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Lathrup Village artist Susan Scherer adjusts one of her handmade copper garden ornaments Friday on the first day of the 27th annual Plymouth Art in the Park festival.

A weekend with the arts (and crafts) Annual festival takes over downtown streets

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Susan K. Nestor knows the value of arts and crafts venues like Plymouth's Art in the Park, which took over the streets of downtown Plymouth all weekend.

Nestor, an artist from Farmington who specializes in beads, has built up quite a resume of satisfied customers in six years at the festival.

It's a level of success first-year artist Samantha Strayer is hoping to achieve.

Both were among the hundreds of crafters from across the country - there was one from San Francisco, another from Georgia - who set up shop for three days to take advantage of the popular festival, now in its 27th year.

These kinds of shows, as Nestor already knew and Strayer discovered this weekend, are important ones for crafters.

"Everyone knows about this show," said Nestor, who owns Susan K. Nestor

Studios. "When you're at a show, people always ask where you're going to be. When I say Plymouth, everyone says, 'I love that show, I'll be over there.'"

"The caliber of this show brings people out," she said, helping one of several customers milling about her booth. "There's a lot of variety. I get to see people who've never bought from me, and I get to see a lot of repeat customers."

Business for Strayer was a little slower, but she was still encouraged by her first

experience with the festival. She designs business cards, greeting cards, invitations and the like, using a variety of colors and decorative supplements.

"I'm hoping for some exposure, hoping it'll generate interest and give me some good feedback on my designs," Strayer said Friday afternoon. "I don't know what people expected. It's been quiet, but I'm hopeful."

She works out of her home in Belleville, and

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Bosch hopes for December completion

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Walls are up, floors are poured and contractors building the new Robert Bosch Corporation are hopeful they can be done before the end of the year with the \$37.5 million facility being built for the automotive supplier.

The building, being built on approximately 76 acres at Five Mile and Haggerty in Plymouth Township, is a 225,000-square-foot complex that will house the corporation's research and development divisions, as well as administrative space for its automotive body electrical and electronics division.

Work is going well enough that officials hope to be able to move the 500 employees into the building as early as January.

"It's going to be a big change for the area," said Neil Quenon, project manager for Barton-Malow, the Southfield-based company serving as the project's construction manager. "We're trying to be substantially complete by Dec. 31. We've got an aggressive schedule ahead of us."

In conjunction with construction of the building, Bosch is also paying to have Haggerty widened to ward off potential traffic problems. The project is being built on a greenfield site, and Bosch is putting in two additional wetlands to replace displaced wetlands.

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Preparations are made for a concrete pour inside the 225,000-square-foot facility Bosch building at Five Mile and Haggerty.

Commission OKs \$1 million bond

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

You can't fight city hall, which is OK with officials in the City of Plymouth, because city hall isn't in any shape to fight back.

But city commissioners took a step forward toward improving the condition of the hall this week, authorizing the sale of nearly \$1 million in bonds to pay for maintenance and other upgrades at city-owned buildings.

The sale is tentatively scheduled for 2:30 p.m. July 17. The bonds will cost the city \$120,000 per year.

"I look at it as a home improvement loan," Mayor Dan Dwyer said. "It's tough when the economy is bad, but we're confident we can do it. You can't let city hall fall down. This is stuff we've put off for a long time."

Earlier, Dwyer said he was persuaded to seek the bond after financial consultant Warren Creamer of Robert W. Baird & Co. of Traverse City convinced him the city's bond rating wouldn't suffer with the increased debt, and a financial forecast that predicts deficit budgets the next few years.

Creamer said Plymouth, with an A+ rating from Standard & Poors, "has a very good rating, considering the size of the community."

"You've increased your fund balance and rainy day fund to about 19 percent of general fund expenditures, which is a very strong amount to have on hand, and applauded by the ratings agencies," Creamer said. "You're real strength has been the administration and financial management of the city."

City Manager Paul Sincok said some of the needs include 25-year-old roofs at city hall, the Plymouth Cultural Center and municipal services, problems at the parking garage and in the ice rink.

"We've got technology upgrades we've been putting off for a long time, with the Recreation Department software so outdated they don't even service it anymore," Sincok said. "We'll do some outside painting and other repairs, some lighting improvements and new television cameras to make our meetings more accessible to the public."

City officials have said residents will not see an increase in taxes as a result of the bond.

Staff writer Tony Bruscato contributed to this report.

20th District hopeful satisfies his passion for politics

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Joe Hawver has always had a passion for politics - he worked on John Dingell's campaign when he was 16 - but never had a yen for political life.

Now, after caving in to years of badgering from his friends, the 27-year-old Plymouth Township resident is jumping into the political arena, campaigning for the House 20th District seat being vacated by the term-limited Rep. John Stewart.

Hawver is one of three Democrats on the Aug. 8 primary ballot.

"I guess I've always been apprehensive about it because of how people talk about politics, and how people start



Hawver

with these great intentions, but when they get into it they become these corrupt, Jack Abramoff-types," Hawver said. "I do have a passion for this, but I also have a mindfulness about the dark side of all this, and that's the thing that prevented me

from getting into it the last couple of years.

He grew up in Wayne and his family lived there until he was 12 before moving to Plymouth. He attended Canton High School before moving to

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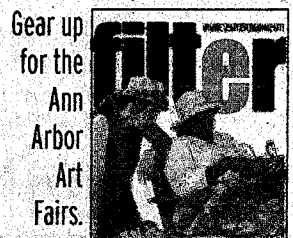
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Art a la Ann Arbor



Ann Arbor Road Days

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors the second-annual Ann Arbor Road Sale Days July 15-23, a week-long sales event designed to promote the Ann Arbor Road corridor of businesses.

A coupon sheet will be available from 35 participating businesses that lists all of the special sales and giveaways that will be offered during the sale.

Visitors who get their sheets validated by 10 of the participating businesses will be eligible for the "Basket of Gifts" drawing, in addition to gathering some of the free give-aways and discounts the businesses are offering.

For a complete list of participating businesses, or for more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

Child seat clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free child safety seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 at the department's new headquarters at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

The inspections will be by appointment only, and limited space is available.

Anyone who would like their seats inspected can make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil, (734) 354-3243.

Nominations sought

Nominations are being sought for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Beautification Awards.

For 10 years, the chamber has presented the awards to acknowledge businesses striving to make the community a more beautiful place to do business. Winners have included every type of business from small retail to corporate companies.

Nominations, which must be submitted in writing, are eligible in three exterior categories: Renovation, Landscaping and New Construction. Nominated businesses must be located in the city or township of Plymouth.

Deadline for nominations is July 10. E-mail, fax or mail

nominations to chamber@plymouthmi.org, (734) 453-1724, or the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Concert appearance

"Brazil and Beyond" appears 7-10:30 p.m. Friday, July 14 at Plymouth Crossing, located at 340 N. Main in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 455-3700.

Free family fun

The furry critters of Red Gate Petting Farm return July 15 for New Liberty Bank's second annual Neighborhood Picnic.

All are welcome to enjoy hot dogs and ice cream as well as live entertainment from local band Phoenix, also seen at the popular kids' concert series, Music in the Park. The Plymouth Community Fire Department will also be on the scene with a fire truck to explore.

Kids of all ages can meet and learn about a variety of animals including apacacs, sheep, pygmy goats and miniature donkeys.

Festivities will take place in the bank parking lot and are free and open to the public. The event kicks off Ann Arbor Road Days the week of July 15-23.

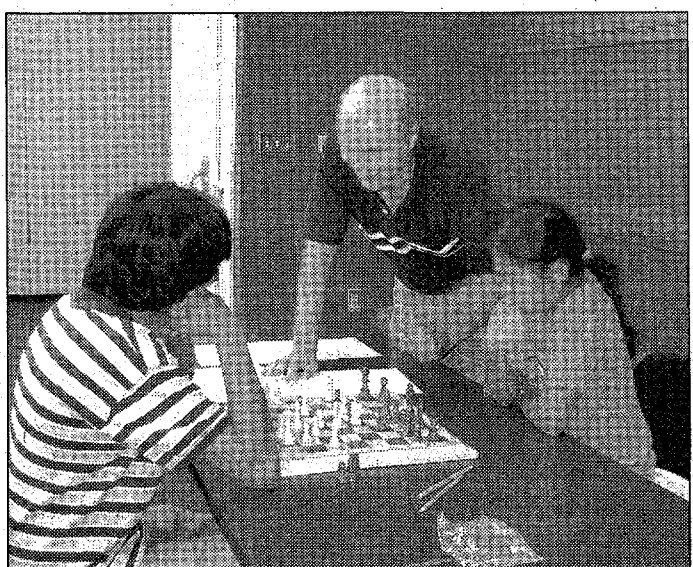
Ann Arbor Road Days is organized by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce to promote local businesses.

The bank is located on Ann Arbor Road west of Main Street.

Northville summer carnival

The carnival midway comes to Northville July 13-16 with plenty of rides, games and other amusements at Northville Downs, on the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon, and will feature midway rides, games and other amusement attractions.

This year's carnival is provided by Wade Shows, Inc. Admission is free to the midway with individual rides tickets \$1. "Pay One Price" wristbands will be available



Checkmate!

A three-session chess workshop starts Wednesday at the Plymouth District Library. The workshop will be led by Fred Lindsay, one of Michigan's strongest players who has earned the national titles of senior master and life master as well as the international title of FIDE master. The workshop is for teens of all levels; younger children who are already chess players are also welcome. The Wednesday evening sessions on July 12, 19 and 26 will run from 7-8:30 p.m. Please call (734) 453-0750 to register.

each day for \$18; discount coupons are also available at the chamber office.

The Northville Summer Carnival, sponsored by Northville Downs and the Northville Chamber of Commerce, runs 1-10 p.m. July 13; noon to 11 p.m. July 14-15; and noon to 8 p.m. July 16.

For more information, call (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

New Morning open house

New Morning School hosts an open house for students in grades kindergarten-eighth 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 12.

The school is located on Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft, in Plymouth Township.

For more information, call Joan Barrett, (734) 420-3331.

Blood drive

St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth hosts an American Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, July 10.

Appointments can be made, but walk-ins are also

welcome. The church is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth.

To make an appointment or for more information, call Carolyn Libeau, (734) 455-5395.

Glassmaker on TV

Plymouth glassmaker Don Schneider will be featured on "Beads, Baubles & Jewels," a PBS TV show airing July 30.

Schneider will be showcasing a technique called millefiori, which translates to "a thousand flowers." Schneider shows the first step in the process, then explains further using examples of the work in progress.

Schneider's work, from blown rare glass to delicate Christmas ornaments and beads, is available in his gallery, The Glassworks, 543 Deer Street in Plymouth.

Schneider teaches at the Toledo Museum of Art, at his studio for Schoolcraft College, and privately.

For more information, call (734) 459-6419.

Crafters wanted

Crafters needed for Delta Kappa Gamma's 20th annual juried show Saturday, Oct.

1234, Ext. 236.

Senior Olympics

The Northville Senior Center hosts the Senior Olympics Aug. 21-25.

Events include: Baking Contest, Fun Walk, 3K Walk, Bridge, Softball Throw, Ring Toss, Frisbee Toss, Football Toss, Soccer Kick, Euchre (sponsored by PCCA) Tennis, Horseshoes, Basketball Shoot, Volleyball, Shuffleboard, Swimming, Billiards, Pinochle and Bocce Ball.

Register at the PCCA office. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 for more information.

Gift certificates

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is once again plugging its "Plymouth Gift Certificates," good at more than 50 stores and 25 Plymouth restaurants.

The certificates, which chamber officials said "make great gifts for teachers, coaches or anyone special," can be purchased in any denomination.

For more information, call (734) 459-2700 or visit the chamber at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Entertainment books

The Plymouth Symphony is offering a special on entertainment books as part of its annual fund-raiser.

Patrons who buy a 2007 Entertainment Book get a 2006 book for free. The books offer 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events.

The 2006 book can be picked up now at the Plymouth Symphony office, next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, or call (734) 451-2112 or Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

The 2007 Entertainment Book will be available in August. The entertainment book offer is \$20, with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton.

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'Time warp'

Amish crews began taking down Cady barn

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

There was a time in Canton's history when it was probably common for men with names like Amos and Levi to build and tear down barns. So it was somewhat fitting that a group of Amish men - some named Amos and Levi - were the ones on Thursday to begin taking down the old Cady barn so it can be moved to township property in Cherry Hill Village.

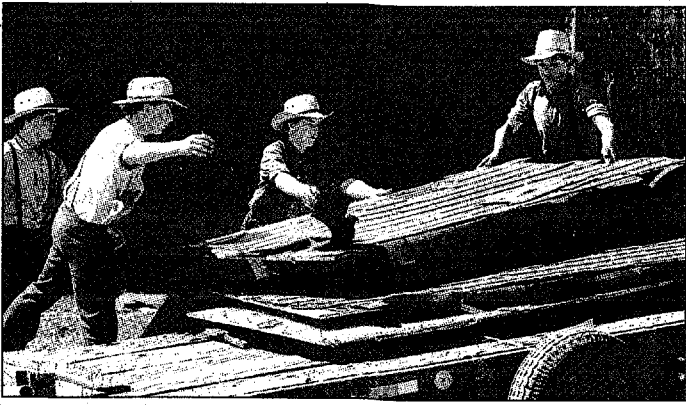
The Amish workers, numbering about a dozen, certainly played their part, looking like a crew straight from the era when Aruna Cady actually built the old gambrel-roofed barn on Joy Road near McClumpha - now the campus of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Not only were their clothing and general appearance reminiscent of centuries gone by, they also didn't take advantage of technologies employed by today's construction crews. Everything was done with brute strength. There were no cranes. Just crowbars, prybars and hammers tearing away at century-old lumber and nails.

The scene was exactly like the kind you would have seen in Canton 150 years ago.

As such, it drew out a few curious onlookers, including David Curtis of the historical society, Charlie Mott of the Lions Club, and township trustee and local history buff Melissa McLaughlin.

And of course, there was Bob Boyer, who arrived early with the Amish crew. It was Boyer, a longtime Canton resident and owner of Boyer's Meat Processing, who stepped forward to not only find the crew, which is moving the barn for considerably cheaper than original



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Younger crew members load pieces of the barn on trailers, eventually to travel a few miles southwest to the Bartlett-Travis house near Cherry Hill Village.

estimates the township had, but also is paying for it himself.

Boyer, who once hauled cattle out of the old Cady barn, said he came forward after reading about efforts to save it had failed. He said what really touched him was the work of some Salem High School students, who formed a project around the barn and even offered a tour to the public.

Boyer also thinks the barn will be perfect for the annual Canton Lions Club corn roast, which takes place the fourth Sunday of August.

McLaughlin, who is a bit of a barn buff, said everything is moving forward with site preparation in Cherry Hill Village, though the site has proven a little wetter than expected. The township board recently voted to spend more than \$30,000 to prepare the site for the barn.

She was really amazed by the scene of the Amish crew taking down the barn, however. It reminded her of another time. She was particularly impressed by the skill of the workmen.

"This is what our grandparents did. This was such a part of their everyday lives, just like it is part of the everyday lives of these workmen. It's really like a

time warp watching them," she said.

The hope of some officials is to see the barn restored, so it can complement the Bartlett-Travis House in some kind of heritage park. The township has not committed any funding to that at this point, but, according to Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett, the Canton Community Foundation grant committee will recommend to the foundation's full board to approve spending \$20,000 over two years to help with site preparation and other work.

As for the workers, there is still time to get a peek at their craftsmanship. It is expected to take them another week or two to finish taking down the barn.

The better time to see them, however, may just be at an undermined event sometime later this summer. At least that's what McLaughlin would like to see. She said it would be great to have the community come out for an old-fashioned barn raising, just like used to take place in Canton years ago.

"I think it would be great to have it revolve around the Lions Club corn roast somehow," she said.

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wanted to expand her customer base, so she decided to take part in the festival.

"I'm so excited when I make them," Strayer said of her cards. "When I see the people come up and get excited, too, I love that."

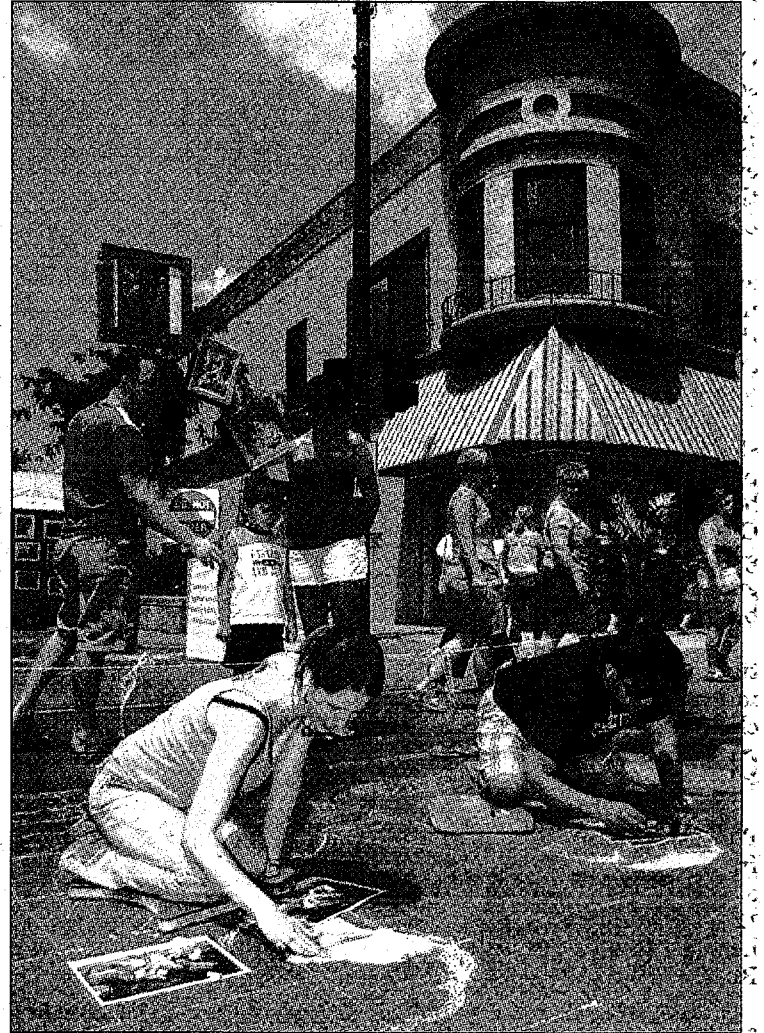
Chris Corcoran gets excited about Art in the Park, as well. By 2 p.m. Friday (the show opened around noon) she and her mother had already sent her dad home with one batch and were loading up for the second round.

Corcoran, who lives in Sterling Heights and makes it to Art in the Park every year, said she had not yet begun to shop.

"We're browsers," she said of her and her mom. "We've been on a roll, and we've still got one street left to go."

The festival had a few new twists this year, including live entertainment near E.G. Nicks and a live video feed by michiganliveevents.com which broadcast streaming video of happenings during the art fair.

Live entertainment continues until 4 p.m. today (Sunday); the festival closes at 5 p.m.



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Artists Carmen Flora of Plymouth and Phillip Delacruz of Carlsbad, Calif., work on a chalk mural at the intersection of Main and Penniman.

The 27th annual Plymouth Art in the Park didn't officially open until noon, but by early Friday afternoon Main Street already had large crowds.



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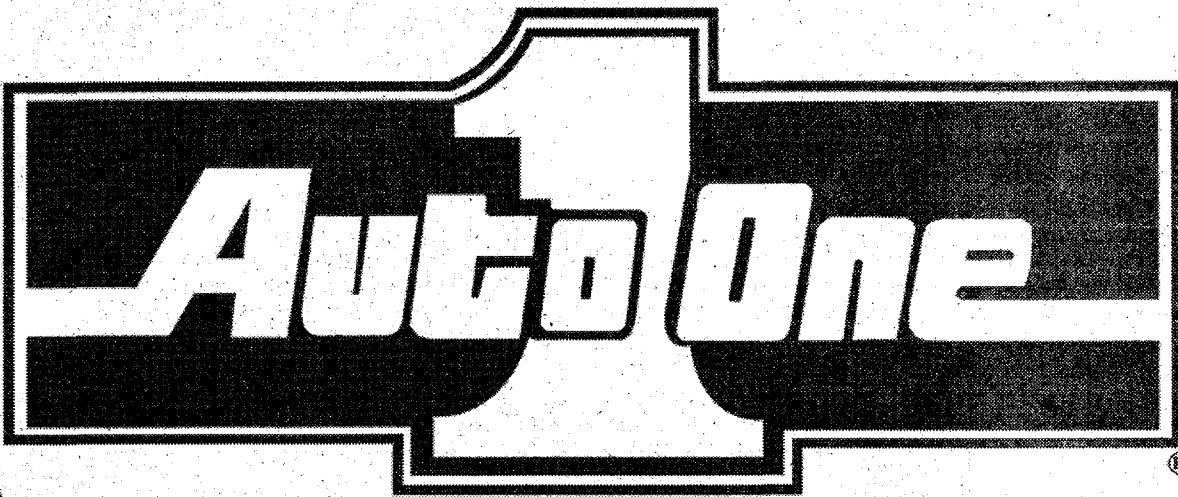
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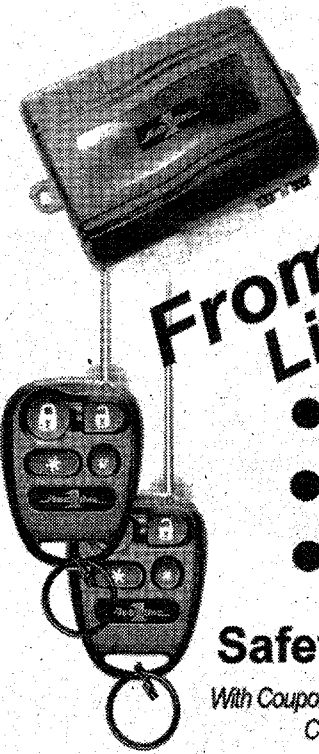


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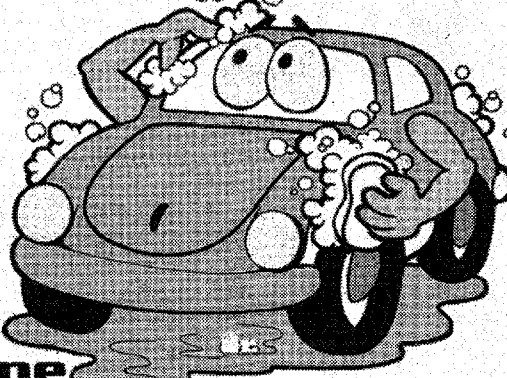
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HAWVER

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Dearborn, where he finished up at Edsel Ford High School.

BACKGROUND

He got his bachelor's degree in public law from Western Michigan University and just graduated Wayne State Law School. While there, Hawver worked for more than three years at Growth Works, the Plymouth-based counseling center for troubled teens and was one of three therapists chosen to start a new center in Grosse Pointe.

He left Growth Works in September 2005 to finish school and start studying for the bar exam, which he has taken, but not gotten results yet.

He said the economy is the state's No. 1 issue.

"It's been pretty well-publicized Michigan is in a single-state recession, and I think that's mostly because we don't have a very diverse economy here," Hawver said. "We pretty much depend on the auto industry, and whenever the auto industry goes into a slump the economy tends to slump."

Hawver said one of the keys is alternative energy, pointing out that whenever the world transitioned to a new energy source, the empire controlling the old one has failed to maintain control.

"If we accept the premise, and I know this is controversial, that the world's energy needs are changing and the global oil supplies are shrinking and that's why prices are so high, I think we have a golden opportunity in this state to transition to whatever energy source the world is going to be using in the 21st century," he said. "I think this is an emergency in this state and in the world. We have to look at what alternative energy sources are out there right now, what technologies are out there. We have to look at ideas like that and say, what is the predominant energy source - is it the sun, is it ethanol, electricity, hydrogen? What's it going to be and how can we build it here and make it work?"

TAX PLAN

Hawver favors elimination of the single-business tax and replacing it with a 2-percent tax on services, a tax on profits he said would be a more traditional corporate tax. Another idea floating around, he said, is a progressive income taxation. But Hawver favors a tax on services.

"The economy is ever-changing. Michigan has more service-oriented businesses than it does businesses that produce goods (but) we only have a sales tax on goods, not on services," he said. "The economy is ever-changing. I'm all for keeping an optimal tax rate. We figure that out as we go along."

Hawver cited a study published on the Center for

Michigan's Web site that says a 4-percent sales tax on services would raise \$7.3 billion every year. Acknowledging such a tax could hit the poor hard, Hawver said he'd exempt some services to avoid that.

"It might be regressive, depending on which services you exempted," Hawver said. "(But) I think the sales tax on goods is definitely regressive; people buy goods before they buy services. You could exempt services that would hit the poor harder than they hit the middle class."

On other issues, Hawver:
 ■ Wants to expand access, get costs under control and make prescription drugs affordable, and he favors Gov. Jennifer Granholm's plan, modeled after Mitt Romney's plan in Massachusetts, to get people to buy into a health plan.

"That will definitely expand access, but the other thing it will do is get people paying into the system," Hawver said. "When people pay for something, they take better care of it. If you get people paying, even if it's a little bit, that's going to help costs at least marginally."

■ Wants to amend Proposal A, the 10-year-old law that moved school funding from property taxes to sales taxes, to give communities "that don't think they're getting enough money from the state to raise more money for schools if they want to."

"Michigan public schools are funded more equitably now than they have been at any point in our history, and that's a good thing," Hawver said. "But at the same time, if communities have concerns about money they're getting from the state, they should be able to raise more money if they want to in a millage. That should be done at the community level."

■ Would vote against the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, the ballot proposal that would end affirmative action. Hawver is currently working for Wayne State on a research project on what will happen if the MCRI passes.

"We're looking at Washington and California, which passed similar initiatives," he said. "The political scientist in me says it has a good chance of passing (but) I personally support affirmative action, so I hope it doesn't pass."

Hawver, the youngest Democrat in the election, thinks his youth could play into his favor against candidates he said are older "and maybe they're entrenched in a certain way of thinking."

"In my mind, politics is about platforms and vision, but in the end it's really about what's going to be best for the people in the district," Hawver said. "Our campaign strategy is to go around talking to people door-to-door, meet people and let them get to know me. It's a big district, but we've got young, fresh legs."

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DEATHS

B	N
Paul Binns Binns, died June 28.	Dale A. Nyhus Nyhus, 69, formerly of Canton died July 1.
C	Jill Mary Nykanen Nykanen, 56, of Rochester Hills, died July 4.
Dorothy Conley Conley, 85, formerly of Birmingham, died June 9.	Katherine Burk Pearce Pearce, 66, of Bloomfield Hills, died July 2.
E	P
Sarah Jane Every Every, 87, died July 1.	Kurt G. Woody Woody, 43, died July 5.
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A. Richard Krachenberg Krachenberg, 79, of Plymouth, died July 5.	

ON CAMPUS

U-M Dearborn

The following full-time local students made the Dean's List in the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters at the University of Michigan-Dearborn for the Winter term:

■ Plymouth — Arjana Angjeli, junior, mathematics/secondary certification; Amy Barta, junior, communications; Jessica Cleary, sophomore, biological sciences; Kurtis Edelbrock, sophomore, political science; Kristen Jennings, junior, sociology; Jessica Page-Carreras, junior, communications; Carmen Gentilcore, senior, history/secondary certification; Alyson Kropp, freshman, communications.

■ Canton — Derek Calzadillas, senior, political science/communications; Alisha Cieslak, senior, political science/communications; Devin Jones, junior, psychology; Brian Kutnick, junior, chemistry; Erin Levertson, senior, management information; Tina Marotta, senior, communications; Lauren Reed, freshman, psychology; JaeHee Shim, senior, biochemistry; Liz Thomas, senior, biological sciences; Emily Wilczak, senior, biochemistry; Emily Perpich, senior, psy-

chology; Christina Rovet, sophomore, psychology; Maria Psillis, junior, political science; Manisha Patel, junior, political science/psychology; Diane Fazio, senior, biological sciences; Elizabeth Wheatley, senior, psychology/health policy studies; Michael Grech, sophomore, economics; Kathryn Rapson, Canton, psychology; Emily Rodriguez, sophomore, mathematics/secondary certification; Michael Baracy, junior, biochemistry/psychology; Jonathan Bertin, freshman, sociology; Jessica Grabowski, freshman, undetermined; Mouazam Malik, senior, biochemistry/psychology; Christina Vega, senior, behavioral sciences; Jennifer Walz, junior, communications; Matthew Whalen, junior, communications; Mallory Majeski, freshman, undetermined; Nadia Bazy, senior, political science.

The following part-time students also made the list:

■ Plymouth — James Tantalo, junior, English.

■ Canton — Suzanne Vedder, senior, environmental studies/secondary certification; Peter Neuroth, senior, psychology.

'Paul Revere Ride' immigration rally set for this week

Livonia will play host this week to the 21st Century Paul Revere Ride, a cross-country rally "to bring attention to the illegal alien crisis in this country," according to a press release.

The event, set for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, will take place at Civic Center Park, on Five Mile east of Farmington Road. The rally is organized by Michigan Citizens for Immigration Reform and features author and broadcaster Frosty Wooldridge.

Wooldridge will lead a group of motorcycle riders across the United States in an effort to share his views of the current illegal immigration crisis.

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There's a system of rain gardens replacing a normal drainage system and a bioswale in place in the visitors' parking lot.

"It's very eco-friendly," Quenon said.

The initial construction will be a four-story office area and the test center, but Bosch is also thinking toward the future, leaving itself with the capability to expand east, south and west for up to 1 million square feet.

"Michigan continues to provide an ideal location for Bosch operations, offering close proximity to customers and an

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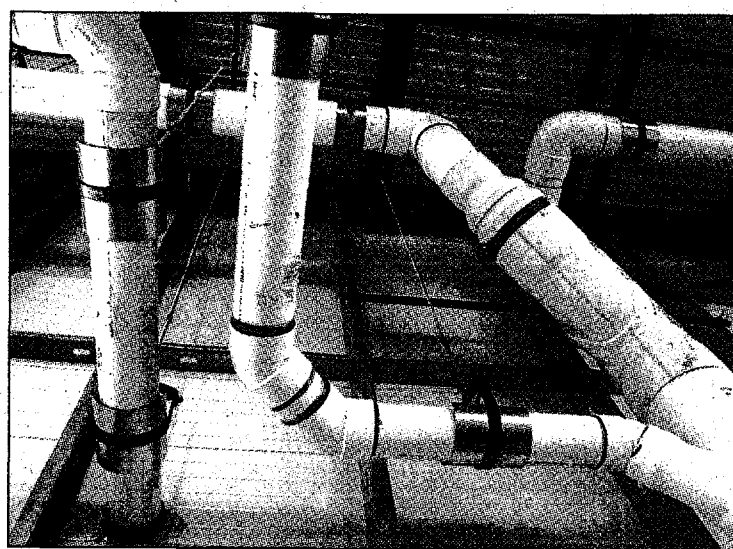
atmosphere that fosters growth for the future," said Kurt Liedtke, chairman, president and CEO of Bosch. "We look forward to becoming part of the ... Plymouth Township community."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the development is significant because it's one of the last tracts of land visible from I-275. He said Bosch has been sensitive to the needs of nearby residents as part of its construction plan.

"They have plans to grow this project into the year 2010," Reaume said. "They've submitted a plan that shows the full growth of the property, including engineering laboratories, four office buildings and a welcoming center. They'll already be working on 2012 and 2013 cars when they move in during 2007."

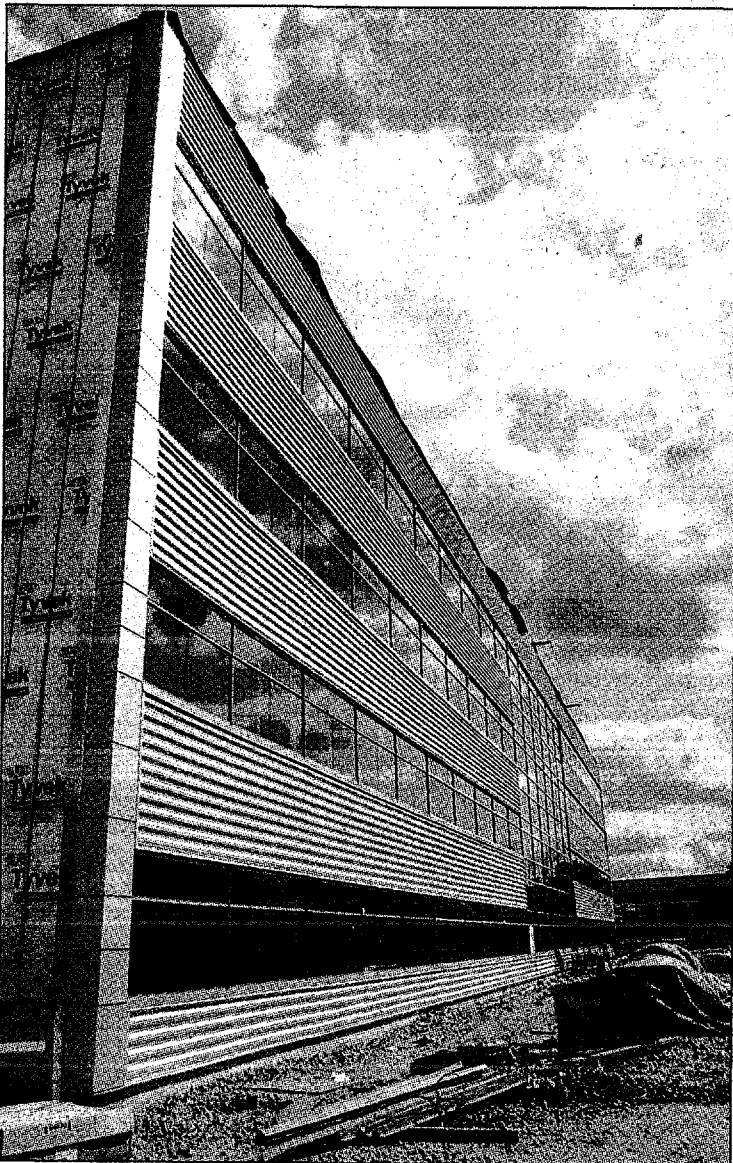
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Rainwater travels through PVC pipes on its way to bioswales, a series of water gardens where the water either percolates down through the soil or evaporates from the plants. This eco-friendly design bypasses the need for hookups to storm sewers.



The administrative portion of the new 225,000-square-foot facility the Robert Bosch Corp. is building in Plymouth Township is a four-story building.



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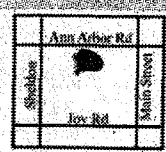
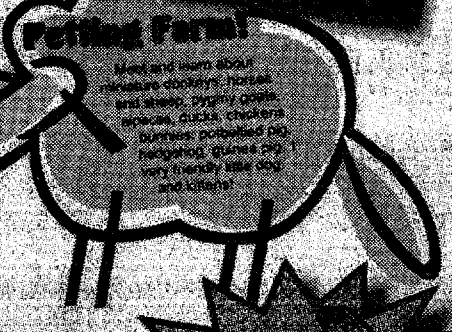
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All stakeholders should have input on mental health changes

The future of the Detroit Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency (DWCCMHA) is one that all of us need to be concerned about because it provides critical services to more than 40,000 people in our community. Along with countless others, Adult Well-Being Services has a vested interest in what happens to DWCCMHA. We are a 53-year-old community-based, nonprofit agency that provides a comprehensive range of services to seniors, people who have developmental disabilities and adults with mental illness.

There are several major issues under discussion: 1) creation of a mental health authority or some other form of governance; 2) implementation of a new service delivery system, and; 3) replacement of the executive director.

With respect to governance, the questions of who will run the county's mental health programs and what its structure will look like are being debated at the state and local levels of government. The state Senate

has referred the entire community health appropriations bill which includes the DWCCMHA line item to a conference committee. Locally, the DWCCMHA Board and Wayne County Executive disagree on what should be the composition of the board. The Wayne County Commission approved a resolution calling for a 13-member board, all of whom would be appointed by the county executive. However, the state statute that created the agency calls for a 12-member board. It is now up to the Michigan Legislature to decide whether or not there will be a change in the State Mental Health Code and thus the board composition.

Governance is fundamental to operation and viability of a community mental health agency. Before any final decisions are made about the governance structure, we strongly urge our legislators and policy makers to involve the provider and consumer stakeholders in the deliberations. We are important to the success of any new governance entity and we encourage you to enlist our advice and support.

The most recent executive director, Richard Visingardi, is no longer in that position. The county has had many mental health agency directors in eight years. Because of unclear governance, a series of executive directors has had difficulty knowing who their boss is. Until the question of who has authority to hire staff,

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carry out policies and enter into contracts is resolved, the system will continue to be unstable. The executive director needs to know to whom to report and to have real operational authority. Whatever organizational structure evolves must clarify the executive director's reporting line and boundaries of authority.

In addition to the deliberations related to governance and who will be the next executive director, there are plans under way to transition the service delivery network. An RFQ has been issued which plans to reduce the existing five managed-care networks to two. The last transition which occurred just three years ago took more than a year to work out the bugs and caused great stress and confusion for consumers. Let's not create unnecessary turmoil again for people who depend on a seamless delivery of services. We urge that the move to consolidate the service delivery network be suspended until all of the operational and governance issues are resolved.

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Karen Shrock is the executive director of Adult Well-Being Services.



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Michigan drifting southward in improving child well-being

The press kit for this year's Kids Count report came with a wheel. You can turn to each state and it gives the state's rank and how it scores on the Kids Count key indicators for child well-being.

Michigan scores a disappointing 27th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Kids Count is a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation to track the status of children's welfare nationally and state-by-state. The project in Michigan is supported by the Baltimore-based Casey Foundation and the Detroit-based Skillman Foundation, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation of Michigan and the Michigan Association of United Ways. The Michigan Leagues of Human Services and Michigan's Children gathers the information.

Hugh Gallagher

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The figures released this year were gathered in 2003.

Kids Count focuses on 10 areas it defines as critical for child well-being: percent of low-birthweight babies (live births weighing less than 5.5 pounds), infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births), child death rate (deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-14), teen death rates (deaths per 100,000 teen ages 15-19), teen birth rate (births per 1,000 female ages 15-19), percent of teens who are high school dropouts (ages 16-19), percent of teens not attending school and not working (ages 16-19), percent of children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment, percent of children in poverty and percent of children in single-parent families.

Michigan's worst ranking is 43rd in infant mortality at 8.5 deaths per 1,000 births, compared to a national average of 6.9. Among African-Americans the infant mortality rate swells to 17.4 deaths per 1,000 births. (The rate is 6.7 for white infants.)

Michigan's sluggish and shifting economy accounts for a 29 percent increase in child poverty. Perhaps the economy is also responsible for Michigan's biggest turnaround, a 30 percent change in the teen dropout rate, dropping from 10 percent in 2000 to 7 percent in 2003. And Michigan ranks a respectable 10th in teen death rate, dropping from 64 to 55 deaths per 100,000 youth between 2000 and 2003. The national average was 66. Auto accidents account for more than a third of all teen deaths.

The teen birth rate has also declined by 15 percent in the period covered.

Like all statistics, these can be read a variety of ways. The Casey Foundation and the local groups that participate in these surveys see positive signs for adolescents and disturbing signs for infants and younger children. They advocate for more governmental involvement in address-

When going around the handy Kids Count wheel, Michigan seems to be going South in its concern for children. The low-tax, low-wages South and Southwest is often seen as a model by some legislators. But it's a poor model for anything but winter weather.

ing these issues. They make special note of the disparity between African-Americans and the white majority.

"This disparity in infant mortality rates is driven by differences in access to health care, good jobs, safe housing and transportation services," said Michele Corey, director of Community Advocacy at Michigan's Children in the release.

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Follow the magic wheel to Mississippi which finishes 50th in overall ranking. Former President Clinton used to joke that he thanked God for Mississippi because it always finished behind Arkansas in these kind of measurements when he was governor. Louisiana is 49th, New Mexico 48th, South Carolina 47th, Tennessee 46th, Arkansas 45th, Georgia 44th, Alabama 43rd, Kentucky 42nd, North Carolina 41st.

At the top is New Hampshire followed by Vermont, Connecticut, Minnesota, Iowa, Utah, New Jersey, Nebraska, North Dakota and Massachusetts.

That top group is a mix of northern and western states with liberal and conservative voting patterns.

One key difference between the bottom and top is racial and ethnic makeup of the states and long patterns of neglect toward minorities.

Our state legislators certainly need to do what is reasonable to attract business to Michigan. But they also need to address the problems surveyed in the Casey study. Drifting further south will only make matters worse. Some companies may well come for those handsome tax cuts and lack of regulation. But others might just wonder why a state with all this potential neglects its most vulnerable residents.

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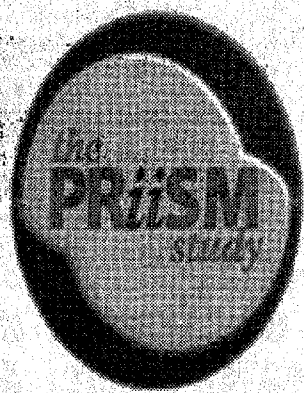
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Red Cross offers advice for summer weather

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, along with Chris Edwards, the weather Whysguy, are continuing in their efforts to help people prepare for weather-related emergencies by providing tips on summer safety to residents throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Edwards, a career meteorologist, said, "It is vital that we make the public aware of the severity summer weather can bring, especially with regard to protecting yourself from the unexpected. From thunderstorms to tornados, our community needs to be alert and informed on summer safety."

His weather Whysguy science enrichment program informs school-age children on the fundamentals of weather.

The summer season brings much warmer weather as well as increased outside activity. However, it also brings the potential for very severe weather conditions, including heat waves, thunderstorms, flooding and tornados.

The following are Red Cross summer safety tips:

Heat wave safety tips:

- Slow down by avoiding strenuous activity or doing less of it.
- Stay indoors as much as possible. If air conditioning is unavailable, go to the lowest floor of the house, out of the sunshine.
- Take regular breaks when engaged in physical activity on warm days.
- Dress for the heat. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Drink water as much as possible.
- Eat smaller meals and eat more often, avoiding foods high in protein.
- Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.

Thunderstorm tips:

- When a storm approaches, find shelter in a building or car. Keep all windows closed.
- If caught outside, find shelter immediately. If no shelter is available, take cover under shorter trees.
- After a storm passes, listen to the radio to information and instructions.

- If someone is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1 or your local Emergency Medical Services number immediately.

Flood safety tips:

- A flood Watch means a flood is possible in your area.
- A flood Warning means flooding is already occurring or will occur soon in your area.
- Assemble a disaster supplies kit containing essential medications, canned foods and a manual can opener, bottled water, flashlights, a battery-powered radio with extra batteries, cash, emergency contact numbers and other emergency items as needed.
- When a flood Watch is issued, move furniture and valuables to higher floors in your home and fill your car's gas tank.
- When a flood Warning is issued, listen to local radio and TV stations for information and advice. If told to evacuate, do so as soon as possible.

Tornado safety tips:

- Prepare a home tornado plan by choosing a place in the home where all family members can gather in case of a tornado.

- Assemble a disaster supplies kit containing similar items as in the flood disaster kit.
- Stay tuned for storm warnings on radio and television and know what tornado Watches and tornado Warnings are.
- A tornado Watch means that a tornado is possible in your area.
- A tornado Warning means that a tornado has been sighted or is headed for your area.
- When a tornado Watch is issued, listen to local TV and radio stations and be alert for changing weather conditions.
- When a tornado Warning is issued, head for a safe place immediately.
- After the tornado passes, watch for fallen power lines, listen to radio for instructions, use a flashlight for home inspection and do not use candles.

For more information on these and other summer safety tips offered by the American Red Cross, Southeastern Michigan Chapter, visit www.semredcross.org or call (313) 833-2664.

Get some detergent: Annual Mud Day July 11

The annual Wayne County Mud Day will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, at Hines Park Nankin Mills Picnic Area, on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Children, ages 12 and younger, are invited to participate in one of Wayne County's most popular events. The county mixes more than 200 tons of topsoil and 20,000 gallons of water to ensure that the mud is just right and muddy time is had by all. Youngsters will be separated into categories based on age to participate in Mud Limbo and the wheelbarrow races. At the conclusion of the event Mr. and Miss Mud will be crowned.

To ensure that parents and children are prepared for this day of dirt, it is suggested that parents make sure that children are wearing old clothes and shoes. Children also need to bring a clean change of clothes. An on-site clean-up area will be provided. Parents are also advised to bring a supply of towels, as there are not showers on site. Plastic bags will be provided to ensure that all dirty clothes are properly contained for the trip home.

To register groups more than 15 children, call Kim at (734) 261-9087.

For more information on this or any Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

AAA sponsors walkathon to buy child safety seats

On July 15, several hundred metro area walkers will provide donations to benefit low-income families in Michigan who are in need of child safety seats.

The 3rd Annual AAA Strollerthon, a 3K walk for child passenger safety, starts at 9 a.m. at the Detroit Zoo. This year there is an added incentive: Eligible participants can enter a drawing to win one of seven grand prizes - iPod(r) video/music players that can hold 7,500 songs, plus \$100 in downloads in the form of a gift certificate.

Drawing entries will be made available in the programming area at the grassy knoll inside the zoo.

AAA employees, members and the public will walk along a marked 3K route inside the Detroit Zoo. The donations will be directed to charity partner Michigan SAFE KIDS and used to purchase and distribute child safety seats. Charitable contributions will also be accepted from those who wish to donate funds without active participation, although registration is required to obtain zoo entry.

"There is a great need for this public service," said Linda M. Woolwine, president and COO of AAA Michigan. "We're grateful for the many contributions made by our program and media partners to help provide more safety and security to those who need it most."

State law mandates that children up to the age of 4 must be



Walkers will raise money to provide car safety seats for those who can't afford them.

income families have a lower usage rate of child passenger restraint systems, in part because they lack access to affordable child safety seats. The ultimate cost is death and injury rates many times higher than for the general population.

A 1998 study commissioned by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) stated that Hispanic children, ages 5 to 12, are 72 percent more likely to be killed in a crash than non-Hispanic children. African-American children in the same age range have a motor vehicle occupant death rate that is nearly three times that of white children.

In addition to the question of affordability, the proper installation and use of child safety seats - including booster seats for older children - continues to be a challenge. A 2002 study

of booster seat use in six states found:

- 37 percent of children aged 4-8 were using booster seats,
- 46 percent were inappropriately using adult seat belts, and
- 17 percent were riding completely unrestrained.

For this reason, the 2006 AAA Strollerthon will also help build awareness of the important differences between child safety seats and booster seats, and the appropriate use of those seats. To participate in this year's AAA Strollerthon or to donate to this worthwhile cause, please visit: www.aaa.com/safety.

Corporate sponsors for the 2006 AAA Strollerthon include: Michigan SAFE KIDS, Hertz, Sodexo, Dasani, Channel 955, 100.3 WNIC, MIX 92.3 and WJBK - Fox 2 Detroit.

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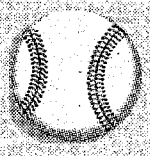
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King takes aim in U.S. Public Links Tournament

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Mike King will tell you he's far from sitting atop the throne of his golf career.

But after earning a spot in this week's USGA Amateur Public Links Tournament in Bremerton, Wash., the Livonia

native won't be excused for taking a few bows.

The Saginaw Valley State junior begins stroke play Monday and



Mike King

Tuesday at the 7,100-yard, par-72 Gold Mountain Golf Club, located an hour west of Seattle.

He is among five Michigan players in the field of 156, which features some of the top amateur golfers in the world. It's the same men's tournament where Michelle Wie competed and drew national media atten-

tion last year.

"It's definitely right up there," said King of his latest accomplishment. "Winning the state title (at Detroit Catholic Central High in 2003) as a senior would obviously be right up there, too."

The 20-year-old King, a 2004 CC grad, earned a spot in

the U.S. National Publinx by firing rounds of 70-71 for a 36-hole total of 141 during a regional qualifying event held June 12-13 at the Orchards Golf Course in Washington Township.

"It was hitting a lot of fair-

PLEASE SEE KING, B5

Sidelines

O&E golf tourney

The annual Men's and Women's Observer & Eccentric Open golf tournament will be Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12-13, at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses in Livonia.

The men's event is 36-hole medal play at Whispering Willows (Aug. 12) and Fox Creek (Aug. 13). The fee is \$95 (cart not included). You must have a maximum of handicap of 20.

The women's tourney is 18-hole medal play Aug. 12 at Whispering Willows. The entry fee is \$50 (does not include cart). You must have a current U.S.G.A. index to participate.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. It will be limited to the first 200 golfers. Call (248) 476-4493.

Hole-in-one club

John Kecskes, 66, of Plymouth, used a sand wedge to ace the 91-yard, No. 8 hole, June 30, at the Fox Hills' Strategic Fox. He shot a round of 42.

Bill Coulter, 63, of Howell, used a pitching wedge to ace the 75-yard, No. 7 hole, June 20, at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox. He shot a round of 38.

MU golf tryouts

Tryouts for the Madonna University men's and women's golf teams will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia. Scholarships are available.

You must pre-register for the nine-hole round. (Driving range will be available.) Call MU golf coach Scott Marzolino at (734) 432-5670; or e-mail smarzolino@madonna.edu.

Chiefs grid meeting

The next meeting of the Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, at the Box Bar, located at Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, in Plymouth.

Please join us if your son is a current Canton Chief football player, or an incoming freshman.

2nd Chance 5K

The fifth annual Second Chance at Life 5-kilometer race, a family fun and fitness event promoting organ donation sponsored by the University of Michigan Transplant Center, will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. The cost for the 5K race is \$18 (if registered online by 11:59 p.m. Pacific time, Aug. 10).

If you don't do either a 2-mile walk, 4-mile inline skate or 10-mile bicycle event, which starts at 10:15 a.m. A hot dog lunch (if registered) follows from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Family festivities include clowns, music and moonwalk. Visit runmichigan.com.



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Eight-year-old Lauren Larson makes her way through the obstacle course with a time of 28.7 seconds during Thursday's Livonia Youth Fitness Meet held at Rotary Park.

Triple play at Fitness Meet

Sisters bring home 4 medals from Livonia event

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Whoppi Goldberg would have been proud of this Sister Act.

Winning gold medals is certainly becoming a habit for the McKinley sisters, who hauled in four Thursday morning at Rotary Park during the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's Youth Fitness Meet.

Jessica, a student who plays volleyball at Emerson Middle School, captured the Class A (ages 13-14) agility course run.

Meanwhile, younger sister Tasha took

the standing long jump in Class C (ages 9-10) and will defend her Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet title Thursday, July 20 at Kensington Metropark.

Tasha's twin, Sheila, garnered firsts in both the agility course run and chinning. Both will be fifth-graders this fall at Cooper Upper Elementary School.

"They've been doing it for three years and they just love it," said mother Carol, who was on hand to support her daughters. "This is the first year they've all won gold medals. They're very active, and they keep their grades up."

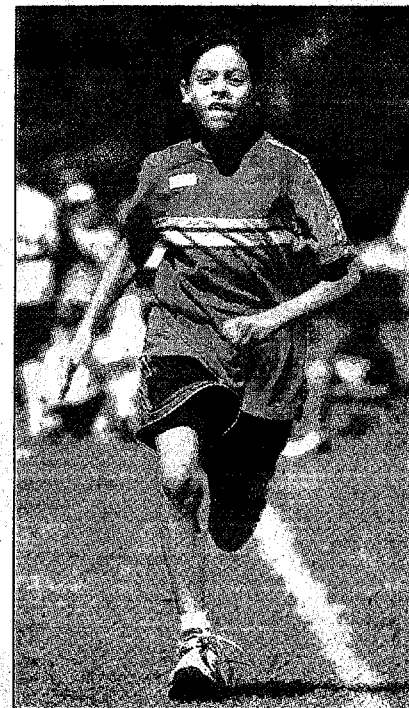
It was nearly a McKinley family affair

as older brother Brian, a student at Franklin High School, was on hand taking digital photos.

"My husband (Mark) had to work," Carol said. "He definitely would have been there if he had gotten (the day) off."

The Livonia Youth Fitness Meet featured several events in four different age classifications - 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 - including softball throw, chinning, standing and running long jump, dashes and agility course.

Complete meet results will appear in Thursday's Observer.



Twelve-year-old Matthew Mangulabnai sprints his way towards the finish line during the finals of the 60-yard dash Thursday.

Livonia youth tackles WAM 300-miler

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The scales are definitely tipping in Garrett DesChenes' favor these days.

The 11-year-old wanted to play football last fall for the Falcons Unit in the Livonia Junior Athletic League, but there was one problem - he was over the 145-pound weight restriction limit.

The fifth-grader from Livonia's Hoover Elementary, however, wasn't about to be forced to the sidelines and decided to change gears.

He started training regularly on his Marin bike, a road and mountain crossover, in preparation for the 19th annual Wish-A-Mile 300-mile Bicycle Tour, July 27-30, which benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

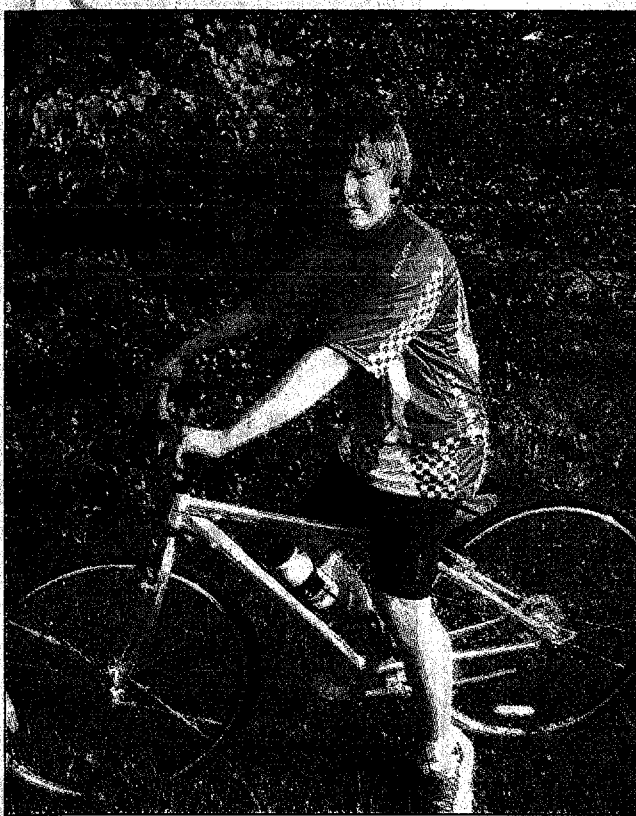
DesChenes will be one of the youngest riders on the WAM, which begins with

an 124-mile trek from Traverse City to Big Rapids, another 104 miles from Big Rapids to St. Johns, before finishing the final day with an 84-miler into the Chelsea Fairgrounds.

Young Garrett is one of 50 members of Team WOW (Wishes on Wheels), sponsored by the Compuware Corp. and the Foresters, a financial services company where his father Gary is managing director.

Garrett begins his training in earnest by riding a recumbent bike in his basement. Each day he rides seven miles in the morning and three more later in afternoon. On weekends he circles through a series of routes in his Livonia neighborhood, going anywhere from 20-to-25 miles. His longest ride has been a 30-miler.

The suggested amount of training leading up to the WAM is 1,000 miles and 5-



Garrett DesChenes, 11, of Livonia, will ride the Wish-a-Mile 300-mile Bicycle Tour, July 27-30, from Traverse City to Chelsea, to benefit the Make a Wish Foundation of Michigan.

PLEASE SEE WAM, B5

Wolves secure 2 regional crowns

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Region II titles are becoming the norm for the Livonia-based Michigan Wolves boys soccer teams.

The Under-14 Wolves, coached by Livonia Stevenson High boys varsity coach Lars Richters, are headed to the U.S. Youth Soccer Nationals, July 26-30, in Des Moines, Ia. after capturing the Region II crown last month in Fox Cities, Wis.

The Under-13 Wolves (Black), coached by Tim Ernst, also came away with a title, defeating CUSC '93 of Indiana, 1-0, for the championship on June 28.

U.S. Under-14 National Team member Soony Saad of Dearborn, led the Wolves with a total of seven goals five in region matches, including both goals in a 2-1 triumph over Chicago Wind National, June 28, in the final.

"The game could have gone either way," Richters said. "This is a tremendous thrill, a major accomplishment for our team and shows exciting progress for our boys."

Plymouth's Josh Gatt added four goals at the

BOYS SOCCER

PLEASE SEE WOLVES, B2

THE WEEK AHEAD

LIVONIA MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE
Sunday, July 9
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)
 Det. Eagles vs. Mich. Monarchs (2), noon.
 Mich. Rams vs. Oakland Cubs (2), 5 p.m. (at EMU's Oestrike Stadium)
Wednesday, July 12
 (at EMU's Oestrike Stadium)
 Park Athletic vs. Mich. Monarchs, 6 p.m.
Friday, July 14
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)
 Mich. Rams vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m. (at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep H.S.)
 Oakland Cubs vs. Mich. Bulls, 6 p.m.
Saturday, July 15
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)
 Mich. Rams vs. Oakland Cubs, 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, July 15
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)
 Mich. Rams vs. Mich. Bulls (2), noon.
 Park Athletic vs. Det. Eagles (2), 5 p.m. (at Saline High School)
 Mich. Monarchs vs. Oakland Cubs (2), noon.
MEN'S PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE
Tuesday, July 11
 Mich. Bucks vs. W. Michigan Edge at Rochester Stoney Creek H.S., 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 12
 (Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup)
 Mich. Bucks vs. Columbus Crew at Rochester Stoney Creek H.S., Saturday, July 15
 Mich. Bucks vs. Kalamazoo Kingdom at Mattawan High School, 7:30 p.m.
W-LEAGUE
Friday, July 14
 Mich. Hawks vs. London (Ont.) Gryphons at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 15
 Mich. Hawks vs. Cincinnati Ladyhawks at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 7:30 p.m.

Rams' Mosher mows down Park, 6-1

Wayne State's Ryan Mosher pitched six strong innings Wednesday as the Michigan Rams downed Park Athletic, 6-1, in Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League action Wednesday at Eastern Michigan University's Oestrike Stadium.

Mosher went the first six innings, allowing just one hit and one run, which was unearned. He struck out eight, walked three and hit two bat-

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

ters as the Rams improved to 15-7.

Former Catholic Central High ace Bobby Henderson (EMU) worked the final inning, retiring the side in order to close out the victory.

Brandon McClanahan, the losing pitcher, went the first five innings. He allowed four

runs, but only one was earned on five hits and three walks.

The Rams scored four times in the second inning on four hits and added two more runs in the sixth to put the game out of reach.

Ryan Shay went 2-for-4 to lead the Rams' eight-hit attack.

Andrew Stafford knocked in two runs, while Matt Nickels, Kyle Hurtt and Scott Martin added one each.

Mike Sacha scored a pair of runs, while Hurt, Martin, Scott Cain and Rob Campbell added one apiece.

Brandon Thompson had a fourth-inning single and Mike Boyd scored Park Athletic's lone run in the third when he was hit by a pitch, advanced to second on a sacrifice, stole third and scored on an over-throw.

The loss dropped Park Athletic to 4-16-1.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WYAA football

The Westland Youth Athletic Association currently has opening for its Comets and Meteors varsity football teams (ages 12-14) who weigh between 100 and 165 pounds.

Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the WYAA Compound, 6050 N. Farmington Road, Westland.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640. WYAA Meteors cheer

The Westland Youth Athletic Association currently has spots open for its Meteor cheerleading squads for girls ages 8-14.

Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the WYAA Compound, 6050 N. Farmington Road, Westland.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640; or visit www.westlandmeteors.org.

Livonia Y leagues
 The Livonia Family YMCA will stage a series of summer leagues including:

A five-week basketball drills clinic (ages 7-13) - July 11-Aug. 10 (cost \$50 for full facility member; \$75 for program member); basketball league (ages 5-13) - July 8-Aug. 12 (cost varies according to membership and age).

Also already offered: Co-ed summer pee wee soccer - July 8 through Aug. 14

(eligible birth dates Jan. 1, 2001 through Dec. 31, 1999); cost \$40 for full facility and \$55 for Y program members;

Summer co-ed T-ball (ages 4-6) and coach-pitch (ages 7-8) - cost \$36 for full facility members and \$48 for program members.

For more information, call (734) 261-2161.

St. Edith volleyball

Tryouts for the Catholic Youth Organization girls volleyball program at St. Edith, located at 15089 Newburgh Road (just south of Five Mile) in Livonia will start Monday, Aug. 14.

It is open to girls in grades 4-8 (this fall) who are members of St. Edith, St. Aidan, St. Colette, St. Kenneth and St. Maurice parishes.

A recreational volleyball program, 5-6:30 p.m. Sundays, July 9 through Aug. 14, at St. Edith, will be open to girls in grades 4-12. There is no fee, but a medical release must be signed by a parent or guardian.

St. Edith also offers adult recreation volleyball (ages 18-and-up) from 6:30-8 p.m. Sundays, July 9 through Aug. 13. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$3 per person. (Babysitting is available on site for a minimal fee.)

For more information, call Gary Smart at (734) 432-5959; or e-mail smart5959@sbjglobal.net.

WOLVES

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Region tournament.

The U-14 Wolves reached the title match with a 3-2 semifinal victory over KCFC Rideout '91-92 after preliminary group play wins over Ambassador FC (Ohio South), 2-0; MRL2-Sockers FC of Chicago, 2-0; and the Chicago Magic, 5-1.

Canton's Sasa Miskovic was the Wolves' starting goalkeeper, backed up by Will Jenkins (Royal Oak). The defense was anchored by Canton's Kevin Cope, MVP of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Cup. He is joined on the backline by Vinh Nguyen (Canton), Nick Tacconelli (Northville), Nick Scabassi (Novi), Ryan Keener (Grand Blanc) and Ryan Barrett (Grand Rapids).

Midfielders include captain Joey D'Agostino, Etienne Lussiez and Adam Bedell, all of Livonia; Doug Beason, Northville; Cody Henderson, West Bloomfield; and Josh Barends, Dimondale.

Other forwards include Kosuke Osobe (West Bloomfield) and Jake Kopek (Macomb Township). The U-14 Wolves open the Nationals July 26 against the Bethesda Road Runners (Md.) followed by Valley United Blast of Southern California on July 27 and the Dallas Texans on July 28 - all in Des Moines.

The two top teams will play for the title July 30. "It's a team that improved greatly from last year due to the addition of some players,"

Richters said. "We felt we had a good opportunity to do well and I was excited when it all fell into place."

"We will expect the best competition around at Nationals."

The U-13 Wolves (Black), meanwhile, reached the Region II championship with a 2-1 semifinal victory over the Naperville (Ill.) Lightning after blanking three straight opponents including the Great Plains (S.D.) Questo, 6-0; the KCFC (Kan.) Alliance Rangers, 2-0; and Bangu (Minn.), 5-0. Members of the U-13 Wolves include: Camden Iwasko, Zachary Cooney and Justin D'Agostino, all of Livonia; Daniel Austin and Derek Martin, Plymouth; Thomas Pickern, Northville; Eric Weberman, Farmington Hills; Michael Henderson, West Bloomfield; Kyle Rutz, Commerce Township; Chad Russell, Walled Lake; Connor Kogge, Holt; Taylor Iadisky, St. Johns; Justin Ritchey, Willis; Adam Carn-Saferstein and Eugene Pulice, Ann Arbor.


The U-13 Region II title ends the Wolves (Black) season because US Youth Soccer does not stage National age-group championship until U-14.

"Today is special because it's the first regional title for these boys and I know what it means to them having coached national champions on the girls side in 2001 and 2004," Ernst said. "It is very rewarding to work with the kids."


Three other Wolves teams finished with 3-1 records before losing in the semifinals including the U-18 team, 2-0 to the Chicago Magic; the U-17 team, 1-0 to Scott-Gallagher (Mo.); and U-15 team, 3-0 to the Chicago Magic.

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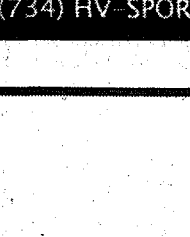
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High Velocity joining forces with Ignition

The Detroit Ignition has entered into a multi-year partnership with High Velocity Sports (HVS), which designates the Canton complex as the official training facility of the team, Ignition President Greg Bibb announced Wednesday.

Through the collaborative agreement, High Velocity Sports and the Ignition will also benefit from a variety of partnership elements designed to maximize exposure for both entities.

The announcement will allow each organization to enhance their missions while providing both with the opportunity to further promote the sport of soccer in the Detroit area.

"We are fortunate to be able to call High Velocity Sports our training home," Bibb said. "HVS is a top-notch facility led by an innovative management team and I look forward to the continued development of this relationship."

"We are thrilled to have the chance to become part of a new legacy for indoor soccer in the area," said Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, chief owner of High Velocity Sports Group. "This partnership solidifies High Velocity as the premier indoor sports facility in the region and for the Detroit Ignition to extend its roots to our organization is very exciting. With the vision of the Ignition's ownership and management, we know this collaboration will be a tremendous success."

Through the partnership, the Detroit Ignition will receive brand placement throughout the HVS facility as well as the opportunity to host pre-season games and soccer clinics.

The Ignition will be provid-

ed with a remodeled locker room and office facilities and also receive brand placement on all HVS instructional league and house team t-shirts. In turn, HVS will receive a number of advertising elements at Ignition home games in addition to their designation as the "Official Training Facility of the Detroit Ignition."

High Velocity Sports is a 110,000-square foot indoor sports facility composed of three 175- by 80-foot soccer fields and one roller hockey rink. The facility also has two mini soccer fields, four locker rooms, two party rooms, a conference room, an extensive arcade, and a full-service café.

The soccer fields are used for indoor soccer, flag football, lacrosse, and dodgeball. Alternative sports include field hockey and cricket. Fields are also used by trainers for individual and team strength, speed, and agility training.

The roller hockey rink is used for roller and floor hockey.

The mini fields are used for soccer clinics, lacrosse clinics, and dodge ball.

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The Detroit Ignition will kick off its inaugural MISL season in Fall of 2006, with home games played at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

For more information about Ignition season, group, and individual tickets, call 1-866-436-GOAL (4625), or by visiting the team's official Internet property, www.detroitignition.com.

Bucks get 2nd shot at MLS Crew

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

This time it's for real. The Michigan Vardar Bucks will have a real shot at the Columbus Crew Wednesday night, playing in the third round of the U.S. Lamar Open Cup, at 7:30 p.m. at Rochester Stoney Creek High School.

The Bucks, of the Great Lakes Division of the Premier Development League, have a history of stunning upsets in the Open Cup and are the only minor league or PDL team to upset a Major League Soccer side in the tournament, defeating the New England Revolution, 1-0, back in 2000.

The Bucks and Crew already played an exhibition match this year.

"We know that it's possible, and it's happened before," said Bucks midfielder Chase Tennant, who prepped at Rochester High School and now is at the University of Michigan. "We have to go out there and believe that we can beat them and attack just as much as play defense."

Tennant is one of several players that start for the Bucks with local ties.

Sweeper Michael Holody (Clarkston/U-M) was an All-State Dream Team player in 2004, along with Tennant, and rarely comes off the field. Defender Adam Brent (Rochester/Oakland) played on Rochester's state championship team in 2002, along with Tennant.

Holody and Tennant were also



Michigan Vardar Bucks sweeper Michael Holody (right) and his teammates will take on the MLS' Columbus Crew July 12 in the third round of the U.S. Lamar Open Cup.

both named to the All-Big Ten Conference Freshmen Team last year.

Midfielders Doug Rice and Brady Vance were on Oakland University's roster last autumn, along with forward Chris Edwards.

Goalkeeper Steven Clark is expected to be OU's starter this fall and head coach Dan Fitzgerald, who graduated from OU in 1983 and played midfield there for four years, resides in Beverly Hills and is a former head coach at both Clarkston (1991-2002) and Rochester (1985-86) high schools.

Together, along with several other current and former collegiate players, mostly from Michigan, the Bucks have daunting task of defeating a professional team, even after losing to the Crew, 4-1, in that exhibition match back on May 25. In that game, the Bucks trailed 2-1 at

halftime only to see the Crew score twice in opening 10 minutes of the second half to take the wind out of the Bucks' sail.

"It won't be easy," admitted Holody, who has started every game this season for the 8-3-2 Bucks. "The last time we played them, they played a lot of their A-Team players, so we know a little bit about them. I'm not sure exactly how we'll play them, we take it one game at a time and we haven't talked about this game much, but I know we'll have to play our best to have shot."

Fitzgerald knows the task at hand isn't an easy one, but understands that anything is possible.

"We have a lot of young guys, which can be good and bad," he said. "They're not 25 to 30 years old with the experience, but a lot of these guys have played at a high level."

"We'll probably have to play more of a defensive style and work on the counter (attack)," he continued. "We can't make mistakes or they'll kill us. They're professionals. We'll prepare for them as best as we can."

"We do know something about them, having seen them already," added Holody. "Plus I know how (Crew forwards) Knox Cameron plays and Eddie Gaven plays. I watch MLS games as much as possible."

The Bucks do have one of PDL's rising stars in Nate Jafta and he is a player that is stating to impress MLS scouts. Jafta,

who plays collegiately at NAAI national power Lindsay-Wilson College (Ky.), is the Bucks top playmaker and one of their leading scorers.

"He's a special player," said Fitzgerald. "We have a lot of very good players and some of these guys might have a future playing at higher level, but Nate is really starting to make a name for himself. He's someone the Crew is going to have to keep an eye on."

Tickets on sale

Tickets for the Crew game are \$13 general admission day of game (5-and-under free) and available at the gate.

While tickets are still available, take advantage of the Bucks presale, by ordering your tickets on line or at one of the local ticket outlets for only \$10.

Tickets can be purchased using your credit card through Pay Pal by visiting the Bucks web site at bucksoccer.com and clicking on the Crew game link.

Tickets will be distributed to several different ticket outlets in the area and will be available Friday afternoon at the following locations: Trading Post (Plymouth), call 734-453-0022; Soccer Plus (Livonia), 734-432-0222; Soccer Plus (Ann Arbor) 734-214-7000; Soccer Plus (Bloomfield), 248-758-0222; George's Soccer (Troy), 248-528-2948; George's Soccer (Southfield), 248-557-1166; Global Soccer (Lake Orion), 248-693-2700.

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35th District Court NOTICE

The 35th District Court is accepting bids for Janitorial Services. The contract will be awarded for a two year period of time. Building is approximately 45,000 square feet and requires basic cleaning after hours Monday thru Friday, except holidays. If you wish to schedule a walk through of the building, please contact Debra Kubitskey, Court Administrator, at (734) 781-0123.

Sealed bids must be received by 4:00 pm, July 17, 2006. Please clearly mark envelope with "Janitorial BID" and send to: Debra Kubitskey, Court Administrator, 660 Plymouth Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD.
CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction, July 11, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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1995	Ford	T-Bird	2 Dr	1FALP62W2SH119532
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2000	Mercury	Sable	4 Dr	1MEFM55S4YG641403
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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR July meeting Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-0750
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 24, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

RDK Rezoning 027-RZ-029

RDK CONDITIONAL REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 027 99 0005 0005 (50750 FORD) AND 027 99 0009-000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Ford and east of Napier Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, July 20, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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Bowman, Kerchen and Biesdiadecki Rezoning 063-RZ-079

BOWMAN/KERCHEM/BIESDIADECKI REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 063 99 0031 000 (46600 CHERRY HILL), 063 99 0032 000, 063 99 0033 000 (46650 CHERRY HILL), 063 99 0035 000 (46690 CHERRY HILL) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND PART OF 063 99 0036 000 (46788 CHERRY HILL) FROM R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Cherry Hill and east of Beck Road.

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LEWISTON/MCCLUMPHA CONDITIONAL REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 025 99 0004 000 (PART OF 50385 WARREN) AND 026 99 001 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Warren and east of Napier Road.

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KING

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ways and greens, my ball striking was solid and I made the putts that I needed to," King said.

King's hard work during the off-season has come to fruition.

He spent many wintry days inside a dome - hitting countless wedges and short irons into laundry baskets under the watchful eyes of Saginaw Valley State coach Andy Bethune and Forest Akers Golf Course pro John Dal Corobbo.

"I've always been a long hitter, that's one of my strengths," said the 6-foot-1, 165-pound King. "I've just tried to be more precise with my short game."

In the NCAA Division II Nationals held at Glade Springs (W.V.), the Cardinals finished 15th in the team standings.

King was also honored on the Golf Coaches of America Ping All-Regional Team.

"It was not at all bad for the first year," he said. "You hope to finish better than 15th, but it was a good experience for a

young team. We hope we can draw upon that experience playing in the Nationals next season."

King began playing golf with his father Gary. He also got help along the way from his two uncles, Kevin and Sean Furlong, whom King says "have been very influential."

King has also worked with Henry Young at Treetops Golf Resort. His younger brother, Brian, is also an accomplished player, just graduated from Novi-Detroit CC and will play for Oakland Community College this season.

As a youth, King played the junior circuit, making three trips to the Independent Insurance Agents national tourneys, while playing in 10 different American Junior Golf Association events.

He also earned a spot in the Western Junior Amateur for players 19-and-under.

"That was a great week," he said. "I really enjoyed it."

King was an alternate in last month's Michigan Amateur and plans to try and qualify later this month (July 25) at Redford's Western Golf and Country Club for the U.S. Amateur, slated to be held at Hazeltine (Minn.). He will also

play in a Golf Association of Michigan qualifier before returning to SVSU.

In his spare time, King likes to be with his family, fellow CC alums and his girlfriend of two-and-a-half years. He also caddies at Plum Hollow.

This summer, he's doing an internship in marketing administration at TBF Graphics in Saginaw. King is majoring in Business Administration at SVSU with a minor in marketing.

When King deplaned late Friday afternoon in Seattle, he was greeted by ideal golf conditions.

"It's sunny, clear, around 70, it's cool, it's nice," he said. "From what I've seen, the course looks gorgeous."

King, however, is not on a sight-seeing tour.

He hopes to become one of the top 64 finishers from the two-day stroke play and move on for match play.

"I could be done by Wednesday, but I'm hoping for something a lot better," he said. "I came out here to win. I'm not here to star-gaze. I want to enjoy it and have a good time, but I want to be all business when I get to the course."

WAM

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foot-2 Garrett appears to be on schedule.

After six months, his weight has dropped from 167 to 118 pounds.

"He's eligible (for football), but he's on a waiting list to play now," said Gary, who will participate in part of the ride along with his two sisters, Sue Legg and Janet Norling. "He watches his carbs. He's doing all the stuff he should be doing."

Garrett, who abstains from pop and chips in favor of fish, can't wait to get on the road. "I'm excited about riding and seeing all the landscape," said Garrett, who will be a sixth-grader this fall at Riley Upper Elementary School.

Garrett's participation in the 300-mile bike tour is only part of story. The WAM is fully-catered, and provides full route, medic, volunteer, massage therapy, along with training support. All food, lodging, and a premium jersey is included in the \$95 registration fee.

Cyclists and volunteers are

transported from the Chelsea Fairgrounds to Traverse City.

Last year, 600 WAM riders raised more than \$775,000 for Make-A-Wish, which benefits children suffering from life-threatening medical conditions, while enriching the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

Each of this year's 750 riders are asked to pledge at least \$650 apiece.

This spring, Garrett raised more than \$325 through a penny drive at his elementary school.

Team WOW, captained by Compuware's Wellness and Work-Life Director Tom Anderson, has designated its Wish Hero efforts toward 16-year-old Ashley, an African-American girl from Oak Park who has been treated since May of 2005 for a rare cerebrovascular disease.

Garrett, meanwhile, continues to gear up for his big ride. The anticipation continues to mount.

"I hope I can go about 14-to-15 miles per hour," he said.

But his father cautions him to be a little more realistic.

"Garrett's got a big heart," Gary said. "I keep telling him it's a tour, not a race."

CAMPS & CLINICS

Cross country camp

Madonna University will stage a camps for cross country including a base camp for serious high school runners from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 31-Aug. 4 (cost \$95); and series of long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. Saturdays, July 15, 22, 29; Aug. 5 and 13 (\$2 each day) - at Cass Benton Park.

Call camp director and MU head cross country coach Pat Daugherty evenings at (734) 658-0226, or the MU cross country office at (734) 432-5634. You can also e-mail pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

Cheer/Pom Pon

Registration is underway for The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's cheer and pom pon camp (ages 7-and-up), which will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 7-11, at the LCRC, located at 15100 Hubbard.

The cost is \$120 (LCRC pass holders); \$130 (Livonia residents); and \$140 (non-residents). Pom pons are available for purchase the first day of camp of \$19.99. Call (734) 981-9900.

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LESSON ON GOLF

by Jeff Lesson

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME PHIL!!

"I just can't have any fun right now playing golf!"

Those were the immortal words of Phil Mickelson who recently pulled out of the annual Par Three Shootout at Treetops in Gaylord leaving many people scratching their heads.

Mickelson, a part owner of the Treetops resort, had been committed to play in the event.

After he fell apart at the U.S. Open the previous Sunday, he waited until the following Friday to let the world know he would not be coming to Treetops.

All this despite the fact that thousands had bought tickets to the event for the sole reason of seeing the greatest golfer in the world (that's right better than Tiger right now) compete in the only event he plays at in Michigan (he almost never plays the Buick Open). I am also quite sure the many sponsors of the event were not exactly thrilled at the 11th hour withdrawal either.

This is at least the second selfish move "Lefty" has pulled right here in Michigan.

At the 2004 Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills, who can forget Mickelson switching from Titleist to Callaway clubs on the eve of the tournament before playing miserably?

You cannot convince me that was about anything except a pure money grab by Phil. Although Phil denies it, it is hard to believe he makes that move before a major. However, the Ryder Cup was a team event that Mickelson apparently cared little about.

Too bad Mickelson shows the same degree of respect for golf fans in the state of Michigan.

Jeff Lesson hosts "Lesson on Golf" weekend mornings on WWJ Newsradio 950 and Saturday mornings 7-8am on 1270 XYT. He also co-hosts "Michigan Golf Weekly Saturdays at 6pm on CBS Detroit TV.

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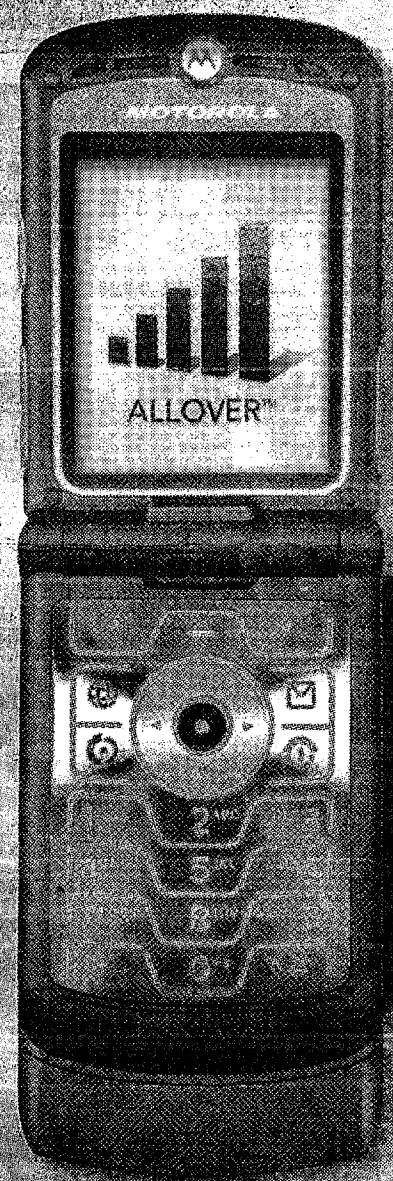
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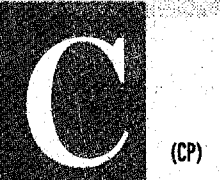
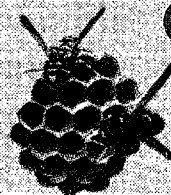
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Praise for Marlo and Mary Richards

As a girl growing up in the 1960s, I wanted to be Ann Marie from Brewster, N.Y. Acting wasn't really my strong suit, but the popular "That Girl" show, which ran on ABC from 1966 to 1971, opened a lot of our young eyes to new worlds out there.

It was always a mystery how Ann, played by Marlo Thomas, could afford such stylish clothes and a relatively comfortable apartment, at least by New York City standards. She worked here and there as an aspiring actress and did some modeling, although her father, Lou, didn't approve of her move to the big city or choice of journalist Donald Hollinger as her boyfriend and eventual fiancé. (She and Donald never wed on the show.)

Around the time that "That Girl" went off the air, "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" came along and offered a story of a slightly older career woman making her way in the world, in this case in Minneapolis working in television news. Mary Richards may have called her boss Mr. Grant and unlike Ann didn't have much luck finding true love, but she too made independence appealing.

We've come a long way from the old days when most women on television were confined to the kitchen. Certainly, Barbara Billingsley's June Cleaver and her ilk were competent in their realm, but it was really Marlo's character who showed a new world to a lot of us girl baby boomers.

I learned years later that Marlo Thomas was instrumental in the production of her show, doing much more than just starring in front of the camera. Mary Tyler Moore too made the jump from Rob Petrie's high-strung young wife on "The Dick Van Dyke Show" to someone who could really make it on her own after all.

Around that time came Suzanne Pleshette as teacher Emily on "The Bob Newhart Show," her psychologist husband's intellectual equal and a strong woman in her own right. (Bob once com-

I couldn't help but think as I watched Davis as President Mackenzie Allen that she never would have gotten there if it hadn't been for Marlo Thomas' character decades earlier. Someone had to 'vote' for President Allen, after all.

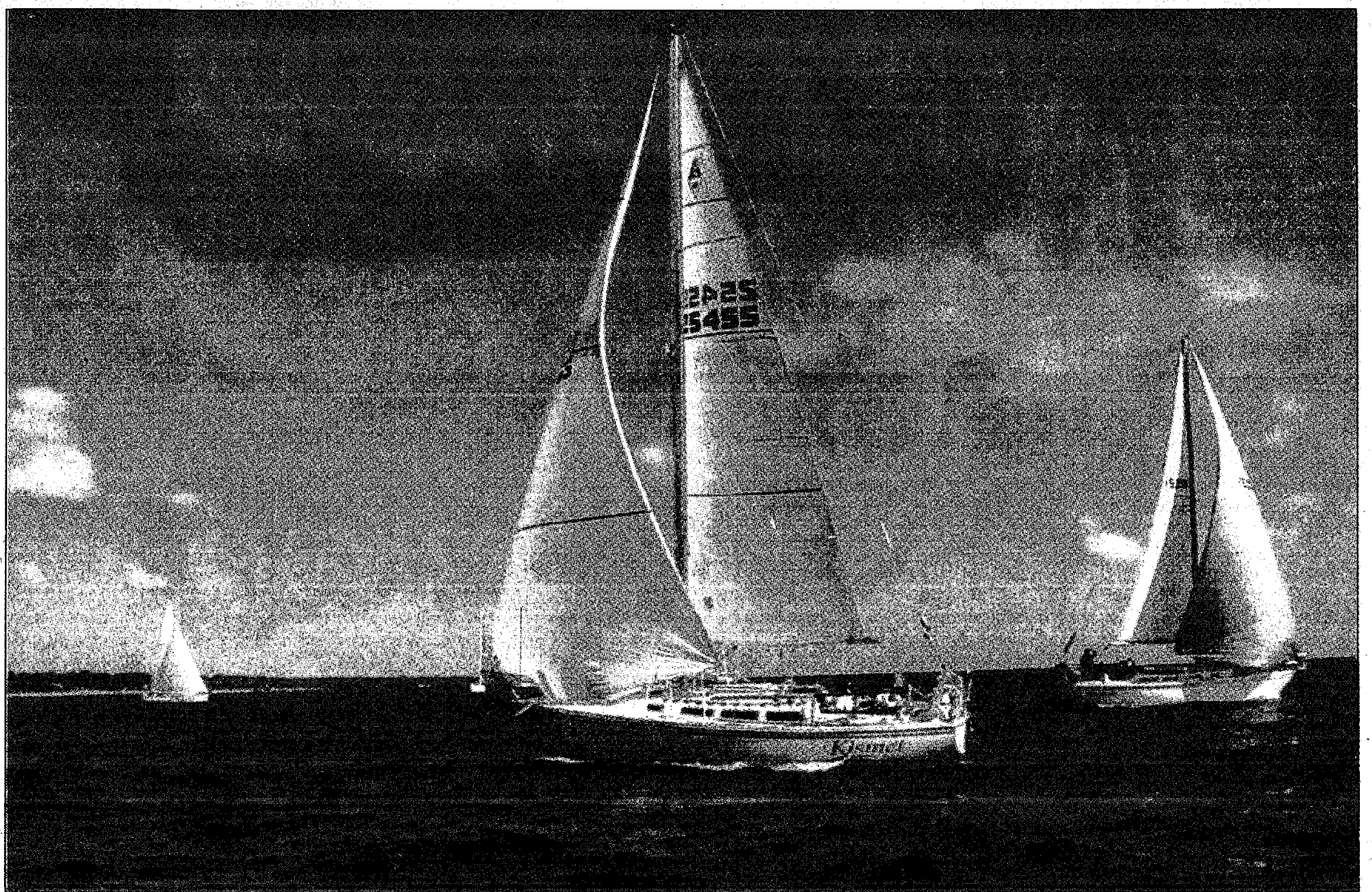
plained she did crossword puzzles in ink.) Indeed, I've heard some men say that these days only they can be shown as foolish on TV, with women providing all of the wisdom. Think of Tim Taylor on "Home Improvement" and his tendency to set off disasters on the home front. There was never any real question of who was smarter between Ray Barone and wife Debra either.

Like a lot of 40-somethings, I'm less tuned into popular culture these days and less aware of what role models are out there for today's young girls. (I do know a woman physician runs the hospital on Fox's hit "House.") This past TV season saw an effort to put Geena Davis on TV as the first U.S. woman president on "Commander in Chief." The show's ending its brief run, but I enjoyed seeing a woman play the president's part, even as it was difficult to track the show due to frequent scheduling changes.

I couldn't help but think as I watched Davis as President Mackenzie Allen that she never would have gotten there if it hadn't been for Marlo Thomas' character decades earlier. Someone had to "vote" for President Allen, after all, who was initially put on the ticket in the show as vice president to appeal to the so-called soccer moms.

Those moms vote and I bet many of them grew up watching women on TV like Marlo and Mary. I don't know if we'll see a woman presidential candidate in the immediate future, but don't underestimate the power of TV images in telling young girls what they can do and be.

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Art Poppert of Farmington Hills has entered Bayview Yacht Club's Port Huron to Mackinac Island Race with his 30-foot Catalina named Kismet.

Against the wind

Sailors battle Mother Nature in Bayview-Mackinac race

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Gary Hall matter-of-factly calls his 31-foot Corsair the black sheep of the Bayview Yacht Club Port Huron to Mackinac Island race. The Plymouth dentist has competed in the event nearly 30 of the race's 81 years. Since 1925, the event has grown from a handful of entries to the more than 275 yachts setting sail on Saturday, July 15.

Hall considers the Bayview-Mackinac a world class race and credits the yacht club's members for coordinating the monumental undertaking. Sons Matt, 34, and Bart, 37, are part of Hall's four-person crew which is relatively small compared to the eight members sailing on the Irish Mist owned by David Spiers of Rochester Hills, and 12 on the Chizzler owned by Steve Lawson of Canton.

"Instead of one hull this boat has three," said Hall, 70, who's raced internationally including this spring from Newport, Calif., to Ensenada, Mexico, and another competition a month later in British Columbia. On July 15, he leaves Port Huron's Black River to sail the Southampton Course of about 270 miles. Over the years Moxie, Hall's sailboat, has finished first and last.

"It's lightweight and fast, pretty much uncomfortable and only good for racing. You don't sleep much. It has berths but no cushions because you can't afford the weight. Last year we managed to do 33.7 knots, about 37 miles an hour, fast enough to pull a water skier."

Steve Lawson quips he's going to make sure "nobody brings extra weight and if a

toothbrush handle is too long, we'll cut it off." His wife, Lynn, is part of the ground crew transporting the cruising equipment which is removed before the race to reduce weight. This is Lawson's first time in the Bayview-Mackinac even though he's been racing since 1988. On June 9, the Canton resident won the Mills Trophy Race from Toledo to Put-in-Bay, Ohio on Lake Erie.

BIG RACE

"I've always wanted to do the Mackinac race," said Lawson, 56, who works at Oxbow Machine Products in Livonia as a controls manager. "In the area it's the biggest race of the year. It takes a lot of preparation to do it. Mackinac requires you to follow offshore racing rules and you must have a lot of safety equipment, life rafts that meet certain requirements and it must be certified."

At 2 p.m. Saturday, Lawson leaves Port Huron on the 45-foot Chizzler as one of 13 boats in his class. Entries leave every 15 minutes under a handicap system.

"The biggest challenge is doing a three-day race, going night and day and try to actually win it," said Lawson, who is sailing the 202-mile Shore course. The Mackinac race consists of two courses, one running along the shore, and the longer Southampton Course. "The competition is tough. We have a crew of 12 with four on, four off, four sleeping. That way nobody gets really tired."

Barbara Munson says husband Thomas "is a cautious sailor."

"It can be challenging depending on

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Dr. Gary Hall of Plymouth takes the wheel of his 31-foot Corsair for the 82nd annual Bayview Yacht Club Port Huron to Mackinac Island Race which begins Saturday, July 15.



The 45-foot Chizzler, a Morgan Nelson/Marek sailboat, is owned by Steve Lawson of Canton.



Dr. C.J. Trupp, a Livonia chiropractor, plans to run his next Body by God seminar at the Livonia YMCA.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Inspiration helps drive home program changes



Brad Kadrach

On the way home from last week's Detroit Tigers win over the Houston Astros, the game in which Roger Clemens may have pitched for the last time in Detroit, I did something I can't remember ever having done. I turned off the radio. And left it off. All the way up I-96 from downtown Detroit to Westland. Didn't

listen to anything but the breeze through the open windows, and my muse.

It was at that moment I knew I'd fully accepted the tenets of the Body by God program.

Those who have followed along know I've been participating in this lifestyle-changing

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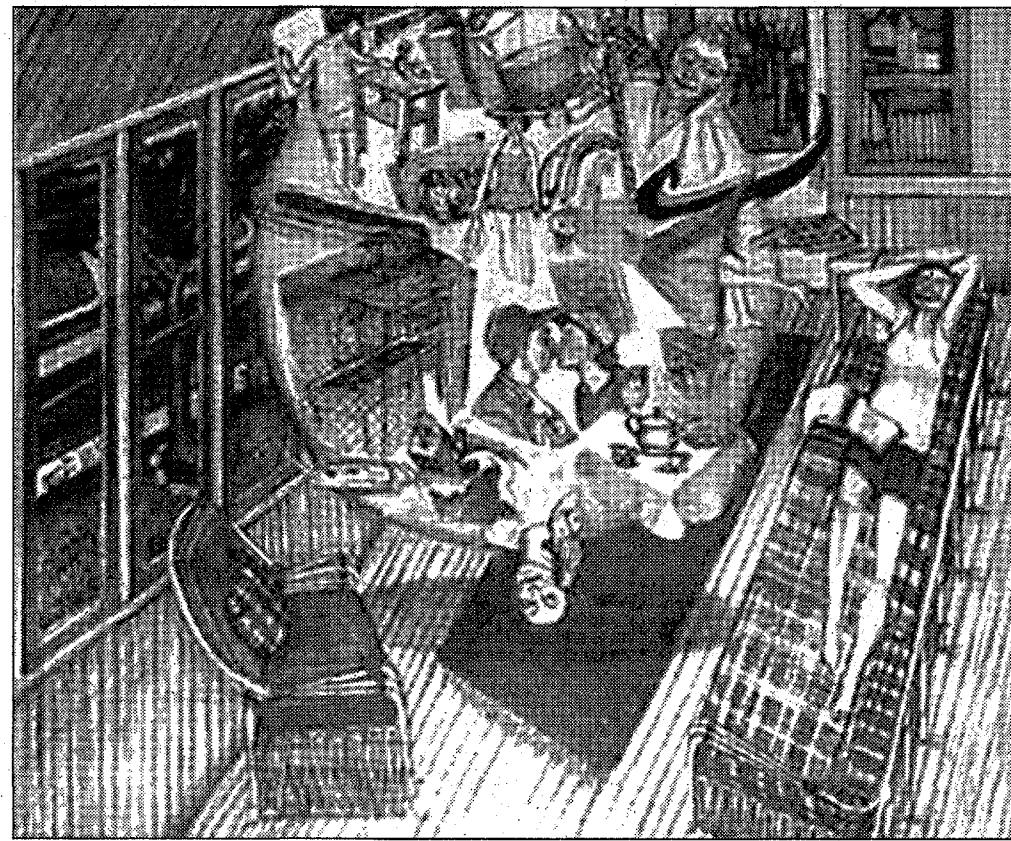
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

Grub crawl
The Northville Chamber presents the second-annual Northville Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 25. Join 300 hungry patrons as they make their way through some of the best restaurants in the Northville area. Twelve restaurants are offering free samples of appetizers and signature items along with cash bar specials for our "Crawlers". Participating restaurants are Bahama Breeze, Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, Brann's Steakhouse & Grill, Deadwood Bar and Grill, Edward's Café and Caterer, Five Restaurant, Genitti's, George's Senate Restaurant, Little Italy Ristorante, MacKinnon's, Poole's Tavern, and Uno Chicago Grill. Highlights: Free event T-shirt, free shuttle transportation courtesy of Independence Village of Plymouth, grand prize drawing for Char-Broil Barbeque Grill courtesy of The Home Depot. Tickets are \$35 (must be 21 or over) and can be purchased at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

Stewardship network
The Stewardship Network's Invasive Plant Control Certificate Workshop Series allows whomever takes all three workshops and completes 10 hours of volunteer invasive removal to receive the Stewardship Network's "Invasive Plant Control Certificate." You may also take any of these workshops individually. Anyone interested in learning more about invasive plants - their origin, their impact, best control practices and anyone who cares about our natural areas and wants to learn more will find these workshops valuable - should take the workshops: Saturday, July 15, Workshop 1, Invasive Plant Identification, Island Lake State Recreation Area field component. Workshop may begin indoors at Kensington Metropark, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 19, Workshop 2, Site Assessment, Brighton State Recreation Area, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 9, Workshop 3, Hands-on Invasive Plant Control Techniques, Brighton State Recreation Area, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information visit www.stewardshipnetwork.org

Movies in the park
Wayne County Parks and Recreation announced the schedule of movies for its popular Movies in the Park series, sponsored in cooperation with Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Northville,



Contrasting reality

Real/Surreal in the Ann Arbor Art Center Exhibition Gallery includes Susan Carman-Vian's graphite drawings encapsulating the notion of dreams and memory; Joseph Daniel Fiedler's work draws inspiration from such topics as ancestral immigration, the world of hunting, and John James Audubon; Teresa Petersen's vintage furniture and games collaged with historical images question the genuine and superficial roles of women within culture, nature, and mythology. This exhibition will be on display Aug. 25-Oct. 8, with an opening reception Friday, September 8, 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. Exhibition Gallery hours at the Ann Arbor Art Center are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday noon-5:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Jessica Guzmán at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110, explore www.annarborartcenter.org or visit the center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

Redford, Trenton, Livonia and Westland Parks and Recreation departments. The schedule: Friday, July 14, "Looney Tunes: Back in Action," Inkster Park in Inkster; Friday, July 28, "Madagascar," Bell Creek Park in Redford; Friday, Aug. 11, "March of the Penguins," Canfield Community Center in Dearborn Heights; Friday, Aug. 18, "Racing Stripes," in Elizabeth Park in Trenton. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Healthy skin
"More Than Skin Deep," a program about healthy skin, will be presented 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, at the Holiday Inn on Plymouth Road at U.S. 23 in Ann Arbor. According to speaker Cindy Klement, "the health of the skin is a reflection of the health of our

internal organs and overall nutrition. When you know the real secrets to natural beauty you can improve the health and appearance of your skin and improve your overall health in the process." Pre-registration is suggested, to ensure a seat and a handout. Cost is \$10. Contact the speaker, Cindy Klement, at (734) 975-2444 or go to www.cindyklement.com

Healthy living
St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a class called "Healthy Solutions for Living," 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays beginning Aug. 1 at the St. Mary Mercy Community Outreach Department, Marian Professional Building, Suite 412. The program is designed to help participants lose up to four pounds per week and teach how to keep it off. For

more information, or to register, call (734) 655-1783.

Northville garden walk
The Country Garden Club of Northville is inviting everyone to attend their annual garden walk, featuring five gardens in Northville, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. After seeing the flowers, visitors are invited to stop by Mill Race Village, where Cady Inn will be transformed into "The Potting Shed" where complimentary homemade sweets and lemonade will be served. Tickets in advance (\$10) are available and may be purchased after June 12 from Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. For more information, call (734) 591-0360.

Charity golf
A summer days worth of fun never

helped so many, which is just what golfers at the fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m., with the 18-hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities, which kicks off at 4 p.m. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, Ext. 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities website, www.mtcogolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

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

Grief support
New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through

the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhope-center.net.

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Rotary A.M.
The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768

MOPS meet
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. Call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic
MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club
Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

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BODY BY GOD

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ing program, sponsored by the Livonia YMCA and Livonia chiropractor C.J. Trupp. The three biggest focuses of the program are nutrition, fitness and stress/time management.

One of Trupp's biggest beliefs is the need for quiet time, for "yourself" time. I decided that drive back from Comerica Park was time for me, and I clicked the radio off.

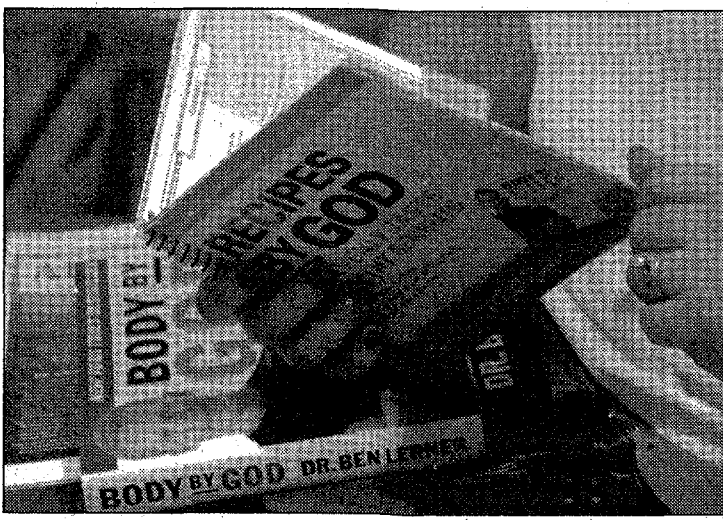
And it was wonderful. Now, lest you think all is hunky dory, I still haven't completely dived in. After all, I stopped at 7-Eleven for a Big Gulp at the end of that same drive. But you get the point, and so have I.

While the changes for me have been subtle, the difference for June de Lorme have been dramatic, which should be expected. Programs like these work one way for some and another way for others.

But it has made a tremendous difference for de Lorme. Told by doctors she'd never live to see her children finish high school if she didn't make some changes, de Lorme found Trupp, who talked her into Body by God.

Six weeks later, she still has trouble holding back the tears when she talks about why she started.

"Bottom line is, my doctor told me I wouldn't live to see my boys graduate high school," she said, wiping a tear with her fin-



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The Body by God program, run in collaboration between Livonia chiropractor C.J. Trupp and the Livonia YMCA, was put together by author Dr. Ben Lerner. More than 70 people completed the program this week.

gertips. "He wanted me to become more active."

She has, and the difference, de Lorme said, is amazing. When she started the program de Lorme couldn't walk a quarter-mile without feeling pain. She came home exhausted from her day job as a medical receptionist for a nine-doctor practice in Southfield, her heart willing but her body unable to do much with her boys, 12-year-old Nicholas and 8-year-old Christopher.

Much to her delight, though, the boys are not only encouraging her, they're helping.

"Now we're up to two miles without any pain," de Lorme said proudly, as well she should. "I've lost some weight, I've got

more stamina, a lot more energy. I can come home and finish my day with my boys. It's made life a lot happier."

That's been the point all along for Trupp, who from the beginning urged participants to make a 1-percent change for the better each day, which would allow them to be 40 percent better by program's end.

It's harder than one might think, and you've pretty much got to be at the point where you're actually willing to make the kind of nutritional and lifestyle changes recommended in the program. Not all of the some 100 people who signed up six weeks ago were at that point; a couple never showed up after picking up the manual and

about 25 have dropped out. But since a similar program in Farmington drew only 16 people and finished with just five, and the normal drop-out rate for these programs is 50 percent, Trupp is happy. The key, he said, is not just being motivated to make changes, but being inspired.

"Motivation is weak, and it's usually temporary," he said. "Long-term success comes through inspiration."

It's not all about the weight. I lost 16 pounds, and four inches around the middle, which was among the biggest changes in terms of weight loss. But there were people in the program who made bigger changes than me, and they know they have more to do.

Trupp urged participants at Thursday's final meeting to keep it up. "I don't want to talk to you in a couple of weeks and find out you've fallen off the wagon," he said.

De Lorme has no intention of stopping now. High school graduation for Nicholas and Christopher is still a long way away.

"I know I've still got a long way to go," de Lorme said. "But there's a light at the end now. I have hope."

Which was the point all along.

Brad Kadrich is community editor of the Plymouth Observer. Anyone who wants to borrow his Body by God book can reach him via e-mail at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or by phone at (734) 459-2700.

CONCERT SCHEDULE

MUSIC IN THE AIR

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Air concert series, sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority; concerts are 7 p.m. Fridays in Kellogg Park:

- July 21 - Those Delta Rhythm Kings, swing, jazz and blues
- July 28 - Westrin and Mowry, acoustic rock and pop
- Aug. 4 - Retrospect Band, modern hits, new to the lineup
- Aug. 11 - Rodeo Drive, modern country and radio hits, new to the lineup
- Aug. 18 - Fifty Amp Fuse (formerly the Crackerjack Band)
- Aug. 25 - Steve King and the Dittlies

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Park concert series for kids, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, New Liberty Bank and McCully Educational Resource Center; concerts are noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park:

- July 12 - Josh White Jr.
- July 19 - Jan Krist
- July 26 - Hometown Kids Concert featuring Phoenix, PCAC's Plymouth Uptown Players and more
- Aug. 2 - elmoThumm
- Aug. 9 - Gemini
- Aug. 16 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express
- Aug. 23 - Matt Watroba

LIBRARY PICKS

- 1. "Godless," Ann Coulter
- 2. "Wisdom of Our Fathers," Tim Russert
- 3. "Dispatches from the Edge," Anderson Cooper
- 4. "Marley and Me," John Grogan
- 5. "Myths, Lies and Downright Stupidity," John Stossel

NON-FICTION

- 1. "Twelve Sharp," Janet Evanovich
- 2. "The Husband," Dean Koontz
- 3. "Beach Road," James Patterson
- 4. "At Risk," Patricia Cornwell
- 5. "Saboteurs," W.E.B. Griffin

FICTION

- 1. "Twelve Sharp," Janet Evanovich

PICTURE BOOKS


- 1. "Anthony and the Girls," Ole Konnecke
- 2. "Bigger Than Daddy," Harriet Ziefert
- 3. "Hippo Goes Bananas," Marjorie Murray
- 4. "The Wildest Brother," Cornelia Funke
- 5. "Shiver Me Letters," June Sobel

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REUNIONS

Belleville High School
All Class Reunion for Belleville High School, 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Belleville High School Cafeteria. For information, contact Mildred Baker, chair, 139 Clarence St., Belleville, MI 48111; (734) 699-5231. Plans are in the works for the 7th Annual Alumni Banquet for Belleville High School. Committee members are planning for a tour of the high school, social time, and a dinner. Representatives from classes in the 1930s and on are arranging for alumni to return to their high school to reacquaint themselves with former classmates. Representatives are needed for several classes and addresses are being collected of alumni, so contact Chairperson Mildred Baker if you can provide information.

Berkley High School
Class of 1971
A 35-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, \$65 per person, spouses/guests welcome. Reservations due by June 15. Register and updates at www.berkeleyalumni.org.

Class of 1956
A 50-year reunion 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Embassy Suites, 850 Tower Drive, Troy. Cost \$45. Send checks to Janice Broquet Pope, 8222 Coral Creek Loop, Hudson, Fla. Call (727) 868-8222 or email jpope14.tampabay.rr.com.

Bishop Borgess High School
Class of 1976
A 30-year reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom and Billiards (second floor), 25750 Novi Road in Novi. You must reserve a spot in advance, contact reunion committee at bb76reunion@yahoo.com for ticket information and details.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser
Classes of 1969-72
Saturday, July 29, at the Marriott/Kingsley Inn. For further information, visit lahserreunion.com or call Daryl Gruskin (248) 705-2787 or Paul Connell at (248) 549-0500.

Cass Tech High School
Class of 1955-57
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15-17, 2006, at St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield. Contact Rich Baylerian (248) 735-4495, Barbara

Grajek Schanfranke (248) 543-6353, Joann Ellison Armistead (248) 533-9525, Susan Wilmot Hitchcock at hitchcocksw@hotmail.com.

All classes ending in 6
The Cass Tech Alumni Association is hosting its annual Alumni Reunion Weekend, Aug. 4-6. This year they'll celebrate all alumni that graduated in a year ending in six. The three-day event includes a picnic, golf outing and much more! The CTAA is also searching for all Cass alumni. Contact Stephanie L. Jones (313) 804-8019 or sjones@cassstechalumni.org or www.cassstechalumni.org.

Clarenceville High School
Class of 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29-Oct. 1, Sept. 29 - football game and party; Sept. 30 - banquet at Vladimirs of Farmington, \$45/person, open bar; Oct. 1 - breakfast at Leon's in Livonia. For more information call Sharon Byrnes Hawk at (248) 529-3016.

Cherry Hill High School
Class of 1986
A 20-year reunion. Last graduating class, welcomes other classes. Friday, Sept. 15, at Double Tree Hotel, Romulus. For more information, contact Lisa (Brown)Graham at CHHS1986@hotmail.com or (734) 466-9939.

Denby High School
Class of 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739-3840.

Detroit Chadsey
Class of 1956
Looking for classmates. A 50-year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324.

Class of 1957
A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

Detroit Cody
Class of 1976
A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 30, 2006, at Summit at the Park in Canton. \$60. Make check payable to Cody '76 Reunion and send to Laurene Craig, 6736 Elizabeth, Garden City 48135. Contact Pat (Pietzke) Wauford at Swaulor@aol.com; OR Laurene (Zywica) Craig at (734) 536-3195 OR Harry Werwinski at bognutz@yahoo.com or (313) 274-7763.

Class of 1956
A 50-year reunion, 5-11:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Doubletree Hotel, Novi. \$78

per person, \$83 after Aug. 18. For reservations, call (248) 348-5000.
Class of 1961
Picnic at Kensington Metro Park, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 12. Contact Connie at (734) 425-7094 or Rita at (248) 348-7437 or Rita@fissiontech.com.

Detroit Cooley
Class of 1966
A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington Hills. Buffet dinner, music, dancing, and a souvenir booklet. All interested January and June graduates please contact Julie (McLean) Work at (248) 477-6802 or email: jwork2friends@yahoo.com

Detroit Henry Ford
Class of 1966
A 40-year reunion will be held 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at the Troy Hilton. Anyone who attended Ford is welcome. Contact Ron Grant, home (248) 288-9376 or cell, (586) 663-8844.

Detroit Mackenzie
Classes Jan. June and Summer 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Novi Sheraton. For more information, call Harold Kappen at (734) 261-0325 or okappen@earthlink.net.

Detroit St. Andrew
Class of 1976
A 30-year reunion planned for Sept. 23. Call Sue Czut at (734) 425-4126.

Detroit Salesian High School
Class of 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for July 15, 2006 at the Royal Oak Elks Club. Contact Tom Connelly (248) 546-4536 or Ron Altwies (734) 421-7143.

Detroit Southwestern
Class of 1957
A 50-year reunion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angie (Conz) Maccani (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski (313) 291-5450.

East Detroit High School
A 40-year reunion for East Detroit High School's Class of 1966 is Saturday, Aug. 12, at Zuccaro's, 46601 Gratiot, Chesterfield Township. Call Laura (Koster) Lavigne at (586) 263-0677 or visit www.edhst1966.com for more information.

Epiphany Grade School
Class of 1966
A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dznyder@hotmail.com.
Farmington High School
Class of 1961
A 45-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 5, at Doubletree Hotel in Novi. Call Pat Oettering Posa at (248) 685-0586.

ENGAGEMENTS



Stropes-Locke
Steven Stropes of Plymouth and Patricia Stropes Lerminiaux of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter Kelly Marie Stropes of Livonia to Joshua Bruce Locke of Livonia. The prospective groom is the son of Douglas and Grace Rose of Decatur, Mich. He is a 1999 graduate of Lawrence High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a sales representative for Caring Nurses of Michigan Home Health Care. The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed at the Plymouth Nursery and Garden Center. A July 8 wedding is planned at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills followed by a reception at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia. The couple will honeymoon on a Caribbean cruise. They will reside in Livonia.

Bankas celebrate 50th anniversary
Eugene F. Banka and Theresa (Pawczuk) Banka of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 7. The couple was married July 7, 1956, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, Detroit. They have lived in Livonia for 42 years. The Bankas have six children: Michael (Sharon) Banka of Muskegon; Marc (Caroline) Banka of Durham, N.C.; Anthony Banka of Durham, N.C.; Andrew (Wendy) Banka of Ann Arbor; Kenneth (Theresa) Banka of Farmington Hills; and Kerry (Laurie) Banka of Livonia, MI. They have 12 grandchildren. Eugene Banka is a retired electrical engineer from Burrough's Corp. and retired from real estate sales 10 years ago. Theresa Banka retired three years ago from Target Stores. The Bankas are involved with rose gardening and their children and grandchildren. A luncheon with family and friends at Burton Manor is planned.



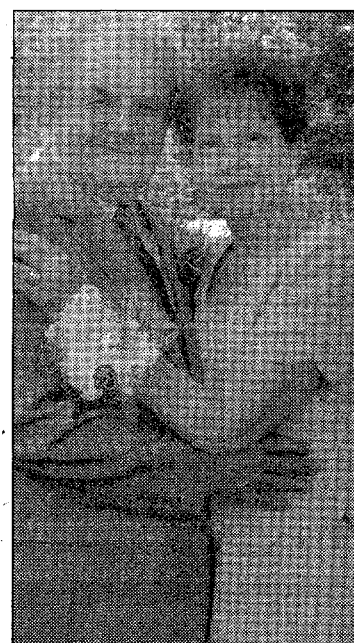
A luncheon with family and friends at Burton Manor is planned.

Skodacks celebrate 60th
Rudy and Ruth Skodack, longtime Westland residents, celebrated 60 years of marriage July 4. The couple met when Rudy Skodack was in the Army Air Corps learning to become a pilot. Later he was part of the Pacific B-29 heavy bomber raids over Japan in 1944-45. The couple were married July 4, 1946, in Honolulu, Hawaii. After the war Rudy Skodack competed his education at Michigan State College. In 1986 he retired from being high school counselor in the Dearborn Public Schools. Ruth Skodack attended Wayne State University part time, graduating in 1971. The couple have two children, Susan Knowlton of



Elyria, Ohio, and Steve Skodack of Westland. They have four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The couple enjoys growing roses, a mutual hobby.

Finch celebrate 50th
John R. and Eleanor Finch, residents of Livonia since October 1958, celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 11 with an 11 a.m. Mass at St. Genevieve Church in Livonia. The Rev. Howard Vogan, pastor, the Rev. Ferdinand Wolber, founder of St. Genevieve, and Deacon Rudy Piro presided at the exchange of vows and rings. The couple were married in Gesu Catholic Church in Detroit on June 9, 1956. They have four children: John T. (Cecilia) Finch of Louisville, Ky.; Deborah (Michael) Scrugos of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Teresa (Matthew) Conroy of Garden City; and Cathy Forrester of Garden City. They have eight grandsons and one granddaughter. A reception was held immediately following the Mass on Sunday afternoon at Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center with 125 guests in attendance, some coming from as far as Colorado,



New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Kentucky. John was employed as a service technician by A.J. Segal & Sons Heating and Cooling Co. in Farmington Hills for 37 years. He has been retired for 12 years. Eleanor was and is a still a homemaker.

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■ Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.
■ Men's Bible Study - 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.

Tennis Anyone?
The nets are up at Rotary Park on 6 Mile Road between Merriman and Farmington in Livonia and you will find players there weekdays 4-7 p.m. anytime the weather is above 45 degrees. Saturday and Sunday play is 1-5 p.m. Just stop by and mention Single Point Ministries. For more information contact the SPM office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

SINGLETON

Senior groups meet weekly for dinner at local restaurants to discuss current events and future activities. For a monthly newsletter, call (313) 563-9362 or write to: P.O. Box 5356 Telford Station, Dearborn, MI 48128.

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Monthly Breakfast Meeting
Saturday, July 15, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. Contact Kathy M. at (734) 513-9479.

Jazz Concert
Those Delta Rhythm Kings, swing, jazz and blues at Kellogg Park, Main St., Plymouth. Concert at 7 p.m. Friday, July 21. For details, call Kathy M. at (734) 513-9479.

Jazz Concert
Free concert with Hubbell Street Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at the Civic Center Park on Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. For details, call Kathy M. (734) 513-9479.

Bethany Together Dance
8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 29, at Divine Providence Church Hall, 25335 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Admission \$12. For information, call

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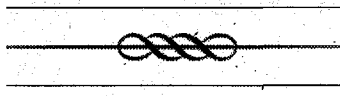


A. RICHARD KRACHENBERG Ph.D.
Age 79, of Plymouth, passed away July 5, 2006, at the age of 79. Dr. Krachenberg was a professor at the U of M Dearborn campus for 30 years. He received his B.S. degree from Washington University in St. Louis and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan. Dr. Krachenberg also served in the United States Armed Forces during World War II. Beloved husband of Brenda. Loving father of Toni (Barry) Nayback of Plymouth, Karl (Joan Woody) Krachenberg of West Virginia, and Rolfe (Sarah) Krachenberg of Grand Rapids. Dearest Grandfather of four. Dear brother of Edith Heidebreder of Missouri. Memorial services were held Sat., July 8, at 7 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Memorials may be given to the Salvation Army of Plymouth or the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Plymouth.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

ALYCE WESELOH
Age 90, passed away Monday, July 3, 2006 at her home. She was born February 3, 1916 in Detroit, grew up in Royal Oak and lived in Southfield before moving to Frankenmuth in 2001. She is survived by her daughter Nancy and husband Wayne Mackie of Frankenmuth; two granddaughters, Erica and Trina Mackie and their spouses, Berkeley California; one great grandchild and one brother, Winton Houldsworth, Lakeland, Florida. Cremation has taken place, private family services will be held. Arrangements entrusted to the Cederberg Funeral Home of Frankenmuth; 590 N. Franklin Street, Frankenmuth, MI 48734.

ELEANORE M. YEVICH
Age 88, June 8, 2006. Formerly of Bloomfield Township. Passed away in Largo, Florida on her 88th Birthday. She and her husband, Andrew owned Yevich Jewelers in Birmingham for many years. Eleanore was a life-long member of Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church. She was a mother, aunt, great-aunt, and great-great-aunt for many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held at noon Saturday, July 22, 2006 at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.



KURT G. WOODY
Age 43, suddenly, July 5, 2006. Loving son of Patrick and the late Charlotte. Beloved #5 brother of Donn, Kevin (Pam), Kim, Scott (Robin), and Kent (Korina). Dear uncle of K.C., Erin, Samantha, Bess, and Charlie. Dear great-uncle of K.C. III. Visitation will be held on Saturday, 6 - 9 pm, and Sunday, 1 - 9pm, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road (between Beck and Sheldon) Plymouth. Funeral service Monday, 11am, at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth. Interment at Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Oakwood Health Care System Foundation - Charlotte Woody Lung Cancer Research Fund, 23400 Michigan Avenue, Suite 301, Dearborn MI 48124. There will be envelopes available at the funeral home. To leave a message of condolence, log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

JILL MARY NYKANEN
Age 56, of Rochester Hills, passed away July 4, 2006. Loving mother of Tracey (Doug) Iverson. Dear grandmother of Elliot Iverson. Daughter of Lois Simon. Jill was a waitress and bartender at Paint Creek Tavern for 10 years and a Rochester resident for 30 years. At Jill's request no public service will be held. Memorials to Leaver Dogs for the Blind. Arrangements in the care of the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home Rochester. Online Guestbook. www.modetzfuneralhomes.com.

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weather," said Barbara Munson. "Tom won't beat himself up or his boat or crew. We do it for fun."

PACING YOURSELF

This is the first time the Livonia couple has entered the Mackinac race since the early 1990s. It was then Thomas became interested in single-handed (only one person on boat) and double-handed (two sailors on boat) racing. Last weekend, he competed in an event from Port Huron to Rogers City.

In the past, he's done single-handed from Port Huron to Mackinac, but this time brings along a crew of five on the 39-foot sailboat named the Black Diamond.

"It's pacing yourself," said Thomas Munson, 76, a member of the Great Lakes Yacht Club. He's been sailing since 1980. "You're out there for two to three days depending on how fast your boat is."

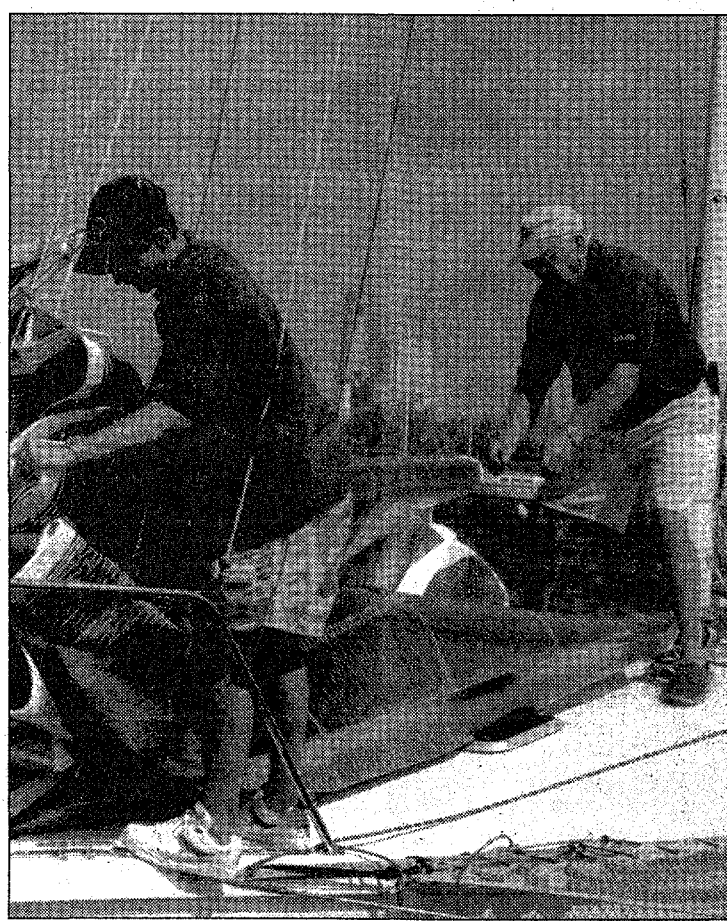
Barbara doesn't expect to get much sleep during the race.

"Even when it's your time to sleep, if a sail needs to be changed everybody helps."

Art Poppert crewed for many years on brother-in-law Pat Drummond's boat before purchasing his 30-foot Catalina named Kismet. This year, Poppert competes against a natural force as well as Drummond's 30-foot Catalina - Enchant. Both men are from Farmington Hills.

Poppert is especially looking forward to the food on board during the Mackinac race. Crew member Mary Huffman of Utica is using sealing bags to create brown beer stew. Most of the sailors live on sandwiches which can be conveniently made during the race. When the weather is rough, cooking is nearly impossible.

"You're competing against Mother Nature, whatever she throws at you," said Poppert, 58, who works for DaimlerChrysler in Auburn Hills. He is a member of the Port Huron Yacht Club. This



Dr. Gary Hall (right) and his son, Bart, compete in Bayview Yacht Club's Port Huron to Mackinac Island Race last year.

year as part of the club he races in about one dozen competitions. "I did a lot of crewing for the Mackinac. This is the third race on my boat. It can be calm or gale force winds. Last year it was fast, a record year. It took 37 1/2 hours, but has taken as long as 80. The best part is the finish line. You start talking about next year."

RIDING THE WIND

David Spiers has already cleaned and polished the bottom of the Irish Mist with an anti-fouling compound to make his sailboat as fast as possible. The Rochester Hills resident is serious about sailing. At age 66, Spiers has been riding the wind since age 9 when he was a Sea Scout in New Zealand. Today, he teaches sailing at the Edison Boat Club off Belle Isle and officiates at youth championships on Lake St. Clair. Spiers bought the Irish Mist, a 41-foot Morgan racing cruiser, 19 years ago and didn't change her

name as sailors believe it will bring bad luck. Spiers competes in about 30 races a year including the Mills Race on Lake Erie. His biggest expense is sails which can cost between \$3,000 to \$6,000 each.

"I always get excited before the race," said Spiers, who was born in England and retired as manager of engineering for Detroit Edison five years ago. Among his crew of eight are sons Andrew, 38, and Paul, 34.

"It's the opportunity to win a long, grueling race. The biggest challenge is light air and if it comes from the north you're going into it. Mine is a heavy boat and that means trouble. Over the years I've won everything from third place to pickle boat, the last place. The race is all about teamwork and making the right guesses as to where the wind will be. I usually sleep in the day and sail at night. Generally when you win a race it is at night when a lot of people don't pay attention."

Dr. Roy Hawkinson doesn't

have any problems sleeping during the race but he's competed in the Bayview-Mackinac 36 years in a row in the same boat - a 35-foot sailboat named the Cygnus after the swan constellation. The 74-year old Bloomfield Hills dentist has had the same crew for a quarter of a century. He's won the race eight times, and overall four times in the division.

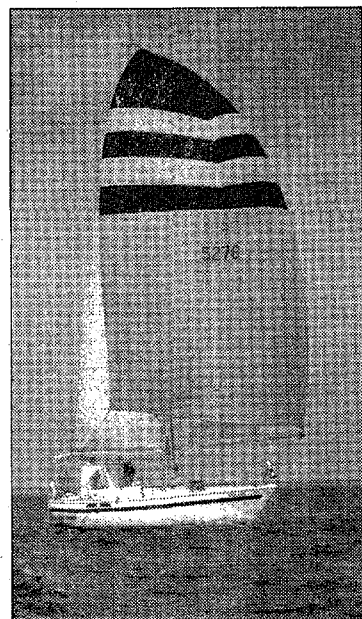
"Mackinac is a demanding race. The unique thing about sail boat racing is you have to think all the time," said Hawkinson, a Bayview Yacht Club member. "Lake Huron can be horrible or easy depending on the weather. Sometimes it's luck. One year we were a quarter of a mile from the finish line. Another boat we were even with had no air, but we did and we won."

Win or not, Tim Clayson of Farmington Hills says "it's a good adventure for family and

friends to go on." He and sons Christopher, 24, and Brian, 22, will be competing with his 30-foot Catalina Unplugged. This is Clayson's seventh year in the race. In 2003, he took first place in his class.

"Other than the Chicago-Mac it's one of the longest fresh water races in the world," said Clayson, who began sailing about 30 years. Clayson competes in about 20 to 30 races each season as part of the Bark Shanty Sail Club in Port Sanilac. "The other reason I do it is tradition. Friday night starts with Boat Night and spending time on the island at the end is great but sailing is a big part of it. There are many different conditions you have to sail in and it's different in day or night time. You're presented with different challenges at different stages of the race."

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Thomas and Barbara Munson of Livonia board the Black Diamond for the Bayview-Mackinac race setting sail Saturday, July 15, from Port Board. Their crew consists of Don Ouellette and Linda Patterson of Livonia; Erik Johnson, Redford, and John Oleniczak, Grosse Pointe.

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SUMMER STINGS

Variety of insects biting this year

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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The mosquito is undoubtedly the No. 1 stinging insect to look out for this summer according to Dr. Frank McGeorge, a specialist in emergency medicine at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. The rain has provided plenty of breeding grounds for the tiny, winged insect that drinks blood like a vampire. On a camping trip north of Oakland County last weekend, McGeorge's 8-year-old daughter, Becky, was bitten by mosquitoes several times even though she was sprayed with a repellent containing DEET.

McGeorge says certain people are tastier to mosquitoes. He and his 5-year-old son, Connor, were almost untouched. Although mosquito bites rarely ever send anyone to the emergency department, the large blisters or welts can not only become itchy but painful in people who are extremely sensitive.

McGeorge washed Becky's bites with soap and water and covered the larger swollen areas with a Band-Aid so she wouldn't scratch them and cause an infection. He also gave her an antihistamine. McGeorge recommends an oral medication such as Benadryl to help relieve itching and swelling.

KEEP AREA CLEAN

"Any insect bite can become infected after the fact. Keep the area clean," said McGeorge, a Bingham Farms resident who serves on the board of directors for the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians.

"For a local reaction use over the counter calamine solution, a 1-percent hydrocortisone cream or if they have many bites over a large area Aveeno oatmeal bath. If the area is getting more painful or swelling, if it spreads past two joints, you need to have it looked at. Cold compresses can keep swelling down initially. At night elevate the area.

"A lot of people don't know, kids get stung or bitten near the eye. It can be swollen shut even from a mosquito bite. If they have a fever or pain, that needs to be seen by a physician or they might develop an eye infection."

Bees, wasps and hornets are the insects whose stings are most likely to send someone to the emergency room to see McGeorge.

"The reason is they tend to be very painful and cause a severe local reaction," said McGeorge. "A small portion of the population is allergic and develop anaphylaxis where the



airways swell up and they can't breathe and might die. If they are short of breath, have swelling in the tongue or lips, or become pale or lightheaded, they need to get to an ER immediately. If they're alone, call 9-1-1 because you could pass out behind the wheel and they have epinephrine which we might use if you're in trouble.

"If you're somebody who has had anaphylaxis you need to have an epinephrine pen on your person. Make sure it's not expired or you've left it at home."

VISITS TO ER

McGeorge expects ER visits for insect stings to build as the summer goes on. He says spiders often are blamed for a bite when it could have been caused by a variety of insects including deer ticks which carry bacteria that cause Lyme disease. In addition to bees, hornets and wasps some people are sensitive to ant bites. The brown recluse and black widow spiders can cause serious injury, but are not found naturally in Michigan.

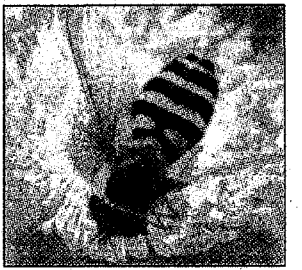


"Later in the season wasps have built nests that haven't been uncovered in some time under a deck, under the cover of a boat," said McGeorge. "We see more severe attacks. In August and September you need to be careful when uncovering places you don't expect them to make a nest. They made a nest in my grill."

"You're usually only severely bitten when you disturb a nest and attacked by a swarm. The best time to spray a nest is at night when insects are in the nest or call an exterminator."

McGeorge says, bees and wasps are attracted by bright colors that make you look like a flower and perfumes that make you smell like a flower. If you think you're going to a picnic, leave the bright colors and perfume at home. If you or your child are stung by a bee, wasp or hornet, clean the area with soap and water then proceed.

"If there is a stinger inside as with a bee sting, pull it out with tweezers or flick off with a credit card," said McGeorge. "For ticks, sometimes people flick the body off and the head is left. Ticks can carry Lyme disease. You don't want a tick to regurgitate into you. Grab it by its head with a tweezer and pull straight up. For people out in deep woods, search under a kid's hairline for ticks at the end of the day. Don't worry if you don't find it immediately. A tick has to stick to the body for quite some time before transmitting Lyme disease."



It's too early in the season to tell if mosquitoes will cause an outbreak of West Nile virus this year, but the disease is still a serious threat. McGeorge cautions homeowners to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds by emptying standing water and drilling a hole in tire swings for drainage. He says to use insect repellent especially in August.

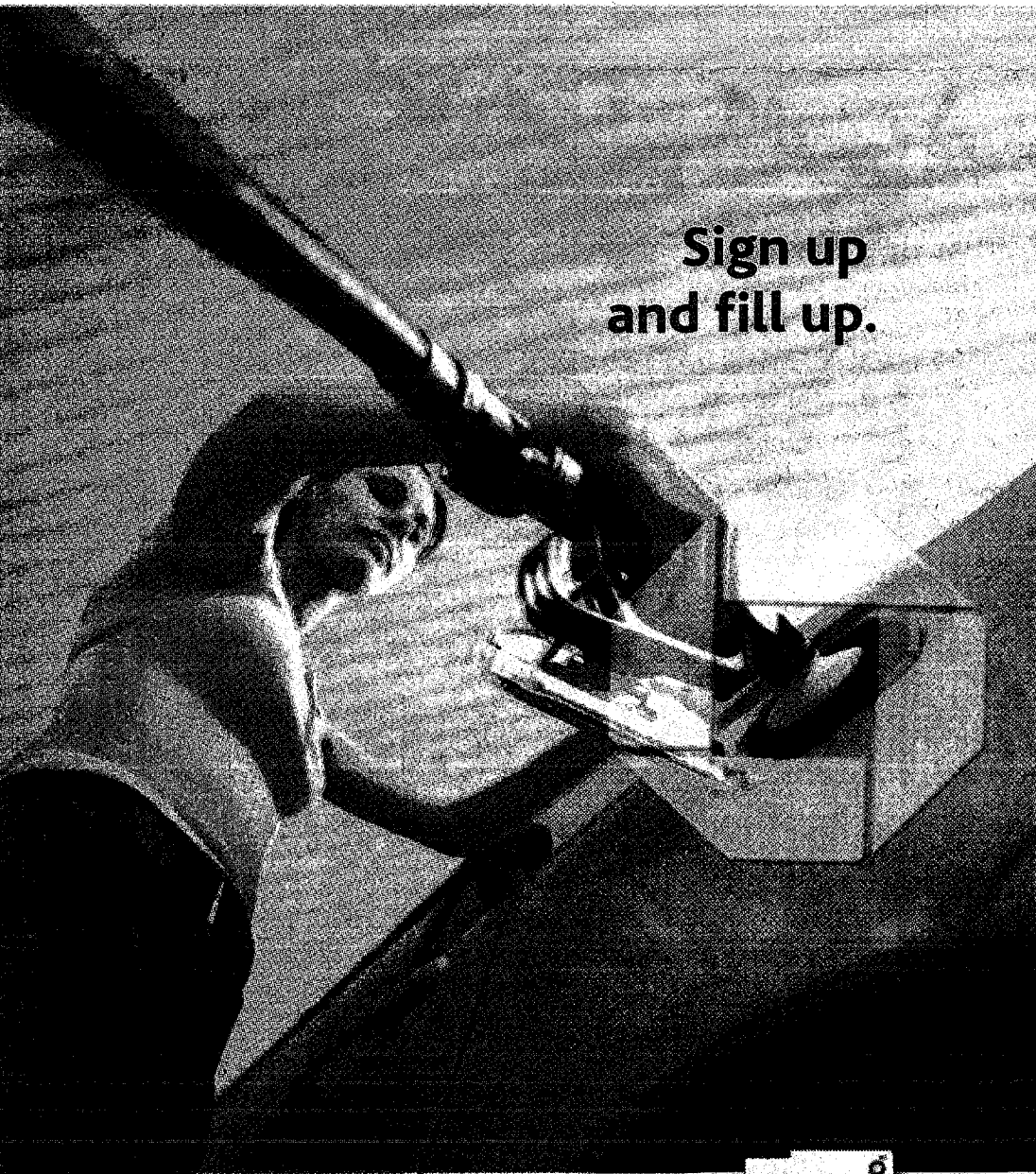
"Common DEET does work to reduce tastiness to insects. Reduce the concentration in children to no more than 10-percent DEET and never use on infants. Use mosquito netting instead," said McGeorge. "It does wash off so you need to reapply it."

"When applying DEET make sure you get your hair and head but don't spray on the face. Spray it in your hand and apply to the face especially on children. You don't want to spray the eyes or inhale it."

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Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Sarah of Rochester has a heart problem but misses having steak, she e-mails asking if buffalo is a healthy alternative.

Sarah, if you have ever wanted something that tastes just like a T-bone steak or a filet mignon but is not going to be a heart attack on a plate, then buffalo is definitely for you. For example a T-bone steak has 42 grams of artery clogging fat compared to 6 grams of fat in a buffalo filet mignon. Today, ranchers are raising buffalo free of hormones and stimulants which is why the tasty red meat is becoming so popular for many health-minded families. So when it comes down to it, try a buffalo filet for a guiltless dinner.

Beth from Harrisville is expecting a baby and e-mails for tips on eating right for the new arrival.

Beth, first of all congratulations! In this case it really may pay to think long-term. A new study shows that eating broccoli when pregnant can actually make your child less likely to suffer from a heart attack later in life. In the research, the offspring of animals fed broccoli while pregnant had lower blood pressure and inflammation. These changes turned out to last for the entire lives of the test subjects as well. Research also shows that the most beneficial amount of

broccoli for expectant moms is about 7 ounces of sprouts three times a week. The broccoli is probably so beneficial because of its high concentrations of antioxidants. Even expectant moms should follow their own mom's advice and be sure to eat plenty of vegetables.

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JULY

Autism benefit

Sen. Laura Toy will serve as a celebrity judge at the 6th Annual Autos for Autism Car Show 6-9 p.m. Monday, July 10, at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, between Warren and Ford roads. All proceeds benefit the Burger School for Students with Autism. Entrants can register the day of the show for \$10 to be eligible to win a trophy that will be awarded in 11car classes and a motorcycle class. For more information, contact Debbie Cross at (734) 732-9325.

Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions on a first-come, first-served basis; an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of each month (anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day), a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5-7 p.m. (sign-in begins 4:30 p.m.) on first Monday of each month, at Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222. Ext. 309.

Health camps

The Amazing Me camp focusing on health and the human body for second-, third- and fourth-grade students 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 10-14, and Aug. 7-11, at the Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station, 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Cost is \$169. Call (734) 398-7518.

At an asthma camp, participants will learn about what asthma really is, review personal triggers, medications, risk factors and self-management while participating in interactive games and hands-on projects for second- through fifth-grade students

with asthma) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 14-18. Cost is \$175. Call (734) 398-7518. Camps are all located in the Health Exploration Station, an interactive health education center, where kids can see real germs grow, crawl through a giant intestinal tract, and learn about body systems.

Stress reduction workshop

6:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 11 and 25, lecture by Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., at Brackney Chiropractic, 8524 Canton Center Road, Call (734) 455-4444.

Hormone workshop

Balancing hormones naturally for women of all ages with guest lecture by Dr. Carol Fischer, D.C., 7 p.m. Monday, July 17, at the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile, between Farmington and Merriman. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 425-8588.

Wellness workshop

6:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, lecture by Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., at Brackney Chiropractic, 8524 Canton Center Road, Call (734) 455-4444.

Jingle in July-run

Summer version of Jingle Bell Run/Walk to benefit the Arthritis Foundation Saturday, July 22, run/walk along the trails of Orion Oaks Park and through the streets of Always Christmas/Canterbury Village, in Lake Orion. Children 10 years old and under can register for the Melted Snowman Shuffle for \$10. Cost is \$30, \$25 until July 12. For more information or to register, call (248) 649-2891, Ext. 232, or visit www.jingleinJuly.kintera.org.

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ONGOING

Northland Pacers Walk Around the World

Endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports, in conjunction with Providence Hospital began June 2, with free noncompetitive walking and fitness program, at Northland Center, Southfield. Each registered walker receives a passport to record their progress, and a T-shirt. Walkers turn in their mileage logs each week. The mall then updates a world map that show the progress Pacers are making in their journey. It takes 24,901.55 miles to circle the globe. One lap through the center is equivalent to one mile. For more information, call (248) 569-6272 or visit www.shopat-northland.com. The Northland Pacers walking program was begun in 1985.

Baby Signs workshop

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HaberhornHalm, speech and language, pathologist and certified Baby Signs instructor at The Kaufman's Children Center, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 737-3430 or send e-mail to rhh4962@aol.com.

Volunteers wanted

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation is looking for volunteers. Regular orientation programs are held throughout the year to familiarize volunteers with the organization and the jobs there are to do. For more information, call (800) 852-9781, send e-mail to mpfdire@aol.com or fax to (248) 433-1150.

Mask fitting clinic

Visit the Sleep Disorders Center, Room 329, Garden City Hospital (6245 Inkster Road, between Warren and Ford) 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays to try new masks. No appointment needed. For more information, call (734) 458-3330.

Schizophrenics Anonymous

3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, meetings of the second and fourth Tuesdays of month, at The Guidance Center, 19275 Northline, Southgate. Call (734) 785-7714, (517) 485-7168 or visit www.sfnfoundation.org.

Volunteers wanted

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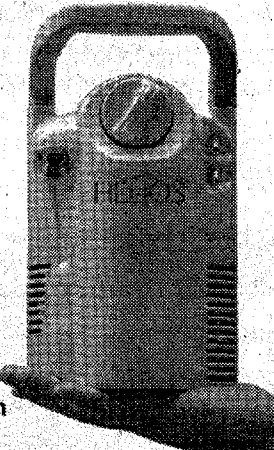
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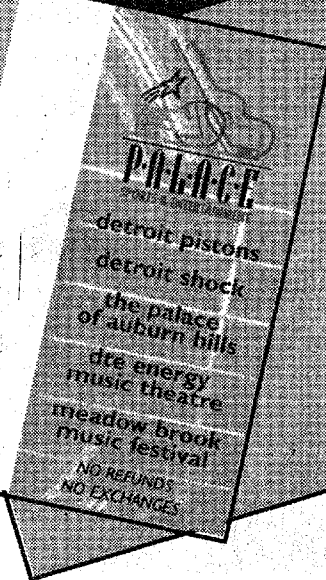


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Small-business servers support telecommuters

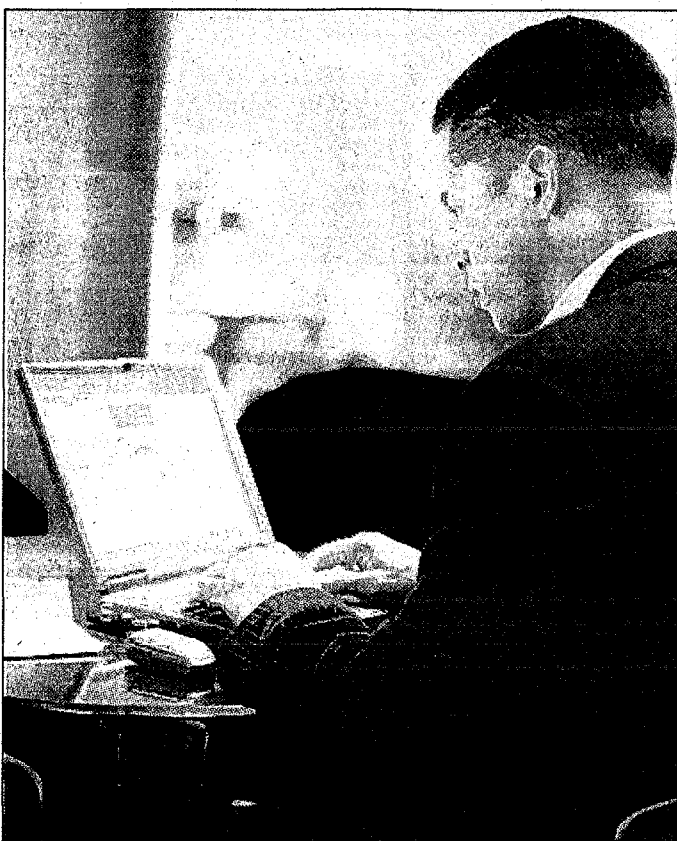
(NewsUSA) - More Americans are showing they can get their jobs done from just about anywhere outside the office. And as some businesses expand in size and geographic scope, they are finding new technology to help employees who telecommute.

About 45 million Americans are working from home, according to a survey conducted by ITAC, a telework advisory group. The survey also found that out of 135.4 million workers, 20.6 million conducted work in their car and 16.3 million worked while on vacation.

By installing a server with Microsoft Corp.'s Windows Small Business Server 2003 software on it, businesses can store all of its documents, e-mail messages, calendars and images in one location.

Additionally, employees can remotely access all company documents as well as programs and data on their desktop - from anywhere in the world.

With a server, mobile devices such as Smartphones and Personal Digital Assistants also can connect users to e-mail, scheduling software and other programs



A small-business server can help increase a company's productivity

as though they were working at their desks.

A small-business server can help increase a company's productivity and efficiency by allowing a specialized computer to perform

services and run software for other computers, or "clients," on its network.

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Server 2003 offers a solution that includes Remote Web Workplace. This application allows employees to access anything on their work desktop from any PC in the world that has Internet access.

Many employees who work in a business without a server can't be very productive. They're also unable to back up their data or prevent unauthorized users from accessing their computers, all common problems small businesses experience that server software can prevent.

Later this year, Microsoft plans to launch a new release, Windows Small Business Server 2003 R2, which will include even more advanced security features.

The ITAC survey also found that during the past year, the number of employee telecommuters increased by 30 percent. As this trend continues, so will the need for integrated solutions such as small-business servers.

Whether or not their employees telecommute, companies are realizing the benefits of using small-business servers to streamline processes and decrease costs.

For more information, visit www.microsoft.com/sbs.

Help is on the way for 401(k) investors

(NewsUSA) - More employers are educating workers on 401(k) plans - from the benefits of tax-deferred growth to the importance of consistent saving. However, research shows that employees are still in the dark when it comes to investing their assets.

According to a recent study by human resources firm Hewitt Associates, most employees didn't rebalance or re-allocate their 401(k) portfolios in 2004. Only one in six actually made a transfer within their 401(k) accounts that year.

The study, which examined more than 2.5 million employees eligible for 401(k) plans, also found that many participants were taking on too much risk by investing a significant portion of their savings in a single stock.

Company stock was the single largest holding, accounting for approximately 27 percent of participants' total 401(k) balances. And more than a quarter of employees held half or more of their total 401(k) balances in their employer's stock.

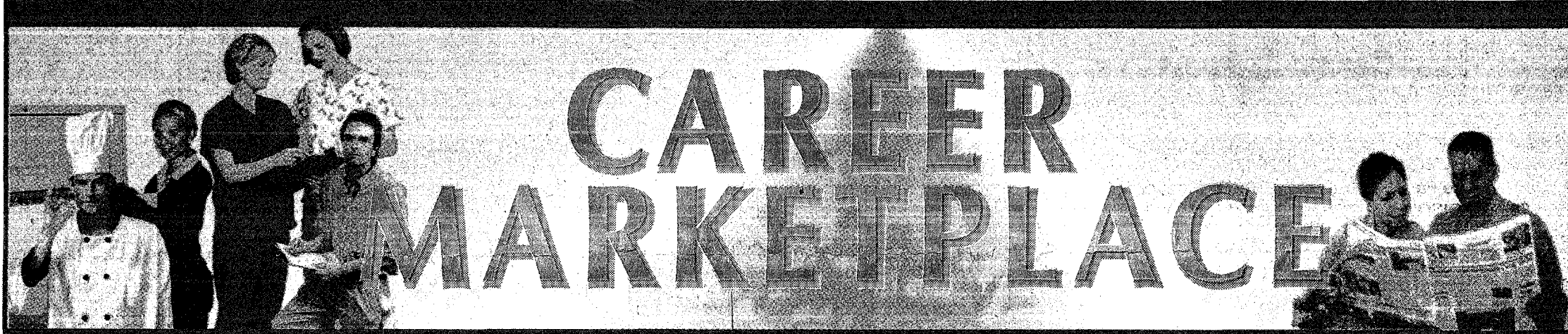
While some employees took on too much risk by investing heavily in company stock, other

employees didn't invest aggressively enough. The study found that workers in their 20s invested less in equities than workers in their 30s.

Now there's help for investors who don't have either the time or the expertise to manage their own 401(k) investments. Defined contribution plan providers such as AIG VALIC, Fidelity Investments, Great-West Retirement Services, Merrill Lynch, the Principal Financial Group and TIAA-CREF have partnered with Chicago-based Ibbotson Associates to manage participants' accounts.

Eligible participants who elect the service will have their money allocated to a customized portfolio that is rebalanced regularly and adjusted over time to reflect the investor's changing life circumstances.

"401(k)s are becoming the primary savings vehicle for retirement in this country," said Roger Ibbotson, chairman and founder of Ibbotson Associates and finance professor at the Yale School of Management. "With so much riding on your 401(k) account, it's very important to get professional, unbiased advice."



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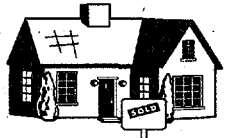
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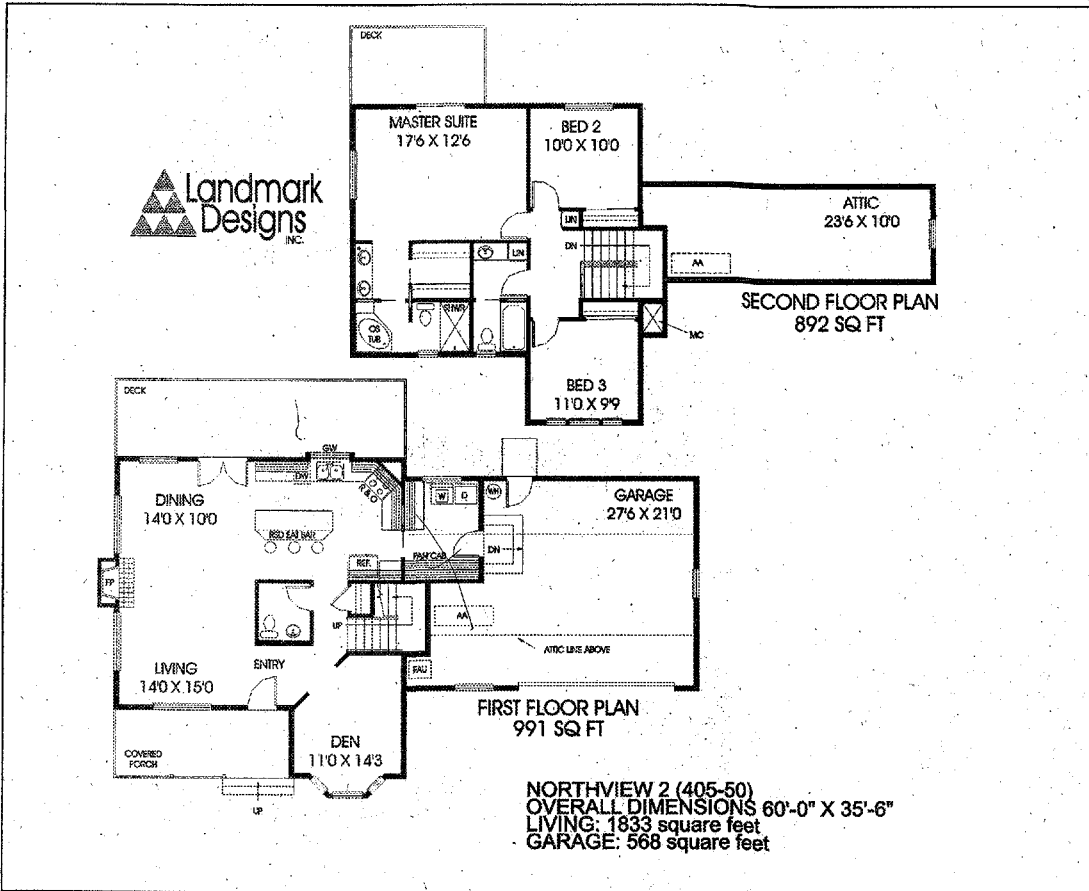
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Lowe's survey shows women handy on the homefront

Gone are the days when women preferred sewing over mowing - or when buying a home as a young, single female was inconceivable. Today's woman is more independent than ever when it comes to the home, according to the fifth annual national survey of female homeowners and females considering homeownership commissioned by Lowe's.

The survey findings reveal that 81 percent of female DIYers surveyed perform landscaping and gardening projects, and nearly half (48 percent) engage in exterior maintenance work. Furthermore, 56 percent of women surveyed report that they maintain or work in their yard and garden at least once a week, and 41 percent surveyed would rather mow their lawn and perform outdoor activities, compared to 14 percent who prefer sewing and clothing repair.

"Now more than ever, women are confident in their abilities to take on home improvement projects, particularly those that are traditionally thought of as tasks men handle around the home like maintaining the lawn, grilling or even cleaning gutters," said Melissa Birdsong, vice presi-

dent of trend forecasting and design for Lowe's. "With 26 percent of all home purchases in 2004 made by single women, according to a survey of buyers and sellers conducted by the National Association of Realtors (NAR), today's woman is more eager to roll up her sleeves."

From fashionable chimineas and cozy lounge chairs to mood-setting string lights and vibrant flora, women are also taking entertaining al fresco to a whole new level. An overwhelming majority of the women surveyed (83 percent) are especially active in entertaining outdoors during the summer.

In preparation for entertaining outdoors, the most popular areas of the home to be groomed are the garden (listed by 31 percent of female homeowners surveyed), the lawn (19 percent) and the deck (14 percent). Also, 76 percent of the women surveyed deem the décor of their outdoor living space as important.

Findings reveal that 91 percent of women DIYers surveyed are responsible for the majority of home improvement decisions in their household, either solely or jointly. However, the role of women in

home renovations is not limited to making decisions. The modern woman is very much in step with upgrading her home with nearly one-third (30 percent of female DIYers surveyed) managing projects and another 48 percent collaborating with their spouse on projects around the house.

The Lowe's survey also indicates that 88 percent of female DIYers surveyed undertake home improvement projects by themselves, primarily to cut costs, representing a jump of nearly 10 percentage points from three years ago. In addition, 69 percent of these women consider themselves experienced do-it-yourselfers, proving that most women do-it-yourselfers are eager to take on many types of household DIY projects.

However, even adept women do-it-yourselfers agree that certain areas of the home require a professional's touch. Forty percent list the kitchen as the space where they would hire a contractor, compared to 32 percent who would use a professional for the bathroom.

As women become more proficient in the home improvement arena and venture outdoors to tackle projects, the inside of the home

still reigns as the location where women conduct the majority of maintenance and improvement work.

Other key findings from the Lowe's survey include:

- At 72 percent, more women homeowners today feel prepared to be solely responsible for their home, including maintenance, repairs and improvement - a 5 percentage point increase from 2004.

- Nearly three-quarters (73 percent) of female do-it-yourselfers are more likely to take on a home improvement project if they know it can be started and completed within the span of a weekend.

- More women own power tools today (78 percent) - 24 percent have an extensive collection of hand and power tools; 21 percent own hand tools, some small power tools and one or two major power tools; and 33 percent own a few basic hand and power tools.

This study of female do-it-yourselfers age 18 and older in the United States who are homeowners or plan to purchase their own home in the near future was conducted between May 30 and June 1 by Ipsos Public Affairs.

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CREW networking

Commercial Real Estate Women-Detroit will hold a summer networking happy hour 4-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, at Via Nove patio, 344 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale.

Cost is \$50 for members and \$65 for nonmembers. Price includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and one alcoholic beverage.

Register online at www.crewdetroit.org or contact Megan Cottrell at (888) 866.CREW or meganc@crewnetwork.org. Prepayment and pre-registra-

tion required.

Commercial Real Estate Women-Detroit, celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2006, is one of the largest local chapters of the CREW Network, a professional organization of nearly 7,000 real estate women in the U.S. and Canada. CREW-Detroit has more than 150 members from all commercial real estate professions, including accounting, architecture, appraisal, acquisitions, development, finance, leasing, property/asset management, law, sales/brokerage and syndication/investment. CREW-Detroit promotes networking and professional opportunities among its members, including a monthly program. For additional information, see www.crewdetroit.org.

Shore Mortgage

Shore Mortgage will offer a free Homebuyers/FICO score seminar 7-9 p.m. every third Monday through August. Seminars will take place at Shore Mortgage, 1741 N. Canton Center Road, Canton. For reservations or more information, call (248) 433-3300.

Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present: ■ Its Macomb County Golf Spectacular 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, at Cherry Creek Golf Club, 52000 Cherry Creek Drive (24 Mile and Van Dyke), Shelby Township. Fees, including 18

holes of golf (spikeless course), cart, lunch, refreshments, dinner and golf competitions are \$145 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers; \$60 for dinner only, \$200 for a hole sponsorship and \$250 for a hole sponsorship with dinner. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

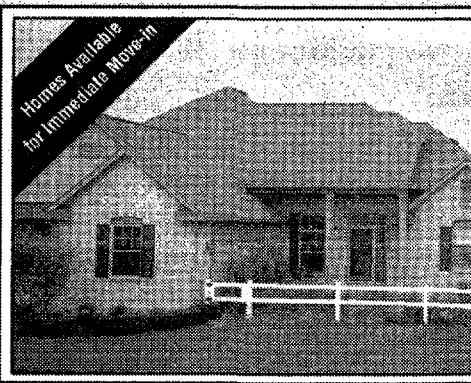
■ A development site tour of Partridge Creek in Clinton Township 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2. The tour begins at Burton Katzman, 30100 Telegraph, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Bingham Farms. Parking is available on the south side, adjacent to the boundary of Bingham Office Park and Fitness USA. Registration fees, including lunch, are \$40 for BIA members and \$60 for nonmember

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■ A Certified Graduate Builder Series seminar on "Introduction to Business Management" 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. It will be taught by Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services. The seminar introduces builders and remodelers who are interested in improving their bottom line to systematic planning processes used by industry experts. Fees are \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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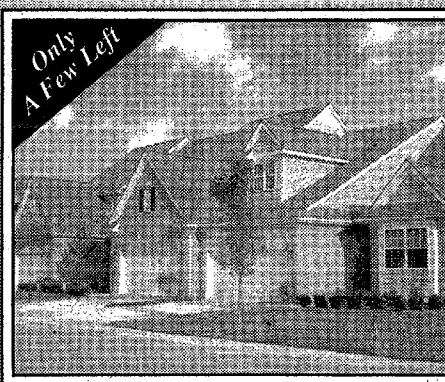
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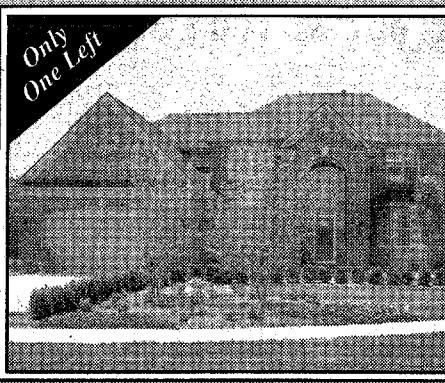
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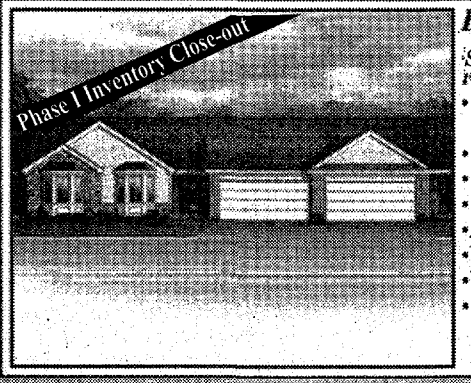
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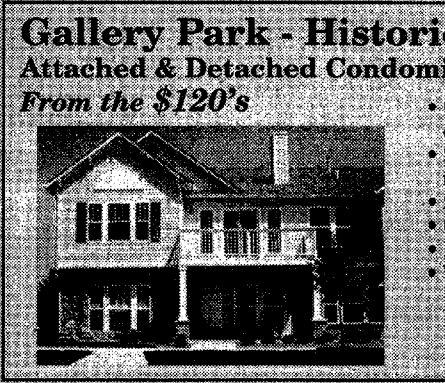
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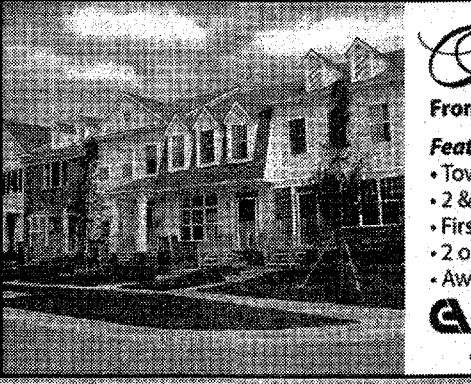
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close. Sometimes if the seller and buyer want to close, without making all the repairs before the closing, the inspector may issue a temporary C of O. This means that the closing may take place, however, it could also mean that the buyer may not occupy the house until the permanent C of O is issued.

See the adjoining chart for a partial list of cities that require municipal inspections and how much they charge.

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City	Type	Cost
Belleville	City sale inspection	(\$165)
Dearborn	City sale inspection	(\$150.00 SFR/\$200.00 MFR)
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Detroit	City sale inspection	(\$295 SFR/\$355 MFR)
Ecorse	City sale inspection	(\$160 SFR/\$210 MF)
Garden City	City sale inspection	(\$180)
Grosse Pointe	City sale inspection	(\$80)
Grosse Pointe Farms	City sale inspection	(\$100)
Inkster	City sale inspection	(\$100)
River Rouge	City sale inspection	(\$200)
Romulus	City sale inspection	(\$130)
Taylor	City sale inspection	(\$110)
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- 1 Famous mummy
- 4 Lucy Lawless role
- 8 Sonnet or haiku
- 12 Powdery residue
- 13 Enthralled
- 14 Merry-go-round
- 15 Buscaglia or Tolstoy
- 16 Surfer's cry
- 18 Salad-oil bottle
- 20 Pitch-dark
- 21 Break in
- 23 Stooze with bangs
- 24 Anima theorist
- 27 Thai neighbor
- 29 Adroit
- 33 Mature
- 34 Airport code for O'Hare
- 35 Maude portrayer
- 36 Sigh of relief
- 38 Decent grade

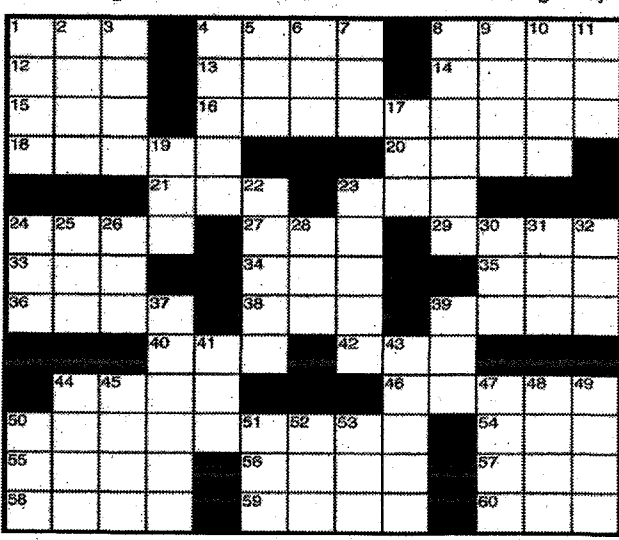
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- 1 Soft mineral
- 2 Computer owner
- 3 A grand
- 4 Hobby knife
- 5 Self-importance
- 6 Today
- 7 Turkish title
- 8 Did an orchard chore

Answer to Previous Puzzle

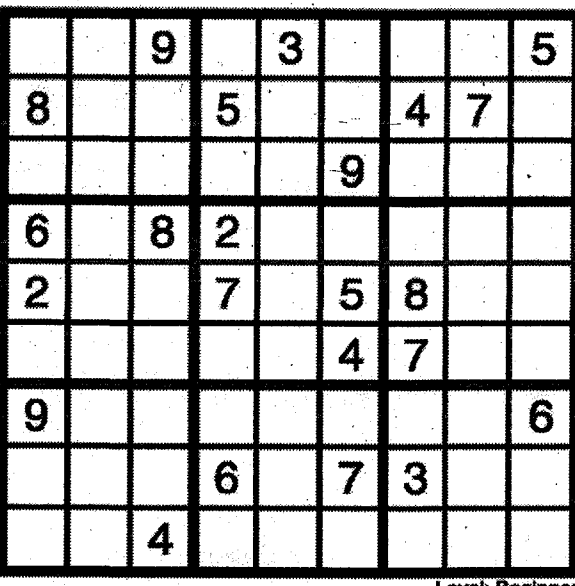
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- 10 Uplight
- 11 Drop line
- 17 College maj.
- 19 Joule fraction
- 22 Writer's
- 23 Cover girl
- 24 Mandible
- 25 "Oh, gross!"
- 26 Born as
- 28 Still exist
- 30 Wane
- 31 Membership dues
- 32 Payroll deduction
- 37 More crafty
- 39 Lupino of old films
- 41 Fabled bird
- 43 Narrow passage
- 44 Carried a tune
- 45 Not out of
- 47 Bad cut
- 48 Essay byline
- 49 Balance
- 50 Spring month in Paris
- 51 A Gershwin
- 52 Hard seat
- 53 Santa winds

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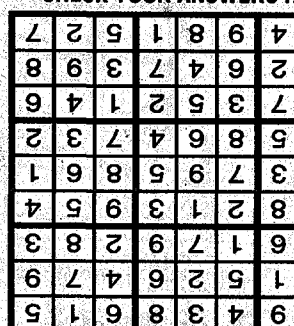
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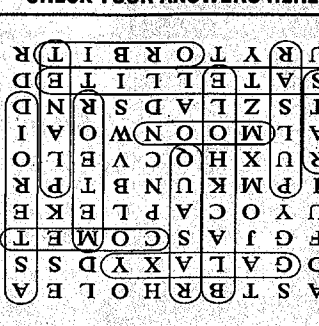
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2006 Hyundai Accent GLS: it's a cool car, but only if you pay extra to get the air

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By Dave Menard
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The first thing I ponder when I review a vehicle is who its supposed buyer is. That's not too hard with the 2006 Accent GLS. With a car like this, you can see Hyundai is trying to appeal to college students, people getting their careers established, young couples, or anybody else looking for good, basic transportation, with great gas mileage at a decent price.

The Accent GLS—the only trim level Accent available—is not fancy-looking, it doesn't blow you away with horsepower and it doesn't give you a lot of luxury features. But if those are the most important things to you, you're not looking in the Accent's direction anyway. And while not fancy-looking, the Accent isn't a dog, either.

There's a radio antenna mounted on the roof—it looks like the kind usually reserved for satellite radio, but satellite radio is not available with the Accent. Fourteen-inch wheels are standard, but you can get 15-inch wheels as an option.

This year's Accent is actually somewhat larger vehicle than its predecessor. The wheelbase has grown 2.3 inches (to 98.4 inches), and the wheel track has been widened to 57.9 in the front and 57.5 in the rear, an increase of 1.4 inches. Overall, the Accent is 1.8 inches longer, 1.0 inch wider, and 3.0 inches taller than the 2005 model.

What all of this means is that it's still a small car, but it's one of the larger cars in its segment.

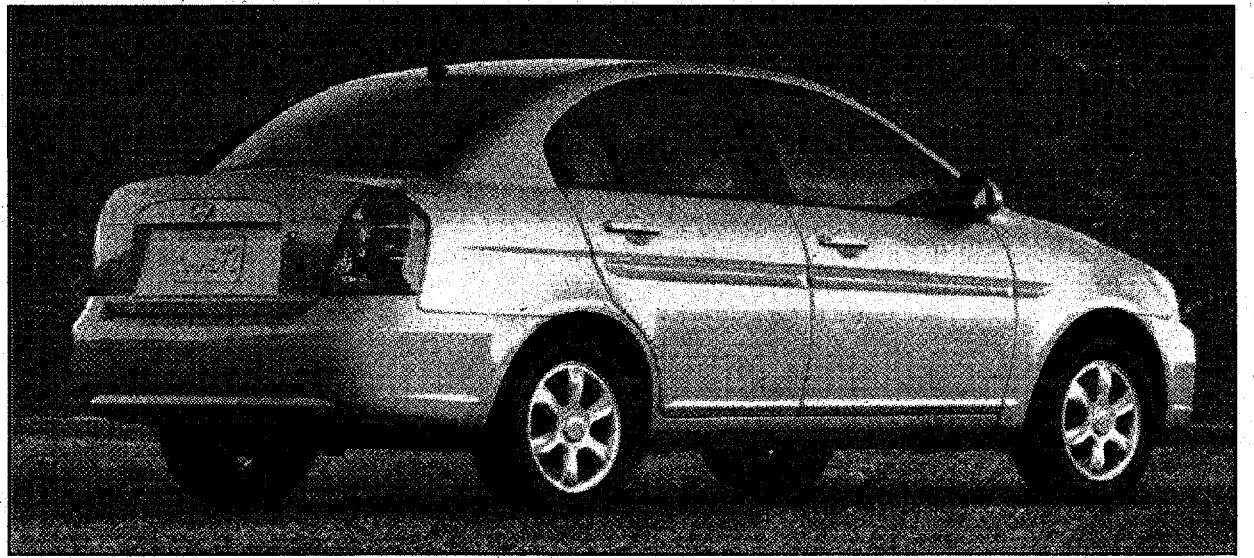
The Accent is powered by a 1.6-liter DOHC in-line four cylinder engine that features four valves per cylinder with CVT (Continuously Variable Valve Timing). It's rated at 110 horsepower and 106 lb.-ft. of torque at 4500 rpm.

While comparable to other engines in its segment, understand that that's not a lot of horses. You don't get a lot of acceleration off the line and merging and passing take longer than you might like.

Of course, those could be my perceptions based on the transmission I had in my test car. I had the four-speed automatic, which seemed to struggle at times, particularly on inclines, with sudden downshifts to get more power.

Without even having driven the five-speed manual version, I'd probably opt for it. Small cars with four-cylinder engines just seem to me to perform better with manual transmissions.

The upside here, though, is obvious—great mileage. The manual is rated at 32/35 mpg, while the automatic I



Vehicle class: Compact car. Power: 4-cylinder engine. Where built: Ulsan, Korea Mileage: 28 city / 36 highway (automatic). Base price: \$13,305. Price as tested: \$14,870.

tested is rated at 28/36. With gas prices at \$3 a gallon, a lot of us will make that trade-off right now.

While the Accent is no luxury ride, for a small car it's pretty good. The suspension consists of a MacPherson strut suspension with coil springs and gas shock absorbers up front, and a coupled torsion beam rear suspension with coil springs and gas shock absorbers. The jarring ride of many a small car is smoother in the Accent, and it handles relatively well, too. Being a small car, it fits just about everywhere and its turning circle is small enough to maneuver in and out of everyplace with ease.

Four-wheel disc ABS brakes are standard, and they're excellent.

Inside the Accent it's a mixed bag.

The front seats are comfortable, but difficult to adjust. It took me a while to adjust the knobs and levers to get the seatback in the optimum driving position for me. There is a good amount of front leg room, and, to my surprise, the rear seating area is actually usable for adult passengers.

With the drivers seat pushed all the way back, I could actually get my legs between the rear seat and the front seatback. Those 60/40 rear seats do fold down for more cargo space for the trunk. The trunk is deceptively roomy—you'll get a lot of groceries in there.

The interior also features a tilt steering column, rear window defroster and plenty of cupholders and storage areas.

The instrument panel includes a tachometer and a digital clock. For some reason, though, Hyundai has decided to make air conditioning an option on the Accent.

It is available, either as a stand-alone option, or as part of a package that includes power windows, locks, heated mirrors, larger wheels and remote keyless entry. It should be standard.

The Accent also features something I rarely write about, because I rarely notice it—the fasten-seat belt chime. The

Accent's is one of the most obnoxious chimes I've ever heard. It dings loudly and starts the minute you put the key in the ignition and again the minute you unlatch the belt, before you get a chance to shut the engine off. Just so you're warned.

The audio system, on the other hand, is good quality for an economy car. It's an AM/FM/CD system, featuring six speakers and rated at 172 watts of power. The sound is pretty good and it's standard in the Accent. A reminder, though, that air conditioning isn't standard.

With small cars like the Accent, there's a tendency to worry about safety. Hyundai has given the Accent six airbags—two frontal airbags, plus two front seat-mounted side-impact airbags. Two roof-mounted side-curtain airbags help protect the front and outboard rear passengers in side impacts.

Hyundai has made much of its reputation based on its warranty coverage, and for good reason.

With the Accent you get five-year/60,000-mile bumper-to-bumper protection, a 10-year/100,000-mile limited powertrain warranty, and seven-year/unlimited mileage anti-perforation coverage. AC, though, isn't standard.

Plus Hyundai gives you 24-hour roadside assistance coverage at no extra charge for five years (no mileage limit) and that service includes emergency towing, lockout service and limited coverage for trip-interruption expenses. But remember, AC is extra!

Definitely get the sport package (this is how you get the a/c, plus power mirrors, windows locks, remote keyless entry and 15-inch wheels).

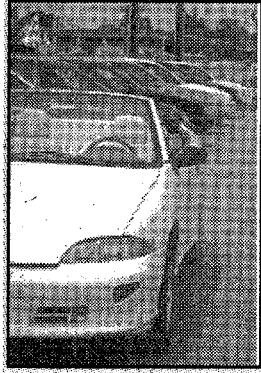
There's a lot to like about the Hyundai Accent: great mileage, decent looks, nice standard safety features, relatively good ride and great warranty.

Just remember: Pay more and get the air conditioning. Write Dave Menard at avanti1054@aol.com

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