend. You inspired all who were privileged to know you. Your children are forever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

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

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

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



**ROBERT B. POKORNY**

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

**JOSHUA STEVE DITMORE**  
July 22, 2007, Age 19 of Wayne Uht Funeral Home, Westland, MI

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

**Farmington Women Aglow**  
Meets 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053 or (248) 890-5494.

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

coffee served.

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

**Tiny Tots Preschool**  
Now enrolling for 2007-2008 for 3- and 4-year olds, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

**Recovery program**  
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock

Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit [www.celebraterecovery.com](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**  
All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good

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

## Mast appeal

### ASI benefits seasoned and beginning sailors

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

#### Welcome return

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

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

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#### OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

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## Diamond shines at tourney

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Softball

### Softball sendoff

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

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

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

### Hole-in-one club

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Storm's over

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

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

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

## New Unified coach eager to build team

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

### PREP HOCKEY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### THE RIGHT PLACE

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

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

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

Please see **HOCKEY, B4**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

## PCEP names new lacrosse coaches

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Rams, Cubs split LCBL twinbill

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

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

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

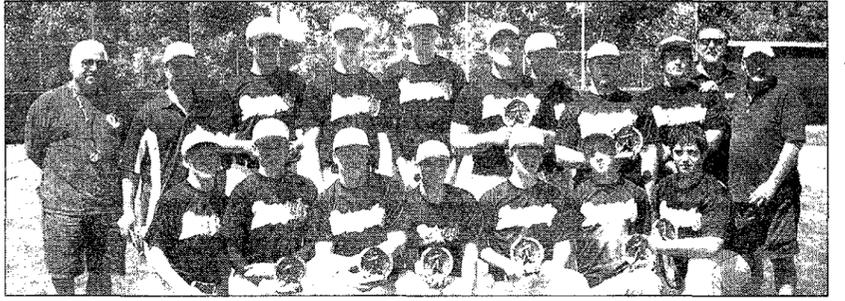
James Teas went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Cubs, while pitcher Kevin Sabol was the hard-luck loser (complete game, six hits, two walks).

The Cubs (24-7-2) managed a split with a 4-1 win in the nightcap, with Brian

Tellish giving up just one run and three hits (by Drew Churchward, Hurtt and Max Kelmigian).

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

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



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

# Renegades win MU tournament

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

The Renegades got to the championship game by defeating the OC Bandits and Detroit Eagles and earning

a 4-4 tie with the Muskrats. The Renegades' only loss in the tournament was to the Great Lakes Eagles. Renegades Manager Dan Smith praised the team's pitching, defense and timely hitting, especially in the championship game.

"We had very few walks in the championship and played

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

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# Demolition to host Sirens in IWFL Western title game

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

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

The two teams, who have seven national titles between them, met previously in the 2006 Western Conference

championship game with the Demolition outlasting the Sirens, 52-20. The winners rode an aggressive and attacking defense in the second half to register the 32-point triumph.

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

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

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

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

BY DAN STICKRADT  
STAFF WRITER

One final tune-up. That's what the Fort Wayne Fever represented for the Michigan Bucks Sunday afternoon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## CYO champions

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

## MICHIGAN BUCKS NOTEBOOK

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Hawks set for playoffs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SAILING

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

### Under the 'Big Mac'

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

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

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

### Giving of his time

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

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**U-9 Eagles soar**

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



**The perfect Storm**

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

**LACROSSE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**HOCKEY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GOLF FOR HOCKEY**

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

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

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

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

Dinner tickets also are available, at \$25 each.

Sponsorship levels vary leading up to the Board of Education Sponsorship (\$300). All sponsors will be recognized at the event; hole sponsorships also are available, but are limited.

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**Horrible Coverage of the British Open**

**LESSON ON GOLF**

By Jeff Lesson

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

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

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

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

Jeff Lesson is a WWJ Sports Anchor/Reporter and host of the award winning feature "Lesson on Golf" on WWJ Newsradio 950 weekend mornings at 5:45, 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45 AND every Saturday morning 7-8 am on 1270 XYT The Sports Station. Don't forget to check out [lessonongolf.com](http://lessonongolf.com) for half off golf at great courses!

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**CAN U KEEP UP?**  
Energetic, petite blonde, 48, 120lbs, 5'2", motherly grown children, employed, good owner, enjoys cycling, sports, baseball, cards, keeping active, dancing, dinners, ISO SM who wants to share fun and friendship. **2211245**

**LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE**  
Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out. Seeking teddy bear type SM, 35-45, race open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok. **2380301**

**LET'S TALK SOMETIME**  
SBFC, 38, 5'6", 120lbs, smoker, loves jazz. Seeking BF, 30-45, smoker, for dining out and movies. For friendship, possible romance. **2152939**

**SINCERE ONLY**  
SBF, 36, feminine, beautiful, sexy, seeks confident, similar lady to share nights on the town, good talks and simple fun. Will be you? Friendship first, possibly more. **2212077**

**HELLO GENTLEMAN**  
SBF, 36, 5'2", 135lbs, looking for SWPM, to hang with, get to know and just have some fun. Interested? **2213418**

**FORMER MODEL**  
SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligent, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share his interests and more. **2600106**

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
WIMF, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. **2198719**

**ONCE IN A LIFETIME**  
SWF, 57, 5'6", attractive, intelligent, romantic, enjoys walks, dancing and singing, seeks a slim to medium build, N/S, gentleman, 48-65, 5'8", for companionship, maybe more. **2175130**

**ROMANTIC EVENINGS**  
SWPF, 53, 120lbs, auburn/brown, enjoys dancing, dining, traveling, antiques and long walks. Would like to meet a SWM, 55-60, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. **2206203**

**LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE**  
SWF, 66, 5'6", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining, seeking a W/M, 65-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. **2207161**

**LOOK OUT I'M COMING**  
Somewhat shy SF, 34, pet owner, works hard but loves to have fun, simple times, good company. Seeking nice SM, to share a little fun and friendship. **2139526**

**LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL**  
Attractive SWF, 50s, 5'7", 125lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially-secure, intelligent DPM, 48-65, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. **2892242**

**TRY ME**  
SBF, 33, 5'6", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, looking for a loving SM, to share talks, good times, shopping, dancing laughter and simple times. **2213013**

**I'LL MAKE U SMILE**  
Loving, open-minded, spontaneous SBF, 18, D/D-free, N/S, no children, looking for SW/H-M, to share friendship, fun times, talks laughs a little romance and see what happens next. **221204**

**PRETTY IN PINK**  
SWF, hard-worker, likes gardening, working-out, movies, music and painting, seeks a SWM, 45-58, honest, caring, with similar interests, for companionship, maybe more. **2212790**

**BIG HEART**  
SWF, 46, 5'5", 160lbs, brown/brown, sincere, enjoys movies, museums, the outdoors, sports, cuddling and walks. ISO SWM, 37-53, for friendship first. **2213860**

**SOULMATE SEARCH**  
Slim, attractive, 57-year-old JF looking for soul mate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. **2589875**

**PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL**  
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-dressed gentleman, 38-50, to share life and enjoy each other's company. **2681247**

**HOPED TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
WIMF, 57, homeowner, independent, a little lonely, dog lover, enjoys quiet times, good talks and togetherness. Seeking a kind man to share these. **2211330**

**HIDDEN TREASURE**  
I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+. **2212790**

**COULD IT BE YOU?**  
SWF, 74, very active, 5'11", brown/brown, loves life, travel, music, festivals, good company, nice walks, scenic drives. Seeking compatible, SM, solid build 4+, who enjoys the same. **2210844**

**A GOOD WOMAN 4 U**  
Laid-back, nice, attractive, 5'11", loves music, movies, bowling, reading by the water, quiet times home. Seeking like-minded lady, feminine and fun-loving, to share friendship and possibly more. **2209055**

**NURSE**  
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **2409879**

**SEEKING SPECIAL GENT**  
DWF, 63, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet a non-smoking WM, 58-70, for possible romance. **2630808**

**TAKE ME GOLPING**  
Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, comradery, 58-70, widower. P.M. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. **2978914**

**POSSIBLE LTR**  
SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. **2953381**

**SEARCHING FOR A MAN...**  
45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old, very bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **2202317**

**SOUND LIKE YOU?**  
SF, 26, fun-loving, enjoys sports, romance and trying new things. Seeking honest, easygoing man to share talks, good times, friendship and fun. **2207859**

**CALL ME SOMETIME**  
Loving, compassionate, romantic lady, 34, enjoys day trips, good talks, togetherness, casinos, time with family. Seeking a loving, respectful, level-headed man to share the good things in life. **2208792**

**MAKE ME LAUGH**  
DWF, 54, 6'0", N/S, outgoing, enjoys comedy, theater, soft rock, dancing, dining, outdoors. ISO tall, D/W/M, like age, good-humored, honest and spontaneous. **2202982**

**CURIOUS AND ADVENTUROUS**  
SWF, 63, blond/blue, hwp, enjoys sincere friendships, good conversations, traveling, dancing and the beach, searching for a SWM, 52-58, with a warm smile and great personality. **2206243**

**SIMPLE REQUEST**  
Are you honest, trustworthy, down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SM, 27-57, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. **2508061**

**SOUND LIKE YOU**  
SWF, 44, easygoing, loves the outdoors, seeks romantic and casual-date man for LTR. **2170340**

**OLD SCHOOL GIRL**  
looking for a old school guy, SBF, 41, has a good sense of humor, N/S, seeks nice guy, for dating and possibly more. **2186572**

**LIFE IS TO SHORT**  
SWF, 41, 5'7", outgoing, fun, enjoys all sports, the outdoors and warm climates, seeking a caring, romantic, honest, handsome SM, 35-70, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. **2189112**

**WANTING A MAN TO LOVE**  
SBF, 35, 5'9", 120lbs, brown complexion, home-owner, independent, goal-oriented, looking for a handsome, kind, respectful, monogamous, ever-tempered SWM, 35-40, medium-dark complexion, available, loving and caring, for loving relationship. **2184313**

**GOOD TIMES**  
Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, D/D-free, in search of SWM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. **2159398**

**MATURE AND SEXY**  
Open-minded, mature, attractive SF, 49, knows when to be serious, but has a sense of humor as well. Live and let live is my policy. ISO understanding, fun-loving good-hearted guy. **2199972**

**SEEKS NEW FRIENDS**  
Tall, sexy, ebony artist, enjoys culture, music, the outdoors, the ocean, bookstores, coffeehouses, biking, sports, searching for a SM, 18-45, who can enjoy the same. **2186785**

**WILD AND SOPHISTICATED**  
Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplift. **40-50, 2214726**

**ARE YOU OUT THERE?**  
Employed, easygoing SBF, 48, mom, pretty smile, golden complexion, brown/brown, attractive, independent, warm-hearted, loves R&B, soul, class, casual wear, concerts, seeking warm-hearted, independent SWM, intelligent and good-humored for companionship, happiness. **2200926**

**CLASSY LADY**  
SBF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SWM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first. **2213250**

**WORTH YOUR CALL**  
SBF, 22, 5'4", light complexion, brown/hazel, dimples, 200lbs, enjoys horror films, hanging with friends. Looking for a nice, smart, compassionate, goal-oriented man to share the good things in life. **2201967**

**SEEKING FRIENDSHIP**  
SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-80, race open. **2134425**

**OUTGOING AND HONEST**  
SBF, 19, 5'10", likes dining, movies and relaxing at home, seeking a SM, 19+, with various interests, let's get together and talk. **2209077**

**QUEEN SEARCHING FOR KING**  
SWF, 23, searching for a SWM, 25-35, outgoing, sensitive, outgoing, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. **2208814**

**LADY IN THE WOODS**  
SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blond/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. **2210247**

**READ THIS AD!**  
SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interests and qualities. **2164114**

**LET'S MEET**  
SBF, curvy, short, pretty, outgoing, self-employed, enjoys bus, SBF, 48-50, who likes concerts, traveling and dining. Let's get together and talk. **2205287**

**CLASSY LADY**  
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-64, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2207254**

**COULD YOU BETHE ONE?**  
Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family, friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. **2121826**

**DO YOU EXIST?**  
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. **2202096**

**LOOKING FOR YOU**  
Attractive SWF, 57, brown/brown, with a loving heart seeking a SWM, christian +, N/S, D/D-free, who enjoys the simple things in life. **2206291**

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
Energetic SBF, 52, N/S, attractive, educated, sociable, 5'7", 170lbs, enjoys movies, reading, concerts, books, dining, travel, trying new things. ISO intelligent, spontaneous, active gentleman, N/S, to share these. Let's talk. **2135617**

**NO DRAMA**  
SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, howling, shooting pool more. ISO a special male, 20-38, with like interests, to share special times. **2172726**

**LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE**  
Attractive, caring SBF, 31, 5'2", likes comedy/suspense movies, dining and having fun, seeking a woman, 25-35, athletic, soft-spoken, for friendship first, possible LTR. **2181458**

**LOOKING FOR SOMEONE**  
SBF, 23, outgoing, I like to have fun, movies, walks, dinner/travel. Seeking a SM, 21-45, to share interests and companionship. **2193225**

**GIRL NEXT DOOR**  
SBF, 22, 5'1", seeking a SM, 18-27, for dinner dates, phone conversations, walks in the park, or just hanging out over a good movie. **2188347**

**ARE YOU MY MATCH?**  
SBF, 29, 5'5", easygoing, laid-back, D/D-free, seeking a SWM, 21-36, honest, caring, for friendship, maybe more. **2188807**

**LET'S TALK**  
SWF, 53, 4'11", likes romantic walks, dining and shopping, seeking a tall, cute SM, 54-58, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. **2180972**

**HOPES IT'S YOU**  
SBM, 30, 5'8", 180lbs, mom, dark complexion, brown eyes, medium length hair, seeks cool, handsome, down-to-earth SM, drama-free and considerate, to share all the good things life offers. **2191375**

**GIRL NEXT DOOR**  
SWF, 22, 5'5", athletic, seeking a SM, 22-35, who likes movies, dining and more. Let's get together. **2192772**

**SENT FROM HEAVEN**  
SBF, 21, loving, caring, kind, compassionate, generous, attractive, honest, seeking a SM, 25-72, with similar qualities, to spend some time with, to go to dinner or the movies. **2201386**

**THE GOOD LIFE**  
SBF, 25, 5'7", seeking a SBF, 20-36, who enjoys the simple things in life, to hang out with, go out to the movies, shopping or walks in the park. **2188894**

**HOW ARE YOU?**  
SBF, 28, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy who sees life to share a little happiness. **2200770**

**GET TO KNOW ME**  
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SWM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **2983760**

**SEEKING MR. RIGHT**  
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SWM, 45-60, I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? **2955794**

**VERY CUTE**  
SBF, 58, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **2113108**

**READY FOR A FRESH START?**  
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, many qualities. **2202549**

**I NEED A LOVE**  
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **2568059**

## MEN SEEKING WOMEN

**NEW TO AREA**  
SWM, 38, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. **2140680**

**A GOOD HEART**  
Easygoing, honest, simple man, 37, 6', 200lbs, healthy, loves sports, romance, snuggling. Looking to meet a kind-hearted, commitment-minded woman, curvy 4+, to share companionship, laughter, possible LTR. **2202503**

**SOMEONE LIKE YOU**  
Spontaneous, fun SWM, 40, medium build, enjoys lively conversations and humor, seeking a good-natured SWF, 29-49, for casual dating and friendship. **2212924**

## FRIENDLY BLACK MAN

SBM, 46, brown-skinned, Leo, N/S, N/D, respectful, honest, sociable, likes cooking, plays, movies, seeks woman, 20-60, friendship, hopefully more. **2114530**

**A SPECIAL GUY**  
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wise man of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2269646**

**ARE YOU MY LADY?**  
SBM, 54, N/S, loves R&B, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special. Seeking a loving lady, medium build/full-figured, to share all life's simple pleasures. **2210024**

**VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE**  
Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. **2777324**

**THE REAL DEAL**  
SWM, 59, handsome, N/S, blond/blue, 5' 9", 165lbs, Catholic, down to earth, easygoing, seeks WF, 42-65, N/S, physically fit, with classy and style. **2134098**

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
Attractive SWPM, 68, sensitive, easygoing, a good listener, good-humored and fun, enjoys travel, sports, music, good food. Seeking romance with shapely, like-minded SBF, someone to share/explore life with. **2761588**

**READY WITH A SMILE**  
Cute Italian male, 55, 6'2", 240lbs, N/S, shaved head/glasses, loves photography, comedy shows and making people laugh. Seeking a SWF, 40-55, N/S, to make her smile. **2165658**

**ENJOYS GOING TO CHURCH**  
SBM, 28, 6', 173lbs, N/D, N/Kids, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, Mexican food, shyness, seeks SBF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. **2960453**

**BACK IN MICHIGAN AGAIN**  
SM, 55, Looking forward to re-discovering Michigan, and would love to have some company! I'm an educator, involved in theater who loves reading, quality conversation, and/or just listening. **2223276**

**NICE GUYS DO EXIST**  
SBM, 61, 250lbs, likes walks on the beach, casinos and movies. Searching for a H/WF, 44, 4'11", attractive, caring. **2212428**

**WORTH A CALL**  
SBM, 28, 5'8", 150lbs, enjoys home-cooking, Italian food, time with friends, good company, music, and more. Seeking a nice, open-minded SF to share the good times. **2213010**

**WORTH A CALL**  
Simple, easygoing SW, likes sports, looking for a nice lady to share. **2212891**

**NEW TO LAFAYETTE**  
SM, 31, new to area, family-oriented, committed-minded, loves quiet times, good company, likes simple pleasures. Seeking a loving, like-minded woman to share a little happiness. **2223882**

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
SBM, 44, 5'8", 150lbs, happy, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunbathing, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. **2151943**

**HANDSOMELY HUMBLE**  
SBPM, 43, 5'11", 215lbs, H/W proportionate, looking for a nice lady to share. Professional SF, 30-45, N/S, for LTR. **2578139**

**HOW ABOUT ME?**  
Loving, sociable, employed SM, 48, 5'9", 210lbs, dark complexion, well-groomed, D/D-free, seeking lady who is fun, outgoing, and a special lady I can treat like a queen. **2210000**

**LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT**  
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**CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY**  
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**TALL, ATHLETIC**  
SWM, 47, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, basketball, disorganized, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. **2531308**

**SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED**  
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely independent and know what you want in life. **2592418**

**TRY THIS ONE**  
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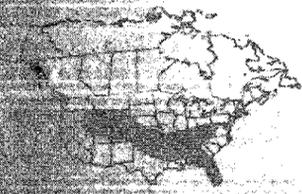
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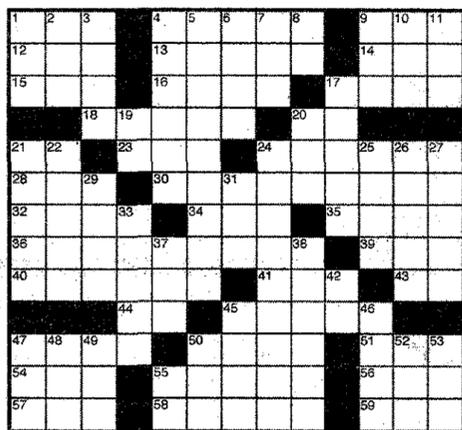
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- Non-verbal OK
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2		9		3		7	6	
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1	3		6	7				5
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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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|-----------|--------|-------------|
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2	6	4	2	9	8	1	8	9
8	9	1	2	9	7	1	8	4
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# ROLES BLUR IN FLUID WORKPLACE



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

Your title may remain the same, but you probably work outside of your job description. Recent research pinpoints a problem from the manager's standpoint. Let's look at it from that of the employee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

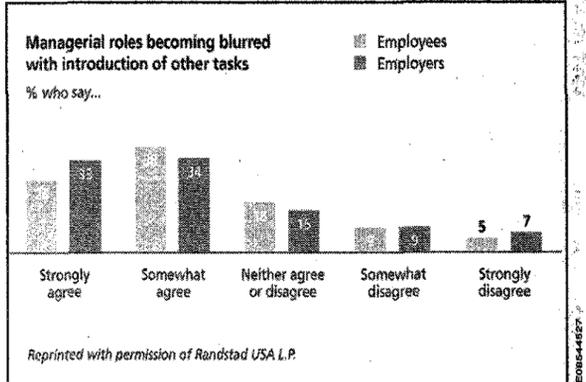
So do you jump in to save the day or your job? Do you hang back and risk all? Don't let "It's not in my job description" become your mantra. Get formal cross-training and formal education. If your employer won't help you, show him the door.

(Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2007 Passage Media.)



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

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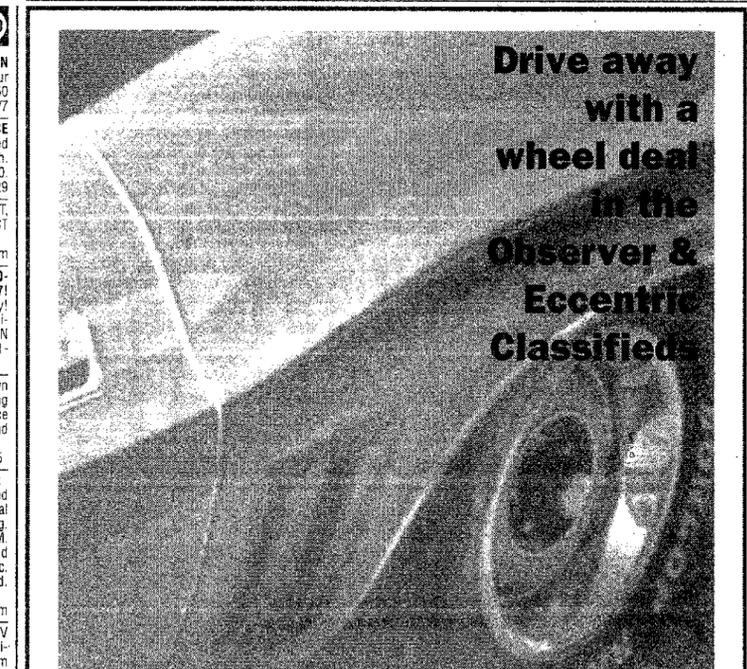
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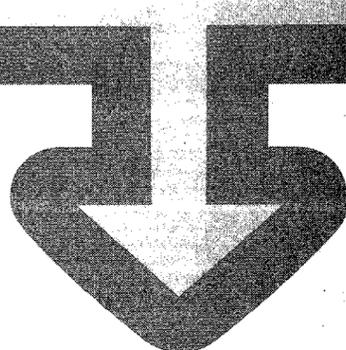
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