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## Relay fund-raiser

The Westwood Community Church is holding a Relay for Life fund-raiser on May 5 all day at Carvel Ice Cream, 41990 Ford Road, Canton. A percentage of the proceeds will go to Relay for Life, an annual event that benefits cancer research and the American Cancer Society. Canton's Relay is scheduled to take place May 16-17 at Heritage Park.



Canton's Relay for Life event is scheduled to take place May 16-17 at Heritage Park.

For more information, call (734) 983-9120.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is also sponsoring a Relay team, and is looking for chamber members to get involved, including those who can't make the 24-hour commitment to the event. There are many ways to be part of the team, including raising money/pledges, or by walking, selling/purchasing luminaries, or by giving a donation. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

To find out more about Canton's Relay for Life, visit [www.relayforlife.org/cantonmi](http://www.relayforlife.org/cantonmi).

## Senior seminar

If you are caring for an aging parent or spouse, and having a difficult time finding resources and ways to cope with challenges you are facing, you might want to attend the 2009 Caregiving Conference that will take place from 5:30-9 p.m. Monday, May 4, at Summit on the Park in Canton.

Workshops will be held on the following topics: Alzheimer's and dementia; how to manage stress; legal and financial issues; Medicare/Medicaid; nutrition for seniors; and veteran benefits.

The free event will also include Oakwood Hospital health screenings, vendor tables, door prizes, and giveaways, as well as free massages and refreshments. For more information, call (313) 359-0736. This program is funded in part by the Senior Alliance and the Detroit Area Agency on Aging.

## Economic update

The Canton Board of Trustees will hold a study session at 7 p.m., May 5 at the Canton Administration Building. Staff will provide board members with an economic development update.

## Road construction season starts Monday

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Road construction season in Canton Township will begin in full force Monday when three resurfacing projects begin, forcing motorists to endure traffic delays or re-routing of daily travel routines.

Resurfacing of portions of Warren, Sheldon and Joy roads will begin tomorrow, with a fourth project — Haggerty Road from Ford to Cherry Hill — to begin at a later date.

"This year is much busier than previous years for road construction," said Bill Serchak, Canton Township staff engineer. "Wayne County has several projects that are converging this year."

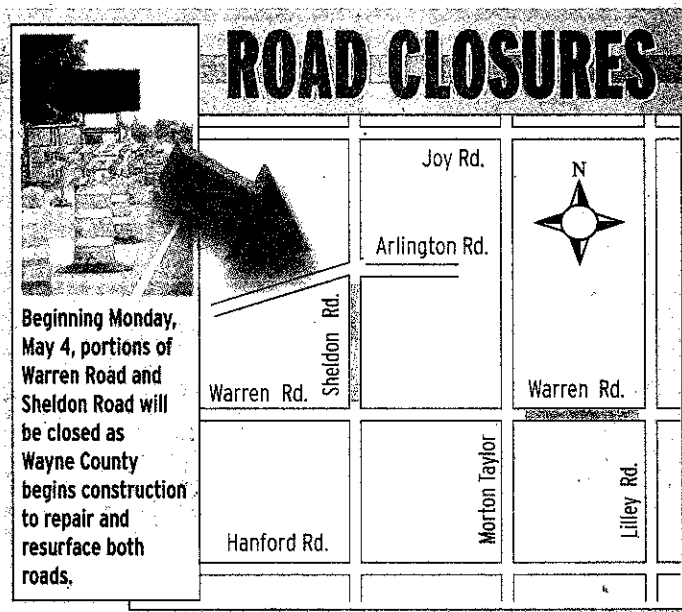
During construction, Warren Road will be closed to all traffic from Morton Taylor to Lilley roads. Motorists are advised to use Ford Road as the detour. Construction

is anticipated to be completed by late June or early July.

Beginning Monday, the northbound lane of Sheldon Road from Warren to Arlington roads will be closed, while the southbound lane will remain open. Motorists traveling north on Sheldon are advised to use Canton Center as the detour. Once the northbound lane is resurfaced and reopened, crews will shut down the southbound lane. Construction is anticipated to be completed by mid-June.

And a third project, the resurfacing of Joy Road between Lilley and Haggerty, is also slated to begin tomorrow. Mike Lens, Wayne County engineer, said details of the project were being finalized Friday afternoon. As a result, details on lane restrictions and a timetable weren't available.

"There will be a time when the road will

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Beginning Monday, May 4, portions of Warren Road and Sheldon Road will be closed as Wayne County begins construction to repair and resurface both roads.

## Filling a niche

## Middle Eastern cuisine is new restaurant's specialty

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like many mothers, it pained Beth Jabr of Canton Township to see three of her sons without steady jobs the past couple of years because of Michigan's struggling economy.

So Jabr decided it was time to take action.

"My boys didn't have jobs, and I said, 'Let me give you jobs,'" said Jabr, 43, who opened Shish Kabob Cafe on Ford Road in the Total shopping plaza. "They were laid off for two years and it was hard seeing them do nothing. So now they are happy."

Jabr said Shish Kabob Cafe, with its Middle Eastern fare, is designed to fill several niches in Canton.

"We want to offer a healthy alternative," Jabr said. "We cook everything fresh daily."

"And we want to have reasonable prices so everyone can afford to eat out. If you're working, you don't want to go home and have to cook," she added. "We may have the same kind of food as some other restaurants, but we are a little different."

Main entrees on the menu include chicken kafta (ground chicken), shish kabob (chicken, beef and lamb), shawarma (beef and lamb marinated with special spices) and shrimp stew. Sandwiches (falafel) and appetizers (hummous and tabbouli grape leaves) are also part of the menu, as are numerous salads.

Jackie Roy, 50, of Grass Lake — who works in Canton — enjoys Middle Eastern cuisine. She puts Shish Kabob Cafe at the top of her favorites.

"The food is very fresh, the people are very friendly and willing to go the extra mile for special orders," Roy said. "The falafel is much fresher and more delightful than I've had at other places. And the chicken stew is



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mohamed Aboumarah and Yousef Jabr present the Shish Kabob Cafe' Special — crushed lentil soup, fattoush salad, meat shish kabob, chicken shish kabob, chicken shawarma and rice.

out of this world."

Jabr, who runs New Face, New Body in the same center, isn't new to the restaurant business, having owned one in Akron, Ohio.

"The restaurant business is the hardest business you've ever been in," Jabr said. "But we have been blessed with good customers who bring others with them to support us."

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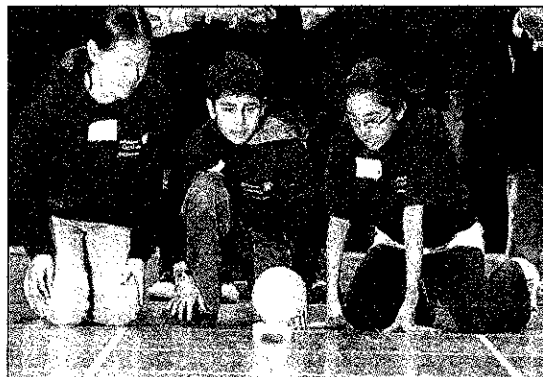
BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kimberly Groh didn't think she could be happier than she was when her Dodson Elementary School fifth-graders were chosen to take part in the Jet Toy Olympics at Cobo Arena in Detroit last week.

She was wrong. Groh's team upped the happiness quotient by earning a silver award in one of three judged categories at the Olympics, part of the Society of Automotive Engineers World in Motion program that brings engineering expertise into local schools.

The program, sponsored in Plymouth-Canton the last two years by Johnson Controls, allows students to take what they learned in the classroom and put it to practical use. For Groh's fifth-graders — and two other Plymouth-Canton teams that took part — they did even better than that.

"We were very excited," Groh said. "It was absolutely wonderful. The students had a chance to enter contests and work together as a team and apply all the knowledge they learned. It gave them not only an opportunity to work in teams, but it



Dodson Elementary fifth-graders took part in the JetToy Olympics, an engineering competition conducted at Cobo Arena last week.

also let them reinforce the concepts they learned."

A World in Motion is a SAE program that partners with companies like Johnson Controls to motivate students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. Johnson

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# Canton woman announces run for Congress

BY KURT KUBAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Canton's Natalie Mosher attended Barack Obama's inauguration in January with millions of other Americans from across the country, she had a hard time finding words to describe the experience. Less than four months later, she says the emotional event was the catalyst for her to get more involved in helping the country make a change. On Wednesday, the 65-



Mosher

McCotter of Livonia, who is currently in his fourth term representing Michigan's 11th District.

"Yes, the inauguration inspired me," said Mosher. "When you watch where

we've been the last eight years, you realize how much work we have to do to get back on track."

Mosher, who has never held elected office before, calls herself a different kind of candidate who will "solve problems and get things done." She says her approach would include working with member of all parties.

"I believe that voters are sick of the finger pointing that is only compounding the hard work it takes to develop and implement solu-

tions to the urgent issues of our time," Mosher said. "Whether it's job losses, the credit crunch, falling home prices, affordable healthcare or the myriad of other challenges facing us, Democrats, Republicans and Independents are looking for one thing — solutions. I'm running to offer solutions that get Michigan back to the prosperity that we enjoyed just a few years ago."

Mosher, who was born and grew up in Detroit, has

worked as a public school teacher and in the field of non-profits. She worked for the American Cancer Society when she lived in Ohio, and more recently was the chief development officer for the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. She has lived in Canton since 2004.

If elected, Mosher said she would make health-care, developing alternative energies, and creating jobs her top priorities. A big proponent of the domestic

automotive industry (she says relatives, including her husband, have a total of 154 years experience with the auto companies), Mosher said she would work to stop bad trade deals like NAFTA and CAFTA (Central America Free Trade Agreement), which she believes have hurt American auto workers.

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be closed and only local traffic will be allowed," Lens said. Lens noted construction on Haggerty between Ford and Cherry Hill will begin "in about another month."

And for the much-anticipat-

ed widening of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer, Lens said that won't start until late summer.

"It hasn't been bid yet, so it will be July or August before it starts," Lens said of the project, which will take the current two-lane road to five lanes.

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## E-waste collection

The Wayne County Department of Environment, in cooperation with Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, will be offering a free e-waste collection on Saturday, May 9 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Canton Township Division of Public Works building, located at 4847 Sheldon Road. This free event is open to all Wayne County residents and is an excellent opportunity to properly dispose of outdated electronic equipment.

Items being accepted at the e-waste collection include computers, monitors, printers, keyboards (including mouse), cell phones, copiers, scanners and fax machines. Items not being accepted include televisions, VCR/Cable boxes, boxes, manuals and software. Wherever possible, the collected equipment will be refurbished and reused, while the rest of the equipment will be properly recycled.

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Environmental Protection Agency has two fact sheets that provide information about donating and a list of free software you can use to delete information from your computer. To view this information visit [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

For more information on the May 9 e-waste collection please call (734) 326-3936.

## Museum collection

For the month of May, the Canton Historical Museum has a new exhibit featuring masks, drums, pottery and other items of interest from around the world. Called "The World Comes to Canton," the exhibition runs through June 6 and features a collection and donations from the Du Mauchelle Art Gallery in Detroit, which has been around since 1927.

The museum is located on Canton Center and Proctor roads, and is open on Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m., Thursdays from 2-5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information or to volunteer please call the museum at (734) 309-0088.

## Eye Glass Showcase

The 2009 Fashion Eye Glass Showcase will take place from

1-7 p.m., May 7 at The Vision Center, 325 N. Lilley Road, in Canton. Frame representatives from several designer manufacturers will be on hand to show you the latest eye glass styles. You will be able to try on hundreds of new designer frames, and receive a huge discount on every frame purchase. Prescription sunglasses, reading glasses, spare pairs, every type of eye wear will be showcased.

No appointment is necessary. Door prizes will be given away all afternoon as well as refreshments and light snacks.

For more information, call (734) 981-2700.

## Library luncheon

Four local organizations — the Friends of the Canton, Northville, Novi and Plymouth



Tutman

libraries — invite the public to their upcoming Book and Author Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, at Fox Hills Golf Club.

WDIV morning correspondent and author Paula Tutman will be the featured speaker.

Her first novel, *Deadline!* is a mystery set in Baltimore and utilizes many of the author's experiences as a crime reporter in the early 1990s. Released by the publisher last summer, Ms. Tutman has presented *Deadline!* at the National Press Club's Annual Book Fair and will appear next month at the Ann Arbor Book Fair and Book Expo America in New York City. For print and audio excerpts, author background and book ordering, visit [deadlinethebook.com](http://deadlinethebook.com). A sequel has been written, *Deadline! Second Block*, and is expected to be published later this year.

Tickets, which cost \$25, are available for purchase at any of the participating libraries.

## Blue Steel Big Band

The Blue Steel big band will present a concert of music from the 50s, 60s and 70s at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4 at the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth.

The concert will include music of Count Basie, Frank Sinatra, the Beatles and much more. Jack Anderson is the featured vocalist. The band is comprised of local musicians of all ages some of whom are professionals. Tickets are \$3 and are available at the door.

## Slavens coffee hour

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, is inviting residents to share a cup of coffee and conversation with her at an upcoming coffee hour on Monday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton.



Slavens

"Getting input from the community about the issues that are important to them and their families allows me to better represent our community at the Capitol," Slavens said. "I'm eager to sit down with residents and listen to their ideas and concerns. I know that Michigan is facing tough challenges right now, and I am fighting every day to create more good-paying jobs for our workers to help get our economy back on track."

Slavens holds regular coffee hours throughout Canton,

Belleville and Van Buren Township. If your business is interested in hosting a coffee hour, please call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or send an e-mail to [DianSlavens@house.mi.gov](mailto:DianSlavens@house.mi.gov).

## Neighborhood know-how

On Monday, May 11, from 6:30-9 p.m., Canton's supervisor's office will present "Neighborhood Know-How," an informational event on how residents can improve their subdivisions. This free event at the Summit on the Park welcomes everyone from homeowners association officers to all interested residents. Attendees can choose from a variety of breakout sessions on topics including covenants and restrictions, contracts, retention ponds, insurance, management companies, roads, collections and liens, and Canton ordinances.

Attendees can also look forward to door prizes and light refreshments. While the event is free, those interested in attending are asked to RSVP by calling (734) 394-5185.

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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Radio staffers earn broadcast awards

Staff members at WSDP, the student-run radio station owned and operated by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, recently received a number of individual awards from the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters.

The MAEB awards were presented at the University of Detroit Mercy as part of the MAEB Share-a-thon, a conference that brings together high school and college broadcasters from throughout the state.

Among Plymouth-Canton award winners:

- Newscast - Canton junior Rodney Harris, gold.

- Talk show - Salem seniors John Dalton and Timothy Thompson, Canton junior Rodney Harris and Canton sophomore Sean Fitzpatrick, gold.

- Production - Canton sophomore Sean Fitzpatrick and Salem sophomore John Bonello, gold; Plymouth sophomore Derek Harbison, Salem juniors Alex Lamb and Sam Rector and Salem senior Jake Burnstein, bronze.

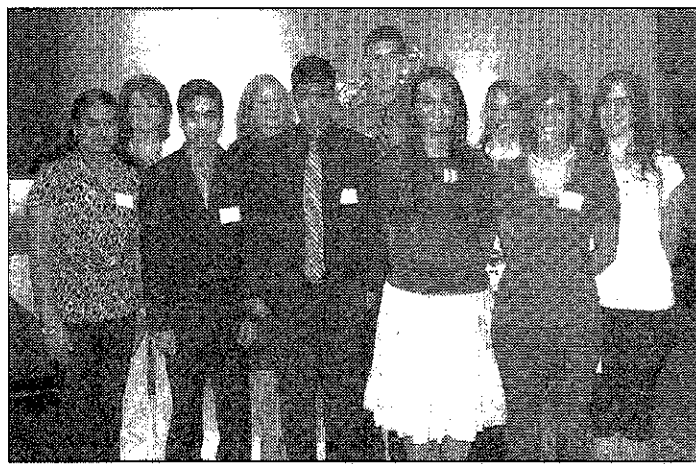
- Sportscast/play-by-play - Plymouth senior Nick Stemberger, silver.

- Disc jockey - Salem senior John Dalton and Plymouth sophomore Spencer Girard, bronze.

WSDP had more Gold Mic winners than any other high school program and matched the number received by the top college station.

The MAEB was created to promote and develop low-power educational broadcasting in Michigan. The association was formed in 1977.

"We always knew our students match up well against the best," station manager Bill



### Scholarship winners

The Plymouth-based Community Financial credit union recently awarded \$13,000 in scholarships. The winners were selected from eligible students who are Community Financial members and will use the funds to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution. The scholarship recipients included (front row, from left) Treesa Antony of Novi High School, Shane Joychan of Detroit Catholic Central High School, Justin Farooq of Novi High School, Armani Patel of Salem High School, Mallorie Blaylock of Eastern Michigan University, (back row from left) Nina Niemetta of Madonna University, Kirsten Clemans of Salem High School, Garrett Rogers of Salem High School, Marissa Birrell of Franklin High School, and Leslie Botts of Westland John Glenn. Clemans, Patel and Botts all live in Canton, as does Plymouth High's Kyle Bricker (not pictured). Community Financial Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency. For more information, visit [www.cfcu.org](http://www.cfcu.org) or call (734) 453-1200.

Keith said. "We're so proud of each of these students and they're very deserving of these honors."

### Band recruiting

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, a regular Bands of America Finalist at Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, hosts an informational meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, for students and their parents who are interested in joining the 2009 Marching Band program.

The Marching Band Recruitment meeting is designed for incoming eighth graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with

the existing marchers enjoying pizza, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters on how their eighth grader can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2009 summer/fall season.

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### Stage role

Allison Goldsmith, daughter of Jeff and Kathy Goldsmith of Plymouth, performed as Verges in the recent production of William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

Martine Kei Green, visiting instructor of drama, directed the play, adding a contemporary Victorian spin to the production. *Much Ado About Nothing* is a light comedy with a funny, dark edge, and it plays out a number of Shakespeare's best loved themes: confusion between lovers, the battle of the sexes, and the restoration of love and marriage.

A graduate of Canton High School, Goldsmith is a senior majoring in drama at Kenyon.

### Charity golf

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Southfield Alumnae Chapter, sponsors the sixth annual Delta Charity Golf Classic Saturday, June 13, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth.

The outing helps fund scholarships and community service programs for metro Detroit students. Delta Sigma Theta sponsors the event in support of the Torch of Wisdom Foundation, Inc.

Registration is at 7:15 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Registration fee is \$100 and covers 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and dinner. St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile.

## School station readies for annual auction

Staffers at WSDP 88.1 FM, the student-run radio station serving the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools community, present their 21st radio auction 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16.

New items will be auctioned off every half-hour. Listeners can support the station by calling in bids throughout the day. There are many great items to bid on, including autographed memorabilia, restaurant gift certificates and services from local businesses. A Dream Board of the more unique items will be available for bidding all day long.

Area businesses still have time to support the student radio station by donating an item. Station volunteers are contacting businesses for donations. Businesses benefit from the exposure they receive while the item is up for bid. Most importantly, they help a very worthwhile program.

"The generosity of Plymouth-Canton businesses is overwhelming," said station manager Bill Keith. "Their support is especially encouraging when you consider how many requests they receive."

Local residents can also support the auction. Their employer may have access to tickets

at local concerts or sporting events and they may be willing to donate them to the station.

"My dream is that someone is a friend of Chris Osgood and they can convince him to have dinner with one of our high bidders," Keith said.

Anyone with an idea for the auction can contact the station at (734) 416-7732. Businesses that are willing to display an auction flyer can also contact the station. Businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring a portion of the auction can e-mail Keith at [keithb@peccs.k12.mi.us](mailto:keithb@peccs.k12.mi.us)

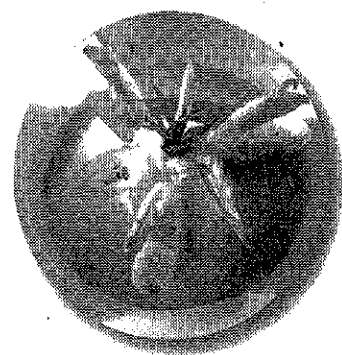
"Most importantly, we hope people will tune in and listen to the auction on May 16," Keith said. "It's a fun event to listen to and the students work so hard."

They can also listen to the auction via the station's live Web feed at [www.881TheEscape.com](http://www.881TheEscape.com). The Web site will also feature a complete list of auction items.

Last year, the station raised some \$9,000; their goal this year is \$10,000.

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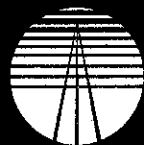
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# Yazaki one of Chrysler's biggest unsecured creditors

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Chrysler weaves its way through Chapter 11 bankruptcy on its way to a marriage with Fiat of Italy, one of its top 19 unsecured creditors in southeast Michigan is auto supplier Yazaki North America in Canton Township.

Chrysler owes Yazaki \$18.3 million according to figures by crainsdetroit.com, which puts Yazaki 18th on the list.

The largest local creditor according to the automotive Web site, and ranking No. 2 overall, is BBDO North America with offices in Troy which is owed almost \$55.1 million, trailing only the \$70.3 million owed to a parts supplier, Toledo-based Ohio Module Manufacturing

Co. L.L.C.

The 19 local companies on the list are owed a combined total of about \$291 million dollars.

A call to Yazaki North America was not returned in time for this story. However, WWJ radio auto analyst and host of autolinedaily.com, John McElroy, said Yazaki is not in danger of not being paid by Chrysler.

"Unsecured debt means the suppliers have shipped parts without getting paid," McElroy said. "Which in a sense is like a loan, but unsecured. If a company goes bankrupt, generally they're flat out of luck."

"But, Yazaki almost certainly will get its money back," he said. "The federal government has agreed to funnel money through Chrysler and General Motors

to pay their suppliers. The federal government has also made money available to suppliers to guarantee their receivables."

"Even if Chrysler doesn't pay the money, the federal government will pay them."

Chrysler also owes Johnson Controls Inc., of Milwaukee — which has facilities in Plymouth Township — \$50.3 million, which is third on the list of the top 50 unsecured creditors. Other unsecured creditors of Chrysler include Visteon Corp. in Van Buren Township, \$25.6 million; Varity Kelsey Hayes in Livonia, \$10.1 million; and GT Technologies Inc. in Westland, \$5.1 million.

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# Nominations sought for Design Excellence Awards

Canton's Committee for Community Excellence (CCE) is now accepting nominations for its annual Design Excellence Awards, which promote excellence in landscaping, architectural, and environmental design.

The deadline to submit a nomination is July 15. All entries must include a street view photograph — entries submitted without a photo will be disqualified. Judging will take place July through August and awards will be presented at an appreciation ceremony in October.

Categories for the landscape design award include neighborhood entryways, residential homes, commercial retail and office buildings, industrial facilities, and public facilities. The award will be based on quality of design, use of plant materials, year round appeal, and creativity.

Categories for the environmental excellence award include detention pond maintenance, preservation, and wetland mitigation. The award is intended to highlight projects that

preserve or enhance natural features, use native vegetation, and create natural habitats.

Categories for the architectural design award include commercial retail and office buildings, industrial facilities, additions, renovations and remodeling, and public facilities. The award will be based on building design, quality of building materials, and quality of site design.

Canton residents are encouraged to nominate neighbors and local businesses. There is no limit to the amount of nominations you can submit and self nominations will also be accepted.

To view a slide show of last year's winners and download a nomination form visit [www.canton-mi.org/committees/cce.aspx](http://www.canton-mi.org/committees/cce.aspx). Nomination forms are also available at the Summit on the Park and Canton's Administration Building.

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# Roth IRAs offer substantial advantages

**Q:** Dear Rick: I have some money sitting in a retirement account from my old job. I now have new employment and the company offers a matching 401(k) plan. Should I contribute to my employer's 401(k) plan and also roll over the other money into a Roth IRA or a regular IRA? If so, which investment company do you suggest using for the rollover? I have a wife and one child. Please help me get on the right track.

**A:** Congratulations on your new job. It is great that your



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has happened over the last year or so, the 401(k) plan is still a very good investment vehicle to save for retirement.

new company offers a 401(k) plan and even better it offers a matching program. Take advantage of this opportunity. After all, the company match is like "found" money. In addition, despite what

One opportunity you should explore with regards to your 401(k) plan is a Roth option. Many 401(k) plans allow you to invest post-tax money into a Roth 401(k) plan. The advantages of a Roth are substantial. The growth in a Roth is not tax-deferred. It is tax-free. When you withdraw money from your Roth, there will be no income tax due on the money. All the income from the investment and the money invested is tax-free.

On the other hand, when you withdraw money from your traditional 401(k) plan, all money withdrawn is subject to ordinary income taxes.

In addition, the Roth 401(k) is not subject to required minimum distributions as is the traditional 401(k) plan is. The benefit of this is at age 70½ you are not required to begin taking any distributions from your Roth 401(k). In fact, you are never required to withdraw money from your Roth 401(k). Although the benefits of a Roth are substantial, there is one downside. In a traditional

401(k) you invest pre-taxed money while in a Roth 401(k) you invest post-tax money. The result is you pay more short-term taxes while receiving substantial long-term tax saving.

I recommend you transfer the money in your previous employer's 401(k) plan into an IRA. There are many good investment companies including Vanguard, Charles Schwab & Co., and Fidelity Investments. These are three of the larger custodians that offer a variety of assistance and the opportunity to invest commission-free.

If you decide to use an investment adviser, make sure you use an adviser vs. a salesperson. Too many in the financial world are only concerned with selling products where they can make substantial fees, such as in variable annuities. If you use a professional investment adviser, I recommend a fee-only one who charges for their services, but has no financial incentive in the products you invest.

I believe when there are com-

missions, there are conflicts of interest and those can lead to sub-par investments.

As to using a Roth IRA or a traditional IRA, the first issue is whether you meet the requirements by law. In order to do a Roth conversion in 2009, your adjusted gross income for 2009 has to be less than \$100,000. If you are over the \$100,000 mark, you are not eligible this year. However, you should be eligible in 2010 when the tax law changes.

If your income is less than \$100,000 then my general rules for conversion are as follows:

1. You must have other cash available, without touching the money being converted, to pay the income tax liability. When you convert money into a Roth IRA, you must pay taxes on the money that you are converting. This money is always subject to tax. However, by converting the money you are paying the tax ahead of time.

2. You can invest the money in the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years.

3. By converting the money it will not throw you into a higher tax bracket. If so, convert just a portion of the money. With the market so low, it is an excellent opportunity for people to consider converting into a Roth IRA. After all, you are paying taxes on a smaller amount of money. As the market recovers, which it will, all your gains will be in your Roth IRA, totally income-tax free.

In the great majority of cases I recommend taking your money with you when you leave a company. By directly transferring the money into an IRA you are not subject to changes within the company's plan and are therefore in total control of your money.

As far as I am concerned, an investor should always be in control of his or her money.

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Towers



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In addition to her weekend role, Centofanti is also the Fox

2 Health Works editor. She joined WJBK FOX 2 in April 1997.

Centofanti balances a busy life as a journalist and mother. She and husband, Keith, are parents to three children: son Casey, born in 1999, daughter Ellie, born in 2002, and Sophie, born in 2005.

Towers joined the Fox 2 weekend family as a features reporter. He was named co-anchor earlier this year.

"I love my time with my TV family Deena and Justin

(Ryan, meteorologist)," said Towers, who spends his free time at the movies and with his daughter, 6.

When not working week-ends at Fox 2, Towers hosts mornings at 97.1 The Ticket on the Jay & Bill show.

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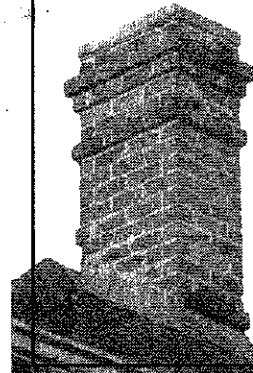
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# Burger Center autism program undergoes restructuring

**BY SUE MASON**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For 13 years, Connor Jablonowski has been attending school at the Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City. But the 16-year-old will move from what has become known as Burger West to the Cambridge Adult and Alternative Education Center, or Burger East, in the fall.

And the change, according to his mother, has the teen "very excited."

"He's been told he'll be near the high school and that he will be with older kids," said Darlene Jablonowski. "He's very excited."

Under the restructuring, classes will be grouped by age along the four hallways of Burger West, allowing a sharing of academic resources and have grade-level collaboration, said Special Education Director Sharon Dusney.

"We want to provide an age-appropriate setting for the students," said Dusney. "We looked at how to divide

them by age and how we separate the students."

According to Dusney, the program has experienced a decline in enrollment in the Burger preschool program in part because of parents' concern that youngsters are placed with older students. The classrooms are at Burger East, which also houses the Garden City school district's alternative high school and adult programs.

"At East, despite the age difference, they share the same restrooms," she said. "At Burger West, the age groups

will be separated and will keep teachers of the same grade together."

Dusney said surveys were done, phone calls were made and there were even visits to other center programs to see how they were aligned in preparation for the restructuring.

Under the plan, early elementary classes will be groups along on hallway, with upper elementary and middle school class rooms along the others. Four preschool classes also will be moved to Lathers Elementary School.

Burger East will house students who

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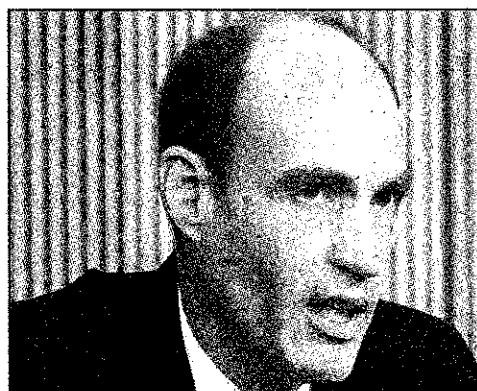
BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said Friday that the process that led Chrysler to file for bankruptcy Thursday didn't give the company enough time or support to work out the details.

Chrysler was given 30 days by the Obama Administration Auto Task Force to win concessions from the United Auto Workers, arrange for a merger with Italian automaker Fiat and get bondholders to take reduced payments on their obligations.

"As they worked their way through it, there was no time left," McCotter said. "There wasn't a sufficient plan laid out for what this would look like."

McCotter and others were especially critical of hedge funds that refused the



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Chrysler offer of reduced payments after the company's major bondholders had agreed.

On Thursday, McCotter released a press statement, "Our entire community's thoughts, hearts, hands and prayers go out to the Chrysler workers and retirees who now face more cruel uncertainty regarding their futures. Chrysler, the UAW and our entire community

have toiled, sacrificed and suffered to comply with President Obama's Auto Task Force's demands and deadlines to avoid bankruptcy. These noble, Herculean efforts by workers, retirees and management have now been frustrated by hedge funds. The fate of Chrysler now rests in court proceedings of an unpredictable duration and ultimate determination."

McCotter said Friday that given more time, Chrysler may

have been able to leverage more influence on the hedge funds.

Obama said that Thursday he expected the bankruptcy Chapter 11 reorganization to move quickly, 30 to 60 days, and make Chrysler a stronger company.

"I hope he's right, we all do," McCotter said.

He said bankruptcy proceedings are unpredictable, especially with a company as complicated as Chrysler, or General Motors, which faces its own deadline in a month.

Under the current plan, the United Auto Workers would be the majority owner of Chrysler, with Fiat as a minority owner, providing design and management expertise. McCotter said this arrangement evolved only after the Auto Task Force told Chrysler to work out an arrangement with Fiat.

"We don't know if this is

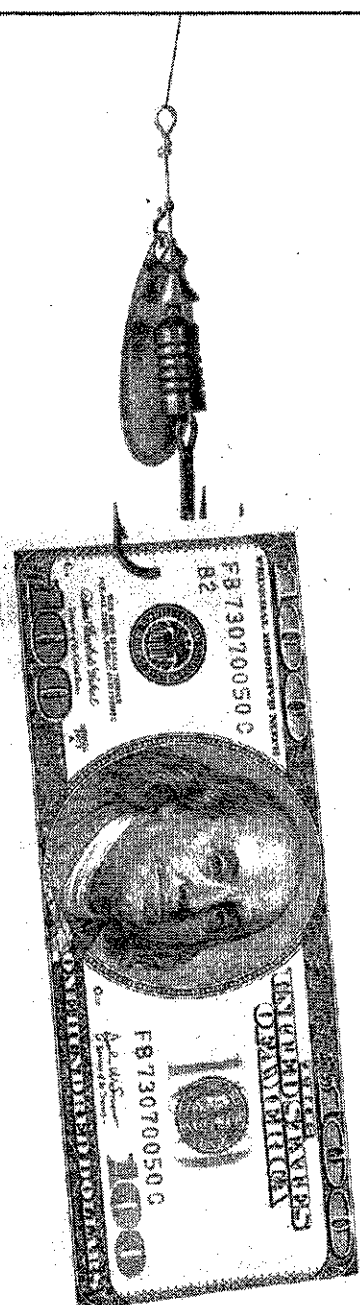
how it will look. I don't know of anything existing with this structure," McCotter said.

General Motors will work to meet the goals set by the task force, McCotter said. He has expressed concern about AIG-backed bondholders profiting off a forced GM bankruptcy.

On April 1, McCotter sent a letter to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner "demanding" to know if any GM bondholders have credit default swaps contracts with AIG, if

so who and in what amount and how much would GM's bondholders gain from their credit default swaps should GM be forced into bankruptcy.

He said he still hasn't received an answer. McCotter has been critical of both the Bush and Obama administrations for the demands placed on the auto companies in comparison to the comparatively restriction-free bailout of the bank industry.



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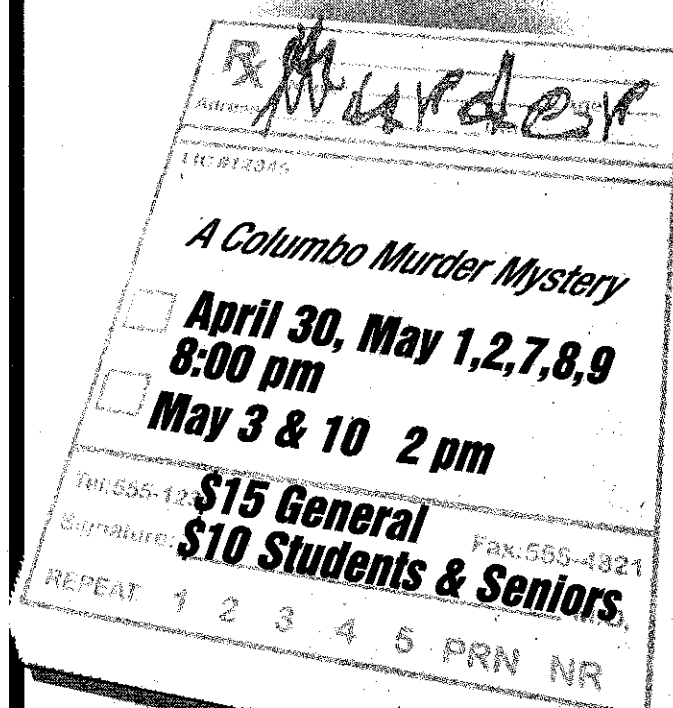
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The third annual Jet Toy

Olympics involved 127 teams — and some 500 students — and provided a friendly competition where teams of students use the skills and knowledge previously gained from program volunteers to design, build and test balloon-powered toy cars to compete in distance, accuracy, weight carrying and timed events.

The event teaches scientific core concepts, such as jet propulsion, friction, air resistance and design in a fun and engaging manner.

Janet Kahan, K-12 math/science coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Schools, said because the state requires class content to include force and motion in both third and sixth grade, the units help students do it not only from the standpoint of engineers but also as scientists. Students benefit, she said, from having JCI engineers in the classrooms.

"We think it's really important," Kahan said. "To have mentors in the classrooms who use those same skills help our kids to value those skills. It matters to our kids to have other adults care enough about



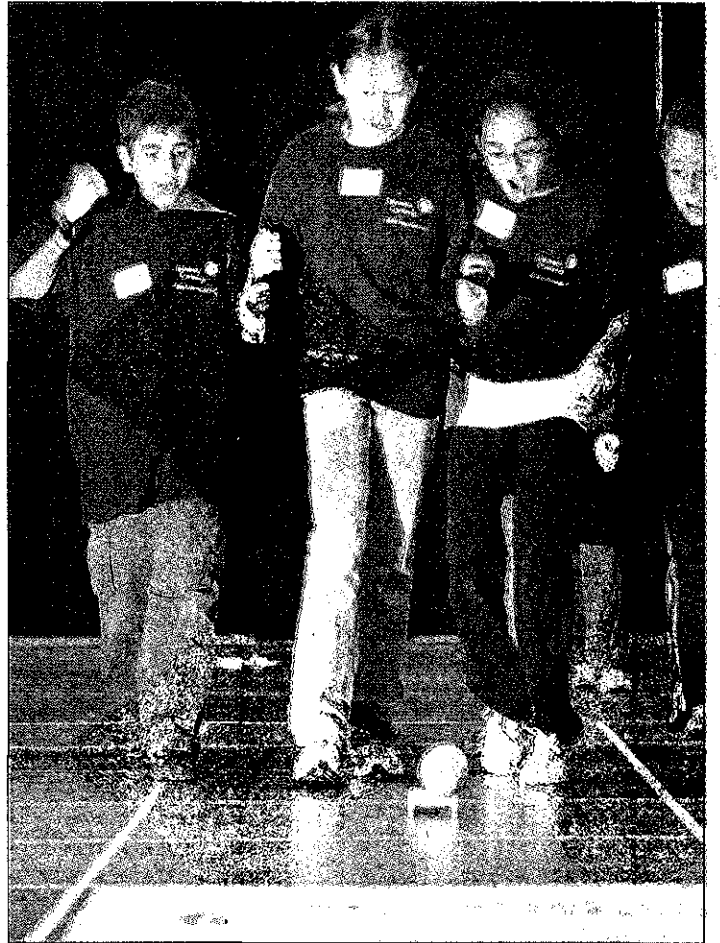
Some 127 teams, including teams from Dodson, Smith and Allen Elementary schools in the Plymouth-Canton district, took part in the JetToy Olympics.

them to actually come to the schools. That's very important."


The Jet Toy Olympics judged students' engineering abilities in four basic categories: distance, weight-carrying, time and accuracy. All three district teams — fifth-graders at Allen Elementary with teacher Debbie Maloni; Groh's Dodson team; and Melanie Gray's Smith Elementary team — earned honors.

"The kids had to do experiments which would make (the toy) go farthest for distance, sometimes the fastest and they also had to look at ways to see how long they could make it go," Groh said. "Students worked together in teams to test the jet toy, then make any modifications they needed to make. We were thrilled."

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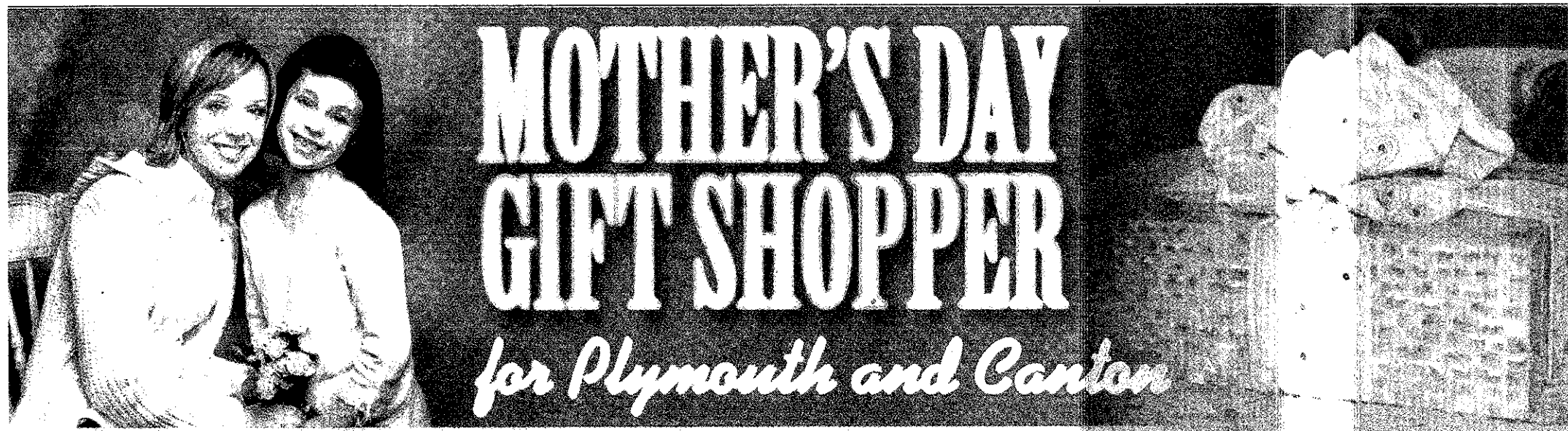
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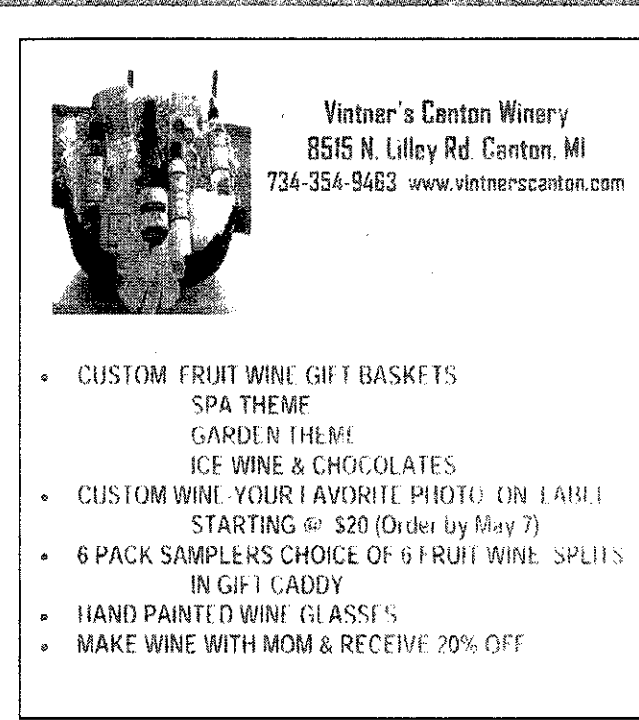
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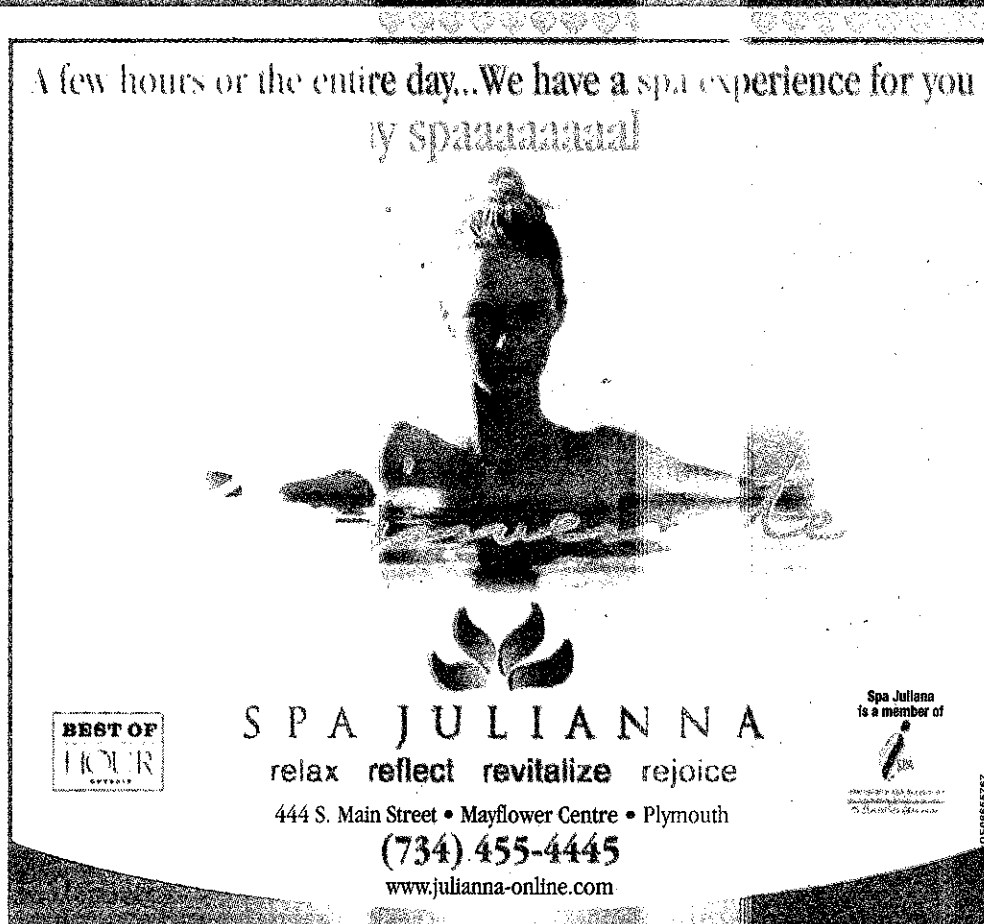
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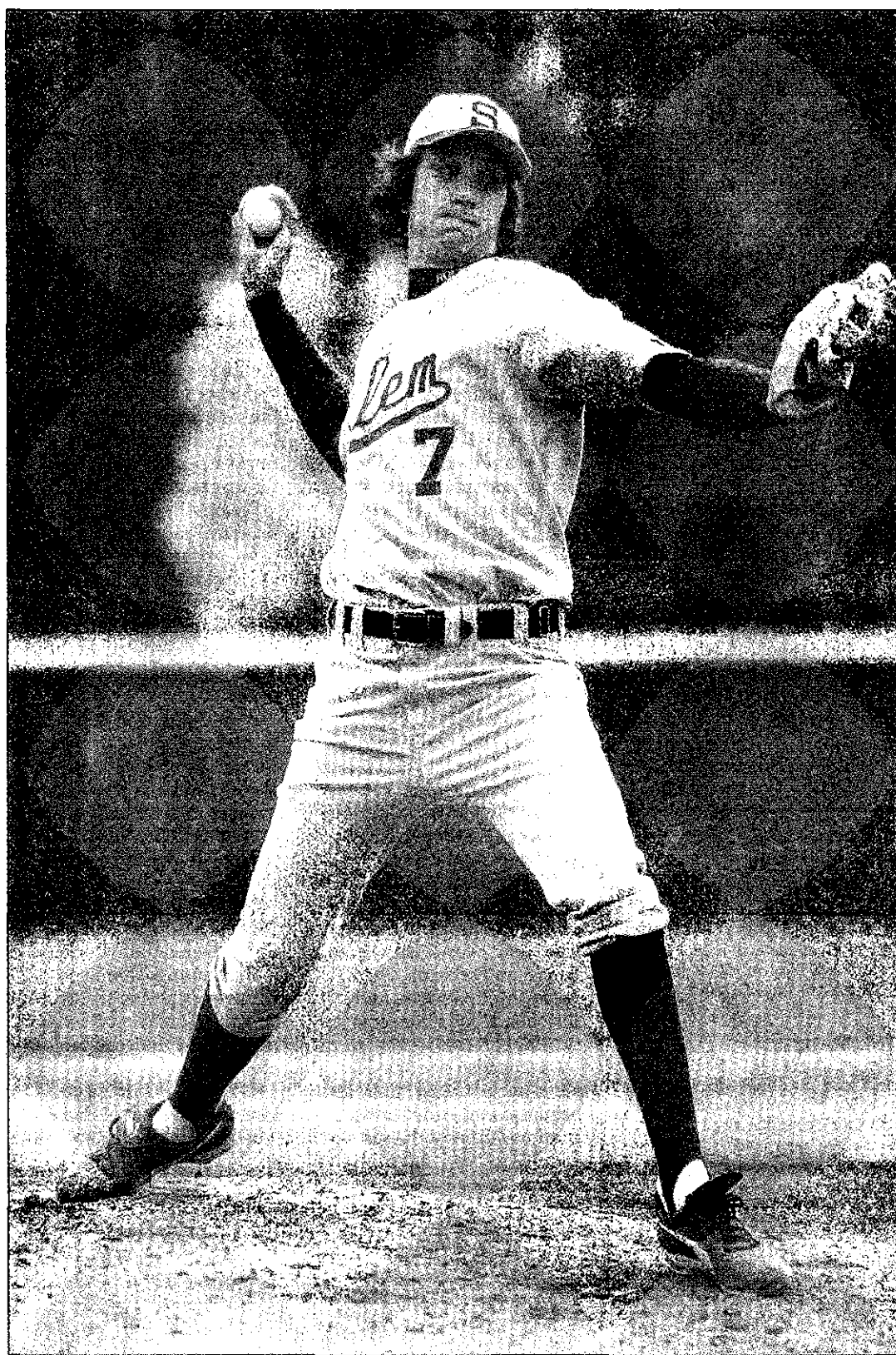
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# HOMETOWN LIFE



Salem senior pitcher Dave Hales struck out 12 and yielded just two hits in the Rocks' 2-0 victory over Westland John Glenn Friday afternoon.

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Drew Grabowski connects on a single to help stake Salem to an early 2-0 lead against John Glenn Friday afternoon.

## 'Hales' to the victors

### Solid mound efforts lead Salem to twinbill sweep

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem pitcher Dave Hales' unofficial theme song Friday afternoon could be found on M.C. Hammer's greatest hits album: "You Can't Touch This."

Hales was nearly untouchable in the opening game of the Rocks' double-header at Westland John Glenn as he held the Rockets to two hits while striking out half the batters he faced in the 2-0 victory. Hales fanned 12 of the 24 Rockets who stepped into the batter's box while walking just one.

"Dave has been very good this year, but he was actu-

ally better than normal today," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger, whose squad improved to 11-6 overall and 7-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. "His pitch count was down and he was hitting his spots."

Hales received all the support he needed in the top of the second when the Rocks scored both their runs. Drew Grabowski and Joe Posler led off with singles before Justin Bashir laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt to advance them to second and third. Dave Russel then followed with a clutch two-run single. Salem finished with five

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## GAME WRAPS

### Lady Warriors nipped

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team dropped a hard-fought 15-12 decision to Huron Valley United Wednesday night. The Lady Warriors' offense was in high gear, ripping 33 shots at the Huron Valley net.

"We only had 15 shots on goal the first time we played them," noted PCS coach Dave Medley. "I knew it would be a tough game as both teams are pretty evenly matched. Huron came out on fire and we fell behind by five goals early. We did some correcting with personnel alignments, however, the early lapse cost us."

Scoring for PCS were Chelsea Olson (six goals), Lauryn Ebersole (three), Nicole Rottell (two) and Natalie Sitko, who netted a single goal.

Defensively, sophomore goalie Lexie O'Connor kept the Lady Warriors in the game by making 27 saves.

"I can't say enough about Lexie," said Medley. "She was certainly the MVP in our two games against Huron."

### Salem kickers fall

Salem's girls soccer team dropped a 4-0 decision to host Northville Thursday night. The loss dropped the Rocks to 4-3-2 overall and 2-3-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division.

The Mustangs galloped to a 3-0 halftime lead and never looked back.

"We came out flat in the first half and got down a few goals early," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We played a better second half, but it's tough to come back against a talented team like Northville."

### Chiefs medal at Harrison Relays

Several members of Canton's boys track-and-field team earned some heavy medal at Friday's Harrison Hawks Freshmen/Sophomores Relays.

The Chiefs' best performance came from their sprint medley relay team of Matt Schacht, Max Earll, Mitch Posuniak and Matt Gran, who placed second with a time of 4:05.3.

Their best individual performance came from Tyler Winningham, who placed fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 55.7.

Also placing fourth were the long-jump relay contingent of Luke Freeman and Nick DiBenedetto (33 feet, 8 inches); the 800 relay team of Earll, Austin Golles, Winningham and Mike Edge; and the 400 relay foursome of Earll, Branden Sword, Posuniak and Edge.

## Canton edges Wildcats in fasci-net-ing match

If you were looking for good-to-the-last-lob tennis action on Wednesday afternoon, the P-CEP courts were the place to be when the Plymouth and Canton girls teams hooked up in a net classic.

Canton prevailed, 5-4, in a match that featured three three-set thrillers.

After the two cross-campus rivals split the four singles matches, Canton prevailed by seizing three of the five doubles contests.

Canton improved to 6-0 with the win while the Wildcats slipped to 3-3.

The Chiefs' Janelle Burdiss sparked her team's victory with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Chelsea Craig at No. 1 singles. Plymouth's Jessica Bracey evened the match at 1-all when she edged Canton's Vicki Chen at No. 2, 6-7, 6-1, 6-4. Canton's Megan Leung defeated Sarah Mitchell, 6-3, 6-4, before the Wildcats' No. 4 player, Priya Joshi, knocked off Canton's Maggie DePentu, 6-0, 6-0.

The second three-setter of the afternoon unfolded at No. 1 doubles when Canton's Paige Babala and Kayla Davis outlasted Gina Matar and Radhika Patel, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Plymouth drew even again when

its No. 2 doubles tandem of Katie Binger and Lindsey Stemberger swept Katie Noetzel and Jaclyn Hillingsworth, 6-0, 6-3.

Possibly the most exciting match of the day took place at No. 3 doubles when Canton's Taylor Eppler and Kaitlyn Montgomery narrowly escaped with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 triumph over Allison Santori and Lauren Jeong.

The two teams split the final two doubles matches as Canton's Catherine Sanctorem and Brittany Vance slipped by Claire Marchesano and Annie Mackenzie at No. 4 before the Wildcats' No. 5 duo of Britta Swanson and Kayla Griffey upended Michelle Nagy and Jordan Boeve, 6-2, 6-4, at No. 5.

**NOVI 7 SALEM 2**  
**Wednesday at Novi**  
**No. 1 singles:** Sara Carlson (N) defeated Alli Carpenter, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Abby Wang (N) def. Linda Ling, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Jennifer Felcher (N) def. Anna Norman, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Morgan Spencer (S) def. Ming Ming Jie, 6-0, 6-3.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Lauren Felcher/Julia Thomas (N) def. Rachel Norman/Ariel Rojo, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 2:** Jenna Snyder/Magen Wenzl (N) def. Kerry MacDonald/Alex Lamb, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Andrea Lollo/Meggie Riegel (N) def. Victoria Brotz/Mallory Rojo, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 4:** Ashley Davis/Katie Fletcher (S) def. Natalie Murphy/Shaneen Sheikh, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; **No. 5:** Michele Barber/Navya Talluri (N) def. Emma VanHoof/Bethany Haller, 7-6, 6-4.  
**DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Salem, 2-3; Novi, 7-1.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Emily Meade (left) congratulates Alexis Powell during a Rock uprising in Friday's doubleheader sweep of Westland John Glenn.

## Rocks defuse Rockets in DH

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The most glorious sight for Westland John Glenn's softball team Friday afternoon was watching Salem's bus exiting its parking lot following the two teams' double-header.

The Rocks made life miserable for the Rockets from the opening pitch to the final out, sweeping their hosts 15-0 and 11-0. The twinbill dominance improved Salem's

record to 10-5 and 7-2 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

"We are right where we need to be at the moment; things seem to be clicking all the way around," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We have a really tough week ahead, going back through the division a second time. We have yet to face Stevenson and Northville has really stepped it up, too,

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The 2009 Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp will be held June 15-18 at the Canton High School baseball complex. The camp will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

The camp is designed for kids 7 to 14 years old. A limited number of openings exist, so interested campers are encouraged to register early.

All campers will receive a 2009 Canton Baseball Camp T-shirt and lunch each day.

Campers will receive instruction from members of the varsity coaching staff and players in all phases of the game, including throwing, fielding, hitting, pitching and base running.

The registration fee is \$120.

For more information, call Diane Galanty at (734) 765-1255.

## Track-and-field

## top 10 listings

All local boys and girls track

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Names and times or distances can be e-mailed to Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com.

Detroit Lions  
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A Detroit Lions Summer Youth Football Camp will be held at Central Middle School in Plymouth July 6-9 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. This will be the fifth consecutive summer the camp will be held in Plymouth.

The Lions will conduct a minimum of 14 youth football camps in Michigan and Canada during the summer of 2009.

"We truly enjoy coming to Plymouth and working with the area's youth," said Chris Fritzsche, the Lions director of youth football. "It's going to be an exciting camp; a camp that allows us to help develop young athletes to

become more educated and skilled football players, while emphasizing some of the life skills the game of football teaches: hard work, discipline, teamwork, communication and perseverance."

Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp is open to boys & girls ages 6-14, is non-contact and fundamental, and designed to improve a child's beginning, intermediate, or advanced skill level. Participants are grouped based on age and skill level. Camp is limited to the first 100 participants to register and is conducted by Chris Fritzsche, Director of Detroit Lions Youth Football, and the Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp Coaching Staff, who are professional educators from the collegiate and high school ranks.

During Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp, participants will spend two days learning offensive fundamentals (quarterback, running back, wide receiver and offensive line) and two days learning defensive fundamentals (defensive line, linebacker, defensive back and tackling) in addition to learning special teams fundamentals (kicking, punting, and kick and punt returning).

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## ROCKS

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so we need to stay sharp in every part of our game.

"If we can just keep up the hitting like the last few games, we will be right there at the top."

Friday's opening game last just three innings as Salem sophomore hurler Briana Lee tossed a perfect game, striking out six. Lee was backed by a 14-hit attack that was led by Heidi Schmidt (3-for-4, double, two RBI), Mary Cox (3-for-3, three RBI), Emily Pitcole (three RBI) and Mary Johnson, who ripped a double and a single.

"It was nice to see everyone swinging the bat well this game," noted Southerland.

Schmidt starred on the mound in the nightcap for Salem, yielding just two hits in five innings while striking out six. She also excelled at the plate, picking up a pair of hits. Cox had two hits and two ribbies, while Emily Meade laced a pair of hits.

**SALEM 4, SOUTH LYON EAST 0:** On Wednesday at East, the Rocks prevailed thanks to Lee's one-hitter and clutch hitting from Alexis Powll (2-for-3, home run, two RBI), Schmidt (2-for-4) and Cox, who went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Lee struck out 12 and issued just one free pass.

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Freshmen duo  
lead Chiefs to  
runaway win

Typically, freshmen softball players don't experience the kind of success Canton's Jessie Lerner and Alyssa Boucher experienced Friday afternoon against South Lyon East.

But it's becoming apparent that neither Lerner or Boucher are typical freshmen.

The ninth-graders proved to be a potent one-two punch in the Chiefs' 14-2 victory over the Cougars in the second game of a KLAA double-header on the Chiefs' diamond. Lerner rocked a fourth-inning grand slam and a triple, and Boucher scattered nine hits and struck out eight.

The red-hot Chiefs, who outscored their foes 50-2 this past week, improved to 13-2 overall and 7-1 in the conference.

"Alyssa is really pitching well for a freshman," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "She's been working really hard on her drop curveball and it has shown. She has good velocity and she's proven that she doesn't get rattled when she gives up a couple hits."

Joining Lerner in the Chiefs' 14-hit attack were sophomore shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer, who went 2-for-3 with three RBI; Sam Podorsek, Heidi Lucke, Molly Watson and Boucher, all of whom enjoyed two-hit games.

Canton also dominated game one of the twinbill, 12-0, behind junior Amy Dunleavy's third no-hitter of the season. Dunleavy struck out nine and did not walk a batter.

She also went 3-for-4 and belted her first home run of

## PREP SOFTBALL

the season.

Amanda Rysdorf (two hits), Podorsek (two hits), Sexauer (3-for-3, two RBI) and Katie Mattson (2-for-3) also played well for the Chiefs.

**PLYMOUTH 12, WYOMING 0:** On Wednesday at Plymouth, the Wildcats' Lauren Smith (four innings) and Miranda Oliver (two innings) combined to throw a perfect game against the overmatched Zebras.

Plymouth's Amanda Burnard was a single away from hitting for the cycle as she clouted a three-run home run in the first inning, a triple and a double. Stacey Klonowski also drilled three hits along with scoring three times.

Beth Heldmeyer (2-for-3, three-run double) and Marissa Blasic (three-run home run) also sparkled for the winners, who plated three runs in the first, four in the third, two in the fourth and three in the sixth.

**CANTON 15, JOHN GLENN 0:** On Wednesday at Canton, the Chiefs mercied the Rockets in four innings thanks to Dunleavy's no-hit/six-strikeout effort. Lerner went 3-for-3 while Lucke added a pair of hits.

**CANTON 9, WAYNE 0:** On Monday, Boucher hurled a four-hitter at the Zebras while striking out four.

The Chiefs broke open a tight game with a seven-run sixth inning.

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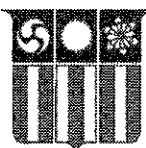
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# Cliff notes: 'Cats' Buttermore throws one-hitter at Stevenson

When Plymouth pitcher Cliff Buttermore is in the kind of groove he was in Friday afternoon, pity the opposing line-up.

Buttermore dazzled Livonia Stevenson with an array of off-speed and an occasional fastball, one-hitting the Spartans in the 'Cats' 8-2 victory.

Buttermore K'ed 13 batters and walked six.

"It was great to see Cliff Buttermore return to form on the hill and deal like he's capable of doing," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "He kept Stevenson guessing all day long. One-hitters are pretty to see."

Buttermore received ample offensive support from senior Matt Skubik, who enjoyed a 3-for-4 afternoon with three RBI. Matt Priebe chipped in with a pair of hits while Mike Nadratowski, Travis Mewton, Buttermore and Jake Gilbert all contributed one RBI.

Luke Merandi threw a gem for the Wildcats in the night-cap, scattering six hits in his team's 11-3 win.

"Luke did a wonderful job of throwing strikes and keeping the ball down," said Adams. "The game can look easy when those things occur."

Mewton sparked the Plymouth offense with three hits and three RBI. Skubik (2-for-4, three runs), Brad Lineberry (two RBI) and Jackson Burdette (two RBI).

The Wildcats never trailed after scoring a pair of runs in the first and second innings.

## PREP BASEBALL

**PLYMOUTH 11, WAYNE 6:** On Wednesday at Plymouth, the Wildcats broke a 6-all deadlock with a five-run fifth inning to improve to 6-7 overall and 3-4 in the KLAA.

Senior Matt Skubik was the hitting hero for the winners, going 4-for-4 with two runs, a home run and four RBI. Senior Ryan Spencer earned the mound victory after yielding six hits and striking out six in five innings. Luke Merandi pitched two innings of hitless ball in relief of Spencer.

"It's been a rough week for the 'Cats, so it was a real lift for our team to get the win today," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "Ryan Spencer gave us a gutsy five solid innings when we needed to save a few arms. Matt Skubik was clutch and delivered the big blows at the plate in key situations all day long. My hope is that we can build from this game and start to play with the kind of confidence that we should be playing with."

Also contributing to the Wildcats' 14-hit attack was Brad Lineberry, who went 3-for-4 with a run and an RBI.

Both teams scored twice in the first inning before Plymouth put up a three-spot in the second to grab a short-lived 5-2 lead. The Zebras struck for four in the third before the Wildcats tied it at 6-all with a single run in the third.

**SALEM 11, SOUTH LYON EAST 1:** On Wednesday at East, the Rocks padded a 3-0 cushion by scoring eight runs over the final three frames to run away from the Cougars.

Senior right-hander Joe Posler took a no-hitter into the seventh inning before the hosts recorded two hits and a run. Posler whiffed 14 batters and issued just two walks.

Five different Salem players had two-hit games: Heath Parling, Dave Loos, Sam Ott, Drew Grabowski and Dave Hales. Parling, Loos, Grabowski and Hales each had two RBI. Ott ripped a double and an RBI triple.

Andrew Kopeck suffered the loss on the mound for the Cougars. Salem improved to 9-6 overall and 6-1 in the KLAA.

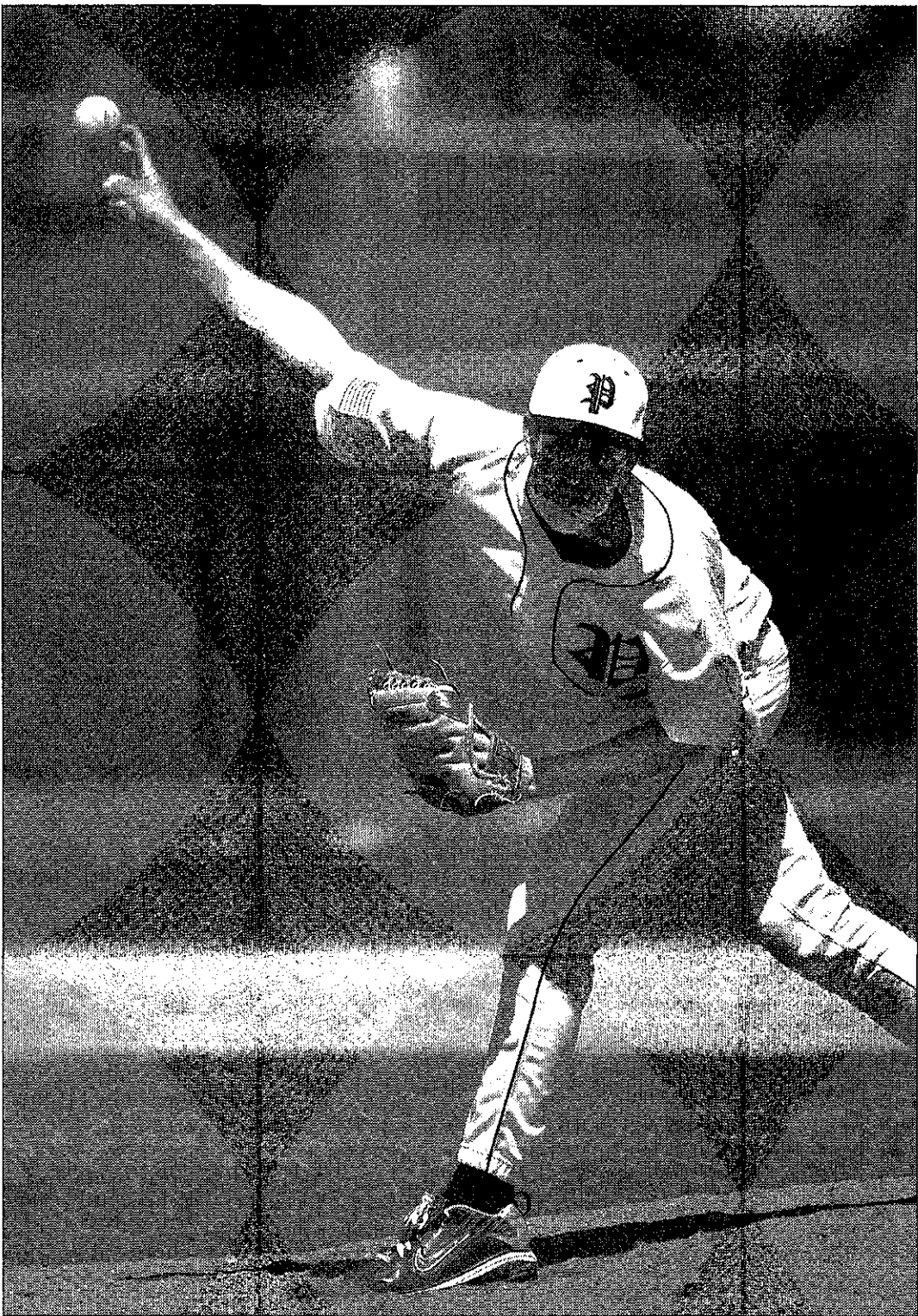
**CANTON 4, JOHN GLENN 2:** On Wednesday at Glenn, Canton junior pitcher Kevin Delapaz improved to 5-0 after striking out eight and scattering five hits in 5.2 innings of work.

Junior Andrew Tidwell earned his third save of the season in relief of Delapaz.

Offensively, the Chiefs were paced by Joe Galanty, who registered two hits and an RBI.

Steve Hickson led the Rockets with two hits.

**SALEM 6, SOUTH LYON 5:** On April 27, the Rocks pulled out a thrilling road win behind solid pitching from Ott and multi-hit games from Posler (3-for-4) and Ott (2-for-4). Chris Kordick provided a two-run double for the winners.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth senior pitcher Cliff Buttermore, pictured during a game earlier this season, threw a one-hitter Friday against Livonia Stevenson. Buttermore struck out 13 Spartans.

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| <b>NORTHVILLE 84</b><br><b>SALEM 53</b><br><b>Tuesday at Salem</b><br><b>3,200 relay:</b> 1. Salem, 1:01; 2. Northville, 1:08.<br><b>100 hurdles:</b> 1. Jaclyn Konopka (N), 15.9; 2. Chelsea Clampa (N), 16.9; 3. Kocnar Kanika (N), 18.3.<br><b>100 dash:</b> 1. Deja Wright (S), 12.7; 2. Whitney Reynolds (S), 13.4; 3. Laura Cheaney (N), 13.8.<br><b>200 relay:</b> 1. Salem, 1:52.8; 2. Northville, 1:54.2.<br><b>1,600 run:</b> 1. Victoria Tripp (S), 5:45.4; 2. Jordyn Moore (S), Amy Baditot (N), 5:51.01.<br><b>400 relay:</b> 1. Northville, 55.0; 2. Salem, 57.5.<br><b>400 dash:</b> 1. Roach (N), 1:00.9; 2. Deja Wright (S), 1:01.2; 3. Yekaterina Belikov (S), 1:06.3.<br><b>300 hurdles:</b> 1. Jaclyn Konopka (N), 49.5; 2. Megan Paruta (S), 52.6; 3. Shelby Johnson (N), 53.2.<br><b>800 run:</b> 1. Kelly Determan (S), 2:34.1; 2. Amy Baditot (N), 2:35.4; 3. Jordyn Moore (S), 2:37.8.<br><b>200 dash:</b> 1. Deja Wright (S), 26.98; 2. Yekaterina Belikov (S), 28.06; 3. Jaclyn Konopka (N), 28.2.<br><b>3,200 run:</b> 1. Victoria Tripp (S), 11:47.29; | 2. Stephanie Hamel (N), 13:13.9; 3. Sara DeDono (N), 13:14.2.<br><b>1,600 relay:</b> 1. Northville, 4:23.6; 2. Salem, 4:39.3.<br><b>Pole vault:</b> 1. Amy Remski (N), 10-0; 2. Michelle Stelski (N), 9-6; 3. Amy O'Brien (N), 9-0.<br><b>High jump:</b> 1. Beth Roach (N), 4-6; 2. Aley Moynes (N), 4-6; 3. Shannon Lohman (N), 4-6.<br><b>Long jump:</b> 1. Chelsea Clampa (N), 16-0.5; 2. Case Brzezinski (N), 13-11.5; 3. Kocnar Kanika (N), 13-1.<br><b>Discus:</b> 1. Skut (N), 82-2; 2. O'Brien (N), 77-3.5; 3. Wines (N), 76-5.<br><b>Shot put:</b> 1. Moynes (N), 25-10; 2. Wines (N), 25-6; 3. Hendrian (S), 24-0.<br><b>SALEM 75</b><br><b>SOUTH LYON EAST 57</b><br><b>April 21 at East</b><br><b>3,200-meter relay:</b> 1. Salem, 12:42; 2. S. Lyon East.<br><b>100 hurdles:</b> 1. Fortino (SLE), 18.4; 2. Megan Paruta (S), 18.9; 3. Evelyn Singh (S), 20.6.<br><b>100 dash:</b> 1. Deja Wright (S), 13.2; 2. Whitaker (SLE), 14.2; 3. Frye (SLE), 14.2.<br><b>800 relay:</b> Salem (disqualified); S. Lyon East (did not finish).<br><b>1,600 run:</b> Jordyn Moore (S); 2. Alex | McHugh (S); 3. Kara Booms (S).<br><b>400 relay:</b> 1. S. Lyon East; 2. Salem.<br><b>400 dash:</b> 1. Deja Wright (S), 1:05.8; 2. Yekaterina Belikov (S), 1:08.7; 3. Kaminski (SLE), 1:09.2.<br><b>300 hurdles:</b> 1. Fortino (SLE), 53.9; 2. Megan Paruta (S), 57.3; 3. Kaitlyn Cray (S), 59.2.<br><b>800 run:</b> 1. Jordyn Moore (S), 2:51.2; 2. Alex McHugh (S), 2:51.9; 3. Collins (SLE), 2:52.6.<br><b>200 dash:</b> 1. Deja Wright (S), 29.3; 2. Yekaterina Belikov (S), 30.1; 3. Green (SLE), 30.3.<br><b>3,200 run:</b> 1. Kara Booms (S), 13:33; 2. Woods (SLE), 14:12; 3. Beyer (S), 14:50.<br><b>1,600 relay:</b> 1. Salem, 4:41; 2. S. Lyon East.<br><b>Pole vault:</b> 1. Megan Paruta (S), 7-0; 2. Bedrich (SLE), 6-6; 3. Woods (SLE), 6-6.<br><b>High jump:</b> 1. Timm (SLE), 4-6; 2. Kreischner (S), 4-6; 3. Belikov (S), 4-4.<br><b>Long jump:</b> 1. Green (SLE), 14-7.25; 2. Sandell (SLE), 14-2.75; 3. Timm (SLE), 13-10.75.<br><b>Discus:</b> 1. Creech (SLE), 85-9.75; 2. Whitaker (SLE), 76-2.5; 3. Bedich (SLE), 68-9.5.<br><b>Shot put:</b> 1. Creech (SLE), 25-5; 2. Hendrian (S), 24-3; 3. Whitaker (SLE), 23-2.5. |
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hits and did not commit an error.

The Rocks rolled in the second game, winning 10-2 behind a strong effort from junior pitcher Korey Streck, who was making his varsity

mound debut. Streak fanned eight in six innings while yielding just three hits. Salem broke open a close contest with a five-run fifth inning. The game was halted after six due to darkness.

Pacing the winners' 14-hit attack were Sam Ott (3-for-3), Grabowski (2-for-4, two RBI),

Posler (2-for-3, two runs), Bashi (2-for-3, two RBI, two runs) and Hales, who laced a pair of hits and drove in two. Salem will host Northville in a key KLAA duel on Monday afternoon. Both teams have just one conference loss.

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## Rock kickers de-claw Cougars with 7-0 win

Salem's soccer team recorded a dominating 7-0 victory over South Lyon East Tuesday night on the Cougars' home pitch.

The victory improved the Rocks' record to 4-2-2 overall and 2-2-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division.

"The girls played well," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "South Lyon East is a new program and they are building it the right way. Their keeper played very well and they never quit."

Kristina Klusek sparked the Salem win by scoring

the game's first two goals off assists from Brett de Bear and Emily Lundh. Kristen Thompson expanded the Rocks' lead to 3-0 thanks to an assist from Klusek.

Ariel Dews (from Lundh), Sara O'Leary (from Lundh), de Bear (from Madeleine Vala) and Tabitha Mann (from Klusek) also scored for the winners.

Mann and Tracey Whalen split duties in net for Salem.

"Kristina got us going and Emily Lundh made smart plays all night," said Nora.



Canton's Jacob Underwood scored a team-high four goals in the Chiefs' 10-8 victory over Northville Thursday night.

## Canton boys lacrosse squad nips Northville

Canton's boys lacrosse team edged Northville, 10-8, Thursday night on the Mustangs' home turf.

The contest was knotted 6-6 at the half before the Chiefs prevailed thanks to a balanced scoring attack that featured six goal-scorers.

Jake Underwood led the way with four goals. Jason Avedisian notched a pair of net-finders and a helper while Matt Rodgers, Riley Hoernschemeyer, Kyle Dunleavy and Mike Clemons all scored once. Assists were registered by Rodgers (three), Avedisian, Hoernschemeyer, Jordan Emery, Jordan Smith (two) and Ryan Dunleavy.

Bryan Davison played well at the long-stick mid-field position, scooping up several ground balls.

Defensively, the winners were paced by Dakota Bird, Alec Gilo and Ryan Dunleavy, who combined with goalie Sean Walsh (11 saves) to shut out Northville in the pivotal fourth quarter.

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### GOLF RESULTS

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**PLYMOUTH 169**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 174**  
May 1 at Fox Hills G.C. (Lakes)  
Plymouth scorers: James Bryans, 40 (medalist); Trevor Bidwell, 41; Ryan Bauer, 43; Andrew Overmeyer and Josh Heinze, 45 each; Justin Bauer, 50.  
Churchill scorers: Kevin Robinson and Ryan Cioch, 41 each; Erik Newman, 45; Dan

Bostick, 47; Greg VanGorp and Matt Charnley, 49 each.  
Dual match records: Plymouth, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLA South Division; Churchill, 3-2 overall, 3-2 KLA South.  
**CANTON 163**  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 166**  
April 24 at Idyl Wyld G.C.  
Canton scorers: Andrew Rickman, 39; Brendan Muir and Jeremy Lindlbauer, 41

each; Dominic Bonelli and Zach Conrad, 42 each; Tony Brown, 55.  
Franklin scorers: Jordan Chisholm, 38 (medalist); Jon Holmes, 42; Jimmy Johnson and Tyler Miller, 43 each; Drake Hermann, 47; Zach DeFoe, 50.  
Dual match records: Canton, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLA South Division; Franklin, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLA South.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASEBALL**  
**Monday, May 4**  
Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Northville at Salem, 4 p.m.  
PCA at Trillium, 4:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, May 5**  
Roper at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 6**  
Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 7**  
Wayne at Canton (DH), 3 p.m.  
Southfield Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 8**  
Canton at South Lyon (DH), 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at S. Lyon East (DH), 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 9**  
Kalamazoo Central at Canton (DH), noon  
Plymouth at Brighton (DH), 11 a.m.  
**PREP SOFTBALL**  
**Monday, May 4**  
Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
Northville at Salem, 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday, May 5**  
PCA at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 6**  
Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 7**  
Wayne at Salem (DH), 4 p.m.  
Baptist Park at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 8**  
Canton South Lyon (DH), 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at S. Lyon East (DH), 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 9**  
Canton Classic, 9 a.m.  
**BOYS LACROSSE**  
**Monday, May 4**  
Chelsea at Plymouth, 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 6**  
Canton at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 7**  
Plymouth at Saline, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 9**  
Farmington at Canton, TBA  
A.A. Greenhills at Plymouth, 3 p.m.  
**BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
**Tuesday, May 5**  
Plymouth at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.  
Salem at South Lyon, 3:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Canton, 3:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 8**  
KLA Conference Meet at South Lyon, TBA  
**Saturday, May 9**  
PCA at Lutheran Westland, TBA  
**BOYS GOLF**  
**Monday, May 4**  
John Glenn at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.  
Wayne at Plymouth, 3 p.m.  
S. Lyon East at Salem at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 6**  
Franklin at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.  
John Glenn at Plymouth, 3 p.m.  
**Friday, May 8**  
Canton at Churchill at Whispering Willows G.C., 3 p.m.  
Plymouth at Franklin, 3 p.m.  
Salem at Stevenson at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.

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Jenna is a graduate of Canton High School and holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. She is currently an ESL teacher in Nashville, Tenn.

Sean is a graduate of Flushing High School, a graduate of Western Michigan University, and also holds a master's degree from Vanderbilt University. He is a behavior analyst in Nashville, Tenn.

The couple plans a June 2010 wedding in Michigan.



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Laurie Ramroth of Livonia volunteers in the Earthworks Urban Garden of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. A few weeks ago she was transplanting broccoli to larger containers.

# Volunteer to create a greener community

Volunteering always makes me feel good whether it's working with the disabled children and adults at our annual VSA arts of Michigan festival or sitting on the board of the Schoolcraft College Friday Evening Music Recital Committee.

Laurie Ramroth is no different when it comes to lending a helping hand. After returning to Livonia from Colorado last fall she began looking for opportunities. The 27-year-old likes the idea of giving back to the community. Every Wednesday and Thursday you can find her spending time in the Growing Healthy Kids and Earthworks Urban Garden programs at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. The children's project sprang from Earthworks which grows and harvests produce from four urban gardens.

"I started researching urban farms online and found the Earthworks Web site," said Ramroth, a graduate of Stevenson High School. "Because of growing up in Livonia I always felt like I was given a lot of opportunity that other kids don't necessarily have. I feel I'm making a positive contribution to Detroit. It's well organized and the people are pretty passionate about what they do."

Earlier in the season Ramroth cleaned out beehives. A few weeks ago she transferred seedlings like lettuce and broccoli to larger containers. Thursdays are reserved for the Growing Healthy Kids program designed for ages 5-11 who live within a two mile radius of the kitchen.

"We teach them about healthy eating and bring them closer to the land," said Ramroth. "We've been working on several projects involving the garden. We made trellises from old bike tires for peas to climb on, stepping stones for the garden out of cement and broken tiles, old bits of glass and marbles. We had an international food night and helped the kids make the food and sample it. It's been such a positive experience for me."

Ramroth is into greening the earth any way possible. She focused on alternative energy technology while earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Wayne State University. Since graduating in December 2006, she's worked with experimental fuel cells at Energy Conversion Devices in Rochester Hills and served an internship and fellowship at Rocky Mountain Institute in Colorado where she worked on the vehicle team to promote energy efficiency in cars and trucks. She's presently looking for a position in the clean tech field and would eventually like to help develop hybrid vehicles. She's also thinking about going back to school for a master's degree.

"I first got interested in gardening because my mom did it all the time when I was growing up," said Ramroth. "In Colorado I got into community supported agriculture where you receive a box of vegetables and crops from local farmers and volunteered at a local farm. It's a way to strengthen the link between community and land whether helping kids or making use of the abandoned land, and just having different people together. It's a diverse climate and the different influences you can have on people that's what's been amazing for me."

Detroit is very different when it comes to food availability. That's one of the reasons the Capuchins started the garden program now in its seventh season. It's difficult for people who come to the soup kitchen to find vegetables and fruits let alone afford the cost. Molly



Laurie Ramroth of Livonia volunteers in the Earthworks Urban Garden of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

McCullagh learned firsthand about the program two years ago when she signed up for a year as a Cap Corps volunteer, which is similar to the Peace Corps and run by the Capuchins. At the end of the program she was hired as education coordinator for Earthworks where she facilitates Growing Healthy Kids and the Youth Farm Stand for teens. She has a bachelor degree in environmental studies from the University of Michigan.

"Detroit is known as a food desert. It's easy to get to a convenience store for junk food, but there are not many good food outlets in the city where they can have access to fresh produce," said McCullagh. "We train people to grow their own food. We have a mobile food market. We go to the Detroit produce terminal in southwest Detroit to pick up stuff and buy by the case load and then take it into the neighborhood every Thursday. On Earth Day we had a potluck for about 50 people to change our behaviors to reduce our impact on the environment. We ate grain salads."

McCullagh is always looking for volunteers to help with Earthworks programs and activities. For information, call (313) 579-2100, ext. 204.

"We have four garden sites in the neighborhood. One is a large site partnered with Gleaners (food bank)," said McCullagh. "We grow veggies and fruits, have a bee apiary, and compost scraps from the soup kitchen, Gleaners and businesses. We have a greenhouse production to grow transplants for people living in Detroit. We always take volunteers but also want to encourage people to get involved in their communities growing their own garden for themselves, hosting potlucks with neighbors, taking extra produce to local soup kitchens so produce is getting into people's hands. It's important not to just volunteer for an hour but to make a lasting impact by being involved with your own community and issues like hunger and poverty, to look for what we can do in our own lives and community."

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## REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, e-mail [lchomin@hometownlife.com](mailto:lchomin@hometownlife.com).

### Birmingham Groves

#### Class of 1969

40th high school reunion will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at The Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or [grovesclassof69@aol.com](mailto:grovesclassof69@aol.com) for more information.

### Brighton High School

#### Class of 1989

Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at [email4kelley@yahoo.com](mailto:email4kelley@yahoo.com), or see [groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989).

### Cass Technical High School

#### Class of 1959

50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit [www.casstech59.com](http://www.casstech59.com) or contact Marje Teramino Knable, [reunion@casstech59.com](mailto:reunion@casstech59.com); Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

### Clarenceville High School

#### All Class Reunion

Sunday, August 30, 2009 from 10 a.m. until close at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno, Milford at South Martindale, Shelter T. Potluck lunch at 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and its BYOB on adult beverages, non-glass. To help cut cost, please feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns too. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system. Staff and faculty also welcome. For more information, contact Walter E. Ragland II at [wragland2@hotmail.com](mailto:wragland2@hotmail.com) or (269) 720-5679.

### Dearborn Heights Riverside

#### Class of 1967

A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night

dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or [gwiatr@gmail.com](mailto:gwiatr@gmail.com).

### Detroit Blessed Sacrament

#### Class of 1952

Planning a high school reunion on June 27, 2009. Looking for classmates. Call Shirley Boots at (734) 525-8746.

### Detroit St. Brigid

#### Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact [szonyek@att.net](mailto:szonyek@att.net) with any information about classmates.

### Detroit schools

Planning a mini reunion for anyone who graduated from Bagley Elementary in January 1957 or Post Junior High School in January 1960 in Detroit. If interested, call Gloria Weinman Little at (248) 352-9114 or e-mail to [Marlene.Kutnick.Yamron@hahatdc@yahoo.com](mailto:Marlene.Kutnick.Yamron@hahatdc@yahoo.com). The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

### Detroit Mumford

#### Class of 1959

50th Reunion Aug. 1, 2009, at Somerset Inn, Troy. For more information, visit [www.mumford1959.myevent.com](http://www.mumford1959.myevent.com) or call (248) 788-7008.

### Henry Ford II

#### Class of 1982

Looking for classmates to attend a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek Metropark. A reunion also is planned for 2010. For details, contact Gwynne (Doemer) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, [ford21982@aol.com](mailto:ford21982@aol.com) or visit [www.class-report.org](http://www.class-report.org).

### Detroit St. Casimir High School

#### Class of 1959

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at [JudyCoo@hotmail.com](mailto:JudyCoo@hotmail.com) or (734) 675-0148 or Pete Rakowski at [PJcruisin@wowway.com](mailto:PJcruisin@wowway.com).

### St. Thomas

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostolic, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

### North Farmington

### Class of 1979

Celebrate its 30-year reunion 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at Centaur Martini Bar in Detroit. For more information and to RSVP, e-mail [nfhs1979@gmail.com](mailto:nfhs1979@gmail.com).

### Garden City High School East

#### Class of 1959

3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (734) 522-1845.

### Garden City High School

#### Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to [GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com](mailto:GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com).

### Class of 1989

20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts, and available for purchase at [www.gardencity89.com](http://www.gardencity89.com) or contact Paula at [gch1989reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:gch1989reunion@hotmail.com).

### Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or [nc6897@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nc6897@sbcglobal.net).

### Livonia Bentley High School

#### Class of 1959

50th Reunion Friday, Aug. 28, 2009 golf at noon at Downing Farms, \$20 followed by 6 p.m. barbecue at Downing Farms, \$10; Saturday, Aug. 29, Bentley High visit at 11 a.m., free, and 50th Reunion Dinner at Walnut Creek Country Club at 6 p.m., \$40, and Sunday, Aug. 30, at Walnut Creek Country Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12, Hotels: Crown Plaza, Novi, (800) 227-6963, \$92, or Comfort Suites, Wixom, (248) 504-5070, \$69, mention Bentley High. Class of 1959, 50th Reunion. Call Jim "Cubby" Culbertson at (248) 446-0308 or e-mail [jimculbertson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimculbertson@sbcglobal.net).



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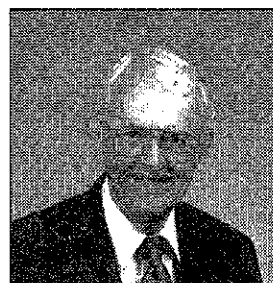
### FRANCIS J. BAKER

Age 93, of Perrysville, OH. Passed away 4-29-09 after a brief illness.



### ROBERT M. BOOKMYER, MD.

Age 85, of Pinehurst. Passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, N.C. Born on June 24, 1923 in Detroit, MI to the late Ralph H. Bookmyer and Marion Larkin Bookmyer. He was a veteran of his country and served in the United States Navy. Dr. Bookmyer was a graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit, MI with a degree as a Pediatric Specialist. He was a past president of Oakland County Medical Society in Michigan, a past director of Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan, and the Chief Medical Advisor for Head Start Oakland County. He retired in 1986 and relocated to Pinehurst, N.C. He enjoyed golf, tennis and traveling, and then later in life, enjoyed painting. Bookie had a great sense of humor that he shared with his family and many friends. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Nancy Joos Bookmyer of Pinehurst, NC. Five sons: Michael Bookmyer, wife Allison of Boulder, CO; Peter Bookmyer of Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia; Brad Bookmyer, wife Becky of White Salmon, WA; Thaddeus Bookmyer of Wishram, WA; Robert Bookmyer of Portland, OR. Two daughters: Kelly Sallee, husband John of Snowmass Village, CO; Julie Murphy, husband Dan of Los Angeles, CA. Nine grandchildren: Sarah, Peter, Snow, Cappy, Gracen, Colette, Claire, Patrick and Mary and one great-granddaughter, Maia. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Chris Bookmyer, many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Ted and Tom, sister Mary and one grandchild, Huddy. The family requests that memorial services be held privately. Online condolences may be made at [www.bolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.bolesfuneralhome.com). Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst is serving the family.



### LOUIS D. HARTZ

Age 82, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away April 16, 2009, of Parkinson's Disease. Beloved husband of Sue Rose-Hartz. Predeceased by first wife, Gloriann. Loving father of Craig (Mary), David (Marianne), Bruce, and Timothy (Kristen), step-father of Steven Rose (Maureen). Also survived by six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two step-grandchildren, brother Merle (Shirley), sister Faye Hunt (Dennis). Born in Sioux City, IA; BA from Morningside College in Sioux City. He served in the US Army and was an Executive with Sears. He will be sadly missed by all. Memorial services were held April 18th at Faith Covenant Church. Memorial tributes may be made to the church at 35415 14 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

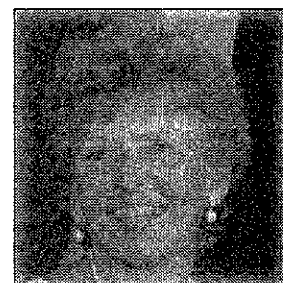
### WILLIAM M. KELLY

Age 88. Life-time area resident. Private services 4-28-09. Memorial gifts to Kidney Foundation for St. James Episcopal Church.



### JOHN MORIARTY

Age 91. Born in Dingle, County Kerry, Ireland. Beloved husband of Kathleen (Finn). Dearest father of Maureen (Norman) Root, Robert (Nancy), Kathleen (Jim) Waldo, Eileen (Ken) Meier, John (Mary Ann), Diane (Robert) Rousseau, Thomas (Kathleen) and the late Patricia. Proud grandfather of Christy, Amy, Colleen, Sean, Lori, Johnny, Jimmy, Mike, Katie, Kenny, Patrick, Ryan, Megan, Kerry, Dylan, Tommy, Amanda, Jenny and the late Bobby. Loving great-grandfather of George, Grace, Maeve, and Robbie. Member of the 1938 City Kerry All Ireland Championship Gaelic Football Team. Chrysler Amplex retiree.



### ANN E. OPPERTHAUSER

Of Farmington Hills. Passed away at the age of 79. Beloved wife of the late Earl C. Oppert Hauser and devoted mother of four children, Denise (Michael), Kathy, Steven, and Scott (Sherry), and loving grandmother of nine grandchildren, Jason, Joe, Chrissy, C.J., Chloe, Megan, Brandon, Alex and Heather. Visitation at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington May 7, 4-8 p.m. Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church in Farmington Hills May 8, 11 a.m. You will be deeply missed.

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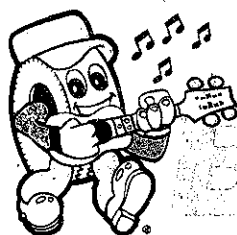
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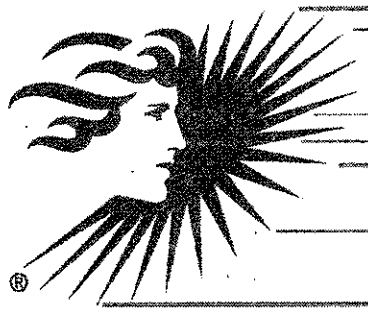
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## Friends fight fibromyalgia together

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OSE STAFF WRITER

Living with fibromyalgia is a vicious circle of pain and depression but Lucy Rowley and Ruthann Bruce found respite from the suffering as well as friendship by attending support group meetings. They now lead the Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support Group to help themselves as well as others with the disorder. On Thursday, May 7, they'll celebrate National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day with a luncheon at Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City.

Yes, celebrate. Everyone is invited to share their fibro survival story in recognition of the day on May 12. For too long their plight went unrecognized by the majority of the medical community. Until recently fibromyalgia patients frequently visited physician after physician in search of answers to explain their symptoms. Some still do. That's why the two women work tirelessly as a team to provide educational speakers and support at meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at the church in addition to offering a support line by phone and e-mail.

Bruce, a Canton resident, is president of the group which today has 235 members ranging in age



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Lucy Rowley of Livonia (front) and Ruthann Bruce of Canton lead the Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support Group.

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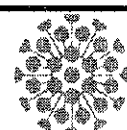
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Lucy Rowley and Ruthann Bruce lead a support group for fibromyalgia sufferers.

## FRIENDS

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from their 20s to 70s. They live in communities across the area including Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Farmington, Westland, Allen Park, Taylor, and Ida.

Rowley diagnosed herself after reading an article in 1998 then saw a rheumatologist who confirmed her suspicions. She was managing an internal medicine office at the time, but had to retire in 2000 due to the disorder.

Many fibro patients also suffer from chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) as well as gastrointestinal diseases. Bruce and Rowley are always looking for speakers to address topics surrounding the disorder and complications. One of their meetings was featured in a new documentary, *Fibromyalgia: Fitting the Pieces Together*. Dr. Daniel Clauw, director of University of Michigan Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center, spoke to members in one of the segments included in the film presented by the non-profit educational organization H.O.P.E. Clauw is an advisory board members of the support group which regularly takes part in studies at U of M, Henry Ford Hospital and Wayne State University to further knowledge about fibromyalgia.

"I could not stand up to get out of bed and couldn't straighten up when I did," said Rowley. The 68-year old Livonia woman is secretary/treasurer of the metro area support group. "Today they know what fibro is but back then there was little information. In 2001 I called the Arthritis Foundation about finding a support group. Without a support group I, think I would have given up. It keeps me going. Living with pain 24/7 makes you depressed."

The agonizing aches in 18 tender points on the body send sufferers on a journey in search of relief. Rowley went to a pain clinic for 10 months but finds the natural alternative of acupuncture helps her more. In the beginning she was taking a dozen medications but is down to two. There is still no cure and researchers still don't know the cause of fibromyalgia.

"I live with my son and daughter-in-law now," said Rowley. "It took my job, my home, my life."

Ruthann Bruce can't remember the last time she slept through the night. She's been in pain since 1999 and suffers as many patients do with fibro fog which causes memory problems. She was diagnosed by a rheumatologist in 2004 and joined the support group in 2005. A letter carrier by trade, she was forced to retire as well.

"I don't know what caused it but I had 13 surgeries since 1995 for nerve damage in both arms from repetitive motion as a letter carrier," said Bruce, 52. "In spite of the surgeries I was

still hurting so they sent me to a rheumatologist. I found myself very depressed. I didn't want to do anything because I hurt. Today I take medication to help with flare-ups and I'm active with the support group. Members need that one on one. They need help. We'd like to start a night group for people who work."

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group holds their 8th annual luncheon 1-3 p.m. Thursday, May 7. There is no charge. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768, Ruthann Bruce at (734) 981-2519 or visit [www.metrofibrogroupp.com](http://www.metrofibrogroupp.com).

The group was founded 8 years ago with a different name. There are no dues but donations are taken at meetings. We're hopefully going to get good feedback from the studies. It's going to benefit us," said Rowley. "We're getting more young people and men in the group. We tell them you don't want fibro to control you. We want to let people know we're here to help."

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Lucy Rowley of Livonia (front) talks about her experience with fibromyalgia as friend Ruthann Bruce of Canton listens. The two women lead a support group for sufferers of the disorder.

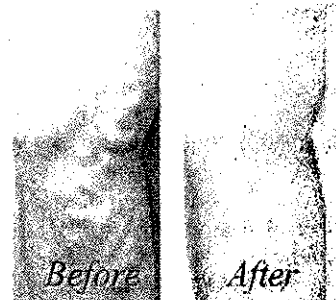
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Given the forces and torque acting on the ankle, it is surprising that osteoarthritis of the ankle is unusual. The condition is rare because forces acting on the ankle is unusual. The condition is rare because forces acting on the ankle joint are uniformly spread within the joint area. Thus, excessive pressures and shearing forces occur at a minimum or hardly at all. It takes an injury to distort the joint.

However, the ankle is subject to inflammation. Rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis and psoriatic arthritis are the most common inflammatory conditions causing ankle pain and swelling. In these cases, the best treatment is therapy for the underlying arthritis augmented by removal of ankle fluid combined with injection of a steroid to prevent return of irritation.

Reoccurring or continuing ankle pain/swelling requires a doctor's attention. No matter how strong the will, there is no ready way to walk or exercise with a compromised ankle joint.

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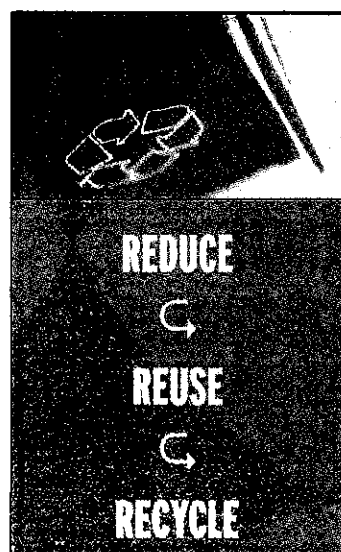
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# Reader offers washer advice

It is nice to receive an e-mail with positive comments and since I don't get many and write even fewer, I forward to you Suzanne's letter from Westland:

"I read your columns and find them very helpful. I have both a front loader washer and a dryer and would like to share my good experience.



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Joe Gagnon

the problem was highly unusual. Repairs were estimated at \$1,200 — the initial purchase price. The main inside of the unit had greased splattered, likely from a faulty sealing. In other words it blew a cog. A lemon off the line.

"My warranty booklet indicated a 10 year warranty. I contacted Whirlpool and sug-

gested it would be a better cost choice for them to replace the washer rather than repair it considering the extensive problem. They were in full agreement and extremely helpful. I had an excellent delivery team with a brand new washer with added new model perks at no cost to me. I received two follow-up calls to see how the new machine was working and was I pleased. I was respectful throughout the entire process and they thanked me, indicating that most people are highly irate when there is a problem. Years of experience has taught me much is accomplished when you approach a company respectfully.

"Concerning other owners' complaints of smell, I had no problem with either of the washers. Of course I always keep the door open when not in use, remove and drain the detergent/bleach/softener drawer when done with the last load, leaving it on top the washer to dry out. This also helps keep the inside — where the detergent drawer slides in — clean and dry. I also run a clean washer cycle once a month, along with wiping down

and inspecting every reachable area. Along with spraying the drawer interior with vinegar, I use a toothbrush to scrub water deposits away. Anything with water will breed bacteria when closed up. I don't leave clothes in the washer for extended periods of time. When it's wash day, I stay with it until done.

"My maintenance routine may sound work to some people, but it is very routine and easy once started. Other helps that I would like to pass on: I noticed, when using the laundromat while waiting for my new washer, that people used way too much detergent. I saw literally one to two cups of detergent going into these machines. A fourth cup is recommended. Also these front loaders require HE formulas. Never overload. Also vinegar in the rinse compartment helps disperse detergent residue and softens the fabric. I find I only need a third strip of dryer sheet. I personally don't use liquid softener in the washer as I find it leaves a slimy film in the compartment. I accessed the filter cup inside the front panel and found just a few bits of lint debris, after three years on this machine. Thanks for the tip on that one."

Thank you, Suzanne, I'm sure that many of our readers will appreciate your input. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twml.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twml.rr.com)

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

## Livonia Garden Club

Jim Hoenerhoff, a sales representative for McHutcheson Horticultural Brokerage House, will talk about choosing and caring for shade plants, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 5, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads, Livonia. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Susan Rakay at (734) 464-7915.

## Plant sale

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum (MBGNA) will hold its 29th Annual Spring Plant Sale 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 9, and noon to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, May 10, at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. Nearly 25,000 pots of perennials, native plants, accent annuals, climbing vines, herbs, scented geraniums, edible offerings such as strawberries, rhubarb, onion and shallots sets, seed potatoes, and other plant varieties will be sold. MBGNA members may attend a party and plant sale from 3-7 p.m., Friday, May 8. Along with volunteers and area Master Gardeners providing information and advice at the plant tables, local garden experts and MBGNA staff will offer free demonstrations on a variety of garden topics Saturday and Sunday:

■ Karlee Shafer, edible gardens, 9:30-10 a.m. and 10:15-10:45 a.m., Saturday.

■ Nicole Lloyd, container gardening, 11-11:30 a.m., Saturday.

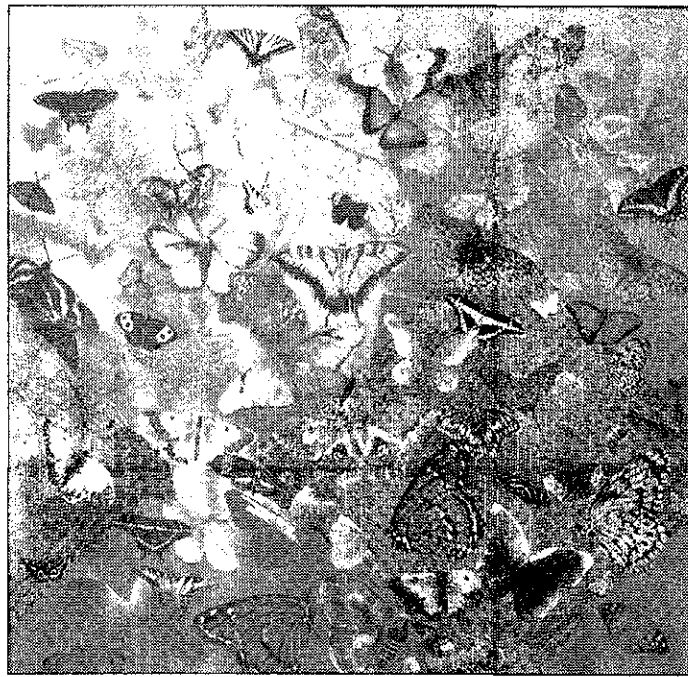
■ Kris Adler, pruning, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Saturday.

■ Janet Macunovich, perennial combinations, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Sunday, \$5 per person; \$3 for U of M students; free for MBGNA members; call (734) 647-7600 to register.

■ T.J. Smith, rain barrels, 2:45-3:15 p.m., Sunday.

Children's activities 1:15-4 p.m., Saturday.

## GARDEN CALENDAR



"Butterflies" by Leslie Masters

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Meet painter Leslie Masters and see her nature-inspired works at a reception, 6-9 p.m., May 22, at Goldner Walsh Garden & Home, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Masters is known both as a color painter and a teacher of painting and color theory. She has taught at colleges and art schools including Center for Creative Studies, University of Michigan, Mercy College in Detroit, and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. She has been on the faculty of the BBAC since 1969 and served as the assistant director there for 11 years. Her current paintings explore abstract color glow from the landscape around her Ann Arbor studio as well as the mountains and canyons of Europe and the American West. Light refreshments will be served. (248) 332-6430.

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Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
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The 15th annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students reached its final stage as 10 finalists were selected out of 30 entries received from schools throughout the state. The young singers compete in the Concert of the Finalists 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Italian American Cultural Society's Banquet & Conference Center.

The public is invited. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$7 senior citizens and high school students, and may be purchased in advance at the Italian Cultural Society's office or at the door on the day of the concert. For information, call (586) 228-3030, e-mail iacs@iacsonline.net, or The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan at (734) 455-8895 or e-mail Verdiopera@comcast.net.

The competition is sponsored by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan in cooperation with the Italian American Cultural Society and the Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation which is sponsoring the prizes.

This year's competition began last November when the Verdi Opera invited high school vocal music students to submit CD recordings of two Italian songs or opera arias of their choice. At the concert, each of the finalists will sing their two selections from memory with a piano accompanist. Each finalist will receive prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. The judges include Karen VanderKloot DiChiera, Director of Community Programs, Michigan Opera Theatre; George Shirley, renowned tenor of the Metropolitan Opera and a former Director of the Vocal Arts Division of the University of Michigan School of Music, and Steven Henrikson, a well-known opera performer, teacher, clinician, and adjudicator for the last four decades.

The competition's purpose is to encourage and help develop young talented vocalists and promote appreciation of music and the Italian language.

## LECTURE ON HOMELESSNESS

The plight of the homeless in Detroit will be featured at the Citizens for Peace monthly meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at Unity of Livonia on the north side of Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. The meeting is open to the public.

Fox 2 television's investigative reporter, Amy Lange, discusses homelessness here and elsewhere, shows videos and answers questions from attendees. Lange has been nominated for numerous Emmy awards and won an Edward R. Murrow award for a story on homeless veterans.

A \$5 dollar love offering would be appreciated. For more information, contact Colleen Mills, Citizens for Peace president, at cmills0079@yahoo.com or (734) 425-0079.

## USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Livonia Library hold a book sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. Hardcover are \$1, paperbacks 50 cents, romances 25 cents, CD's and videos as priced. Sunday, May 17 a bag of books is \$5. For more information, call (734) 466-2495.

## FRIDAY EVENING RECITAL SERIES

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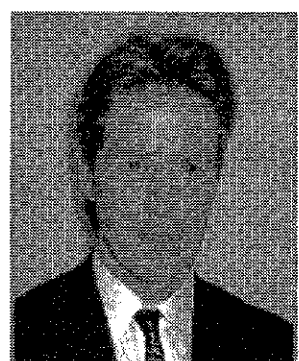
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# Physicians urge public not to panic but take precautions

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Don't panic. At least that's the advice of local medical professionals when it comes to swine flu.

Symptoms like coughing, fever, body aches, vomiting, and diarrhea should sound an alarm but instead of walking into the ER experts recommend the sufferer pick up the phone and call their primary care physician.

Dr. Phillip Rodgers is alert to patients who come into his office with flu-like symptoms based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for the H1N1 virus, but not concerned there's a threat to public health in this area. The University of Michigan Health System physician is one of several local medical professionals preparing for an outbreak of swine flu but taking a wait and see attitude. He is watching closely for patients with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, cough or sore throat who have traveled to a community with one or more patients infected by the virus.

"I'm not worried," said Rodgers, who practices at Briarwood Family Medicine Clinic in Ann Arbor. "We've not yet seen evidence of any kind of widespread

penetration in our region or the U.S. and we've learned lessons in prior pandemics in the 20th century in 1958, '68 and 1918. The CDC has done a good job of watching the situation closely. At the university level several years ago we formed a group to prepare for pandemic in the wake of SARS and avian flu. We're screening those potentially at risk by using a test for any influenza where we swab the nose and back of throat and if we suspect patients to be infected it's then sent to the state health department after the university system. We make no diagnosis. The information comes from the state."

In the meantime area hospitals are following CDC recommendations. Some ERs have already seen an increase in patients coming in concerned about symptoms similar to swine flu. Dr. Jedd Roe is trying to allay their fears.

"People get frightened when they hear about swine flu and start thinking about the fictional books they've read or a movie they've seen," said Roe, emergency medicine department chairman at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. "If we have someone that presents with symptoms due to swine flu we put a mask on them. We're taking precautions to ask

appropriate questions to whether we have a possible case or not. If I had a family member come back from Mexico (where the first cases were detected) and coughing I'd encourage them to wear a mask and call their primary care physician. It's spread the same way other virus is spread through micro droplets so don't touch your mouth and nose and keep potentially infected surfaces cleaned."

Like Roe Dr. Martin Harris has seen patients concerned that they may have swine flu.

"We have people coming in saying check me," said Harris, chairman of emergency medicine at Providence Hospital in Southfield. "If anybody comes into the ER with a runny nose or respiratory issue we put a mask on them and may or may not do a flu test. If you have flu we give you Tamiflu or Relenza. Nearly everyone in the U.S. confirmed is fine. Most susceptible are infants and senior citizens or people with existing medical conditions like cancer."

In addition to wearing a mask, patients with flu-like symptoms are screened in a separate area of the ER in several area hospitals.

"We've done education with staff on exposure," said Harris. "We're concerned about people who have succumbed to respira-

tory arrest, have pneumonia and suffer arrest. Staff wear masks for intubation. We educate them on how to put a mask on and off. Hand washing is the single most important thing to do to prevent transmission. We're asking people to stay home and not contaminate their co-workers if they're having symptoms and sneeze into the elbow instead of hand. Everybody's doing their best to be vigilant."

Botsford Hospital staff is in contact several times a day with the CDC, Michigan Department of Community health, and Region 2 South Medical Bio-Defense Network which assists in hospital preparedness by developing plans for a coordinated health care response to disasters in the region.

"We're preparing by assessing supplies needed, distributing hand sanitizer," said Nancy Dumas, spokeswoman for Botsford Hospital in Farmington. "We're waiting, watching and being prepared to move forward if necessary." Henry Ford Hospital has emergency preparedness plans for all hospitals in its system including the newly opened West Bloomfield location where Dr. Laura Johnson is director of infection control.

"We're activating plans, educat-

ing staff, updating information to make sure everyone knows what to do," said Johnson. "If a patient is admitted for flu-like symptoms we take precautions of wearing gowns and masks when in contact with patients. We're making sure we have enough supplies like gloves, gowns and masks but it's hard to know what we need because things are changing every day but we're not panicking. There's not a reason to panic. We just want people to be aware. Call if you have a primary care doctor for advice. If they have mild symptoms they may do okay at home."

Hygiene is one of the ways of avoiding any strain of influenza according to Sharon McMahon, infection prevention specialist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia where the emergency management committee met Thursday. "We're not putting a mask on patients. It's not airborne. It's contact with respiratory secretions or droplets that transmits the virus," said McMahon, an R.N. working in infection control for the last 21 years. "We're not worrying about swine flu yet. We will when we start seeing some cases. I just got off the phone with Trinity (the hospital's health system) about what's happening at all the sites. If someone is having trouble

getting masks or medication we can facilitate that in case someone needs help."

The public needs to take precautions as well. The same advice applies to swine flu as seasonal influenza which kills an estimated 36,000 Americans a year. McMahon is asking visitors if they're ill and don't need to be at the hospital to stay home.

"Use a tissue if you cough or sneeze then discard it," said McMahon. "Don't leave it around. We're placing hand sanitizer and tissues at each door. Hand hygiene was recognized in the late 1800s as a good tool in preventing the spread of infection. Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis was recognized as a pioneer after his death for preliminary work for hand hygiene. Today that means not just hand washing but incorporating hand sanitizer. The latest CDC recommendations promote waterless alcohol sanitizer over soap and water because it kills more germs faster and costs the same for health care workers. Every so often I like to take staff and have them place their hand in a petri dish and then let the germs grow. You can see the difference before and after hand washing. Hand hygiene save lives. It actually works."

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Catch some rays
- 4 Tabloid topics
- 8 Correspond
- 12 Estuary
- 13 Wholly absorbed
- 14 Hydrox rival
- 15 Visa
- 16 Gas-station and passport gadgets
- 18 Italian specialty
- 20 Belt out a tune
- 21 Type of radio
- 22 Koan discipline
- 23 By Jove!
- 27 Heat unit
- 29 Did exist
- 30 Sports palace
- 31 Conversation filler
- 32 Seek a handout
- 33 Floppy takers
- 34 Gen. practitioner
- 35 Animals' homes
- 37 Frothy brew

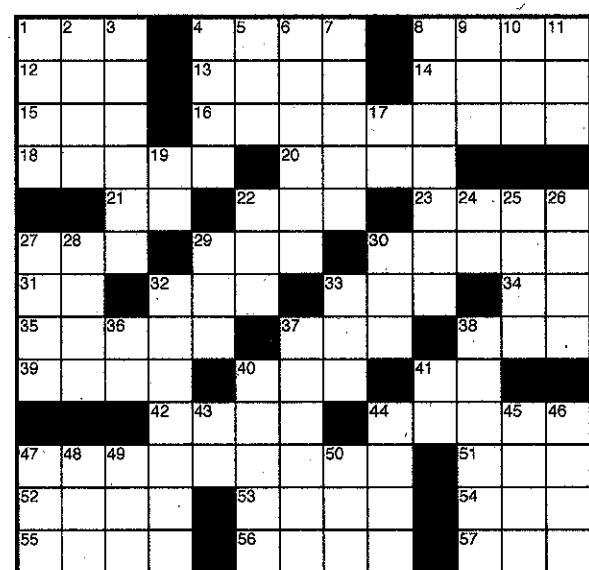
#### DOWN

- 38 Strong soap
- 39 Light snack
- 40 Caggy
- 41 Geometry term
- 42 Lantern part
- 44 Enjoys a hot tub
- 47 Bathroom item (2 wds.)
- 51 Maude of TV
- 52 Swear
- 53 Jar
- 54 Med. staffer
- 55 Smidgens
- 56 Pay attention to
- 57 Paris season
- 1 Outing
- 2 Non-soap opera
- 3 Cruise stop
- 4 Big Dipper bear
- 5 Online info
- 6 Literary works
- 7 Rathskeller mug
- 8 Runners
- 9 Ill temper

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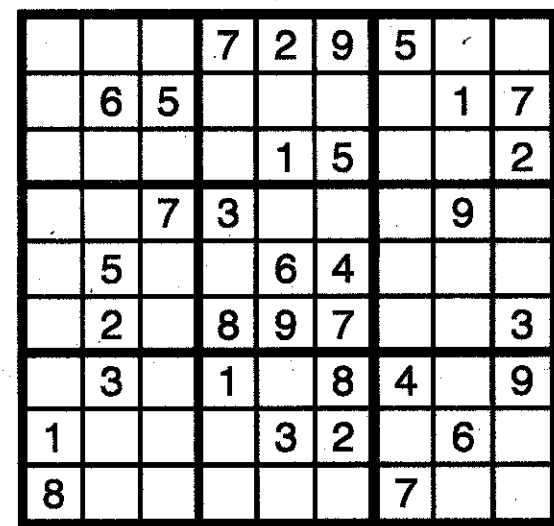
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- 10 Nectar gatherer
- 11 Aurora, to Plato
- 17 Em successor
- 19 New Age practice
- 22 Zig opposite
- 24 Fridge maker
- 25 Griffith or Devine
- 26 Venture
- 27 Daffodil planting
- 28 Bangkok native
- 29 Movie director — Craven
- 30 Playing card
- 32 Coffee makers
- 33 Go back and forth
- 36 That thing
- 37 High-pH solution
- 38 Responsible
- 40 Varmoose
- 41 River in Italy
- 43 Chicago's st.
- 44 Slue
- 45 Didn't spoil
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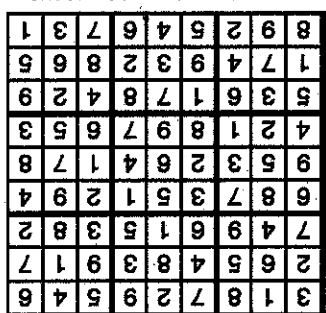
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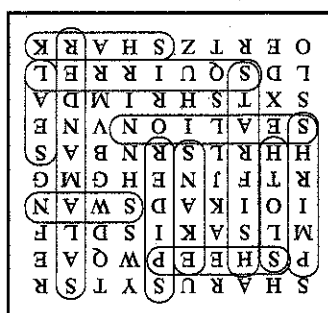
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### LADY OF QUALITY

SBF, 30-something, 5'7", laid-back, down-to-earth, seeks open, honest, loyal, faithful professional man, 35-55, for LTR. No games, race open. **21310218**

### SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **21296217**

### TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

SWPF, 48, educated, HW proportionate, seeks educated, professional male, 40-55, NS, with sense of humor. Let's meet for coffee or a drink. **21311355**

### WIDOW

Widowed WF, 54", 125lbs, blonde/green, down-to-earth, enjoys fine dining, musicals. Seeking SBM, 65-74, with similar interests, for possible relationship. **21312020**

### CLASSY LADY

SBF, 70 years young, 5'6", NS, average height, brown/brown, enjoys fishing, movies, travel. Seeking honest SBM, 70-75, NS, who is not boastful, but is well-groomed. Sense of humor a must. Life is a journey and I don't have time to back up. **21307314**

### AFFECTIONATE WOMAN

SBF, 59, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, sports events. Looking for SBM, 60-71, for fun and friendship, maybe more. **21308551**

### DRAMA-FREE

SBF, 48, 5'7", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys R&B, jazz, dancing, dining, blues, sports. Seeking sexy serious SBM, 27-40. Are we compatible? **21310533**

### GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 57+, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **21470565**

### DIVORCED? GETTING ONE?

DWF, 55', 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SBM, 48-55, 6'1", 220lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, marly gentleman. **21282549**

### COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **21230594**

### HEART OF GOLD

SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys cross-word puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6'+, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **21286442**

### LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!

Petite SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. **21281372**

### GREAT-LOOKING BF...

35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me, you won't be disappointed! **21283172**

### BEAUTIFUL SBF...

37, seeks SBM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **21271583**

### ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT

SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, NS, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **21287305**

### A POLISHED DIAMOND

Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **21287057**

### ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY

Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SBM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **21273603**

### A NEW BEGINNING

SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, going outdoors, just being a fun-loving SBM, 45-55, for friendship or more. **21281951**

### PETITE AND CUTE

SBF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SBM, 36-45, who will love me for me. **21294643**

### THAT SPECIAL ONE

SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SBM, 39-45, for possible relationship. **21285525**

### SEEKING STRONG BM

Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bad BM, 40-62, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. **21295568**

### HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH

Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40-55, 5'5", for friendship, dating, possible LTR. **21295427**

### SEEKING A MATURE MAN

Attractive SBPF, 35, NS, N/Drug, would like to meet respectable, happy SBPM, 25-50, to enjoy life together. **21300680**

### TAKE A CHANCE

SBPF looking for SBM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. **21306228**

### SEEKING MR. RIGHT

SBF, 37, 5'5", nurse, mother of three, Christian values, NS, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, race open, with similar values. **21310924**

### SINGLE DAD WELCOME

PBF, 40, looks young, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. **21298022**

### TIRED OF BEING ALONE

SBF, 50, 5'3", full-figured, NS, loving, independent, intelligent, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, enjoys going out and romantic evenings at home. Seeking SBDM, 50+, with similar qualities and interests, who wants to enjoy the rest of life with no drama. **21311753**

### SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic SM, 40-65, NS, who loves reading, midnight picnics, walking and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **21282518**

### PLUS-SIZED LADY...

34, 200lbs, sexy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call me! **21217234**

### HOPING WE CLICK!

SBF, 23, 5'11", 105lbs, wants to meet SM, 30-60, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk. **21307550**

### STILL SEEKING

Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, NS, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **21131198**

### MUST LOVE THE LORD

SBF, 18, 5'6", gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SBHM, 18-27, for possible relationship. **21311174**

### LOOK NO FURTHER

SBF, 16, 5'4", long black hair, light brown eyes, wants to meet that SBM, 18-22, who is tired of playing games. **21311011**

### ACTIVE WOMAN

SBF, 58, dark hair and eyes, NS, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. **21282181**

### HELLO THERE

Asian woman, 5'2", 160lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, ND, NS. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **21113901**

### A WOMAN OF CLASS

SBF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SBM, 62-68, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **21271085**

### DOWN-TO-EARTH

Easgoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-55, with the same qualities. Minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **21279171**

### GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

SBF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SBM, 23-45, for companionship. **21282576**

### LET'S GET TOGETHER

SBF, 54, 5'8", NS, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBVM, 48-62, NS, for friendship or more. **21282444**

### MUSICAL GIRL

Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. **21292256**

### OUTGOING

BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **21292940**

### CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

WWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, NS, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **21297814**

### PRETTY EYES

SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. **21298970**

### WEST SIDE BEAUTY

Professionally employed in the beauty field. SBF, 56', slender, 54, seeks a gentleman, 44-62, HWP, must be interested in music, movies, cultural events, camping, and most things outdoors. Light smoker, for friendship leading to relationship. Sincere responses only. **21230791**

### VERY LOVING PERSON

Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. **21273294**

### DBF SEEKS LTR

Attractive, thick BF seeks LTR with totally unattached male, 48-65, not into games. Must be ready to start a new found friendship and see where it goes. Ballroom dancing is a plus. **21310736**

### I NEED A LOVE...

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 48, no kids, seeks SBM, 45+, no kids, NS, fun, loving, caring. **21298059**

### SEEKING A GENTLEMAN

WF, 59', blonde/blue, would like to meet a young-at-heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. **21310164**

### SOPHISTICATED LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, laid-back yet serious-minded, and responsible, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, NS, responsible, good sense of humor, with good values and morals for serious relationship. **21272554**

### ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 60s, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet NS WM, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **21293808**

### COUNTRY GIRL

Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SBPF, 54, platinum blonde, 5'5", HW proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SBM, 55-65, NS, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **21275845**

### ARE YOU HERE?

SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, listening, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest, NS, 55-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. **21286770**

### TAKE A CHANCE!

SBF, 30, middle school art teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. **21283645**

### LADY IN THE WOODS

SBF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, do-over, classy, classy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **21210247**

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### DOWN-TO-EARTH

Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome WAM, 47-55, NS, clean-shaven, HW proportionate, for friendship first. **21281228**

### ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS

BF, 55', 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. **21284318**

### ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP

SBF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. 53-70. **21284371**

### SINCERE AND HONEST

Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SBWM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. **21284932**

### MATURE MAN WANTED

SBF, 33, 5'11", 150lbs, center, clean-shaven, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **21287856**

### KEEP COOL

SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBHM, 18-25, who keeps it real. **21287598**

### WARM SMILE

SBF, 21, NS, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! **21287187**

### PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD

SBF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 160lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **21292913**

### I NEED LOVE

Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SBWM, 18-30, who shares my love for life. **21300110**

### SEEKING SBM COMPANION

I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 55-75. Life is too short - have fun with me. **21302311**

### SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

SBPF, 55,



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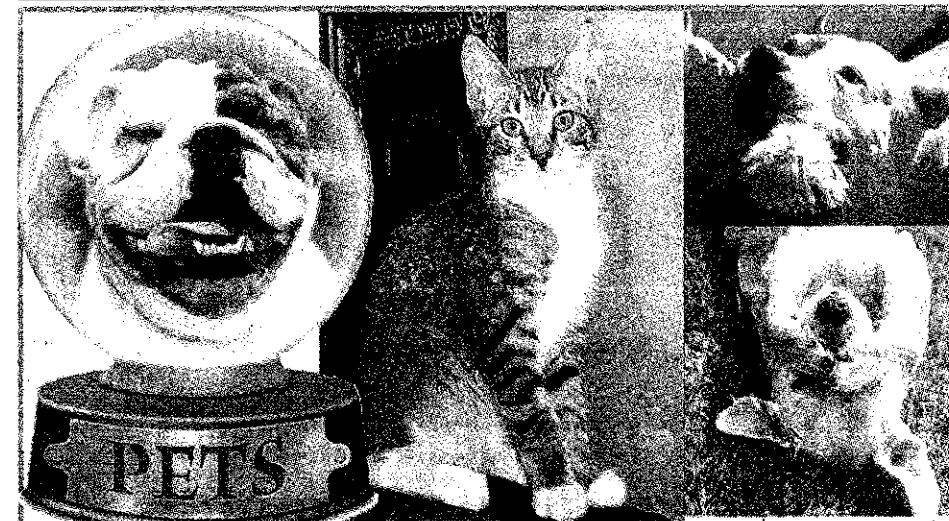
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