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Ten-year-old Gage Gansen (left) and his brother, 7-year-old Richard Passino, take a ride down the Super Slide at the Westland Summer Festival.

Suspect sought for assaulting woman in Hines Park

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland police on Wednesday afternoon released a composite sketch of a suspect accused of luring an 18-year-old woman to a wooded area of Hines Park after posing as a photographer and offering to pay her for modeling for him.

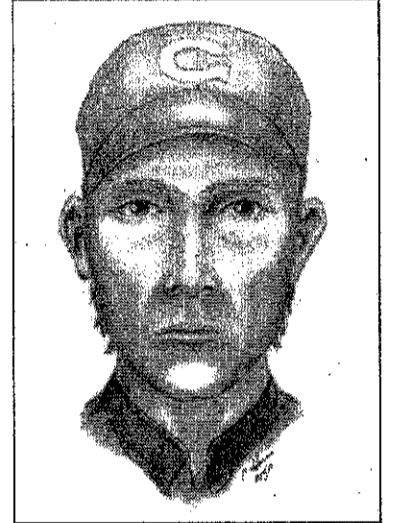
The victim, who escaped with minor injuries after she was assaulted, described the suspect as a 5-foot-11, 155-pound, clean-shaven white male with blond or light brown hair. He had yellowed, crooked teeth and was last seen wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved dress shirt, dark slacks and a Green Bay Packers cap with a large "G" on the front.

The suspect was last seen driving a light blue minivan, possibly a Kia Sedona. Anyone with information is urged to call Westland police at (734) 721-6311 or (734) 722-9600.

The incident ended around 2 p.m. Saturday, two days after it began unfolding while the victim and two 18-year-old males were walking on Grand Traverse near Akron Court in the city's Norwayne neighborhood, police Lt. Dan Karrick said. The suspect drove by, asked for directions and then struck up a conversation about having the teens model for him.

After exchanging phone numbers, the suspect and the female teen had conversations until they arranged for her grandfather to drive her on Saturday to the parking lot of the Bob Evans restaurant in Romulus, near Metro Detroit Airport, Karrick said. The meeting then shifted to a nearby Marriott Hotel, and police said the grandfather appeared to believe the man, in part because he had produced a contract while posing as a legitimate photographer.

The grandfather, described as in his 60s, then left the victim with the suspect and indicated



Westland police need help identifying this suspect, who lured a woman to a wooded area of Hines Park.

he would pick her up later. The young woman and the suspect left the hotel and drove into Westland, stopping at several locations to take pictures before arriving at the Kroger parking lot on the northeast corner of Middlebelt and Warren, Karrick said.

"They walked down into a wooded area of the park" on the pretense of a photo shoot, he said.

The man then tried to get the teen to take off her clothes, assaulted her though not sexually, and bound her wrists with plastic restraints known as zip ties, Karrick said. The teen screamed after she thought she heard someone, the lieutenant said, and the attacker apparently panicked and freed her by using a cigarette to burn off the zip ties. He then fled the park, and the young woman went to Kroger for help.

The victim escaped with minor cuts and bruising.

Authorities aren't sure whether the suspect is a local man, but Deputy Police Chief Gary Sikorski said that "he seemed to know the north end of our city very well."

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Everything was 'smooth' for summer festival

Westland does love a parade. And fireworks. And entertainers. And racing pigs. And baby contests.

In short, Westland loves its summer festival — and this year's was no exception.

Residents and city leaders, alike, commended the festival committee for pulling off another successful five-day event that ended Sunday night

with a fireworks show near the city government complex, on Ford east of Newburgh.

"Everything went smooth," Police Chief James Ridener said.

Other than a few arrests for fights and disorderly people, large crowds of people milled around peacefully, hopped on midway rides, savored festival food and relished a weekend

of perfect weather — enjoying a little hometown life without spending a small fortune to get away for the holiday.

Fire Chief Michael Reddy also reported no major incidents related to the festival or the Fourth of July holiday.

"It was a pretty quiet weekend," he said.

Godbout: District deserves fair shake

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In his bid to clinch a Wayne County Commission seat, veteran Westland city leader James Godbout believes that his experience, his knowledge of issues, his leadership skills and his dedication to securing a "fair share" for the 12th District have made him the leading candidate.



Godbout

"We need to have better repre-

sentation down at the county level," he said.

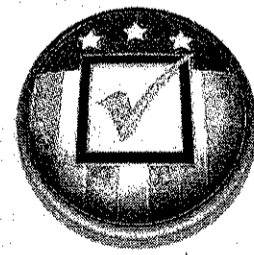
Godbout, 54, cited attention to local parks, the county's budget problems, shoddy roads, mass transit needs, the foreclosure crisis and lagging technology as issues he wants to address if he's elected to the 12th District seat, which represents Westland, Inkster and south Livonia.

Still, Godbout also recognizes the need to trim wasteful spending, streamline job duties through attrition if possible, negotiate with unions to cut health-care costs, and

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12th Commission District

The Observer continues its profiles of two more Democratic candidates seeking the 12th District Wayne County Commission seat, which represents Westland, Inkster and south Livonia.



The series will conclude with two Republicans. Party nominees will be chosen in the Aug. 5 primary to compete in the Nov. 4 general election. The overall winner will get a two-year term. The job pays \$68,411 a year.

Citkowski cites experience, work ethic

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Saying he has a selfless attitude and a tireless work ethic, Wayne County Commission hopeful Paul Citkowski cited senior citizen services, environmental issues and public safety as top priorities in his bid for the 12th District seat.



Citkowski

Citkowski, a 54-year-old Westland resident, also touted his experience as a former

southwest Detroit resident who served three two-year terms on the commission ending in 1983. County charter changes, which he supported, realigned the political system and led to fewer, larger districts.

"I consider myself to be a credible candidate," said Citkowski, a truck driver and part-time custodian.

Citkowski is one of eight Democrats competing for their party's nomination in the Aug. 5 primary. Two Republicans also are on the primary ballot in the 12th District, which includes Westland,

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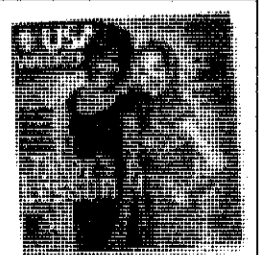
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Coming Sunday:

Morning TV's hot new duo, Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb, give pointers on starting a job.

Angry Westland residents lash out at council over development

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amid threats of a recall campaign, angry Westland residents lashed out anew Monday at city leaders who voted for a north-end development, accusing them of favoring a project proposed by a businessman who has a history of contributing to political campaigns.

"It might not be illegal," resident Charles Grantham said during a City Council meeting, "but it's definitely questionable what you guys are doing up here."

Residents of Gray and Ravine streets accused council

members James Godbout, Bill Johnson, Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves of ignoring their concerns, and they threatened political retaliation for a June 16 vote favoring a proposal by developer Glenn Shaw Jr.

"We put you here — all of you — and we will take you out (with a) recall," Grantham said, adding that Godbout and Mayor William Wild also have ties to Shaw through their involvement with the non-profit Westland Community Foundation, which raises money for The Salvation Army, student scholarships and other charitable causes.

Some residents implied

that Shaw had the four votes he needed — even before the June 16 meeting — for a senior citizen village he plans to build next to Sts. Helen and Constantine Church, on Joy east of Newburgh. Shaw cleared two hurdles — a rezoning from single-family to a planned unit development, and a preliminary site plan allowing 54 stand-alone homes, 20 duplex condominiums and a 147-unit, three-story apartment building with amenities such as a hair salon, theater and restaurant.

"This seems to be done in the background and put in front of us for show," Gray Street resi-

dent Rose Rembisz said. Shaw has said he simply wants to build a senior village where older residents can live and have many of their needs met without leaving home. But critics have charged that the high-density development, particularly the three-story building, doesn't fit in with their neighborhood. Council members Cheryl Graunstadt, Charles Pickering and Robert Stottlemeyer opposed Shaw's plans. Mayor Wild said Shaw's project would amount to a \$35 million investment in the city — one that would bring in tax revenues amid tough

economic times. He called the city's support "a hard decision" but reminded residents that officials are elected not by one neighborhood, but by voters citywide. Resident Bill Brownell suggested Shaw should reduce the apartment building to two floors and build half of the first floor below ground level. Wild said he will arrange a meeting with Shaw to discuss Brownell's proposal. Some council members bristled at allegations that they acted improperly. Councilman Johnson denied meeting with Shaw to discuss the project prior to his vote, and Reeves

said his vote wasn't bought. "I have never taken a bribe ..." Reeves said, dismissing what he called "conjecture and innuendo" by residents. Graunstadt commended residents for fighting for their neighborhood, noting that none of them voiced support Monday for Shaw's plans. "I humbly admire your passion, because this is your home," she said. Pickering noted that final approval for Shaw's plan still is pending. However, he said the council has "locked into the concept" with its prior votes.

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Candidate forum is tonight in Livonia

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will be sponsoring a candidates' forum for those running for Wayne County Commissioner representing the 12th District, which represents Westland, Inkster and south Livonia, in the Aug. 5 primary election. This primary will trim the field of eight Democrats

and two Republicans to one from each party. The forum will be held 7-9 p.m. Thursday in the Livonia City Hall auditorium, 33000 Civic Center Drive, just southeast of the intersection of Farmington and Five Mile roads. The public is encouraged to attend and learn about the candidates.

Free bowling

Active military personnel are invited to celebrate Patriot's Week with free bowling July 7-12 at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road. Call (734) 722-7570 for time availability.

Summer concert

The Westland Cultural Society's free summer concert series will continue at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 29, with the Waco Country Band with Dean Stacy performing in the performance pavilion behind the Westland public library on Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs.

Preschool visit

McKinley Co-op Preschool will have an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 12. It is currently enrolling for the 2008-9 school year for morning and afternoon classes for children ages 2 to 5. Those who register at or before the open house will receive \$10 off. The preschool is located at 6500 Wayne Road at Hunter. For more information go online to www.mckinleypreschool.org or call (734) 729-7222.

Foundation fund-raiser

The Westland Community Foundation will sponsor a Christmas in July fund-raiser

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as part of the Meals on Wheels program. The route can be done in approximately 45 minutes, and mileage is paid to the driver. Half the route is a senior high-rise lobby drop-off, the other consists of a condo route.

For more information, call Barbara Ramseur at (734) 722-7632 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bible school

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will hold a vacation Bible school 5:30-8 p.m. July 14-18 at the church at 29425 Annapolis, Westland. The church also holds a community forum from 7-8:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

Legislative briefing

Wayne County Commissioner Ronaele Bowman, D-Westland, is hosting two Legislative Briefings and Community Ice Cream Socials for residents of county's 12th Commission District, which includes Inkster, Westland and the southern portion of Livonia.

The first briefing will be held 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, from at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland. The second briefing will be held 1:30-3:30 p.m. Friday, July 18, at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Center, 2025 Middlebelt, Inkster.

Bowman will provide an update on Wayne County's legislative agenda, which includes budget deliberations that are currently taking place. Joining her for presentations will be Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz, and Kevin Kelley,

director of the county's senior citizens and veterans affairs department.

The event is free and is open to the public. To sign up for the event, call Bowman's office at (313) 224-0902 by July 14.

Community cookout

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior holds a community cookout from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at the church at 29425 Annapolis, Westland. The church also holds a community forum from 7-8:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

YWCA enrollment

The YWCA of Western Wayne County's preschool programs are now accepting registration for the fall.

The YWCA offers quality programs to children 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs also are available. Children learn valuable skills needed for future socialization and educational growth.

For more information on these programs, or to enroll a child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

Golf outing

John Glenn High School's wrestling program will have its 11th annual golf outing fund-raiser on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Warren Valley Golf Course. Cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn, and dinner. Please contact Judy at judy@glennrestling.com or (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. More information also is available at www.glennrestling.com.

Bound for Olympics

The Westland Parks and Recreation Department's Westland Stars is inviting dance teams, studios and community recreation dancers to join them in competing in the dance division of this summer's Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games. The event is open to teams and individuals in standard dance — jazz, tap, ballet, lyrical hip hop, etc. ballroom/swing, and clogging. The AAU Junior Olympic Games will take place July 23-Aug. 2 in the metro Detroit area. The dance event will be held at the Allen Park Performing Arts Center July 28-30. Information can be found at www.aausports.org.

Second annual Vet Fest Saturday

It might not be as large as the four-day Rothbury music festival that rocked Michigan this month, but organizers still hope to succeed with a 13-hour concert Saturday in Westland to benefit a war veterans organization.

The second annual Michigan Vet Fest will start at noon Saturday at the VFW Bova Post 9885, on Hix south of Warren, on Westland's northwest side. Billed as a family event, cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3 to 12, and free for children 2 and younger.

The concert will benefit Veterans Haven, a nonprofit organization that assists veterans with everything from shelter to job-hunting skills.

According to a flier for the event, performing artists will include Xavier Rowe, Doc Killian, Gorilla Sanchez, The Outlaw Social Club, Russ Barnett, The Lemon James Band, The James Conway Project, Arlen (formerly of Salem Witchcraft), April Gibson, Romeo's Festival, The Southern Steel Band, Johni Dee & the Mystery Train, The Pat Zelenka Project, Sweet Crystal, Trisha D and Cry Eloise. There will be a special appearance by Desperado's Dance Team.

The event also will include a classic and custom car and motorcycle show. For more information, visit www.infocrazyworld.com or www.myspace.com/vetfest.



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By John Whitehead, Media Services

BioTech Research has announced EdenPURE™, the ultimate air purifier.

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Unlike typical air purifiers which have only 1 or 2 mechanisms of reducing pollution, the EdenPURE™ has 4 mechanisms which attack pollution.

There are many different types of pollution and many of them, especially the worst, cannot be effectively reduced with the limited mechanisms of old-style air purifiers. The EdenPURE™ 4-mechanism process destroys more types of pollution.

Some of the worst pollution comes from contaminated surfaces and fabrics. This remarkable air purifier not only attacks pollution from the air, but can also safely reduce pollution embedded in walls, ceilings, floors, carpets, furniture, clothing, and on countertops, as well as, other surfaces. It works to sanitize everything in the home.

The EdenPURE™ can bring relief from the symptoms associated with sinus, and other respiratory discomfort. When pollutants are removed from the air you should sleep better, and feel better in a cleaner environment. The result is reduced fatigue and improved mental abilities.

The air purification technology in the EdenPURE™ is that used by the federal government to purify air in the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station.

Old style HEPA type air purifiers only remove dust and some allergens. They do not remove the most harmful pollutants such as bacteria, viruses, mold and yeast.

And if you have one of those air purifiers that has no fan, beware. More will be explained on this as you read on.

The EdenPURE™ has a super advanced system of air movement that is so quiet that you would have to put your ear up next to it to know that it's even running. And the EdenPURE™ is virtually maintenance free.

For more on the new EdenPURE™, here is my remarkable interview with Julius Toth, Director of Product Development for BioTech Research.

Q. BioTech Research has been in the air purification business for a long time and your previous air purifier model was the all-time best seller and was super effective. Why is the new EdenPURE™ air purifier so much better?

A. Yes, our previous model was an all-time best seller and in our opinion was the best air purifier on the market, which was also the opinion of our customers.

But the new EdenPURE™ is much more advanced. Our previous model used 2 very effective mechanisms to eliminate pollution, which were combinations of activated oxygen and ultraviolet light.

The EdenPURE™ utilizes 4 advanced electronic air purification mechanisms. I call it the EdenPURE™ process.

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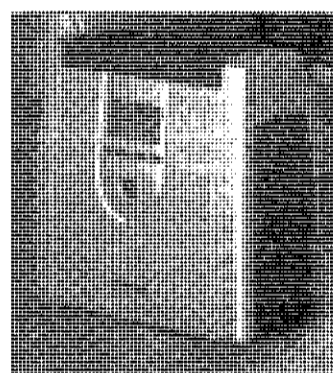


Testimonies of a few of the many EdenPURE™ satisfied customers

The EdenPURE™ is the most remarkable product that I have tried in years. All of the claims hold true. Not only did it eliminate the dust in my house, I have not had a sinus headache or scratchy throat since I began using it. The whole house smells fresh and clean. You would never be able to tell that I have two dogs and a cat. It is also nice not to have to bother changing filters. You just plug it in, turn it on and forget about it. It is truly refreshing to use a product that does everything that it is supposed to do and more. *Michelle Goldsmith*

The EdenPURE™ that I used in my apartment for approximately a week was different than any air purifier that I have tried. Everyone was able to take deeper breathes than normal in the apartment. My cats now stay in the room more when someone is smoking. They would not before. My boyfriend's allergies were unnoticeable when he was inside. I personally like the fresh smell the EdenPURE™ let off. *Jenny Kico*

I have terrible sinus problems. I'm also allergic to dog and cat dander, grass, dust, and ragweed. Before using the EdenPURE™ I had to take antihistamines and use allergy/sinus nasal spray. I was embarrassed because my eyes were red and I always sounded like I had a cold. I then got the amazing EdenPURE™. I plugged in the EdenPURE™ and went about my daily duties when I suddenly noticed I wasn't coughing or wheezing or clearing my throat. This was incredible. The EdenPURE™ really works! I am so happy. My eyes are clear and I can breathe. I've tried many other air purifiers, they're all in my storage room with other failed products. The EdenPURE™ truly does what it claims to do. *Diane C. Vance*



The EdenPURE™ Area Model

in the EdenPURE™ is that used in spacecrafts such as the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station.

Q. Why is it that you just can't have a good filter system to eliminate air pollution?

A. There are many reasons. First of all, a lot of the most powerful pollutants such as viruses and bacteria and a number of allergens are so small, filters cannot trap them effectively. HEPA filter type air purifiers mainly remove dust and some allergens.

Secondly, filter air purifiers require the air to be brought through the machine. Therefore, it does not get to the air in the far corners of the room. And worse it does not eliminate the main source of the pollution which is contamination on surfaces, and embedded pollution in fabric and walls.

Q. What about those air purifiers that have no fan?

A. It has been well documented that an air purifier without a fan cannot possibly remove pollution to any substantial level. Those types mainly remove pollution that is very close to the unit. That's fine if you're purifying the air in a broom closet, but not for a wide area. Also, those units have you wiping off a plate to clean off the trapped pollution. But unless those units have ultraviolet light, that plate con-

tains live bacteria and viruses that can be harmful.

Q. How does the EdenPURE™ eliminate pollution without requiring the air to go through the unit, and how does it eliminate pollution on surfaces and fabrics?

A. The EdenPURE™ has 4 electronic mechanisms to attack pollution that mimic the way it is done by nature's thunderstorm. Thunderstorms produce highly activated oxygen which destroys pollution and puts negative ions in the air that also destroy pollution. The air is now ionized fresh and free of the most irritating pollutants, which promotes a healthier environment.

Three of the 4 electronic mechanisms in the EdenPURE™ go out and seek out pollution throughout the room, on surfaces, and in fabrics like guided missiles. The pollution cannot hide.

Q. What is the range of pollutants that the EdenPURE™ takes out of the air?

A. It removes nearly all airborne and surface organic and inorganic pollutants.

Organic pollutants removed by the EdenPURE™ include: fungus, mold, bacteria, tobacco odor, pet odors and most other household odors. It can also kill viruses.

The EdenPURE™ removes inorganic pollutants including dust and many other chemical compounds present in the home too numerous to mention here.

The Wall Street Journal recently reported that there is 5 times more air pollution in a house than there is in the open air outside the house. Everyday you breathe all these pollutants into your lungs and many go into your body.

Q. Does the EdenPURE™ require filter replacement like the old-style HEPA air purifiers?

A. No. There is a small 4

inch by 8 inch pre-filter that you simply clean periodically by running water over it. This pre-filter is made of highly durable mesh that will last a lifetime.

Q. So then the EdenPURE™ sanitizes everything in the house?

A. It works to sanitize the air, walls, floors, ceiling, furniture, carpeting, countertop surfaces, sinks, bathtubs, toilets, and even sanitizes your clothes.

Q. How well does the EdenPURE™ work on eliminating odors?

A. The EdenPURE™ will work to eliminate all odors. It eliminates odors from cigarette smoke, urine, mildew, cooking odors, and any other odors in your home. The EdenPURE™ odor elimination is so powerful that it will eliminate the odor of a skunk in minutes.

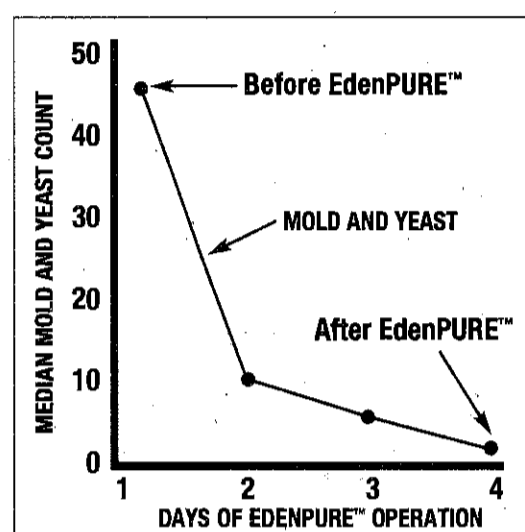
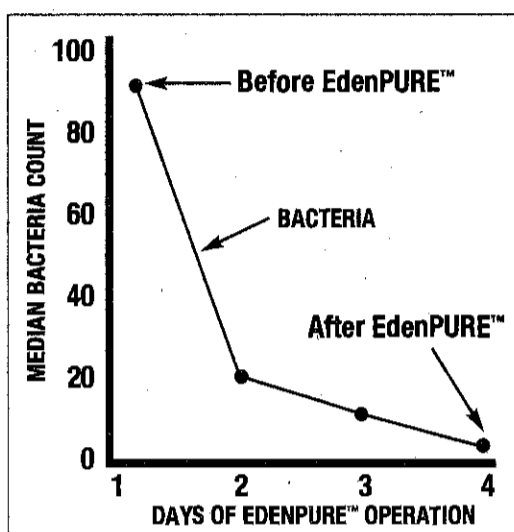
After eliminating the odor from the air, the EdenPURE™ then goes to the source of the odor. It neutralizes embedded urine in carpet, and cigarette smoke that is embedded in carpet, furniture, wallpaper, and clothing. It also destroys mold and yeast.

Q. What are the health benefits to the EdenPURE™?

A. There are many. The EdenPURE™ will help relieve allergies, asthma and other respiratory problems. It also introduces extra oxygen into the air and puts healthy negative ions into the air. Therefore you will tend to sleep better at night. As a result you will be much more alert and experience less fatigue when you are awake.

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End of interview.

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2007 Report to Consumers on Water Quality

Westland is proud of the fine drinking water it receives from the City of Detroit and furnishes to the residents. This report will list the source of our water, the results of the tests performed on the water, and additional information about water and health questions. State and federal requirements mandate that an annual report be sent to Westland customers before July 1 each year. This is our eleventh report.

Water Source

Westland is supplied by the City of Detroit from its Springwells Water Treatment Plant in Dearborn. The water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, and Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a six-tiered scale, from very low to high, based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes was determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

Public Notice Sewage Disposal System Event

Any person or claimant who experiences an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system that is under the jurisdiction and control of the City of Westland should immediately contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service Director, Kevin Buford, at the following address and telephone number:

City of Westland
Department of Public Service
37137 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 728-1770

Important Health Information

Overview

The City of Westland maintains over 325 miles of water main, over 2900 hydrants and over 6000 valves in our system. We have flushed the water mains in one section of the city this year, covering the neighborhoods in the area of Merriman to Inkster and Annapolis to Van Born. This is done to remove buildup from the water main and improve pressure and quality of the water you receive. We will be doing other sections of the City of Westland in 2008 as the weather permits, working through the city on a continual basis. We are also

operating and repairing the valves for isolating the water throughout the city to insure proper operation of the valves in an emergency.

Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Westland is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a disease-causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals, including dogs and cats. Symptoms of infection include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, headaches, nausea and vomiting. The disease is typically spread through contact with feces of an infected animal or person or consuming contaminated food or water. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface water runoff containing animal waste and sewage discharge. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has been testing for cryptosporidium since 1994 and has not detected it in any of our source water supplies.

People with Special Health Concerns

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants, can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance

In 2007, the City of Westland had no monitoring violations. A monitoring violation is not an exceedance of a MCL or health standard.

The Department of Public Service Water and Sewer Superintendent prepared this report for the City of Westland. Data was supplied by the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. If there are any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service at 734-728-1770. This report is supplied to our customers to ensure compliance with the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976, PA 399, as amended) by 1998 PA 56. This Act was passed to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act and the rules promulgated by the United States EPA dealing with this law. Water quality data for community water

systems throughout the United States is available at www.waterdata.com.

Additional Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- ⊘ Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- ⊘ Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- ⊘ Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- ⊘ Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- ⊘ Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or by the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIREMENT: Furthermore, compliance with Public Act 222 of 2001, an amendment to Michigan's Governmental Immunity Statute 1964 PA 170, as amended MCL 691.1401 to 691.1419, requires that a claimant who wishes to seek compensation for property damage or physical injury resulting from a sewage disposal system event notify the City of Westland, Water and Sewer Superintendent, in writing, within 45 days after the date the damage or physical injury was discovered, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have been discovered. The written notice shall contain the claimant's name, address and telephone number, the address of the affected property, the date of discovery of any property damages or physical injuries, and a brief description of the claim. Failure to comply with the notice requirements may prevent the recovery of damages and bar any claim that a claimant may have.

**SPRINGWELLS WATER TREATMENT PLANT
2007 REGULATED DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLES**

Contaminant	Test Dates	Units	Health Goal MCLC	MCLC Allowed Level	MCL Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water Inorganic Chemicals
Fluoride	8/8/2007	ppm	440.920	n/a	No erosion natural deposits	Water additive, which promotes		Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	8/8/2007	ppm	10100.21	n/a	No Runoff from fertilizer use	Leaching from septic tanks, sewage;		Erosion of Natural Deposits
Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb - Nov 2007	ppb	n/a	80	20.4	7.5-43.4	No	By product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb - Nov 2007	ppb	n/a	60	12.9	4.9-19.0	No	By product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant Chlorine	Jan - Nov 2007	ppm	MRLGL 4	MROL 4	0.67	0.61-0.72	No	Water additive used to control microbes

2007 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap

Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.21 NTU	100%	No	Soil Runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

2007 Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month - 0	No	Naturally present in the environment
E.coli or fecal	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive	entire year - 0	No	Human waste and animal fecal easte

2005 Lead And Copper Monitoring At Customers' Tap

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLC	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value	Number of Samples Oversall	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2005	ppb	0	15	0 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2005	ppb	13	13	54	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running Annual Average
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

2007 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source Of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.65	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

KEY TO DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLES

Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
ppb	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Halooacetic acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
n/a	Not applicable	



Westland firefighter Anthony Pizzini hoses down the crowd.



Eight-year-old Michael Seves, of Westland, looks like he's doing the backstroke.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mud Day 2008 a dirty delight for children

They slithered, slid and slogged through great gobs of goopy mud. They caked their bodies from tangled hair to crusty toes.

And the best part of all for the hundred of kids who descended on Nankin Mills Park on Hines Drive, it was OK with Mom and Dad.

Tuesday was Mud Day in Wayne County. The Wayne County Parks and Recreation

Department, with the able assistance of the Westland Fire Department, turned 20,000 gallons of water and 200 tons of top soil into a wonderful mess, every child's dream playground.

Noah Backelandt, 9, of Livonia, and Marissa Johnson, 14, of Van Buren Township were crowned Mr. and Mrs. Mud.

As these pictures show, the kids were dirty and delighted.



Seth Blair's mom, Chris Blair, says "He's had enough of the mud." The 22-month-old Seth takes a lunch break.



Somebody brought boots in a futile attempt to stay clean.



Mud, and lots of it, drew a big crowd to Hines Park Mud Day.



Marc Baranski, of Garden City, photographs his muddy kids.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open house
McKinley Cooperative Preschool is holding an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 12, for interested parents. The preschool offers morning and afternoon programs for children ages 2-5, including "Fun Fridays with Your Toddler," a mom and tot class for two-year-olds. The preschool is located at 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter in Westland. For more information, call (734) 729-7222 or visit the Web site at www.mckinleypreschool.org.

Peace Camp for Kids
Kirk of Our Savior Peace Camp takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24 (lunch will be served). The camp is open to children of all ages and religious backgrounds. Spend a few hours learning to work together in order to achieve success. Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jenny at 313-532-4310.

Citizens for Peace
The Livonia-based Citizens for Peace, which covers the entire 11th District, invites residents the chance to join in study-discussion groups on the topic, Beyond War, during its June and July meetings. Using a study guide, the topic will be discussed in four group sessions each meeting. The June meeting will include social change; how to talk to people who think war is a good idea or inevitable; war is obsolete; and the concept that we all live on one planet. In July, the topics focus on alternatives to war, such as nonviolent conflict resolution processes and appropriate humanitarian foreign aid; international law and cooperation between nations; practical experience about what people and nations can do instead of war; and applying effective advocacy. Citizens for Peace meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Unity of Livonia, on Five mile road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. A small donation is requested for the use of the church facilities. For details, call Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079.

Get on the ball. Read today's SPORTS coverage!

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Westland will hold its public accuracy test on the ES&S M-100 voting equipment for the August 5, 2008 Primary Election on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Eileen DeHart, CMC
Westland City Clerk

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Oraneco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 36001 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185-6591 (734)729-7095 on 7/31/08 at 10:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:
3150 - David Valind - Couch, Table, 5 Bags
3190 - Keith Judkins - Dresser, Table, Mattress
4166 - Chiquita Whitfield - Headboard, TV, Microwave
5056 - Claire Joslin - Wardrobe, Speakers, Couch
5094 - Barry Price Jr - Golf Clubs, 10 Boxes, Chair
5120 - Jeremy R Semeniuk - Bunkbed, Washer, Dryer
5140 - Charletta D Gates - Aquarium, Fan, Clothing

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On July 15, 2008, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Year	Make	Body Style	Color	VIN
2005	Suzuki	Dunlop 90/Motorcycle	Yellow	LMIRD16C451101955
1992	Chevy	S-10/Pickup	Black	1GCCS14R7N8204146
1996	Dodge	Intrepid/4Dr.	White	2B3HD56F6TH117468
1991	Nissan	Sentra/4Dr.	Red	1N4EB31B9MC757832
1990	Geo	Tracker/2Dr.	Blue	2CNBJ18U6L6213884
1992	Lexus	Lexus/4 Dr.	White	JT8VK13TON0057123
1996	Chevy	Monte Carlo/2Dr.	White	2G1WW12MXT9228072
1994	Ford	F-150 Pickup	Green	1FTEF15Y2RLA11778
1999	Ford	Escort/2 Dr.	Red	3FAKP1137XR105475
1993	Buick	Century/SW	Gold	1G4AG85N2P6421207

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after August 9, 2008 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

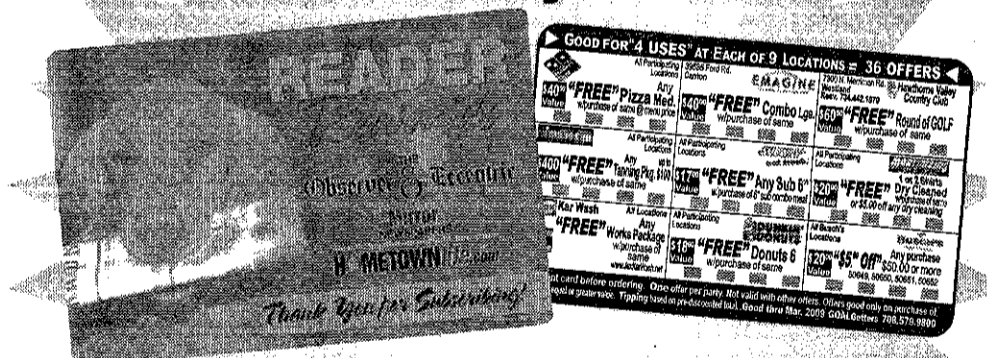
Year	Make	Body Style	Color	VIN
1974	Searay	Boat/18 Ft.	Yellow	SERM5941M74J

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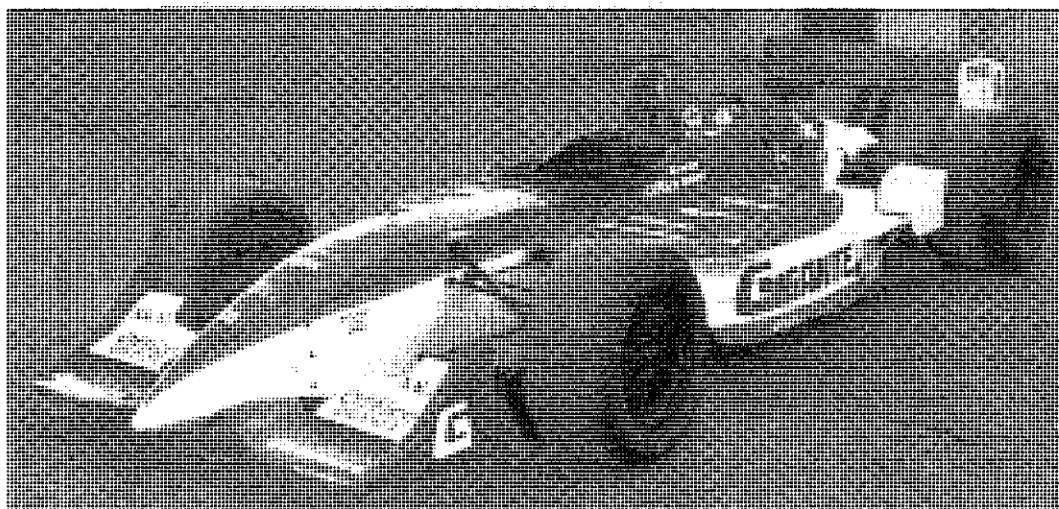
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RELIGION CALENDAR



Running the Right Race

Kids are welcome to climb up and get their photo taken on this Team Rahal Indy car, which will help illustrate "Finding the Finish Line," a sermon by Pastor Herschel Ele, 10 a.m. Sunday, July 20 at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road. Call (734) 421-6913.

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

Summer music ministry
Thursday, July 10 (Sci Ridge Brass Quintet), dinner at 6 p.m. for \$6, concert 7 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Hymn sings Aug. 10, Sept. 7. Family Choir all ages invited to sing at 9 a.m. rehearsal and then morning service July 27, Aug. 24, and Sept. 7. All are welcome.

Neighborhood Bible time
Continues 6-9 p.m. to Friday, July 11, summer youth crusade for all children and teenagers, at Grace Baptist Church, 28440 Lyndon, north of I-96, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-6215.

Moms wanted
Tables available to rent for \$20 for Mom 2 Mom sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer Road, Westland. Call Debbie at (734) 891-8693.

Rummage sale
9 a.m.-2 p.m. July 10-12, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Sprout time
Preschoolers and Toddlers ages 1 to Pre-K and their parent are invited to join Bell Creek Community Church for bible stories, music, crafts 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 10 and 17, at McKinley Elementary School, 9101 Hillcrest, Livonia. Bring a lunch and have fun. For information, call (734) 425-1174 or e-mail jen@bell-creek.org.

Prophecy seminar
Learn how to interpret Bible prophecy, who the Antichrist is and how to be ready when Jesus comes at a seminar 7 p.m. Friday, July 11, at Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist Church's Junior Academy Auditorium, 15585 Haggerty, Plymouth. Seminars occur Friday, Saturday, Monday and Wednesday nights until Aug. 16.

Rummage sale
9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, July 11, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Rd., Livonia.

Bethany Suburban West
Fireworks at Heritage Park in Taylor Friday, July 11. For details, call Elsie at (313) 563-1142.

Jesus kids concert
Starring Rob Evans, The Donut Man, 11 a.m. Saturday, July 12, at Sacred Heart Banquet Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Admission \$8.50, kids age 2 and under free. Hot dog luncheon available after show, \$4 per person. Call (734) 522-3166.

Red Cross blood drive
8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, July 13, in the parish hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

Anniversary celebration
11 a.m. Sunday, July 13, to honor Community Free Will Baptist Church Pastor James Lawson and his 10 years serving the church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. The church offers services at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Sunday. Sunday School is 9:45 a.m. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Vacation Bible school
9 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday, July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

Vacation Bible school
SonAdventure Vacation Bible School 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 14-17, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 427-8743, or visit www.livoniachurch.net. Free for children age 3 through 6th grade includes a class for adults Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, singing and fun.

Bible study
All are invited to A Word for You Bible Study which continues 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, the one hour study

includes praise and worship and the Word in the Green Room at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. Call (313) 289-8336.

Free Summerfest
Free Summerfest featuring food, inflatables, clowns, face painting, mimes, balloons, pony rides, "Ask the Doctor" and health screenings, 1-7 p.m. July 19 at Harvest Christian International Church, 26360 Stephenson Hwy., Madison Heights. Community welcome. Call (248) 582-9700.

Crafters wanted
The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichaels.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

Open house
For Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, and Thursday, Aug. 14, at 960D Leverage, Redford. The school offers infant day care, preschool for 3-4-year olds, full day kindergarten and first-eighth grades. Call Laura at (313) 937-2233 or e-mail lgoodman@hosanna-tabor.org.

Mom's retreat
St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia invites all Catholic Moms in the area to take personal time for prayer and relaxation, coupled with adult discussion of topics relevant to daily faith life. 8:30-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, July 16, Aug. 13, and Aug. 27. Children's Ministry offered while moms enjoy Mass, continental breakfast, and discussion. Cost is \$8 per session with an additional \$2 per child for Children's Ministry care. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichaels.org.

Eucharistic adoration
St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia, continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. All are welcome. Call (734) 261-1455.

Rummage sale
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 17-18, and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 19, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

Used book sale
Noon-7 p.m. Friday, July 18; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 19; and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, July 20, at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile. Visit www.unityoflivonia.org.

Bethany Suburban West
Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday July 19, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

Jazz worship
11 a.m. Sunday, July 20, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church conducts a special Jazz Worship service featuring instrumentalists and singers leading hymnody and liturgy in a format that is easy and very uplifting to sing, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Call Mark at (734) 522-6830.

Carillon concert series
10 a.m. and noon Sunday, July 20 and 27, and Aug. 3, 17, 24 and 31, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 625-2515 or visit www.kirkinthehills.org.

Indy car sermon
Pastor Herschel Ele of Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, will present "Finding the Finish Line," 10 a.m. Sunday, July 20 at the newly dedicated outdoor gazebo. To illustrate his theme, a Team Rahal Indy car will be on display. Photos welcome. Call (734) 421-6913.

Fall craft show
Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence
Beacon Hill Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) examines if God, Christ and the Holy Spirit are tied into one and what it means to us during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in July at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconnhilccdoc@aol.com.

Summer camp
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program for Summer Camp continues to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For more information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

Grandparents/kids weekend
July 25-27, at FaHolo Camp & Conference Center, Grass Lake, sponsored by ReMarried Ministries of Ward Church. The event is a retreat for grandparents and grandchildren, and includes two nights lodging, five meals, inspirational teaching by Barbara George-Howard, a wagon ride and bon fire, water blob and trampoline, go carts, initiatives, and lots of fun. Costs are \$283 per grandparent couple or \$154 per person. Grandchildren ages 6-17 \$90 each, 5 year olds free. Call (248) 374-7400.

Clothing bank
Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 26, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing and is held on the fourth Saturday of every month. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Vacation Bible school
Registrations due July 27 for Aug. 4-7 (for 3 years to fifth grade), at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The theme is God's Big Backyard and focuses on service to others. Call (734) 422-0149, Cost \$10.

Vacation Bible school
Loving God and Serving Others runs 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 28 to Aug. 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Cost is \$15. To register, call (734) 422-6038, for information visit www.stmatthewslivonia.com.

Family movie night
A Man for All Seasons 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. No charge. Please RSVP at (734) 425-5950. Popcorn and beverages provided.

Water works park
For families needing all-day activity, Ward offers SHINE day camp with drop-off hours available as of 7 a.m. and lasting until 6 p.m. SHINE day camp is \$115, and requires pre-registration. Information at wardchurch.org.

Summer day camp
Offered by Ward Church in Northville for children entering grades 1-6, continues to Aug. 24. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended care available at an extra cost. Campers will participate in one field trip per week with additional local outings and weekly water days. Daily elective classes will include sports, drama, music, and foods. SHINE is a fully-licensed day care through the State of Michigan Department of Human Resources. Weekly full-time registrations range from \$135 to \$165. Information available at wardchurch.org, or by calling (248) 374-5975.

Vacation Bible School
9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, Aug. 4-7, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Tent revival
Join radio personality Robin Sullivan, vocalist Ruth Naomi Floyd and other Christian musicians along with Detroit preachers 2-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Kelly Rd., one block south of 8 Mile. Health screenings will be offered. There is no charge for any portion

of the event. Call (313) 372-4902 for more information.

Exploring the Catholic faith
Starts 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Tiny Tots Preschool
Now enrolling for 2008-2009, openings for 3- and 4-year olds at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

ONGOING

Time change
Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 9:30 a.m. Sundays (May 25 to Sept. 7) at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

Sunday worship
The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Reformed Protestant services
The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby, 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/siworship/detroit.html.

Sanskrit chanting
An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczyński, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule
Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry
Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church
Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

Tai Chi and strength classes
Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Church offerings
Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer church practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

Church services
Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

Thursday fellowship dinner
All are welcome, 6 p.m., dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

Thrift store
Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Tai Chi class
Orchard United Methodist Church, Please see CALENDAR, A7

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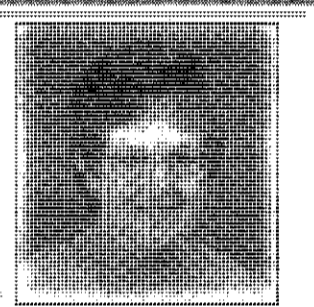
BEVERLY JEAN WISE
Age 80, of Plymouth, passed away July 7, 2008. Loving mother of Penny (Marcel) Guilloux, Nancy (Ed) Werner-Otrembiak, Deborah (Michael) Desantis and Timothy (Kathy) Wise. Proud grandmother of Eric (Natalie), Francois (Kellee), Christopher, Rachel (Maguel), Levi (Tara), Chrissy, Travis, Kristen, Emilee, Leslee, and Frank. Great-grandmother of Gracelyn. Funeral from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, Friday 11:00am. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm. Interment Silver Lake Cemetery, Wilmot, MI. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

HARRY EVERETT MORGAN
Passed away July 4, 2008 at the age of 84. Veteran of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II serving in Europe. Married his bride of 65 years Barbara Sweeney. President of Morgan Associates, a machinery manufacturing consultative firm. Loved to play golf and was a member of the Plymouth Elks. Beloved husband of Barbara. Dear father of Cher (Michael) Holliday, Daryl Morgan and Candy (Greg) Sicilia. Grandfather of Danielle (Patrick) Sinnott, Brett (Diana) Holliday, Michael, Steven (Kristen), Mark (Malisa) and Eric (Christina) Sicilia and Briana (Devin) McLaughlin. Also leaves nine grandchildren. Military Honors were rendered on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Contributions are suggested to Henry Ford Oakland Hospice, 26900 Franklin Road, Southfield, MI 48034. Share your special thoughts and memories at: schrader-howell.com

IRENE E. SHERIDAN
Dec 18, 1929 - June 30, 2008. Irene went home to Heaven to start her eternal life with Jesus, her late husband Kenny and a host of friends and family. She leaves behind six brothers & sisters; her children Pam Blanchard (Steve), Deborah Smith (Dan) & Patrick Sheridan (Cheryl); grandchildren Deedee, Lisa, Cheryl, Casey, Kelli, Kendall, Kayla, Colin, Aaron & Tyler; great-grandchildren Ashley, Emma, Hanna, Gavin, Owen & Ashton. She will be sadly missed by all of us. Come join us as we celebrate her life with a memorial being held at Harvest Christian Church in Detroit on Thurs. July 17th at 11 am.

JAMES DICK CRAWFORD
Age 58, Farmington Hills, MI, passed July 4, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

MARY IRENE TYLER
Age 89, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away July 5, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



JONELL E. LINDHOLM
Age 53, July 6, 2008. Resident of Reisterstown, MD. Beloved daughter of Rev. William and Patricia Lindholm. Dear sister of William Jr. and Jana (Carleton) Britt. Jonell was a graduate of the University of Michigan and was employed with Unilever Margarine as a Process Engineer. She also played French Horn with several orchestras in the Baltimore area. Visitation at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia, Saturday from 10 AM until Funeral Service at 11 AM. Memorial contributions may be directed to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home (734) 422-6720 in charge of arrangements. Please sign the online guestbook at: rggharris.com

THELMA K. PETERS
Was welcomed into heaven by her Savior on July 4, 2008 with what must have been the most amazing fireworks display ever. Thelma was born in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on December 6, 1926, the daughter of Dr. Richard and Mrs. Thelma (Sechrist) Klusman. She grew up in York, Pennsylvania as the oldest of six children. She attended Southern Seminary finishing school and graduated from Duke University, where she sang in the Duke chapel Choir with Perry Como. She worked in banking before meeting and marry her husband of 52 years, Thomas Peters, and settling in the Bloomfield Township area. Thelma devoted herself to raising five children, Richard (Pat) Peters of Waterford, William (Kim) Peters of Clarkston, Nancy (Ross) Stecker of Gaylord, Ginnna Ward of Rochester Hills. Thelma enjoyed powerful games of Tennis, light-hearted games of bridge with neighbor friends, bonfires, boat rides, sunsets on Orsego Lake, and giving to her many favorite Christian ministries. The Peters home and cottage were year-round magnets of hospitality for children, teens, and friends, to Thelma's delight. Her great joy has always been to spend time with her children and ten grandchildren, Katie, Jill, Brian, Megan, Trisha, Kelly, Christian, Will, Colby, and Sami, sharing their lives and triumphs. She is also survived by her brother and sisters, Virginia Hummel, Felicia Fairchild, Dr. Richard Klusman, Jr., and Ricarda Schmalzried. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas, son James, and sister Nancy. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 7, 2008 at 1:00 pm from Friendship Church, Pastor Steve Datema, officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation at the Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord was held on Monday, July 7th from 10am until noon. Contributions in memory of Thelma Peters may be made to Friendship Church, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734. Friends may share condolences online at: www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com

THOMAS F. DONNELLY
Age 81, of Bethesda, OH. Grew up in Garden City, died Saturday, June 21, 2008. Born Feb. 11, 1927, son of the late Thomas and Mary Donnelly. Served in the US Navy during WWII. Survived by his wife Clara Jordan Donnelly, daughters Mary S. Donnelly and Carol A. Donnelly. Also survived by sister Baraba J. (Ralph) Harris.

VERA B. TAYLOR
Age 82, of Boca Raton, FL, passed away on July 3, 2008. Born in Detroit, MI, she had been a resident of South Florida since 1988 after moving from Bloomfield Hills, MI, where she had lived for 17 years. Predeceased by her husband, Donald A. Taylor, she is survived by three sons: Donald Andrew (Bettina) Taylor, Peter B. (Ruth) Taylor; and Robert M. (Pamela) Taylor; by seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service is pending in Boca Raton and private interment will take place at Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Kingswood/Cranbrook Schools, 39221 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304. In memory of Vera Brethen Taylor. Arrangements were made by Kraefer-Becker Funeral Home, 217 E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. Phone No. 954-427-5544

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CALENDAR

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30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance.

Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchar-dumc.org for updates.

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

Day of service

Began in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban gar-

den, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy

Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

Worship

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Visitors welcome.

Worship service

10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Group-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire

(Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

New worship schedule

Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross

Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

All visitors welcome. Visit www.holy-crosslivonia.org.

Sunday worship

11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Advertisement for United Temperature featuring Lennox air conditioning. Includes text: 'Our 34th Year! UNITED TEMPERATURE 8919 MIDDLEBELT • LIVONIA (734) 525-1930'. Offers include 'ACCESSORIES FREE!', '34 Years of Trust FREE!', and 'Service Savings FREE!'.

Advertisement for ShopCanton and SAVE! NOW - August 31, 2008. Includes text: 'During the ShopCanton Summer Savings program, we invite you to visit Canton restaurants, hotels, and retailers... and SAVE!'. Promotes a 'V98.7 Smooth Jazz Summer Concert!' on Friday, July 11.

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Directory of churches categorized by denomination: BAPTIST, UNITED METHODIST, LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD, CATHOLIC, EVANGELICAL COVENANT, FAITH COVENANT CHURCH, SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST, NON DENOMINATIONAL, PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.), EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN, CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE, PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, BAPTIST, RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN, LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD, ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH, and EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

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OUR VIEWS

Larkin better choice for 11th District nomination

Whoever wins the Democratic nomination in the 11th Congressional District will have an uphill battle to unseat incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter.

Despite McCotter's support for the unpopular war in Iraq and his solid party line voting record at a time when many voters are disenchanted with Republican positions, McCotter remains a formidable candidate. As chair of the Republican House Policy Committee, McCotter is respected within the ranks of his party and with the party's conservative base.

McCotter is running unopposed in the Aug. 5 primary election.

McCotter hasn't faced a well-known elected Democrat since his first congressional race against then Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley. That holds true in this election. Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin has never run for elected office. Former Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall served in appointed government positions. Both candidates are running as relatively conservative Democrats.

Larkin and Kriewall share many of McCotter's views on immigration, gun rights and even trade agreements. Larkin describes himself as a pro-life Catholic Democrat. They both say the war in Iraq is a major reason they decided to run.

While Kriewall has more government experience, he doesn't give Democratic voters a clear alternative. He admits voting for George W. Bush in the last two presidential elections. His views on energy, immigration, guns and taxes could easily fit into a Republican candidacy.

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In the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 5, The Observer recommends Democrat **Joseph Larkin** as someone who will offer voters a clearer choice.

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Lax attendance policies send wrong message to students

School is supposed to prepare students for "the real world."

Now some school districts are changing their attendance policies, eliminating requirements that students must be in class a certain percentage of days to get a passing grade.

In Rochester, students who miss more than 13 days won't flunk a class as long as they've completed the necessary work.

Other school districts that have already made a change or are considering making a change include Southfield Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and South Redford School District.

Proponents say they want to align their policies with new state rules that allow students to test out of classes. The rules are part of the new graduation requirements effective with the Class of 2011, which emphasize mastery of the material over seat time.

But how is an attendance policy that doesn't require students to be in class help prepare them for life?

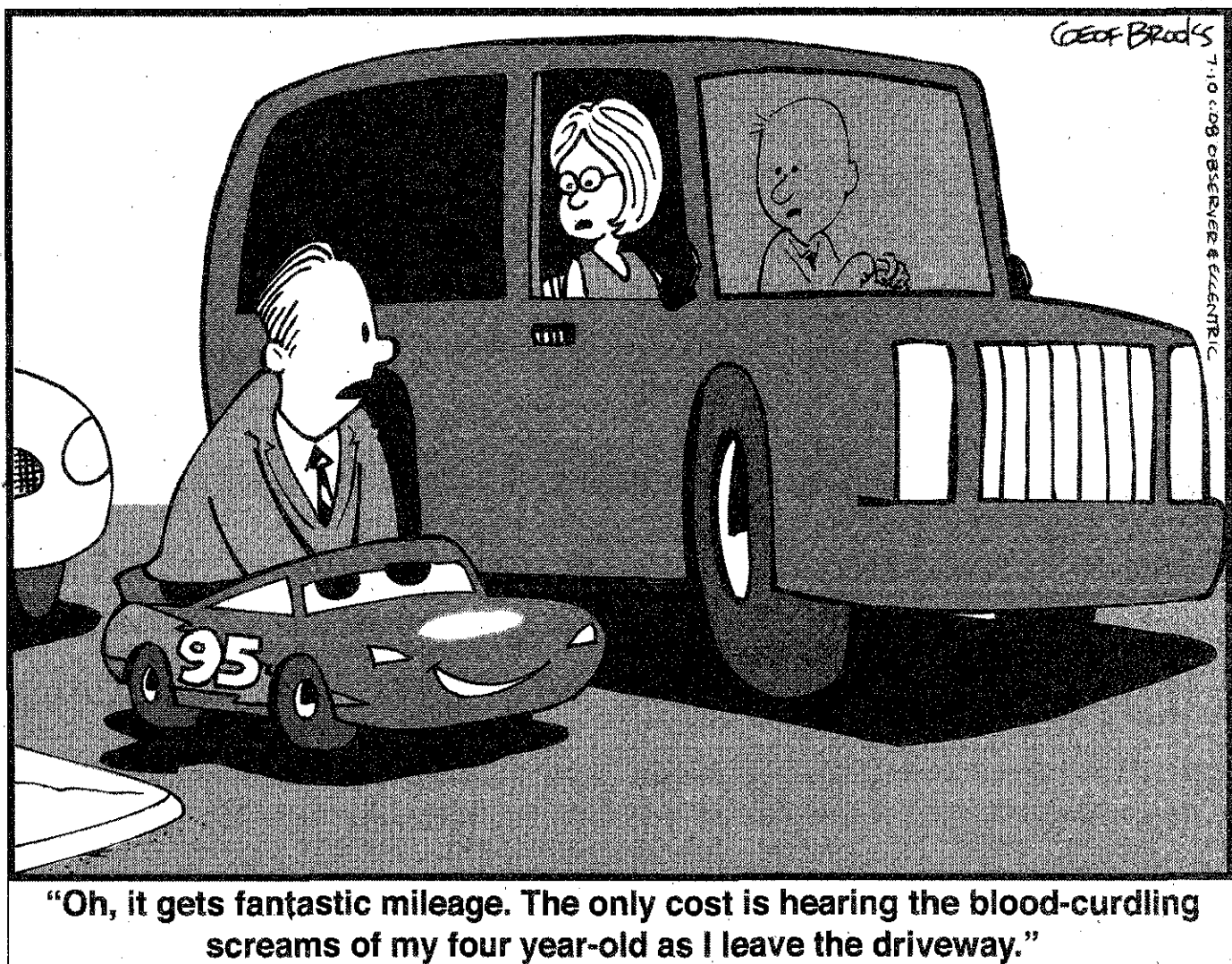
Most jobs require employees to report for work when they're expected, not if or when they feel like showing up.

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But easing up on attendance policies is a step backward — and sends the wrong message to students.

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LETTERS

Supports Gebhardt

After 30 years as the District 12 Wayne County Commissioner, Kay Beard retired in March. We are currently represented by someone who had to move into the district to be appointed to the commission.

Westland, Inkster and southern Livonia voters face many candidates vying to become our next commissioner. After much consideration, I am supporting Schoolcraft College Trustee Joan Gebhardt.

Joan Gebhardt has been a homeowner in this district for 35 years. She raised her family here. She wants her children and grandchild to be able to find good jobs with businesses here in Wayne County — the same thing we all want for our families.

She already represents part of the district on the Schoolcraft Board where she oversees a \$69,000,000 budget. As a public school principal she managed an elementary school budget.

Gebhardt is the District Constituent Services Staff Person for State House Speaker Andy Dillon, and the skills that make her a good representative for the speaker will serve her equally well as a commissioner. She listens and she cares about people.

She has spent her life in public service — 30 years as a public school teacher and principal, staffer for Speaker Dillon, adjunct professor at Madonna University (teaching future educators) and union president (AFL-CIO Local 60).

She has run for office successfully in the past (elected 2007 to the Schoolcraft College Board) and made amazing inroads for Democrats in majority-Republican districts (2004). She has worked and raised money for other Democrats.

A precinct delegate myself (Westland Precinct 4), I admire her dedication to grassroots activism — Gebhardt is a longtime precinct delegate in her home precinct.

She raised her family here. Her credentials are impeccable, and her commitment to the people of this district is unquestioned. I will be voting for Joan Gebhardt when I cast my ballot in the Aug. 5 Primary.

Nan Melke
Westland

Same old election tactics

With all of the attention provided to the presidential race so far this year, it is important to remember the other very important races for elective office in November. In Michigan we will be electing a United States Senator and all 15 United States Congressional representatives, in addition to Michigan State House races, local races and ballot referendums.

However, one need not have a crystal ball to predict the forthcoming sequence of events in the 11th Congressional District race, which will again feature incumbent

Republican Congressman Thaddeus McCotter defending his seat against a relatively unknown Democratic challenger. After the Aug. 5 primary determines who the Democratic candidate will be, the general election contest will unfold in a quite predictable manner.

McCotter will again flood local mailboxes with numerous mailings under the guise of keeping his constituents informed of happenings in Congress. As in the past, the mailings will merely be self-promoting campaign pieces paid for by constituent tax money. As in the past, nowhere on McCotter's mailings will he even admit to being a Republican. As in the past, every other word in McCotter's mailings will be "taxes," all the while never mentioning that the tax cuts he has supported have overwhelmingly benefited the wealthiest few percent of Americans.

Given his advantages of incumbency, money, and a gerrymandered Congressional District created just for him, McCotter will be favored for reelection. However, if reelected he will be increasingly marginalized as his arrogance and failed conservative ideology becomes ever more irrelevant during an Obama Presidency and concurrent Democratic control of Congress. Unfortunately, the net result will likely be that the citizens of Michigan's 11th District will have to spend yet another two years without an effective congressional representative.

Joe Golonka
Westland

New representation needed

I've just received the most recent e-mail communication from our 11th district U.S. representative, Thaddeus McCotter. In this scintillating e-mail, Mr. McCotter details his laments about the current Democratically controlled Congress's lack of action on energy policy.

Mr. McCotter also briefly mentions children's health care by stating, "I strongly support children health issues." Yet he doesn't indicate that he voted repeatedly against expanding the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and indeed voted to sustain the Presidential veto. Talk is cheap Mr. McCotter; just saying something doesn't make it so, it takes action.

McCotter's "discussion" of the current energy issues is essentially reprinting the comments he made in a *Northville Record* article entitled "A 21st Century Energy Plan." This can be found at <http://hometownlife.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080612/OPINION01/806120666/1202/NEWS12>

While Mr. McCotter does illustrate some key issues that need to be addressed, his whole premise that "this Congress won't" implement his energy plan undermines any credibility he had. This energy "problem"

has been around since at least the early 1970s. We all — Democrats, Republicans and Independents — knew oil was a limited commodity, but we've done nothing about weaning ourselves off oil. Actually, what Mr. McCotter's laments accomplish is to highlight his lack of effectiveness from 2002-2006, while Republicans were in control of both Houses of Congress and the Presidency. That was an ideal time to get an agenda implemented. Where was the foresight? Where was the action plan?

Alas, Mr. McCotter and the Republican's energy "policy" (if it could be called a policy) consisted of slashing research on alternative energy while giving huge tax breaks to oil companies. This was just poor planning, or more correctly, lack of planning, by the Republicans.

You know Mr. McCotter always says "I work for you." If that truly is the case, the people of the 11th District and citizens of Michigan have not received their money's worth over the last six years. We need a representative in Congress that will have foresight in policies and issues, and will be effective in getting those implemented. Mr. McCotter has failed us on all accounts. This November, we need to add Mr. McCotter to the rolls of the Michigan unemployed.

John Zajechowski
Garden City

No mail today

Here's one more idea to conserve gasoline in these very difficult times. My postman has advised that the amount of mail delivered by the post office has fallen dramatically. He estimates the number of first-class letters he delivers to most offices, and homes has dropped to under 50 percent of the amount of mail carried before the use of e-mail, etc.

Why not reduce the delivery and pickup schedules to every other day? We would still get those letters from the presidential hopefuls and credit card companies on a regular basis.

C. Thomas Wilson
Bloomfield Township

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"Although we've had a deficit budget, meaning that expenditures have exceeded our revenues, for many of the last several years our goal has been to attempt to keep those lines as close together as we can, using our fund equity ..." Lisa Levesque, director of business services, about the Livonia Public Schools' 2008-2009 budget.

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Some place like home

Wings' Osgood finds home is like his own B.C. town

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Detroit Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood said living in Plymouth reminds him of the small British Columbia town in the Rocky Mountains he grew up in, only bigger.

"It feels like home in Canada," Osgood said, getting some recuperating time after weeks of activity following the Red Wings' Stanley Cup victory. "It has the same old streets with big trees hanging over them, like in Medicine Hat; lots of parks with kids' playgrounds; you can walk downtown and the school (Bird Elementary, where one of his two children attends) is close. And the downtown is nice here.

"This is the best area I've lived in around here," added Osgood, 35, who has lived in Farmington Hills, Birmingham and Northville. "Plymouth has a lot of character."

As a three-time Stanley Cup champion, one might figure the well-known Osgood would be recognized so much it might be better to just stay at home rather than never having a moment away from well-wishers and those seeking autographs.

"People here generally leave me alone," Osgood said. "After we won the Cup, they were all fired up. My neighbor put sheets on the house and there was a Stanley Cup with lights around it. It was a crazy time, but that's good, I didn't mind it."

In fact, the soft-spoken goalie said he likes to get out and play golf at Fox Hills and spend time downtown frequenting Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Pub, the Penn Grille and Jimmy Johns.

Osgood's wife, Jenna — who grew up in Westland and admits to being one of those teenagers who used to gridlock downtown while cruising Main Street — agreed they live in relative obscurity.

"A lot of people know where we live, but it's really awesome, no one really bothers us," said Jenna Osgood, 38. "Plymouth is very family-oriented, and



Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood, with wife Jenna and daughters Mackenzie and Sydney, said Plymouth is comparable to Medicine Hat, his British Columbia hometown.

that's what we wanted when we moved here. Even when Chris picks up the kids, he's just like a normal guy.

"Of course, as soon as the banner was put on our house with 'Way to go Stanley Cup Champs,' everybody knew where we lived," she added. "People drive by and beep, and then get disappointed when it's just me."

The Osgoods like being the neighbor next door, and more times than not there are kids in and out of the huge backyard that borders Tonquish Creek, where there's a tennis court-turned-hockey rink.

"It never really stays cold for a long period of time to keep it an ice rink," Chris Osgood said. "The kids who come can't skate anyway, so I just leave it like this so everybody can play."

"Sometimes we have tournaments, but I don't play," he added. "The neighbor kids play, that's what it's for."

For his relaxation, Chris has a small cabin next to the rink with refrigerators, a flat-screen television and a wood stove.

"In the winter, I put wood in the stove and light it up, relax and watch *Hockey Night in Canada*," he said.

Jenna and Chris met about 10 years ago in Farmington Hills after being introduced by a roommate of Jenna's.

"I really wasn't into hockey at

the time," Jenna said. "But now I love it and I watch a different game. I don't watch in the center, like most people. I watch goalie and goalie. Even the defensemen's wives watch the game differently ... you focus on the position."

The Osgoods' basement is decorated with Red Wings memorabilia, and there's a "bubble" hockey game.

"When we met, the first three games I played Chris, I beat him," Jenna is quick to point out.

In the off-season, there is plenty of time to spend with their two children — 7-year-old Mackenzie and 3-year-old Sydney — who, as most kids, like playing at the fountain in Kellogg Park.

"When Chris is gone and I'm trying to be creative with stuff to do, they just want to go to the park," Jenna said. "And they like Gabriel's because they love Webkinz. And we just love Music in the Park."

Chris said he likes spending time in the backyard with his girls, with as much attention as they will afford him.

"We play soccer and kick ball, I teach them how to play hockey," he said. "After about a half-hour, though, they want to do girl things and resort back to the fort and play with their dolls or play in their cars ... or in the creek."

Mackenzie is just learning hockey, and Sydney is too young to understand her dad is a three-time Stanley Cup champ. That's OK with Osgood.

"It's good, maybe they can do their own thing," he said. "As long as they have fun when they go to the games, that's all that matters to me. Mackenzie did know what was going on in the playoffs, she was fired up. She talked to the kids at school about it and thinks it's pretty cool, now."

Osgood said he plans to get away with his family for a while after an exhausting run for the Cup, followed by non-stop days of celebrations and activities, including the parade in downtown Detroit.

GODBOUT

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make all county departments more accountable for their budgets.

"I don't think we can have any sacred cows anymore," he said.

Godbout touted his experience serving on the Westland City Council since late 2000, currently as its president. He also has been involved in positions with the Nankin Transit Commission, Westland's recycling committee, the city's technology committee, the Westland Community Foundation and numerous other local groups. He works as an account manager for Rockwell Automation.

Married with one adult son, Godbout received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Lawrence Technological University and also earned awards from the Michigan Municipal League Elected Officials Academy.

He is one of eight Democrats vying for the par-

ty's nomination in the Aug. 5 primary, in hopes of succeeding retired Commissioner Kay Beard. Two Republicans are seeking the GOP nod. The winner of the November election will earn a two-year term that pays \$68,411 a year.

In recent years, Godbout said he has noticed that the 12th District didn't seem to receive a fair shake. He called it unfair that the area of Hines Park in places like Northville Township seems to get more attention than the part in Westland. Moreover, he said he will continue to push for a solution to fixing lead-contaminated Central City Park.

"I've been involved and engaged in that issue since it came to light (in late 2006)," he said.

Godbout voiced concerns about a \$33 million deficit in the county budget, and he said his budget expertise gleaned from his council years will make him qualified to tackle spending cuts. He also said he has the ability to prioritize, and he cited road improvements as one program that needs attention. Warren Road, in the

area of the regional Westland Shopping Center, "looks like it has been carpet-bombed," he said.

Godbout supports efforts to bring a mass transit system to the area, particularly from Detroit to Ann Arbor with a potential stop at Merriman Road and Michigan Avenue in Westland. He also said he would use his leadership in upgrading Westland's technology to bring improvements to the county.

Godbout called for all county departments to undergo a financial analysis to determine where cuts can be made to curb spending. Again, he said he has gained such experience in his eight years on the council.

Godbout also vowed to work with state and county leaders to try to find solutions to the foreclosure crisis that has devastated southeast Michigan. The problem not only has affected people's lives, but government bodies as well, he said.

"Most of the county's revenues come from property taxes," he said.

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CITKOWSKI

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Inkster and south Livonia. The winner of the November election will earn a two-year term that pays \$68,411 a year — replacing longtime Commissioner Kay Beard, who stepped down in March.

Citkowski said county government — and, indeed, Lansing too — should be reinvented. He said it may be time to consider changing the county charter again, in hopes of revamping a system that he said should be streamlined and made more accountable to the people.

"We're going to have to be more creative," he said.

Citkowski acknowledged he has "a soft spot" for senior citizen programs and services, and he said county residents deserve a public safety system they can rely on. Moreover, he said the environment, including parks

and recreation services, should be protected as much as possible. He commended steps that officials have taken to begin addressing issues of lead contamination in Westland's Central City Park.

Despite his priorities, Citkowski conceded that due to the county's budget problems, "no person or program in Wayne County can any longer be treated as a sacred cow." He said county leaders will need to become more adept at providing services while spending money wisely.

Citkowski indicated support for a possible four-day work week as one way to improve efficiency — a move some government bodies already have started to implement.

Citkowski, a single father with two daughters, received a bachelor's degree in communications and business from the University of Detroit. He also had a year of studies in business management through Zale Corp.

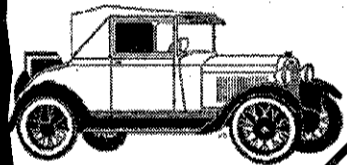
and was a former restaurant owner. He said he worked as an administrator to a former state House member in the 1980s. His community involvement has included being a youth mentor with the Archdiocese of Detroit and being active in his daughter's lives.

Citkowski cited blight and unemployment as issues facing county residents. He said the county commission should act as an advocate to try to secure state and federal dollars to address blight, and he added that county leaders need to exhaust all possible avenues to bring jobs to the area.

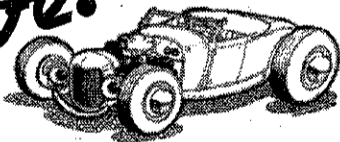
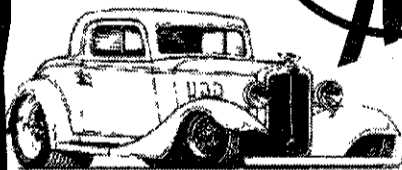
Citkowski acknowledged that he won't be spending much money on his campaign. Rather, he hopes that voters will read about his ideas, consider his background and support him as a candidate who has "a tireless work ethic."

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Look at more than bottom line on statements

There is no doubt the last nine months have been brutal for investors — particularly for those who do not actively follow their investments and who receive only quarterly statements. They will no doubt notice their accounts have declined over the last quarter. Many will either put the statement into the drawer and never look at it again or have the knee-jerk reaction of selling everything. As far as I am concerned, both courses of actions are wrong.

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Whenever an investor receives a statement, he/she cannot just look at the bottom line number. As much as it hurts to see accounts go down, review it for accuracy. For those receiving 401(k) or other

types of salary deferral program statements, it is essential to review the statement. At a minimum, look at the ending balance of your last statement to make sure it's the beginning balance of the current statement. In addition, confirm that all contributions have been properly credited to your account. Review withdrawals to make sure these are accurate.

You cannot assume financial institutions don't make mistakes, they do and it is up to us to make sure mistakes are corrected. The other reaction many people will have when they receive their quarterly statement is just to sell. Although that will make you feel better for the short run, it is the worst strategy for the long run.

After all, we always tell investors the goal is to buy low and sell high, not the other way around. Don't let fear dictate investment decisions. Instead, look at the statements and decide if adjustments are needed. Adjustments should be made based on long-term goals and objectives, not

what is currently happening in the market. When deciding whether to retain a fund, judge it on how it is performing against investments in the same category. Don't compare an energy fund to a small company growth fund. Compare small company growth to other small company growth funds.

It has been a tough year for investors. The three major indexes are down substantially. If our investment goal was only six months, there would be problems. However, goals should be long term. After all, the markets can change relatively quickly, giving you a different perspective.

When investors have a knee-jerk reaction, it offers temporary relief, but causes long-term problems.

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GC grad stars in scoreboard circuit



Garden City alum Jason Lynch proudly enjoys the successful unveiling of the brand new scoreboard at Michigan International Speedway in June. Lynch was at the controls of the scoreboard, orchestrating a wide array of sights and sounds for thousands of racing fans.

LYNCH-PIN

Who: Jason Lynch.
What: The 1998 Garden City graduate operates the brand new three-paneled vertical scoreboard at Michigan International Speedway. He also programs the audio-visual boards at Comerica Park and Joe Louis Arena.
College: He earned a bachelor's degree in communications from University of Michigan-Dearborn.
Family: His parents are Jaylee (former Garden City mayor) and Tom.
Back in the day: Jason was a member of the yearbook and newspaper staffs at Garden City High School.

BY TIM SMITH
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Never the all-star jock at Garden City High School, Jason Lynch found a way to shoot higher in the wide world of sports than any of his former classmates.

The 27-year-old Lynch is a budding computer stalwart whose golden touch in the world of sports scoreboards has landed him prestigious gigs working no less than the Super Bowl, baseball's All-Star Game and World Series, the Stanley Cup Finals and — just last month — the NASCAR Sprint Cup at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"It beats having a real job," said Lynch during a recent interview, just days after his latest accomplishment. "I've done the

nine-to-five office and basically everything in between.

"Then ... you get all of these really cool jobs that they pay you to be at the same thing you'd be home watching anyway."

Lynch also is a regular working video and audio boards at Joe Louis Arena and Comerica Park in Detroit, along with a behind-the-scenes technical post for Detroit Lions games and other events at Ford Field.

A NEW WORLD

It was while working a Supercross race at Ford Field that the son of former Garden City Mayor Jaylee Lynch and businessman Tom Lynch landed his latest and perhaps most-heady job — being the first to orchestrate all the sound and vision on a \$2.35 million scoreboard at MIS.

By the way, the 110-foot, three-sided board is unique, with vertical columns providing constant information to the race fans seated in the oval stadium.

Still, he had to learn how to format the board, to present all pictures, letters and numbers in a newfangled fashion.

"Most of them (scoreboards) are wide, from left-to-right, but this is a column board," Lynch said. "So it's a really different board to program for."

"Because, when you're used to a world that's wide and you now go to a world that's tall, if you have really long words you have to go to a smaller font."

MAKING IT HAPPEN

Lynch works at the controls like someone handling stage

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Signlines

Junior Olympics

Let the games begin, with a musical twist. The 50th annual Junior Olympics, hosted by Redford Parks and Recreation, is slated for Saturday at Hilbert Middle School in Redford Township. Hilbert is located one-half mile north of Five Mile and one-half mile west of Beech Daly at 26440 Puritan.

To toast the milestone, there will be a live DJ and additional family events.

Following registration (9-10 a.m.), events will begin promptly at 10 a.m. with various field events and races.

Field events will include high jump, long jump and softball throw for four divisions (Bantams, age 6 and under; Squirts, age 7-8; Pee Wees, age 9-10; Midgets, age 11-12). After field events are concluded, "Family Fun" activities will commence at about 12:30 p.m. Bantams and Squirts will compete in the 35-, 50- and 75-meter dashes at the east end of Hilbert.

Those in the Pee Wees and Midgets divisions are slated to take part in the 35-, 50-, 75- and 100-meter dashes at the opposite end. There will be ribbons presented to places 1-6 in each heat per running event.

Registration is free for Redford residents, with a \$5 fee for non-residents (proper ID must be shown).

As is customary, parents should be present at all times, no organized teams are welcome and no spikes will be permitted on the field.

In the case of rain, the event will be cancelled.

For more information, call (313) 387-2650.

Hole-in-one club

■ Peter Williams, 47, of Redford, used a 5-wood to ace 189-yard, No. 2 hole, July 4, at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford.

Williams shot a 42 for nine holes. He recorded his first hole-in-one in 34 years.

■ John Beher, 52, of Canton, used an 8-iron to ace the 148-yard, No. 4 hole, July 2, at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox.

Junior golf divots

On July 2, Canton's Zach Conrad shot 80-75-155 to finish runner-up in the Boys 11-15 age division on the Adams Golf Junior Tour (event No. 10) at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth.

Carson Castellani of Okemos took first with a 76-72-148.

In the Boys 16-and-up division, Plymouth's Tyler Jeleniewski shot a 77 to place third, only a stroke behind Nolan Maezes of Ann Arbor, who carded a 76.

Northern exposure

Atlanta native Pierce pursues hockey dream

BY BRAD EMONS
 OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Craig Pierce felt his youth hockey career in Atlanta had pretty much burned out.

So the 16-year-old decided that if he was going to be able to pursue his dream of playing for a Division I collegiate program, he had to leave his Georgia roots and head north.

Pierce just finished his junior year of high school living in Plymouth with his grandparents, attending a new school and playing for Compuware, an 18-and-under AAA Midget Major team in the Midwest Elite Hockey League.

The 5-foot-11, 170-pound center, who counts former Red Wing Steve Yzerman as his favorite player, will return to the same squad next season, his senior year, and eventually graduate from Plymouth High School.

"I figured if I wanted to keep playing I had to move out," said Pierce, who played this previous year with the Atlanta Fire. "I played 16-and-under AA and tried AAA, but there was not a lot of competition around in the south. We played all over in places like Florida, in Michigan, Canada and Dallas, but being here last year was a real good experience. It's great hockey. I was not used to every game being competitive. Every game was hard-fought and every league game counts. You had to 'bring it' every game."

Pierce dabbled in baseball, but

started out in roller hockey at age 6 and was a regular as a youth at Michigan State University's summer hockey schools. His father Joe, a Salem High grad, graduated from MSU.

And East Lansing is where the seeds were originally planted about making the transition.

"I started to get acquainted with some of the players (at MSU) like Jim Slater (now of the Atlanta Thrashers) and Jared Knightengale," Pierce said. "They thought it would be a good idea to go north."

Craig Pierce eventually rewrote his own script and called it, "Gone Like The Wind."

"I did not want to stand in the way of his dream," said Joe Pierce, Craig's father. "To lose him at 16 from home was a tough sacrifice. It was very difficult for my wife (Nancy) to let him go, but when he made the (Compuware) team he was extremely excited. But first he wanted to go home and tell his mom face-to-face. Even at 16 years old he felt that was the mature thing to do."

Craig not only felt the maternal pull, but he also missed his friends. He is now back home for the summer in Atlanta and will report back to Compuware for practice in August.

During a spring tournament in 2007, Compuware coach George Daniel got his first glimpse of the Southern icer. His initial encounter

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Craig Pierce moved in with his grandparents in Plymouth from his home in Atlanta during his junior year of high school to pursue his dream of playing Division I college hockey.

Casting call

Redford bass angler set to test waters at FLW Tour

BY TIM SMITH
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Redford's Kevin Barrows plans on casting a line into the Detroit River this weekend, hopeful of landing a big one.

It remains to be seen whether hooking a bass during the annual Wal-Mart FLW Tour's Chevy Open on the Detroit River lands him a big payday, too.

But the 39-year-old Barrows, a graduate of Garden City High School, is thrilled to again be one of 200 amateur bass fishermen — known as co-anglers — working with one of 200 anglers (professional bass fishermen) during the event, which runs from today through Sunday.

Also in the co-angler field are Philip Borsa of Redford and Tod Soop of Livonia, while Livonian David Reault is listed among the pro anglers.

There will be \$1.5 million in prize money on the line as well, with \$200,000 going to the bass pro finishing with the biggest catch; amateurs such as Barrows are going for a top prize of \$20,000.

Each boat will pair a pro with an amateur. The pros will determine where to take the boat and the strategy for defeating the competition. Pros also call the shots as to where they'll cast their lines and co-anglers follow suit.

"You win by your total weight and you want to bring your five biggest to the

scale (each day)," Barrows emphasized. "But where I'll be going depends on where my professional takes me. We're here for the ride and to fish against the other co-anglers."

All 400 participants will compete today and Friday, with the field being narrowed down to the Top-10 pairings (one pro and one co-angler). Barrows said the champion co-angler will be determined Saturday, but the professionals have to return to the water again on Sunday to wrap up that part of the lucrative tourney.

In 2007, tandems needed to reel in 38.5 pounds over the first two days to crack the Top 10 and Barrows said more than 80 pounds of bass yielded the Chevy Open champion.

"This year, I would expect to see the same figures to win the event," he continued.

WORTH IT

According to Barrows, anglers could decide to motor north through the Detroit River up to Lake St. Clair or head the opposite direction toward Lake Erie and Cleveland.

"Lake St. Clair has a lot more fish than Lake Erie," Barrows noted. "But the fish in Lake Erie are bigger."

Although the fee to sign up for the Chevy Open is kind of steep (\$4,000 per pro and \$800 per co-angler), the potential reward

still makes it an exercise worth pursuing.

"It's a better chance than buying a lottery ticket," said Barrows about participating in the Chevy Open.

He said to essentially break even (earning a check for \$1,000), he needs to place in the top 50.

Barrows did give a shout out to his wife, Shawn, and son McClain, for their ongoing support and to several sponsors for helping him continue to take part in such events. He cited top sponsor Kellerin Equipment Sales of Livonia, as well as Westland-based Case Plastics. Other sponsors include Champion Boats and Nemesis Baits.

Barrows actually didn't know which pro he'd be teaming up with until last night, after this edition of the *Observer* went to press. But he is more than willing to wait and go from there, hopefully to land a prize bass worth thousands of dollars.

Although it would be great to successfully punch that ticket, Barrows said the biggest lure for him is just having the chance to hit the water in the name of sport.

"A lot of people like to fish," he explained. "They enjoy competition of some sort. You're competing against other people, but you just have to be smarter than the fish."

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Rams pitchers prove efficient in DH sweep

The Michigan Rams crossed the border Monday and came away with a sweep in a Michigan Collegiate Baseball League doubleheader against the host Tecumseh, Ontario Thunder at LaCasse Park.

The games were a makeup from June 9.

Aaron Wick, a left-hander from Oakland University, pitched a complete-game four-hitter in the opener.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

He struck out six and walked only one in seven innings in a 5-1 triumph.

Rob Cooper's solo homer in the bottom of the seventh broke up Wick's no-hit bid.

Losing pitcher Max Sprague gave up five runs on nine hits, four walks and two hit batters in six innings. He fanned three.

Canton's Shawn Little (Madonna University) and Frank Persichino each collected two hits and two RBI for the victori-

Please see **RAMS, B2**

Warner, Smith qualify for match-play round

Two area golfers - Plymouth's Ashley Smith and Livonia's Shannon Warner - advanced to Wednesday's match-play round of the 92nd Golf Association of Michigan Women's Amateur Championships being held at Walnut Hills Country Club in East Lansing.

Smith, a graduate of Salem High who just completed her sophomore year at Grand Valley State, finished stroke play tied for 14th with a two-round total of 76-81-157. She

was scheduled to face Enid Gage of Wyoming in the opening round of the 16th and 17th seeds.

Warner, a two-time Division 1 individual medalist who recently graduated from Livonia Churchill, was 25th in stroke play with an 80-79-159.

The Michigan State signee was scheduled to meet Michelle Bowles of Davison in the first round. Warner will also be teeing it up in Monday's \$40,000 Century 21 Michigan PGA Women's Open,

a 54-hole event which starts Monday at Crystal Mountain's signature Mountain Ridge Course.

Unable to make the cut Michigan Amateur cut was Jennifer Kubert (Livonia), 47th (82-88-170); Jamie Siedlaczek (Canton), 47th (85-85-170); and Lauri Ponikiewski (Livonia), 69th (88-90-178).

Flint's Shasta Averyhardt was medalist with a 74-73-147. The top 32 advanced into match play.



Macker champs

The Livonia foursome of (front row, from left) David Tharpe, Damon Bogich, Austin Bumpus and Bobby Snyder captured the Boys 13-14 age division with a 4-0 record at the Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament held June 28 in Southfield. The four players, who all will be entering Stevenson High in the fall, are coached by Greg Bogich (back row).

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Bucks come from behind to clinch postseason berth

BY DAN STICKRADT
O&E STAFF WRITER

Coming from behind has become a habit for the Michigan Bucks this season.

The Premier Development League leaders pulled that trick off again Saturday night.

After falling behind in the seventh minute, the Bucks rallied for three unanswered goals and picked up some fine goaltending and defense to thwart the Cincinnati Kings, 3-1, at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac - Michigan's fourth straight come-from-behind victory.

The win gave Michigan a PDL Central Conference-leading 33 points entering the final three weeks of the regular season. But more importantly, the Bucks became the first franchise in the 67-team PDL to clinch a postseason berth.

Michigan (11-2-0, 11-1-0), which has outscored its league opposition 31-8 in 12 games, has advanced to the postseason for the 12th time in 13 seasons and is one win away from clinching the Great Lakes Division for the seventh time.

It was the Kings (3-9-1, 3-8-1) who drew first blood, when David Lopez-Cepero beat Bucks netminder Steve Clark from close range just under seven minutes into the

contest. Tony Ray drew the assist with a looping pass into the box.

Clark did not get beat again, finishing the night with six saves - five in the second half, - to remain 11-0 in his PDL starts this summer.

It took the Bucks 20 minutes into the contest to net the equalizer. Dave Hertel's long pass to Ty Shipalane was chased down with Shipalane banging home a shot from the top of the box.

Shipalane scored his third goal in two games just seconds before halftime, going in on a 2-on-1 with Nate Jafta, who fed the ball back to Shipalane for the go-ahead goal.

Shipalane beat three Kings defenders on the play. "Ty Shipalane has been our best offensive threat the last 3-4 games," said Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald. "He's been involved in most of our goals."

Kenny Uzoigwe gave Michigan its two-goal lead and capped the scoring with his team-leading ninth tally of the season. Off a steal, Uzoigwe beat three defenders before depositing his shot into the back of the net.

"This is nice because we've won three in a row using a lot of different players and line-ups," said Fitzgerald. "We have a lot of good players and some versatile guys. We've had some

guys that are gone and we've had other guys just slide in and do a good job."

Michigan outshot Cincinnati 14-13 overall, but the Kings held a 7-5 edge with shots directly on goal.

Bucks notebook

Michigan only needs three more points or one more win in its final regular season games . . . The Bucks play July 10 at Fort Wayne Fever, have home games against the Chicago Fire (July 12) and Kalamazoo Outrage (July 16) before wrapping up the regular season on the road at the Toronto Lynx (July 20). The Lynx are the sole team in the PDL to defeat Michigan this season . . . The top seed in the Central Conference, which makes up three divisions, will earn a first-round bye in the postseason . . . Playing in 10 of the Bucks' 12 league games, Uzoigwe is currently tied for ninth in the PDL with 19 total points and nine goals, which is tied for fifth in the country. Jafta has 17 points and is tied for 12th, while he has nine assists, which is tied for second . . . Midfielder Shipalane was named to the All-PDL Team of the Week. He had three goals and two assists in the Bucks' three-game win streak. He has six goals and three assists this season.

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RAMS

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ous Rams.

Brett Mazmanian also had an RBI, while Josh Kirsten scored a pair of runs.

The 20-and-under Rams, scoring five times in the sixth inning, improved to 15-7 in the MCBL with a 10-0 six-inning mercy victory over the Thunder, which dropped to 1-14.

Winning pitcher Colin O'Connell, a lefty from Spring Arbor University, pitched five scoreless innings to pick up the win. He struck out eight,

walked only one and allowed just three hits. Livonia Stevenson's Matt Tuttle (Adrian College) struck out all three batters he faced in the sixth.

Offensively, Stevenson's Nick Plinka (MU) led the way going 3-for-4 with an RBI.

Mazmanian added two hits, two RBI and scored a pair of runs. Ryan Abraham also went 2-for-2 with an RBI. Tim Cross doubled in a pair of runs, while Dan Augustine and Persichino each added an RBI.

Cooper went 2-for-3 in a losing cause. Losing pitcher Chris

Morand gave up five runs on six hits and walked five in his four-inning stint for the 22-and-under Thunder. Jared Ferencik and Kyle Trudell each pitched an inning.

The MCBL standings as of Monday include: 1. Michigan Monarchs, 16-4-1 (33 points); 2. Michigan Bulls, 15-4-1 (43 points); 3. Michigan Rams, 15-7-0 (30 points); 4. Michigan Dodgers, 12-8-0 (24 points); 5. Michigan Blue Knights, 10-10-1 (21 points); 6. Detroit Eagles, 6-14-0 (12 points); 7. Mid-Michigan Trailblazers, 2-16-1 (5 points); 8. Tecumseh Thunder, 1-14-0 (2 points).

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

PC Pride needs coaches

The PC Pride girls fastpitch softball organization is accepting coaching applications for the 2008-09 season. Applications, due Aug. 1, can be downloaded on the Pride Web site at www.eteamz.com/pcpride. The Pride offers three levels of play for 10-, 12-, 14-, 16- and 18-and-under divisions for Western Wayne County, Community Travel and Premier travel leagues.

For more information, call Rick Hayes at (734) 367-2557.

Soccer players wanted

The Livonia Family YMCA is seeking 3-4 players for its under-11 girls select soccer team.

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 261-2161 or e-mail Scott Millman at Dirtrunner21@hotmail.com.

PC Pride fastpitch tryouts

The PC Pride girls fastpitch organization will stage tryouts and skill evaluation for the 2008-09 season on Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 23-24, and Tuesday, Aug. 27, at the Canton Sports Center, located on Michigan Avenue.

Participation on all three dates is not required.

For tryout times and a tryout application, visit the Pride Web site at www.eteamz.com/pcpride.

The Pride offers three levels of play for 10-, 12-, 14-, 16- and 18-and-under divisions for Western Wayne County, Community Travel and Premier travel leagues, and is the girls fastpitch arm of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association.

For more information, call Rick Hayes at (734) 367-2557.

Stevenson needs coaches

Livonia Stevenson is seeking coaches for the following sports: girls assistant swimming and diving (experience necessary to coach diving); boys assistant swimming and diving (experience necessary to coach diving); JV cheerleading head coach for fall sideline and winter competitive seasons (experience necessary to coach at the high school-level MHSAA format).

For more information, e-mail

Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lhyman@livonia.k12.mi.us.

WYAA football signup

The Westland Youth Athletic Association begins its 50th year of football with 2008 season registration from 7-9 p.m. each Wednesday and 10 a.m. until noon on Saturdays at the WYAA's Lange Compound, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Both the Meteors (41st year) and Comets (37th year) offer age groups for 7-8 (Junior Freshman), 8-10 (Freshman), 11-12 (Junior Varsity) and 11-14 (Varsity).

The cost is \$175-\$195. Non-residents are welcome at no extra fee.

You must provide a current photo and new players must have a copy of their birth certificate. The age cut-off is Sept. 1 of the current year and there are weight restrictions for each age level.

For more information, including the WYAA's play for free program, call the Comets' Mark Simkow at (734) 731-11-76 or the Comets' Keith DeMolay at (734) 516-9269; or Galen Huren of the Meteors at (734) 716-6047.

You can also visit www.wyaa.org; or call the WYAA office at (734) 421-0640.

WYAA cheerleading

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association cheerleading for the Meteors and Comets squads will be from 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays; also 10 a.m. until noon each Saturday at the WYAA's Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Openings are available for both units' squad for Junior Freshman, ages 7-8; Freshman, 8-10; Junior Varsity, 10-12; and Varsity, 11-14. Non-resident are welcome at no extra fee.

The cost is \$135 for freshman, JV and varsity; or you will receive 27 \$5 raffle tickets (sell all 27 and there is no cost). The cost for instructional is \$115 (you will receive 23 \$5 raffle tickets (sell all 23 tickets and the cost is free).

For more information, call the

Meteors' Kathy Henderson at (734) 968-3272 or the Comets' Caryn Timbs at (734) 722-5806.

You can also call the WYAA's Lange Compound during regular business hours at (734) 421-0640 or visit www.wyaa.org to inquire about the 2008 cheer for free program.

Youth triathlon

The fifth annual Livonia Youth Triathlon for boys and girls ages 14-and-under will be Saturday, Aug. 16 at Clements Circle Park, 9999 Harrison (south of Plymouth Road).

Race times will be 8:30 a.m. (8-and-under); 9:45 a.m. (9-10); 11 a.m. (11-12); and noon (13-14).

Check-in is a half-hour before each race. Awards for winners 10-and-under will be from 10:45-11 a.m. and for 14-and-under 1-1:15 p.m. Equipment need is swimsuit, bike (and helmet) and running shoes.

Pre-registration, which is \$10 (including T-shirt), will start Monday, June 16, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Race day registration is \$15.

For more information, call Erin Knieper at (734) 466-2444.

Track & field series

Dearborn Divine Child will stage a weekly track series from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 16, 23 and 30, at the high school track located at 1001 N. Silvery Lane (one mile west of Telegraph between Cherry Hill and Ford roads).

The cost for athletes and spectators is \$3 per person. Registration begins at 5 p.m.

Youth age groups include: 8-and-under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18. The open division includes 30-40 and 40-and-over.

The July 9 and 23 meet competition includes: 50-meter dash (8-and-under), 100, 400, 1,600, 3,000, shot put, discus and 4 x 400 relay.

The July 16 and 30 meets includes: 200, 800, 5,000 (13-and-over), 100 and 110 hurdles, 400 hurdles, loug jump, high jump; and 4 x 100 relay.

GC free hoops skills

The Garden City girls basketball program will host a free skills clinic for Garden City girls entering grades 3-6 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, July 14-17, at the high school gym.

The coaching staff and high school players will be providing basic skills instruction.

For more information, call Michele Tyree at (734) 306-8763.

Salem wrestling camp

The Salem wrestling program will be hosting a summer camp for all experience levels Monday through Thursday, July 14-18, at the high school.

For more information, visit www.wrestling.salemrocks.com.

Salem football camp

The annual Salem Youth Football Instructional Camp for ages 7-13 will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12 at the high school.

The camp is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents, regardless of where they will be attending high school.

Individuals who register prior to July 7 are required to pay just \$10. Registration at the camp will cost \$20.

The camp will be held at the PCEP varsity turf field. Players are encouraged to where football cleats (rubber spikes) and gym shorts with no helmets.

For more information, visit www.football.salemrocks.com.

Glenn football camp

The Westland Senior High football camps for any student entering grades 9-12 for the 2008-09 school year will be from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 21-23, at John Glenn High School.

For camp fees and registration information, call camp director Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329.

RU Wing-T football camp

Redford Union is hosting the Panther Wing T-camp for football players entering high school this fall from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, through Friday, Aug. 1.

For more information, call Miles Tomasaitis at (313) 575-4753.

Franklin boys basketball

The Livonia Franklin boys basketball camp for grades 4-9 (fall of 2008) will be from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, July 21-24, at the high school.

Included in the \$65 registration fee is a camp T-shirt and red, white and blue basketball. The camp also features contests, awards, skills and games.

For more information, e-mail franklinball@gmail.com; or to obtain a printable brochure for mail-in registration, visit franklinbasketball.googlepages.com. (Walk-ups also welcome for \$75).

Hoop Stars camps

Hoops Stars Basketball Camp will stage two sessions for boys and girls ages 7-15 including: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 4-8, both at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland (cost \$110 per session or \$200 for both); also from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 11-15, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (cost \$125 LCRC pass holders; \$150, resident; \$175, non-resident).

For more information, call the Bailey Recreation Center at

Sports development

Redford Parks & Recreation is presenting a one-week camp, Monday through Friday, Aug. 11-15, for youngsters ages 3-7, to help teach them basic motor skills necessary to play organized sports while working one-on-one with their parents.

Skills include throwing, kicking, catching and batting.

The program fee is \$25, and parent/guardian participation is required. Classes will be at

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Pearson Education Center, located on Beech Daly between Eight Mile and Grand River.

For more information, call (313) 387-2650.

Pre-beginner soccer

Youths ages 3-7 with little or no previous experience playing soccer are invited to take part in the one-week camp, slated to take place 12:30-1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 14-18, at Pearson Education Center.

The camp fee is \$25 per participant.

The Redford Parks & Recreation Department staff will teach fundamentals of the sport. Parents are required to attend in order to reinforce proper techniques and skills after the camp concludes.

Pearson is located on Beech Daly between Eight Mile and Grand River.

For more information, call (313) 387-2650.

Future Stars wrestling

The Livonia Franklin Future Stars wrestling clinic for those entering grades 1-9 will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, July 22-23, in the mat room (second floor of the fieldhouse).

No experience is necessary. Basic to advanced moves will be covered. Groups will be based on age, weight and level of experience.

The cost is \$35 (includes T-shirt if registered by July 8). Walk-up registrations will be accepted.

For more information, call Franklin wrestling coach Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340; or e-mail chiola44@yahoo.com.

MU women's camps

The Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves will stage a series of summer camps including: super shooters youth (grades 4-7), Monday through Friday, July 14-18; guards-n-bigs (grades 7-12), July 21-25.

Cost ranges from \$50 to \$160.

For more information, call Sandi Wade at (734) 432-5606; or e-mail cgraves@madonna.edu. You can also visit www.madonnacrusers.com.

Madonna hoops camp

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry has announced the 2008 All-Star Basketball Camp for boys ages 8-15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 28 - Aug. 1, at MU.

Among instructors is camp founder Bernie Holowicki.

The cost is \$175, with checks payable to All-Star Basketball Camp, 42183 Woodcreek Lane, Canton, 48188.

Call (734) 398-5975, (734) 432-5591 or e-mail to nemenhiser@madonna.edu.

Hawks soccer camps

The Michigan Hawks of the W-League will offer small group training sessions (1:6 coach-player ratio) for boys and girls ages 6-17 from 9:30-11 a.m., Monday through Thursday, July 14-17; July 28 - Aug. 1 (in conjunction with the Detroit Ignition) and Aug. 4-7, at Novi Total Soccer, 41500 Grand River, Novi.

The cost is \$125 for each session (includes T-shirt and individual season pass to Michigan Hawks Women games).

For more information, visit www.michiganhawkswomen.com; or e-mail Doug Landefeld at dlandefeld@michiganyouth-soccer.org.

(734) 722-7620; or the Livonia Parks and Recreation at (734) 466-2410.

You can also call Ron Levin, camp director, at (248) 496-3268; or visit www.hoopstars-basketball.com.

Churchill camps

Livonia Churchill High School is offering a series of 2008 summer camps including: Boys football (grades 3-8) - 6-8 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, July 28-30 (cost \$38);

Boys football (grades 9-12) - 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Thursday, July 28-31 (cost \$60);

Hockey skills (grades 9-12) - 9-10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 21-25 and 7-8:30 p.m., July 28 - Aug. 1, at Eddie Edgar Arena (two-week cost \$182; includes T-shirt). Enrollment limited to 45 skaters and five goalies.

For more information, call Livonia Community Services at (734) 744-2602.

Suspeck Memorial Camp

The 13th annual Jeff Suspeck Memorial Foundation free basketball camp, open to boys and girls ages 9-14, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 19 at Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia (between Six and Seven Mile roads).

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., courtesy of White Castle Systems, Inc.

The camp is in memory of the former Dearborn Divine Child High standout and Orchard Lake St. Mary's College career scoring leader who passed away in 1994 at age 24.

Call (248) 363-7151 (between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.); or to obtain registration material, e-mail juspeckcamp@hotmail.com.

Schoolcraft camps

Schoolcraft College will offer a series of summer sports camps including:

- Boys and girls soccer: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 14-17, 21-24; 28-31.
- Boys basketball: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 14-17.
- Girls basketball: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 21-24.
- Girl volleyball (all-skills): 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 28-31.

Each camp session is \$175 (includes T-shirt). Optional swimming will be from noon to 12:50 p.m.

Call the Schoolcraft Athletic Department at (734) 462-4804, Ext. 3; or e-mail athletic director Sid Fox at sfox@schoolcraft.edu.

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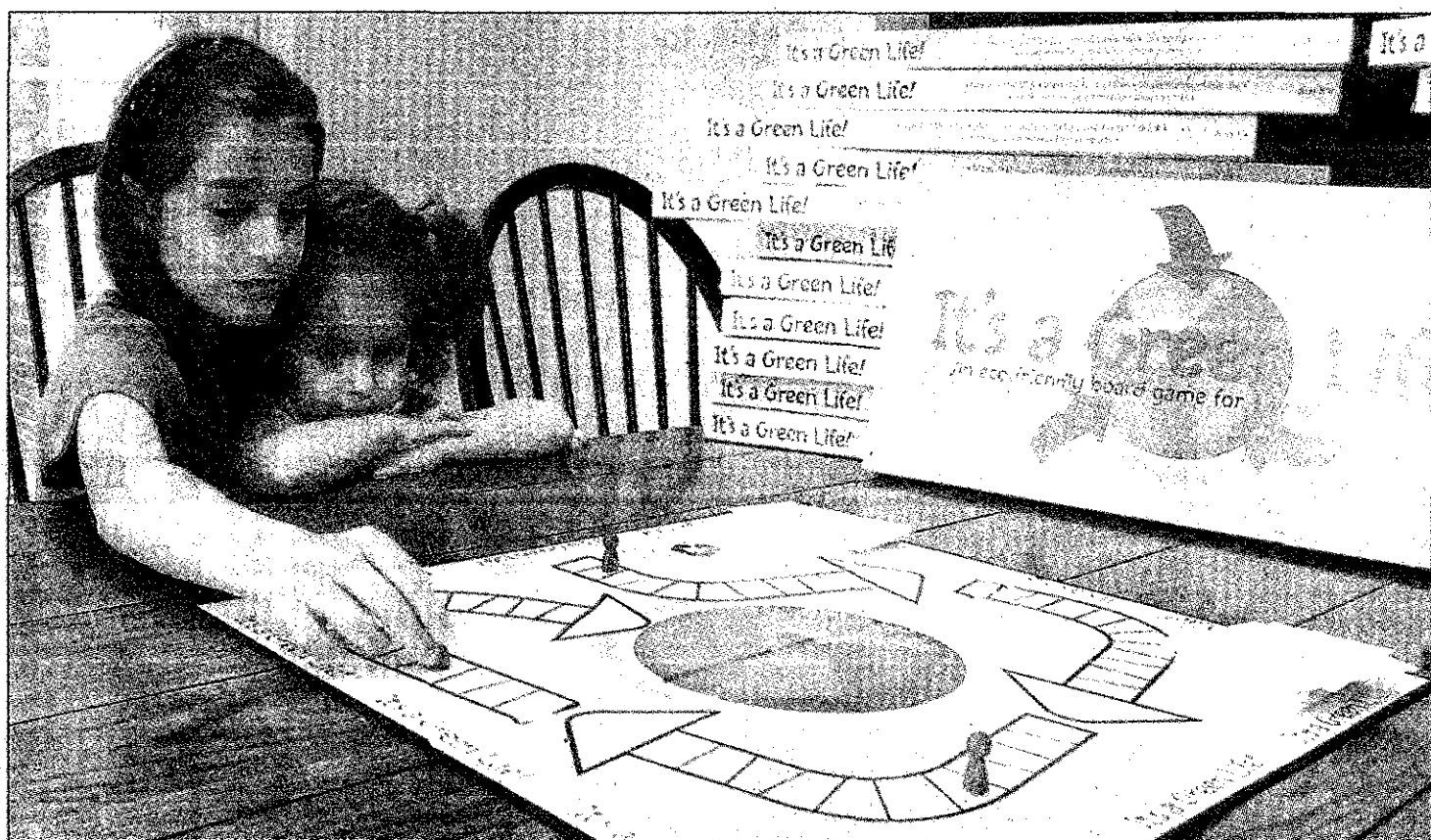
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Kids like Caroline Allen, 8, and her sister Julia, 3, learn how to be environmentally-friendly while playing 'It's a Green Life,' a game their mom invented.

It's easy being green

Locally-made game teaches kids eco-friendly tips

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
OSE STAFF WRITER

When Patty Allen heard about the recent toy recalls, she vowed to get rid of all her daughters' playthings that could contain lead or other hazards.

The task proved more difficult than Allen imagined.

As she and Caroline, 8, and Julia, 3, checked the labels one by one, they realized virtually all of their toys were 'Made in China.'

"My daughter was crying and begging me not to throw her things away," Allen said. "It was terrible."

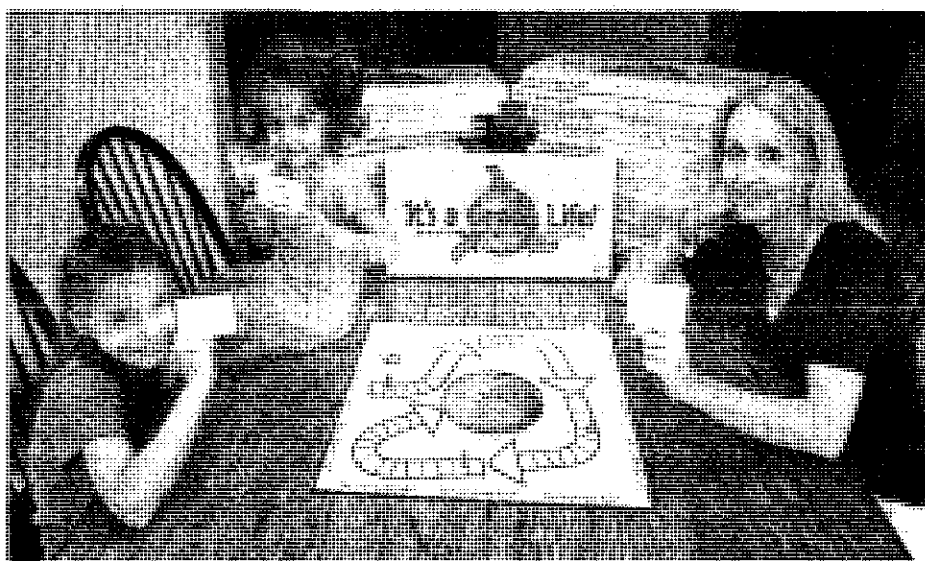
The Bloomfield Township mom took unexpected action.

Allen founded Oh Happy Day Games and got to work on "It's a Green Life," a board game that's not

only Made in America and free of toxins, but also helps kids learn about the environment as they play.

Designed for 2-4 players, children eight and older start play in the Recycling Center and draw cards to advance through 52 spaces, representing each week of the year they can make a difference in the world.

"There are 100 cards in a deck. There are 26 'oops' cards but the rest are all pos-



Patty Allen and her daughters Julia, 3, and Caroline, 8, hold up cards from their board game "It's a Green Life" at their Bloomfield Township home.

itive little tips," Allen said. "I chose tips that I thought would benefit children and the parents who are playing with them."

The first person to reach Planet Earth wins. It's a Green Life takes about 20-45 minutes to play.

"I didn't want something that would take forever," Allen said.

Creating the game was quick as well. Allen first got the idea over the holidays, and with the support of her husband Michael, had a finished sample in hand by mid-May.

She did online research to write the game cards, and Caroline drew the logo — a picture of her and her sister.

Mosaic Media in Troy helped develop Allen's ideas into a working game, design the board and establish her website.

Ironically, Allen said it was difficult keeping the "Made in China" label off her own product. After much searching, she contracted DeLano Services in Alleghen to print and package It's a Green Life.

"The most challenging part of the pro-

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Myspace vs. Facebook: Readers speak about their preference

BY LANA MINI
OSE STAFF WRITER

It's a common question for local people that's simply asked: Myspace or Facebook?

The two Web sites pretty much offer the same thing: social networking. Both have attracted millions of members worldwide.

Facebookers often hate Myspace. Myspacers seem more tolerant of both.

Myspace is still the king of popularity in membership numbers, but Facebook is catching up fast, especially internationally.

On both Web sites members make a profile about themselves and add friends to it. They post photos, list favorite movies, snoop on their boyfriends' and girlfriends' profiles and post comments on friends' cyber walls about how fabulous they look.

Sounds like no big deal, right?

Wrong. Myspacers say Facebook

is for boring people.

Facebookers say their plain white profile page, and options to "poke" other members to say hello is more mature than Myspace.

When Myspace began, it was popular with teens — but now every age group is on it. Facebook started for college students — but now everyone is on that too.

So here's what readers prefer:

Artist Kelly Dattilio, of Redford, prefers Myspace.

"I use it to network for dance and photography," Dattilio said. "The only thing I don't like is the weird guys on it (who flirt), but I guess there's nothing much you can do about that. I'll admit Myspace is kind of juvenile sometimes, with all the crazy bulletins, but I use it to keep in touch with people I already know so that's not an issue."

Hipster Dan Haberman, owner of The Bosco Lounge in Ferndale, has a profile on both sites for his bar.

"It seems people are shifting toward Facebook," Haberman said. "Myspace is slow and clunky with endless sales pitches and promotions (and yes, we're guilty of some promotional bulletins). Facebook seems to have a more global reach for social networking."

Privacy on Facebook is also a concern for a lot of readers. When you post a comment to a friend, it tells everyone on your friend list that you did so.

"Facebook also seems to dig into privacy issues in ways that might cause concern in the future," Haberman said. "We're fairly new to Facebook ... so we're still building our base. It is cleaner and faster than Myspace, but requires constant updating for businesses."

For musicians, Myspace is still ruling.

Jeff Robinson, owner of Third Monk Records, an independent record label in

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What: Two social networking groups that are so popular they are forms of entertainment keeping people indoors

The sites: www.facebook.com and www.myspace.com

What they do: Let you set up a profile about yourself and make friends

The biggest differences: Myspace is haven for music and art lovers, and people looking to meet new people. It's also popular for people who want to share creative ideas through blogging. Facebook is geared more toward those who want to re-connect with people they already know. Although you can meet "new people" on Facebook, most profiles are private. Facebook folks like the site to spy on their friends and find the parties, they say.

Age difference: While it's said that Myspace is for young and Facebook for older crowds, all generations now mingle on both sites.

Creative or Clean: Some complain that Myspace profiles are too cluttered with bold colors and huge graphics. Others enjoy the profiles that are often turned into cyber art galleries. Some consider Facebook pages clean and pristine, while others call them bland and lacking personality.

Memberships: Myspace has more, but Facebook is catching up fast

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Jack Aronson of Garden Fresh Gourmet with the company's new Tigers Tortilla Chips.

GARDEN FRESH UNVEILS TIGERS TORTILLA CHIPS

FERNDALE — Garden Fresh Gourmet of Ferndale has teamed up with Major League Baseball and the Detroit Tigers to produce Tigers Tortilla Chips. The chips come in two flavors, Salted and Nacho Cheese, and are available at Meijer Stores and specialty markets at \$2.99 for a 12-ounce bag.

They're also on sale at Comerica Park during Detroit Tigers game, served with Garden Fresh Gourmet's Jack's Special Salsa.

Garden Fresh Gourmet was formed in 1997 by Jack and Annette Aronson. The company produces award-winning salsas, guacamole, hummus, chips and dips, sold throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Visit www.gardenfresh-salsa.com.

THE HENRY FORD HOSTS 'DOC CHOC'

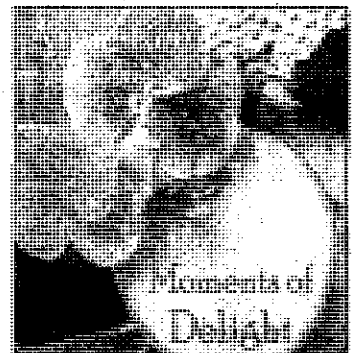
DEARBORN — Henry Ford Museum will present Chocolate Buzz: An Evening with "Doc Choc" from 7-9:30 p.m. tonight.

Dr. Patrick Fields, dubbed 'Doc Choc' by the Food Network, will discuss the wonderful world of chocolate as part of The Henry Ford's Ideas & Innovations Lecture Series.

He'll cover the history, science, myths and fads of the decadent dessert, while Henry Ford's culinary team suggests beverage pairings to complement various chocolates.

Tickets, \$35, include tastings. Henry Ford Museum is located at 20900 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn.

Call (313) 982-6126 or visit www.thehenryford.org.



CORRECTION

In an article last week, we failed to include the Web site for "Moments of Delight." The book is available for \$29.95. To order a copy, visit www.anadesigns.com, or call (248) 425-0842.

Shady Lane scores on Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula

Winemaker Adam Satchwell explains why Shady Lane Cellars wines are unique among those from Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Ray & Eleanor Heald

WINERY BACKGROUND

In the late 1980s, Grand Rapids, Mich., neurosurgeon Joe O'Donnell partnered with his sportsman pal Bill Stouten, a Michigan real estate broker. They purchased a century-old fruit farm outside Suttons Bay,

Mich., on Leelanau Peninsula. An appreciation for wine and the developing Michigan wine industry prompted a farm retrofit to wine grapegrowing.

International wine competition recognition fueled expansion, production from estate-grown grapes and the 1999 construction of a winery tasting room, an attractive conversion of a century-old fieldstone chicken coop. A state-of-the-art winery was built in 2001.

Since the year 2000, 49-year-old winemaker Adam Satchwell brings decades of experience to Shady Lane. In addition to his California studies in enology and viticulture at the University of California Davis, Satchwell apprenticed with his winemaker uncle Jed Steele, proprietor of Steele Wines in Kelseyville, Calif.

WHAT TO BUY FROM SHADY LANE CELLARS

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WINE PICKS

When it's hot, cooking techniques take to outdoor barbecues or pizza deliveries. In either case, ZINFANDEL is a great wine choice.

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- 2005 Clos La Chance Buff-Bellied \$18
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- 2006 Girard Napa Valley Old Vine \$24
- 2006 Rosenblum Paso Robles Richard Sauret Vineyards \$25
- 2005 Sbragia Gino's Vineyard Dry Creek \$28
- 2005 Dry Creek Old Vine \$28
- 2006 Dutton Goldfield Russian River Valley \$30
- 2006 DeLoach Nova Vineyard \$32
- 2005 Dry Creek Somers Ranch Dry Creek Valley \$34
- 2006 Dutton Goldfield Morelli Lane Vineyard Russian River Valley \$40

WALLET FRIENDLY:

2006 Kendall-Jackson \$13
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(\$22) has a delicate mousse, fine bead and attractive peach, pear and apple aromas and flavors. Lovely.

■ 2007 Estate-Bottled Gewurztraminer (\$18) has all the correct varietal characters — honeysuckle and attractive spiciness among them. Generous viscosity and mouthfeel with spiced apple complemented by cinnamon and nutmeg characteristics make this dry style most attractive.

■ 2006 Semi-Dry Riesling (\$16) is delicate and pleasantly dry with outstanding fruit and acid balance. It represents the best in Michigan's wine strength

— delicious rieslings.

■ 2006 Estate-Bottled Reserve Pinot Noir (\$32) charms with cherry-berry, rose petal, dried leaves and unique minerality.

A nice touch of new French oak balances fruit elements and makes it a good match to roast chicken, pasta, grilled pork and salmon.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are Contributing Editors for the internationally-respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

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Plymouth, says Myspace is his online home.

"Being a music guy, the benefits of Myspace are the fact that a band can sell songs directly from their page — and do not have to pay for hosting their material like many sites used to offer," Robinson said.

"Soundclick.com now allows users to offer paid downloads from the hosted page. Ourstage.com is increasing in popularity for bands to get feedback quickly on their material unlike Garageband.com," Robinson said. "I think the ultimate future will be a site like Yuwie.com that profit shares its ad revenue with its users. Imagine, the best bands will get paid the most because they simply get the most legitimate streams."

But what about the non-musicians, the people who aren't artists? The accountants, attorneys, bankers, auto workers and stay-at-home parents? Where do they gravitate?

Accountant Karla Bouchar, of Oakland University, says her favorite is hands-down Facebook even though she also has a Myspace.

"I have accepted/requested more friends on Facebook, it seems easier to use, it's just more fun," Bouchar said. "I keep in touch with friends, use it to message people in classes when I don't have their e-mail addresses, share/view pictures, message people through new chat systems, see what new is going on with friends."

On Myspace she views artists' pages, though rarely.

Charissa Walker, a computer tech in Southfield, also spends more time on Facebook.

"I can honestly say that Facebook has changed my life."

"Facebook is more interactive. Your friends' info is more visible," Walker said. "Myspace tends to take a long time to load because of all the graphics, music, etc. Myspace profiles can get very distracting."

And she said Facebook seems more "adult."

"The events on Myspace are not as visible. If you RSVP to an event you never see it again. But on FB when you RSVP it's on your homepage so you are less likely to forget about it. On Myspace if a friend has a birthday it notifies you once and I never remember to see it again."

Keith Thompson, of the Detroit rock band Johnny Headband, like many musicians, prefers Myspace and doesn't plan to open a Facebook. Many Myspacers just don't want to jump from site to site.

"We think as soon as (the band) sets up an account with the next social networking site, we will have to prepare for the next 'most important thing' and then it starts to feel like it never ends. We like to wait and see if it will last before setting up an account."

Thompson wants people to hear his music, that's why he stays on Myspace.

"With our band page, we want Myspace to be a place where people can find out about our music. My personal profile is just a place for me to log in and waste time."

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cess was finding someone who would produce it beginning to end in the United States at a reasonable price," Allen said. "I now know why toys and games are produced in other countries. I feel very fortunate finding a company in the United States, let alone Michigan."

It's a Green Life is made with soy-based vegetable ink and recycled materials, and is mercury and lead-free.

Allen began selling her initial order of 1,000 games at local toy stores and through special events like a recent fund raiser at St. Hugo of the Hills, where her children attend school.

Last week she traveled to Connecticut to introduce the game at the ASTRA Toy Convention, and received orders from independent toy stores in New York,

ENVIRONMENTAL MESSAGES

In It's a Green Life, players advance by drawing cards with positive messages like these:

- Smile! You turned the water off when brushing your teeth!
- You're making a difference! You car-pooled with a co-worker to work this week!
- Good Job! You use a refillable mug at home and on the go!
- Your house smells good! You purchased green cleaners!
- Squeaky Clean! You took a short shower instead of a bath!
- Magnificent! You purchased items without excess packaging!

Massachusetts, Ohio, Connecticut and Oregon. "It was awesome! The feedback was so positive," Allen said. "It was great to have the game set up and have all the toy store owners play it for

■ Be the first! You packed a garbage free lunch by taking a reusable container!

Players are set back by Oops! cards like these:

- Oops! You left the lights on when you left the room!
- Oops! You did not recycle this week!
- Oops! You watered your lawn during peak hours!
- Oops! You ran the dishwasher 1/2 full!
- Oops! You did not weather proof your home for the winter!

themselves." It's a Green Life is available locally at The Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop in Berkley, Froggy's Toy Stop in Rochester, and online at www.ohhappydaygames.com.

Local entrepreneur creates card game for couples

LIVONIA — In 2003, Lynn Baldwin wanted to give her then-boyfriend (now husband) a special gift to mark their first anniversary. Instead of searching for it, she designed it.



Baldwin

Drawing on her creativity, the local writer and marketer developed a game that featured significant moments of their budding relationship. Over time, Lynn expanded on this idea so that other couples, from newlyweds to those together for decades, could celebrate their own relationships.

Baldwin recently unveiled "Stop & Kiss: A Card Game for Couples" under the auspices of Lindsay Lou Games, LLC, her new company. "Stop & Kiss is a game for two people in love," Baldwin said. "In these hectic times, I think couples need a way to take time out for each other, explore their relationships and celebrate



Stop & Kiss is a card game for couples.

their love." Stop & Kiss features card categories from "Relationship Rev-Up" to "Complete the Thought." Each category directs players to have a conversation about a particular topic, or to ask or answer questions about themselves and each other. There's even a "Wild" card in the deck, inviting couples to show how much they love each other.

Stop & Kiss is a perfect gift for weddings, bachelorette parties, bridal showers, anniversaries, birthdays, or anytime two people want to say "I love you."

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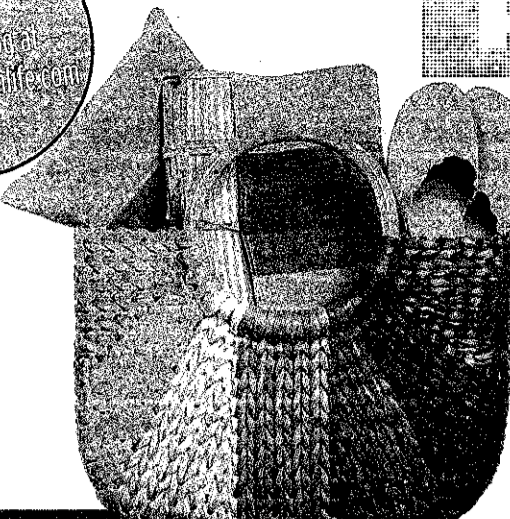
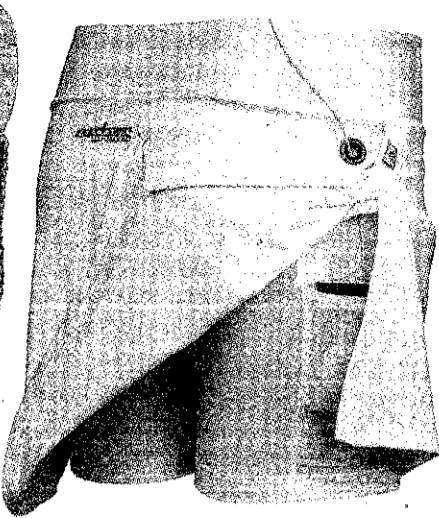
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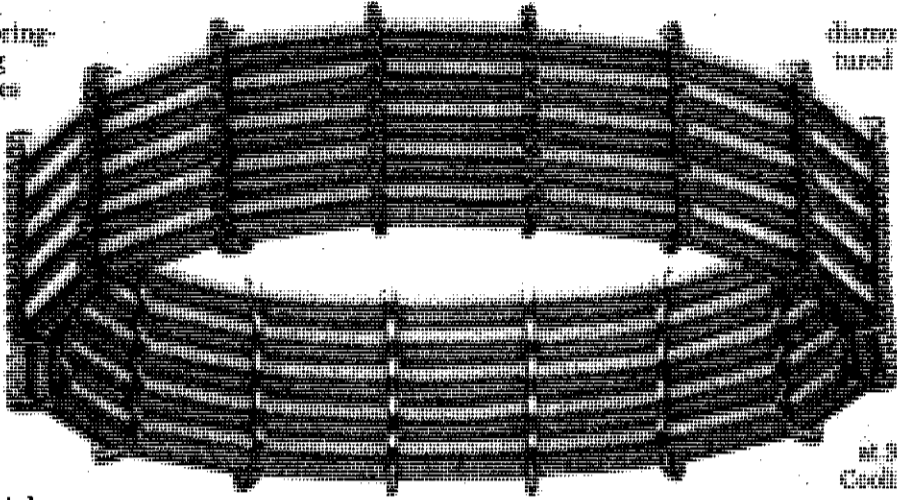



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Gems and diamonds shine brighter in shades of the season

With vibrant colors springing up in everything from summer dresses to patent pumps, a PINK girl wouldn't want to neglect her jewelry box of striking gemstones in hot hues like yellow, pink or blue. For those with the means, it means investing in a one-of-a-kind item that will last. And chances are a robin's egg blue American turquoise-accented wood bangle bracelet or



Hammond strands (pictured above). Even hoop earrings are more wearable. They come in an oval shape that's less severe and still stylish. Stop in for a peek and try not to feel like Holly Golightly gazing longingly through the glass cases. Jules R. Schubot's is located at 5001 W. Big Beaver at Coddage in Troy.



Stephanie Casola

purplish-pink kunzite earrings will out-live a single season and become a treasured, timeless piece. Long-standing favorites — rubies, sapphires and citrons also provide a pop of color in earrings, a necklace or a bracelet.

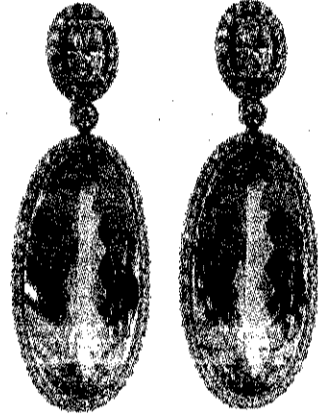
Think fashion investment. Just ask Brian Schubot. He took over his family's business in December and is now president of Schubot Jewellers in Troy. The store, in its 91st year, has an established and loyal clientele — in some cases the third or fourth generation of family members keep coming back. It's known as the place to find that signature piece of jewelry. While clients keep Schubot Jewellers in mind for engagements, anniversaries and special occasions of all kinds, he said he's proud to be "part of their milestone, their celebration."

And what he aims to do, is simply offer something beautiful, something of the highest quality and something unexpected. So when you're seeking that ultra-rare pink diamond ring, chances are there are a few sparkling stones from which to choose. Slip on a three-stone ring that sizzles in shades of yellow and rose, set in a platinum band. Yellow diamonds can be found in much larger sizes, Schubot said, and are sure to catch attention.

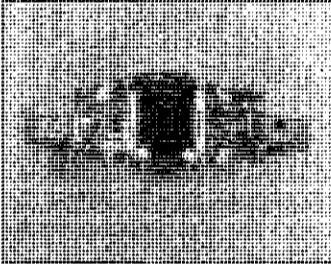
Pretty-in-pink jewelry fans might opt instead for kunzite stones, set in earrings you'll have and wear for ages. Schubot said his clients are looking for "pieces that are wearable, not pieces they can wear once or twice a year."

Schubot's staff designer Joe Campanelli is also on hand to craft just the precious gem adornment to reflect your personality.

If a burst of colorful bling just isn't your thing, there are plenty of other notable jewelry trends on the rise. As gold increases in value, its popularity has grown as well, said Schubot. He carries an expandable bracelet made of gold coils and



These 13-carat oval kunzite and diamond earrings show that color makes a statement in jewelry too.



Nothing says summer quite like a sunshiny diamond three-stone ring.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola is a self-confessed shop-a-holic. She writes about beauty, fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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Malls & Mainstreets

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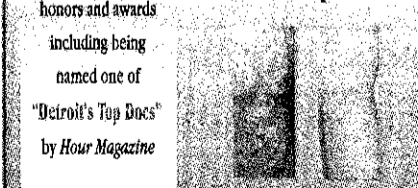


Catherine Munaco, manager of CoachMeFit.

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