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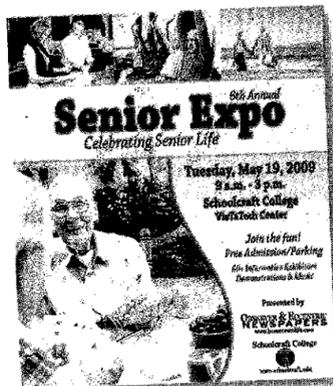
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Christian singer

Christian singer/songwriter Cheri Keaggy will be the special guest when Plymouth Christian Academy hosts its annual Celebration of Excellence on Friday, May 15 at Calvary Baptist Church.

Born and reared in southern California, Keaggy began studying classical piano at age seven. Cheri began a job as a novice



Keaggy

worship coordinator for her local church where "You, Oh Lord, Are My Refuge" was born.

Six albums, nine number one songs and a Dove Award later, she is recognized as

a mainstay in the adult contemporary and inspirational genres. She has written every song on her latest release, "Because He First Loved Us," with the exception of the Carol King classic "You've Got a Friend."

Tickets are \$20 each with proceeds to benefit the Plymouth Christian Academy Eagle Fund.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a strolling hors d'oeuvres buffet and silent auction. The Keaggy performance will begin at 7:15 p.m. with a desert and coffee reception immediately following. For more information, e-mail JDart@plymouthchristian.org.

Summer camps

With summer quickly approaching, are you trying to figure out something to do for children when they are out of school? Canton Leisure Services will host more than 20 different camps this summer for preschoolers, youth, teens and individuals with special needs. The camps range from a half-day to one week. And for the more adventurous children, the award-winning Camp Canton and Teen Trek Camp last all summer long.

For more information about all the camps, visit the Canton Leisure Services Web site at <http://leisure.canton-mi.org> or call the Summit on the Park at (734) 394-5460.

Liberty Fest

Mark your calendars — the 2009 Liberty Fest is scheduled for June 19-20 at Heritage Park. The annual festival will include entertainment and great food provided by local vendors, as well as the fireworks, parade, America's Most Wanted Car Show, the Canton Lions Club pancake breakfast, and much more. There will also be plenty of rides and activities for the kids.

Look to the Observer to keep you up to date as details of Liberty Fest become available.

Canton has been hot spot for swine flu cases

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Of the five confirmed cases of novel influenza A (H1N1) reported by the Wayne County Department of Public Health, four of them involved Canton residents.

"The four Canton residents ranged in age from 9-16 and are students in the Plymouth-Canton school district," said Loretta Davis, director of the county's Department of Public Health. "None of the cases had to be hospitalized. Everyone has been able to recover at home."

According to health officials, two of the cases had known contact with individuals who traveled to Mexico,

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Four of the five confirmed cases of the novel influenza A (H1N1) in Wayne County involved Canton residents. Do you think government officials have done enough to warn residents of the dangers, or do you think the threat of swine flu was blown out of proportion? Send your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

where the so-called swine flu originated. The other two cases had no known travel or contact history concerning the H1N1 flu.

It was the case of the 16-year-old high school student that was brought to the attention of Plymouth-Canton school officials on May 1. After consulting with Centers for Disease Control and Wayne County health

officials, the district shut down the entire district May 4-5. After new recommendations announced by the CDC, which allowed schools to stay open unless there was an outbreak of the novel influenza A, classes resumed May 6.

Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of communications, said all appears to be well.

"Everything seems to be fine," he said. "We're proceeding as normal this time of year."

As of their last report, Wayne County health officials report no "probable" cases and two "suspect" cases of the H1N1 flu.

"I'm not sure whether or not we're going to do any more testing," Davis said. "We're finding the cases are milder than what we were expecting."

"However, we're still putting out the information to wash hands frequently and control sneezing and coughs," she said. "That's a good message whether or not the flu is mild or severe."

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Fighting back against cancer

More than 1,000 are expected to take part in Relay this weekend

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sarah Cousineau of Canton Township says she "has been blessed" that while her family has been touched by cancer, it hasn't suffered the deadly effects of the disease.

However, Cousineau — chair of Saturday's Relay for Life of Canton fund-raiser — is hopeful that events like the one in Heritage Park Saturday and Sunday will some day end the fear of cancer for future generations.

"So my son doesn't have to hear that someone he loves has cancer and is taken by it," she said.

The Relay for Life 24-hour walk begins at 10 a.m. Saturday and continues through 10 a.m. Sunday, with nearly 1,000 people participating.

"This year, we have 65 teams, which is only one down from last year," Cousineau said. "And, we have some new teams doing some amazing things, with one already raising \$6,000 before the event."

Not only will the teams be walking for 24 hours, there will be games, face painting, entertainment and even karaoke during the walk so those who are just passing by can join in the fun and support the effort.

"This year we have 18 youth teams, so we've come up with things to keep the kids and grown ups occupied," Cousineau said. "Some will even have board and card games going."

Last year, the Canton Relay for Life raised \$276,000. This year, according to sponsorship chair Walt Herzig of Canton, it's been tougher to raise money, but he's confident the donations will come.

"We are behind last year because



At last year's Relay for Life, participants celebrated more than 225 cancer survivors during the opening ceremony and 'Survivor Lap.'

2009 RELAY FOR LIFE OF CANTON

When: 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday.

Where: Heritage Park

Schedule: Opening ceremony takes place Saturday at 10 a.m.; Fight Back ceremony takes place Saturday at 3:30 p.m.; Luminaria ceremony takes place Saturday at 9 p.m.; closing ceremony takes place Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (awards will be presented and money raised will be tallied).

More info: Call Sarah Cousineau, Relay For Life of Canton chair, at (734) 207-1784 or e-mail her at cantonrelay09@comcast.net. You can also visit www.relayforlife.org/cantonmi.



A Luminary Ceremony will be held at dusk. Luminary bags, which are sold in honor of or in memory of cancer victims, are placed around the lake and lit at dusk. The ceremony is followed by a silent lap.

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Canton to use block grant money to pay for youth scholarships

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While it's a small portion of the \$357,499 in federal Community Development Block Grant money Canton Township is receiving in fiscal year 2009, the \$2,500 put aside for scholarship money could be big for some of Canton's youth.

At Tuesday's board meeting, Trustee Pat Williams introduced a motion — supported by the six others on the board — to put aside \$2,500 for scholarships that will allow Canton's youth (those in families that are struggling financially) to continue to participate in the township's various fee-based programs and

activities.

"I've talked to people who run fee-based programs where parents are saying their kids can't participate because they don't have the money," Williams said. "The Community Development Block Grant money is there to help residents in need."

"Moms and dads are going through a tough period right now and to have the kids suffer along with them is unavoidable," he added. "But if there's something we can do to help their quality of life, then let's do that."

Ann Conklin, director of leisure services for Canton, said the township has offered scholarships in the past.

"The scholarship funding can

be used for any fee-based program, service or event offered by Canton Leisure Services," Conklin said. "Applicants must meet the federal guidelines for income; must be a Canton resident for two or more years and must confirm residency; and be willing, if possible, to volunteer time for the scholarships received."

Williams admitted the amount is small, but noted many of the programs don't cost a lot of money to participate.

"I hope we burn through the scholarship money and we can figure out a way to continue it," Williams said.

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Pie and pastry bakeoff

The Spice Up Your Summer Cook-Off Series continues with the Pie and Pastry Bakeoff on Sunday, May 17 in conjunction with the Canton Farmers Market.

Participants must provide all of their own ingredients and cooking utensils, and a complete rule list will be sent out upon registration. Prizes will be awarded for the most popular pies and pastries, with the top three best bakers being featured in a competition at Liberty Fest in June. There is a \$10 entry fee for Canton residents and \$15 entry fee for non-residents.

The Spice Up Your Summer Cook-Off Series will continue with the Summertime Sides and Appetizers competition on June 7, and the series finale, Ace of Cakes, on June 20.

The Canton Farmers Market is a gathering of local vendors to sell produce and other seasonal items and is free to the public. The market runs every Sunday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. through Oct. 25. The vendors will be set up at the historic Bartlett-Travis House at 500 N. Ridge Road, just north of Cherry Hill. Any vendors interested in participating should contact Jeanette Williams at 734/394-5467 or jwilliams@canton-mi.org.

For more information on the Spice Up Your Summer Cook-Off Series or the Farmer's Market, visit leisure.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Random acts of fitness

Members of the Canton Leisure Services Fitness Prize Patrol will be hitting the streets looking to reward random acts of fitness during the weekend of May 23-24. Individuals or families spotted engaged in heart-pumping activities may be rewarded with prizes.

If you're caught walking the dog, riding your bike, taking a jog, or enjoying a stroll with your family or friends in the Canton area, you may get a special prize. Whatever your current fitness level, if they spot you exercising don't be surprised if you receive an unexpected treat.

The program is an effort to help residents achieve and maintain healthy lifestyles. "It's our hope that this program combines the best parts



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Royalty for a day

Canton residents Ava Unruh, 6, and mom Karen Unruh prepare muffin tins for baking during the recent Royalty Tea Party for princesses (girls aged 5-9) and the queens (their mothers) at Stevenson High School, which was dubbed the 'Ritz Stevenson' for the event. The program is the brainchild of Judy Fanco, a community education enrichment instructor of home economics, and Pat Plecha, who assists Fanco, according to Joanne Schwartz, supervisor of community education enrichment for the Livonia Public Schools. "We do this program in the fall, winter and spring," Schwartz said. "It gives them (mothers and daughters) a chance to dress up and enjoy some time together."

of both of these healthy lifestyle initiatives, while adding a real element of excitement to it all," said Jennifer Provenzano, Canton Leisure Services recreation specialist.

Also watch for the Canton Leisure Services vans and staff in your neighborhoods and parks on the weekends of July 11-12 and August 22-23 and don't be surprised if the Fitness Prize Patrol "busts you" for committing healthy acts of fitness and wellness. For more information on how you can be rewarded for your random acts of fitness, please call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

Veterans car wash

On Sunday, May 17 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., all cash generated by car washes at the Main Street Car Wash on Main Street in Plymouth will be donated to Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528. Main Street Car Wash is located at 1191 S. Main Street in Plymouth. Owner Phil Pursell does this once a year and the members of 528 do the work. The money raised goes

to help all veterans of all wars and conflicts.

Also, Chapter 528 will hold its first summer car show from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, May 20 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695. Chapter 528 welcomes all the hot rods, muscle cars, antiques, unusual, and unique cars to come by. There is no charge to register. Through the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" program, the chapter has received calling cards. Each week at the car show, the chapter will draw three names to send cards to active service men and women. Come by and give us the information to place in the drawing.

Craft show

Summit On The Park will present a one day event craft show from noon-4 p.m., May 16. There will be many items for sale, including purses, cosmetics, jewelry and much more to indulge your bargaining needs.

There will also be a Detroit Tigers game raffle giveaway.

Divorce support group

DivorceCare, a divorce recovery seminar and support

group meets at Calvary Baptist Church (43065 Joy Road, Canton) each Wednesday at 7 p.m. Child care and children ministries programs are provided. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness."

This is a safe place where confidentiality is required. If you are divorced, separated, or considering either, this could be a good fit for you.

For more information, call Tony and Jean Laughter at (734) 981-1767.

Salvation Army camp

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps is now accepting applications for its 2009 Summer Day Camp. The program will run for nine weeks beginning June 15 through Aug. 14, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Applications are available in the business office located at 9451 South Main Street, in Plymouth. The summer program will consist of field trips, structured recreation, character building, and crafts. Pre-care and after-care are made available for working families. In recognition of the current economic hardships, weekly rates of \$55 have not been increased. An application fee of \$10 will be necessary to secure a spot. Limited scholarships are available to qualifying families and proof of income will be required. Interested parties wishing to underwrite scholarships may contact Major Pat Irvine at The Salvation Army.

For more information about The Salvation Army, please call 877-SAL-MICH, or visit www.salmich.org.

Plymouth football golf outing

The Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be holding its eight annual Wildcats Football Golf Outing on Saturday, May 30, at Fellows Creek Golf and Banquet Center in Canton. The outing will be a best ball scramble with a shot gun start at 1 p.m. Players are needed as well as hole sponsors and donated items for a silent auction at the end of the outing. Registration is \$100 per

golfer. You can register by calling Bill Ballelli at (734) 416-9603 or Mike Walsh at (734) 453-6796. For more details, or to become a hole sponsor or auction item donor, go to the Wildcats Web site at www.football.plymouthwildcats.com.

Hockey open house

The Canton Amateur Hockey Association will be holding its annual open house Saturday May 16 from 1-4 p.m. for families looking to sign up and learn more about hockey and skating programs held at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton for the 2009-2010 season.

There will be free hot dogs, pop, and open skating for all those who attend along with a tour of the Arctic Edge facility.

The Canton Hockey Association offers a Learn to Play Hockey Program for all kids' ages 4-9 and house and travel hockey teams for Mites (7 and 8 year olds) through Midgets (15-18 years old).

To learn more about the Canton Hockey Association Open House please call (734) 487-7777.

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.

Allen Brooks photo exhibit

The photography of Livonia artist Allen Brooks is currently on display at the Village

Theater at Cherry Hill through May 24.

Brooks began taking photos as a young boy scout, when he received his first camera, and was a professional portrait photographer, who has owned studios in Chicago and Westland, MI. He is currently working solely in digital photography, while experimenting with composition.

Brooks is a member of the Detroit Professional Photographers Association, as well as the Livonia Camera Club. His works have recently been displayed at both organizations, as well as the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council, Livonia City Hall and the Livonia Arts Commission. He has also been selected as one of Michigan's Top 10 Professional Photographers twice by the Professional Photographers of Michigan.

This current art exhibit is free and open to the public: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and during public performances at the theater. For more information about this latest exhibition, please call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

White elephant sale

The Canton Place Seniors are hosting a white elephant and bake sale on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room at 44505 Ford Road (corner of Ford and Sheldon). The public is invited to attend. Homemade baked goods and lunch are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Canton Place Resident Association.

Canton Toastmasters

The Canton Communicators Toastmasters Club, a non-profit group where members learn both communication and leadership skills, meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island at 8533 Lilley Road, just south of Joy Road, in the Golden Gate Plaza. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, please contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

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Postal food drive fills pantry shelves

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Add another item to the list of things that won't keep a postal carrier from his or her appointed rounds: Food.

Postal carriers in Plymouth, Canton and Belleville proved that Saturday, lugging home more than 70,000 pounds of food in the annual Letter Carriers Food Drive.

The food will be used by the Plymouth Salvation Army's food pantry, which feeds needy families in the Corps' service area (Plymouth, Northville, Canton and Belleville).

Last year's drive - which didn't include Belleville - garnered nearly 38,500 pounds of food.

"That's just phenomenal, unbelievable," said Maj. Jim Irvine, the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps officer. "I think what we're seeing is the fact everyone is so in tune with the hurt that is out there. To the best of my knowledge, nobody gave huge donations. Everybody just pitched in. This

incredible outpouring is nothing short of a miracle."

Canton letter carriers brought home 33,400 pounds of food, a huge increase from 2008, when they gathered 18,810. In Plymouth, residents donated more than 25,000 pounds, up from 19,678 a year ago.

Belleville, being counted for the first time, donated 11,558 pounds of food.

Dan Marek of Plymouth, a letter carrier from the Plymouth Township post office on Clipper off of Beck, said he talked to carriers who told him it was "probably one of the most generous years from the customers on their routes."

He agreed with Irvine that the generosity stems from residents' awareness of the economic conditions.

"You know how many people are out of jobs right now, and people know what's going on," Marek said. "They know their neighbors and friends and families are losing their jobs. They're thinking, 'We should be thankful for what we've got, and we're going to help people out who aren't so fortunate right now.'"

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Plymouth postal carrier Polly Warner with some of the food she collected in Saturday's Letter Carriers Food Drive.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Here's how the Letter Carriers Food Drive compared the last couple of years (in pounds):

	2007	2008	2009
Canton	15,375	18,810	33,400
Plymouth	16,875	19,678	25,120
Belleville	---	---	11,558
Total	32,250	38,488	70,078

RELAY

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of the economy, but we do have a number of new sponsors, which is encouraging," Herzig said.

Herzig, 64, has walked in the Relay for Life for 10 years.

"My grandfather passed away from prostate cancer before I was born," Herzig said. "My dad had multiple myeloma and a brother — who lived a very healthy lifestyle — died from cancer of the tongue and throat at the age of 50. I also have cousins who died from prostate cancer and two who are survivors."

"I tell my kids to get checked (for cancer) because they have it on both sides," added Herzig, who said he gets checked annually.

Information on the 2009 Relay for Life of Canton and how to donate is on the Web at www.relayforlife.org/cantonmi.

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AROUND CANTON

Business Network Pros

Business Network Professionals, a local chapter of Business Network International, meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Canton Coney Island (at the corner of Lilley and Joy roads). Any person in business in the Plymouth, Canton and surrounding area is invited to attend as a guest and meet with other businesspersons, for purposes of networking, referrals, and supporting one another. Contact Bill MacFarland, chapter president, at (734) 812-3845 for more information.

Salem football alumni

If you ever played football for Salem High School, a group of alumni would love to hear from you. The Salem Linebackers Booster Club will be hosting a dinner (date and time to be determined) with all Salem alumni invited. They would like to know your name, year graduated, phone number, address and e-mail.

E-mail or call Don Turner at (734) 812-0504 or dturner@longwalkpartners.com.

The Salem Linebackers Booster Club is also assembling a team of former, current and future high school band members from any school to play at Salem Rocks home (and possibly away) games. This is open to anyone who can play an instrument and would be interested in joining the group in the stands at the Salem Rocks football games. No marching required. For more information, contact Don Turner at (734) 812-0504 or dturner@longwalkpartners.com.

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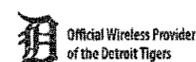
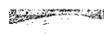
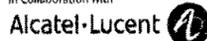
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CANTON COP CALLS



Pot bust

1 Canton police were called to 51000 Mott Road Tuesday to investigate a stolen license plate and prescription drugs. While they were searching the mobile home police discovered three marijuana plants growing under hot lamps in the bathroom. The female owner confessed and was arrested and charged.

Road rage incident

2 A motorist was frightened during a road rage incident at Mayben and Beck roads May 9. The victim reported he turned from Mayben onto Beck and noticed a Jeep approaching from behind at a high rate of speed. The motorist said he tapped his breaks to slow the Jeep. The driver of the Jeep sped past the motorist and at the next red light got out of his vehicle and challenged the motorist, who stayed in his car. The Jeep drove away after the light turned green.

Identity theft

3 A resident in the 4600 block of Hunter's Circle reported to Canton police Tuesday that someone opened a Guitar Center charge card in his name in March. The victim didn't realize it until he received a bill in the mail for \$1,077.60.

Cigarette-stealing team

4 The manager of the Speedway gas station at Ford and Lilley reported to police that while he was watching store surveillance video from Sunday he noticed a man and woman steal nine packs of cigarettes. The tape showed a

woman keeping the clerk busy while her male companion put the cigarettes in his pocket.

Car break-in

5 A movie-goer to the Imagine Theatre, 39535 Ford Road, reported to police someone smashed the driver side window while he was inside the theater. A GPS unit

and a cellphone were stolen.

Items stolen from garage

6 A resident in the 42600 block of Woodbridge left the garage door opened late on May 5. The next morning she noticed her laptop computer and scanner were missing, as well as \$30 in cash and her driver's license from her purse

that was left on the car seat.

Copper stolen

7 The North Pointe subdivision homeowners group reported May 7 that \$5,000 in copper piping from an irrigation system was stolen. The ground was torn up over the winter for repairs and the piping was left at the site.

Police looking for gunmen who held up gas station

Canton police continue their search for three ski-masked gunmen who robbed the Marathon gas station, 40401 Michigan Avenue, May 7. The clerk told police he was mopping the floor when three black males — wearing all black, including black ski masks and black gloves — ran in, pointed a pistol at him and forced him behind the counter.

The clerk said one of the suspects ordered him to his knees, pointed a gun at his head and demanded to know where the safe was located. The three bandits took \$2,900 in cash and 20 cartons of cigarettes. One of the men also took \$74 from the clerk's wallet. The three sped away in a white truck headed eastbound on Michigan Avenue.

Paramedics get new 'tool'

Last week, the Canton Fire Department added a new tool for its paramedics to use on emergency runs. The Continuous Positive Airway Pressure device, or CPAP, looks much like a regular oxygen mask, and is used for critically ill patients suffering from breathing problems like congestive heart failure. According to fire officials, patients experience an almost immediate breathing improvement, and decrease the need for intubations, when a CPAP is used. All of the firefighter/paramedics have been trained on the device and it has been put in service on all of the department's rescue units.



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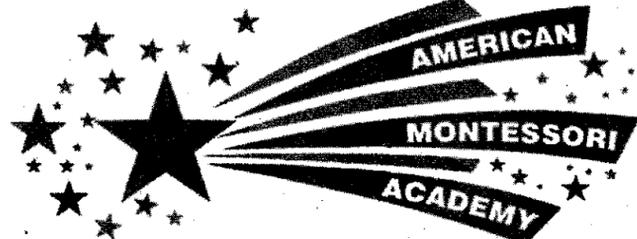
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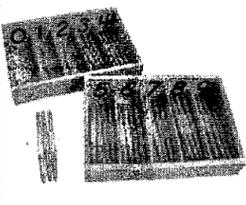
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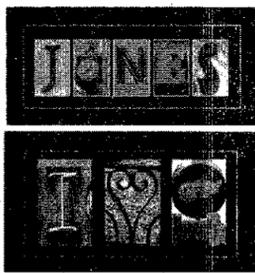


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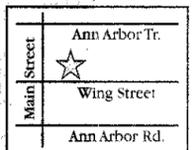
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Senior spellers get final word

BY BRAD KADRICH
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In the movie, *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*, Ricardo Montalban's character says, "Vengeance is a dish best served cold."

In the annual Wayne County Senior Spelling Bee, however, "vengeance" turned out to be the word served up as the winner by two spellers from Westland.

Leonard Kozle and Gail MacDonald, both of Westland, earned first-place honors at the spelling bee held at the Friendship Station, the senior citizen center on Schoolcraft in Plymouth Township.

Kozle and MacDonald have cleaned up since being paired by a drawing in Westland in November 2007.

"We just make a good team, I guess," MacDonald said. "I guess it's just teamwork. How did we get to be such good spellers? I had spelling as a class in elementary school. We know it's an important thing."

The pair topped a field of some two dozen spellers vying for a trip to the Ford Center in Dearborn to compete in a countywide spell-off later this year. It was their second win; the pair also won the countywide bee last year.

"It was really successful," said Bobbie Pummill, director of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, who hosted the event sponsored by the office of Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "It's getting bigger every year. We may have to look for a new place to hold it."

Faye Lindsay of Plymouth and Emily Rosenquist of Plymouth Township finished second, while Marilyn Reinink of Westland and Canton resident Larry Hindle finished third in front of an audience of some 100 people.

The event included lunch, raffle gifts and prizes. Plymouth City Commissioner Dave Workman and 35th District Court Judge Jim Plakas served as the judges for the event.

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Competition heated up at the Senior Spelling Bee at Plymouth Township's Friendship Station Tuesday. At right, Leonard Kozle confers with teammate Gail MacDonald. The other competitors, from left; Emily Rosenquist of Plymouth Township, Faye Lindsay of Plymouth, Marilyn Reinink of Westland and Larry C. Hindle of Canton. Judges are David Workman and James Plakas.



Rachel Colvin of Livonia and Betty Booher of Northville discuss the spelling of a word.



Larry C. Hindle of Canton confers with partner Marilyn Reinink, of Westland. The pair earned third-place honors.

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The Turnaround kids gather for a photo. They are: Jamey Eatmon, Nicholas Wibrignt, Dylam D. N. Peters, Demetrius R. Sanders, Thomas M. McMaster, Zachary A. Behr, Brittney Berkey, Kym Facto, Khadeja Albarkat, Caton Hacker, Cody L. Korpus, Alyson J. Corona, Matthew J. Newby, Enisha D. Dempsey, Dakota J. Bergevin, Chelsea D. Chavez, Megan M. Mills, Stephen R. Rosselle, Danielle J. McNew, Amanda L. Mog, Katherine L. Kenny, Patrisha N. Allred, Samantha R. Thompson, Paul R. Zeuner and Charles R. Chavez.

Awards show that there's always hope

Diane Voigt calls the annual Turnaround Achievement Awards, sponsored every year by her Community Bowling Centers, including the Super Bowl in Canton, "the best thing we do all year."

We couldn't agree with her more. At the 13th annual Turnaround Achievement ceremony last week, the accomplishments of 25 Plymouth-Canton students, all of whom have overcome some sort of adversity in either their academic or personal lives. Some have battled illness, others bad attitudes, still others had to learn they were hanging out with the wrong crowd.

But they got better, improved their attitude and stopped hanging out with the wrong crowd and, as was urged at the banquet, the day was theirs to be celebrated. It doesn't happen all that often for kids like these, hard workers who don't get perfect SAT scores or score the winning touchdown, basket or goal.

"It takes strength of character to make the effort these kids make," said Diane Voigt, who with husband Mark owns Super Bowl in Canton. "It's a message not only to them, but to their peers, that there are positive things that happen to you when you make the right choices."

There are positive things that happen when positive people are involved - committed is the better word - the way the Voigts are, the way Betty Bloch, the program coordinator, is. The program would likely not happen were it not for their efforts, their commitment.

Bloch downplayed her role last week, saying there are times when she wonders why she continues to be involved with the event, which in the weeks leading up to the annual banquet is an incredible amount of work. Then comes the event, and she watches another two dozen or so students get rewarded for their valiant efforts, and she knows why.

"It's the most meaningful event ever, so exciting to see students get recognition who wouldn't otherwise get any," Bloch said. "These are students who work the hardest, but don't ever achieve the success other students might achieve."

Last week's ceremony brought to some 140 students in 13 years who've turned their lives around, who've gone on to bigger and better things. There are countless teachers and parents, faculty members and administrators, who've had their backs while these kids have worked it out. Those contributions can't be ignored, certainly.

And at the hub are people like the Voigts and Bloch, people committed not only to the education of children, but to the betterment of their lives.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Will the economy affect your vacation plans this summer, and do you plan to travel in Michigan? We asked these questions outside the U.S. post office in downtown Plymouth.



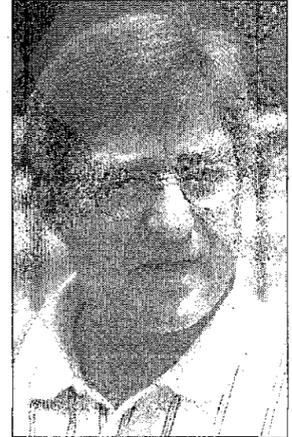
"Absolutely we'll travel in Michigan. We'll keep our dollars in Michigan. My husband and I have always been cautious spenders ... so we are really not changing anything."
Karen Ellen
Plymouth



"No. Yes - I have a place up in Petoskey."
Richard Arlen
Plymouth Township



"I don't plan on traveling in Michigan, but it (the economy) won't affect my travel plans."
Gary McLaren
Plymouth Township



"No, not planning to travel in Michigan, and (the economy is) not going to affect our travel plans."
Tony Jablonski
Canton Township

LETTERS

Big 3 run deep

The simple answer to "buy American-made autos" is this: U.S.-based auto companies have a history with this country. A very good history indeed. Quotes like "Henry Ford put America on wheels" should mean something to you. Ford, GM and Chrysler all have a long term history with the U.S. Beginning in the early 1900s - Ford in 1903, GM in 1908 and Chrysler followed in 1925 - these companies are part of our history. The effect on manufacturing in the world was changed forever. Henry Ford's innovation on "assembly line" production strategies is the basis for most production today. Foreign automobile manufacturers bench-marked not only our designs but all of the facets of the industry.

The history runs deep. From Ford's Model "T" to the Taurus and F-150 to the Mustang Pony. GM with the Corvette and many others and Chrysler with the Mopar vehicles and later the minivan introduction. The U.S.-based auto industry is part of the fabric of our nation! Not to mention WWII war efforts that supported out troops in the 1940s and beyond. Without a U.S.-based manufacturing machine, which includes all of the U.S.-based automotive supply base, we would be at the mercy of "Off Shore" companies.

Sure, some of the competition has assembly plants here. They even have some engineering and design facilities. That is great. We need the work. However, profits from their sales ultimately go back to their country's economy, not ours. The workforce here in the U.S. that draws a paycheck from a U.S.-based company is part of our history as well.

Lastly I would like to leave you with this thought. Foreign automakers could limit production or eliminate production here at will. And they have made cuts. They will recover back at their homeland. This is our home. Please support our home-grown companies.

Jim Drozdowski
Canton

Promote the diversity

I read the article about the Burger Blowout in the *Observer*. I just wanted to mention that I was one of the contestants in the cookout contest, lest you forgot about it. I thought the Canton community was one about being racially diverse and I was the only first generation Indian-American participant in the contest. Further, mine was the only nontraditional burger. Finally I was also one of the winners.

I expected at least a mention in the article if not a picture. That would have encouraged more Indians who are about 30 percent of the population of Canton to participate in such contests. However, it looks like, after making Canton my home for the last five years, I need to be part of an inner coterie to belong here.

Maybe a little bit of inclusion on part of the Canton community is called for.

Tania Ganguly
Canton

Lions say thanks

Members of the Canton Lions Club would like to thank the Canton community for their contributions to the Lions White Cane Week, April 24 through May 2. It was a complete success as we found the citizens of Canton very giving and understanding. The funds you donated will help support your



What do you think?

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community such as eyeglasses for school children, as well as assisting the blind and hearing impaired. We also support the Leader School for the Blind, Penrickton Center for multiple handicapped children in Taylor, and youth programs through the schools.

Funds are needed to support the many needs throughout the community of Canton. Money raised during White Cane Week is but one of the events the club has to raise funds to meet the many needs of our community. We get many requests for funds from various organizations such as Michigan Eye Bank to Detroit Radio Information Service who read to the blind over a special frequency on the radio. The Canton Lions are community based and place strong emphases on assisting the local community.

The Canton Lions Club has 49 members and meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The meeting is held at the Cherry Hill School House located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Canton Lions Club, please contact me at (734) 254-9404, or gobvilli@comcast.net.

Bill Van Winkle
president, Canton Lions Club

The 1st 100 days

The first 100 days of the Obama administration have accomplished more for America and for recession-ravaged Michigan than the first 100 days of any presidential administration since Franklin Roosevelt in 1932. Despite wholesale Republican obstruction and the endless bleating of stale and discredited right-wing talking points by politically naive detractors, as evidenced by some recent letters in the *Observer & Eccentric*, America's ship of state has been pulled off the rocks upon

which clueless conservative ideology had grounded it.

Competence and reason have replaced incompetence and blind conservative ideology at all levels of the federal government. America is regaining the global respect that the previous administration had destroyed with arrogant and childishly disrespectful behavior. The president's economic stimulus plan, derided by Republicans who thoroughly embarrassed themselves in the process, has already provided more than \$4 billion to Michigan, money that has not been wasted on unproductive schemes that further enrich the wealthy, but that is instead being used to rebuild infrastructure, assist law enforcement, aid cash-strapped educational institutions, and help local governments provide necessary services.

In just 100 days, the Obama administration and the Democrats in Congress have made crucial investments to create jobs and improve education, renewable energy, and health care. This is merely a down payment for a new economic vision, one where skilled workers fuel America's economy rather than debt and speculation. It is a vision where America's leadership on clean energy fuels 21st century innovation and discards the failed 20th century ideas which Republicans are so desperately clinging to. It is an America where families and businesses are no longer weighed down by crushing health care costs.

Barack Obama ran for president on a promise of change, and he has delivered. Meanwhile, the Republicans are veering ever further to the right, becoming a regressive, reactionary political party whose message of negativity, obstruction, and outright hate appeals to a steadily shrinking and aging base. It is no wonder that our nation's youngest voters, who are America's next generation of leaders, rejected them by more than 30 points during the last election. While America's future depends on the vision of those who are looking forward, the disloyal opposition prefers to keep looking backward, still embracing their quaint and failed conservative ideology. Good luck with that - and good riddance!

Joe Golonka
Westland

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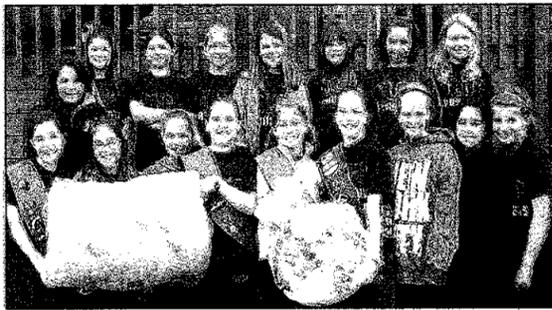
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MALLS & MAINSTREETS

FASHIONISTAS FUND RAISER

ANN ARBOR — Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan's spring fundraiser, Fashionistas 2009, will provide guests with an evening of exciting spring fashions and an chic way to support Girl Scouting 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at Kensington Court, 610 Hilton Blvd., Ann Arbor. Alicia Smith, morning news anchor for WXYZ-TV is celebrity emcee. More than 40 baskets will be raffled off, filled with jewelry, golf items, gift certificates, tickets to the University of Michigan home opener and two one-week stays in a condo in the ski resort community of Winter Park, Colo. Organizers hope to raise \$25,000 for Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. Tickets are \$40 per person, or \$360 for a table of 10. Call (734) 971-8800 or visit www.gshom.org.



Girl Scout Juniors in Troop 40035, made up of fourth-graders from Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth, have created a "Dogs Rule" gift basket full of pet treats for Fashionistas 2009 on May 14.

san candles, unique jewelry, barbecue sauces and spices, eco-friendly cleaning products, health and beauty items, informational websites and more.



Bohemian Home in Plymouth will host the creators of word signs on May 15.

BOHEMIAN HOME TRUNK SHOW

PLYMOUTH — Husband-and-wife artists Greg and Dilynn Puckett, creators of unique and popular word signs, will visit Bohemian Home 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 15 during Art Feast. The Pucketts started in their local farmers' market in Indiana and, within two years,

have grown to be represented in over 450 stores throughout the United States. Word signs are made of a series of 4" x 6" photographs that make up words. Photographed images, from around the world, taken from signs, artifacts, pieces of architecture and objects that take the shape of letters are used. They come ready to hang or display.

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PROJECT MOTHER'S DAY

DEARBORN — Solstice Designs delivered 400 hand-crafted Project Mother's Day "Courage Within" necklaces to 13 domestic abuse shelters across the country including First Step of Michigan as part of its Project Mother's Day campaign. The necklaces were funded by donations from Solstice customers, and purchases of the "Courage Within" necklace (\$45, available at www.SolsticeD.Etsy.com). Children staying at domestic abuse shelters received the necklaces to gift to their moms. For more information, call (313) 724-9400.

ADVICE FOR GIRLS

DEARBORN — Emmy Award-winning journalist and Detroit native Shaun Robinson, weekend co-anchor and correspondent for "Access Hollywood," will discuss and sign her new book "Exactly As I Am: Celebrated Women Share Candid Advice with Today's Girls on What It Takes to Believe in Yourself" at 7 p.m. May 22 at Borders Dearborn, 5601 Mercury Dr. The book includes advice from Jamie Lee Curtis, Celine Dion, Diane von Furstenberg, Jennifer Hudson, Janet Jackson, Alicia Keys, Oprah Winfrey, and many more. Call (313) 271-4441.



PHOTO BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK

Go Glam or Go Home

Model Lauren Poole-Romeo, of Northville, with fashion designer Naeem Khan, who visited metro Detroit to present a luncheon fashion show at Oakland Hills Country Club on May 7. The Indian-born, New York-based designer has dressed the likes of Carrie Underwood, Eva Longoria and Beyonce. He visited Bloomfield Hills to support the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America Michigan Chapter. Local models wore gowns from his Fall 2009 collection, characterized by metallic textures, chunky rhinestone collars and rich fabric created by laser printing a floral design on lace using the latest technology. "I don't hold back. You come to me for a full dose of glamour," Khan said. "Don't dilly dally here or there. You want attention, you're going to get attention with my clothes." Call Ken Dewey, director of the 5th Avenue Club at Saks Fifth Avenue, (248) 643-9000, to pre-order any of Khan's pieces.

BUY MICHIGAN EXPO

LIVONIA — Ryan Anderson, founder of BuyMichiganProducts.com, will present Buy Michigan Expo 2009 at Laurel Park Place Mall's Parisian Court 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 16. The event, which includes product sales and samplings, kicks off Michigan Week (May 16-22) and serves to educate Michigan residents about the array of merchandise and services available in their home state. Products include fruit pies and jams, organic dog treats, arti-

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Poetry in motion: Reading lets students show off their stanzas

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

David Grant admits he was pretty nervous, although he apparently fooled his mom. But Grant, like the other Dodson Elementary fourth-graders taking part in the poetry readings at the Northville Barnes & Noble at Six Mile and Haggerty Monday, quelled his nerves and read all of the poetry he wrote himself as part of the class project that brought them to the book store in the first place.

Parents, friends and relatives watched the students read the poetry they'd written and collected since the project started in January.

"We were learning about all kinds of poems, and I never even knew about some of them," David Grant said. "It was fun to write. I was nervous (reading them in front of a crowd), but I just looked at my book and read, and I got over it."

Dodson's fourth-graders started studying poetry in January. Each day, poetry was written, and students added it to their collection. The poetry also reflects the other areas of the classroom's curriculum, so that the poems reflect everything the kids are studying.

Fourth-grade teacher Cathy Tyler said the collections, which include some two dozen poems per student, shows how well the students got into what they were doing.

"We've been working on this since January," Tyler said. "Their enthusiasm grows when they see what they can do."

The event acted not only as a platform for the young poets, but also as a fund-raiser for the school. Shoppers at Barnes & Noble could designate their purchases to benefit Dodson, and the school will use that money to benefit the Detroit Free Press Gift of Reading program. Last year's event allowed Dodson students to purchase 50 books for the program.

"The kids are giving back to the community by doing this," said Dodson teacher Bonnie Goodrich. "They were proud about that."

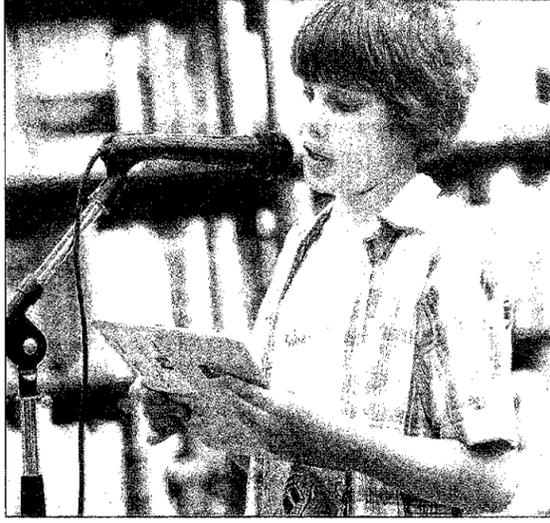
Michael Wischer, 10, wants to be a musician. His enthusiasm for the project grew with a tip from his father.

"My dad reminded me songs are poetry put to music," said Michael, who admitted to a case of nerves of his own. "I want to be a musician, so I have to be able to be in front of crowds. It was fun."

Michael's Mom, Karen Wischer of Canton, said students these days get more public speaking experience than kids of her generation. She didn't think her son looked nervous at all.

"I was very proud," Karen Wischer said. "It was nice to see all the hard work he put into it come to something he could be proud of."

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Dodson Elementary School fourth-grader Michael Wischer, who wants to be a musician, reads a Haiku he wrote for his class poetry project.



Cathy Tyler is the Dodson Elementary teacher who taught her students to appreciate poetry and to write their own verse.



George Dodson listens to the poetry read by students at his namesake school, Dodson Elementary.



Alex Mashni reads his work.



Antwan Porter reads his poem, while Alex Mashni waits for his turn.

Reverse mortgage may help some struggling seniors

Many senior citizens find themselves in financial difficulty as the Michigan economy continues to weaken and GM downsizes.

There are a number of things seniors can do at the first sign of financial trouble such as reduce costs, be more efficient with expenditures and perhaps even consider a part-time job. Another weapon in the senior arsenal during

difficult financial times is a reverse mortgage.

A reverse mortgage is for seniors who are age 62 and older. Basically, the reverse mortgage provides a way for seniors to convert the equity in their home into cash. The beauty of a reverse mortgage is that as long as you stay in your home you never have to repay the mortgage.

The mortgage, including

interest, is only due when the home is sold or the homeowner passes on. A reverse mortgage allows the senior to remain in the home for as long as he or she wants while enjoying the equity during his or her lifetime.

The proceeds from a reverse mortgage are for the homeowner to use for any purpose they choose. I generally recommend reverse mortgages to pay off



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

primary mortgages, home equity loans or other types of debt. Reverse mortgages are also effective in providing money to cover living expenses. I generally don't recommend reverse mortgages for such things as vacations, long-term investing or any frivolous expenditure.

Reverse mortgages can be costly. Even though the government has capped origination fees, there are other fees

associated with a reverse mortgage. Not all reverse mortgages and reverse mortgage companies are the same. Therefore, it pays to shop around and pay particular attention to cost and interest rates. The terms of reverse mortgages are not the same. Interest rate charges can either be fixed or adjustable.

In addition, there are different ways to get your proceeds. Therefore, before you decide that a reverse mortgage is for you, you need to do your homework. Take your time. There are many resources which can help you learn more about reverse mortgages. AARP

offers a free guide "Reverse Mortgage Loans: Borrowing Against Your Home." You can get a free copy of this pamphlet by visiting AARP's Web site at www.aarp.org/revmort. There are also other educational materials available on the Internet. The more you know, before you begin the process of looking for a reverse mortgage, the more beneficial it will be for you.

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Mustangs nip Rocks in key KLAACentral duel

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The only thing better than the weather during Tuesday afternoon's Northville-Salem baseball game was the leather.

Playing under 70-degree, sun-drenched skies, the Mustangs turned their 2-1 victory over the Rocks into a glove story.

With senior pitcher David Uberti throwing almost nothing but strikes, the Mustangs pulled off a pair of defensive gems to preserve their pivotal one-run win.

Northville improved to 21-1 overall and 9-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. Salem slipped to 15-8 and 10-3, respectively.

With the victory, the Mustangs avenged a 19-5 setback at home to the Rocks in

April.

"I didn't have to say a lot to them before the game," said Northville coach John Kostrewa. "We had to chew on that loss for a long time. It wasn't that we lost that left a bad taste in our mouth, but that it was an embarrassing loss and that it was at home."

The first Sportscenter highlight-caliber play came in Salem's half of the fifth with the score knotted at 1-1 and Uberti deadlocked in a pitchers' duel with Rock senior southpaw Sam Ott.

Lead-off batter Heath Parling opened the frame for the hosts by reaching on an error. The next batter, Dave Loos, bunted toward third baseman Dan Mills, who

fired Loos out at first. With third base unattended, Parling took off for third, but he was gunned down by Northville first baseman Bobby Thomas, whose across-the-diamond strike to hustling, on-the-move shortstop Kyle Breault capped the rare 5-3-6 double-play.

"That was a great athletic play by Kyle to get over there as fast as he did," said Kostrewa. "That's an instinct play that you don't even work on in practice."

Salem's next batter, Ott, then flied out deep to right field.

Northville's second big defensive effort came in the bottom of the sixth when Salem's Chris Kordick ripped a line shot to right field that Kevin Fisher fielded on one hop before unleashing a rope to Thomas at first to nip Kordick on the 9-3 putout.

"We actually work on that play and we've tried it quite a few times this season, but today was the first time we got anybody out," said Kostrewa. "It worked because of a combination of things. First of all the ball was hit hard. Secondly, their outfield is hard so the ball got to Kevin fast. And third, Kevin has a great arm."

Salem's Kyle Powell sliced a two-out double in the bottom of the seventh, but Uberti extinguished the fire by getting Parling to ground out to second.

Uberti and Ott's brilliant performances were mirror images of each other as they both yielded four hits. Uberti notched two K's and Ott whiffed one. Both hurlers walked just one batter; Uberti's was intentional.

Please see **BASEBALL, B2**

GAME WRAPS

Salem kickers edged by Stevenson, 1-0

Renee Boudreau's goal at the 25-minute mark was the difference Monday as Livonia Stevenson (7-7, 6-2) earned a KLAACentral Division win over the host Rocks (4-4-3, 2-4-2).

After getting fouled about 40 yards out from Salem's goal, Taleen Mergian chipped the ball into Salem's box where Kayla Kimble flicked it with her head past some defenders to Boudreau.

Off a hop, Boudreau volleyed the ball up and over Salem's keeper into the back of the net.

Stevenson coach Chris Pinta praised the defensive play of Ashley Welch.

"That was as good as I've seen her defend all season," he said. "The rest of the back line was solid tonight and very busy including Mergian, Samantha Kliman, Brittany Hoots, and Kimble at times. Shannon Merritt was great tonight in the attack, she held the ball well for us and really worked her tail off."

Plymouth Christian track and field

The Plymouth Christian Academy track-and-field team competed in the 17-team Lutheran Westland Invitational on Saturday.

The Eagles' boys team was paced by Jordan Allen, who placed second in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 8 inches. Riley Groenewoud was sixth in the long jump with a 17-8 effort. PCA's 1,600-meter relay team of Allen, Groenewoud, Chapman and Kramer placed fifth in 4:02.

The PCA girls' contingent was led by Jessica Soblesky, who placed sixth in the 100-meter dash with a personal-best clocking of 13.87 seconds.

She also placed fifth in the 200 dash (28.2) along with helping the 1,600-meter relay team finish with a time of 5:35.

The team is coached by Jennifer Lemieux.

Detroit Ignition camps

The Detroit Ignition professional indoor soccer team, which plays its Xtreme Soccer League home games at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township, recently announced its slate of summer soccer camps for area youths.

The camps are designed for kids between the ages of 6 and 14 years old. They will be run by Ignition players and coaches.

Camps will be held at Canton's High Velocity Sports (June 22-26 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for youngsters between the ages of 2 and 5); at Novi's ITC Sports Park (June 22-26); at Canton's Independence Park (July 7-10 from 9 a.m. to noon); and at Plymouth's Hines Park (July 13-17).

More than 1,400 youngsters participated in last summer's camps.

For more information, visit camps.detroitignition.com or call (888) 436-4625.

Coaches: Please report results

The area's high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report the results of their team's contests to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright.

Wright can be reached at ewright@hometownlife.com or by calling (734) 578-2767.

The deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 10 p.m.; the deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 10 p.m.

Salem softball team clears 2 big hurdles

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's softball team is one victory away from punching its ticket to the Kensington Lakes Activities Association conference championship game.

The Rocks are on the doorstep to their second-straight title game appearance thanks to back-to-back wins over Northville (5-0 on Tuesday) and Novi, which fell to Salem, 3-1, on Monday.

"We still have a lot of games and a lot of goals to meet as a team," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "This is the time when the girls must stay focused. If they do that, they will accomplish some great things."

The Rocks stifled the Mustangs thanks in large part to a 1-hit gem by sophomore right-handed pitcher Briana Lee, who struck out 16 batters and did not issue one walk.

"Briana was on her game today," said Southerland. "She knew how important this game was and what she needed to do on the mound — and she did it. She was almost flawless today."

Salem scored all five of its runs in the third inning when it laced six of its eight hits.

Alexis Powell led the winners' plate surge with a bases-loaded, bases-clearing double and a single.

Emily Pitcole (two singles, RBI) and Mary Cox (RBI single) also provided noteworthy performances at the dish.

Lee sparked as well in the Rocks' low-scoring victory over the Wildcats on Monday.

The hard-throwing righty yielded just three hits and two walks while fanning 11. Salem compiled 12 hits and two walks.

"We hit the ball well and Novi made some great catches," said Southerland, explaining the Rocks' 13 stranded base runners.

Christina Parsons spearheaded the Rocks' offense with three hits and an RBI.

Heidi Schmidt, Lee and Lizzy Mazorowicz each collected two hits. Pitcole added an RBI double while Cox also drove in a run.

"Going into the game, we knew we had to win and Novi is one of the most improved teams in the division, so we knew it would not be an easy game," noted Southerland.



Plymouth's Megan Peplinski (21) and John Glenn's Ashley Bailey arrive at the ball simultaneously during Monday's KLAACentral match-up. Peplinski recorded a hat trick in the Wildcats' 5-0 victory.

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Watch out for the 'Cats

Plymouth soccer team posting best season ever

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Look no further than its past two games if you want to find out why the Plymouth girls' soccer team is enjoying its most-successful season in school history.

The Wildcats' 5-0 victory over Westland John Glenn on Monday and their scoreless draw with state power Livonia Churchill on Tuesday proved to be microcosms of a season that has been highlighted by great defense, incredible goalkeeping and timely offense.

The win and tie left coach Jeff Neschich's squad with an 8-3-1 overall record and a 5-3-1 mark in the competitive Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. Churchill is now 9-1-3 and 6-1-2, respectively.

"The kids played great tonight; they really stepped up against a very good team," said Neschich, following Tuesday's "Senior Night" tie with the Chargers. "(Plymouth keeper) Marissa Williams made at least a half-dozen big saves in the second half. She came up huge."

Williams received a lot of support from her back line of defenders, Neschich emphasized. He noted the efforts of Meehan Hughes, Katie

DISTRICT PAIRINGS REVEALED

All three P-CEP girls' soccer teams will be competing in the District 6-1 tournament being hosted by Northville beginning May 26. Following are the pairings for the ultra-competitive tournament:

Tuesday, May 26: (Game A) Farmington at Livonia Stevenson; (Game B) Salem at Redford Union; (Game C) Plymouth at Northville.

Thursday, May 28: (all games at Northville High School) Winner of Game A will play winner of Game B; winner of Game C will play Canton.

Saturday, May 30: Championship game, noon, at Northville High School.

Krajewski, Emilie Guglielmo, Jessica Heck and Jenna Livingston.

Offensively, Kelly Dobbs was able to penetrate the Chargers' defense on a number of occasions, but was thwarted by sensational Churchill goalie Stefanie Turner, who turned away a penalty kick.

Like Plymouth, the Chargers played air-tight defense, but were unable to find the back of the net.

"It was like the rest of our games," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

"We played well enough to win, but we hit a post and missed on a couple of other good chances. We've had trouble scoring. It will eventually come and we'll figure it out."

Monday's lopsided victory over the Rockets was led by freshman Megan Peplinski, who netted three goals.

The Wildcats led 1-0 at the break.

"We played just well enough to get by," said Neschich.

Dobbs and McKenzie Hengesh scored single goals for the winners.

CANTON 2, SALEM 0: On Saturday, the Chiefs triumphed in the annual "Senior Day" game for both teams.

Chief senior Tracy Rymph had a huge day, assisting on Lisa Pierce's ice-breaking goal before netting an insurance net-finder off an assist from Lindsay Winters.

The shutout was the eighth of the season for Canton junior keeper Sam McPartlin.

"That was the best performance I've ever seen by a senior class in the Canton-Salem senior rivalry game," said Canton coach George Tomasso, whose team improved to 8-1-1. "On top of that, the underclassmen played extremely hard, too, for the seniors."

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'CATS

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Senior goalie Tracey Whalen played well for the Rocks, keeping the score close with several acrobatic stops in the second half.

CANTON 2, NORTHVILLE 0: On Tuesday at Canton the Chiefs notched an impressive victory over the Mustangs.

Winters tallied the winners' first goal on a penalty kick at the 25-minute mark.

Rymph provided insurance with an unassisted goal with approximately 15 minutes to play.

Sam McPartlin registered her ninth shutout as the Chiefs improved to 9-1-1.

The Chiefs are now on the brink of winning a division title for the first time in Tomasso's tenure at Canton.

"I have been so impressed with our team defense," the veteran coach emphasized. "The girls are really working hard."

Northville slipped to 7-3-2 with the setback. The

Mustangs are battling with Novi for the KLA A Central Division title.

SALEM 4, SOUTH LYON 1: On Tuesday, the Rocks improved to 5-5-3 overall and 3-4-2 in the KLA A Central Division with the convincing victory over the Lions.

"We played well in back-to-back games (Salem lost 1-0 to Livonia Stevenson on Monday) for the first time this year and we finished our chances," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "The team is moving in the right direction as we get closer to the playoffs."

Tracey Whalen and Tabitha Mann split time in net for the winners.

Katelynn Krause staked the Rocks to a 1-0 lead with a goal assisted by Kristina Klusek. Kaylenn Brzys notched the second Salem goal after securing a pass from Lauren Booth.

Krause (from Booth) and Klusek (from Brett de Bear) closed out the Salem scoring ledger.

"After the Stevenson game, we talked about how every



John Glenn goalie Katie Yax secures the ball just in time to repel Plymouth's Alyssa Deyke's scoring chance Monday afternoon.

scoring chance is important and that we need to be ready for every opportunity," Nora explained. "Against South

Lyon, we took advantage of these chances. It's a great sign of how this team keeps improving every day."

Late rally lifts Patriots over Chiefs in KLA A

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP BASEBALL

Livonia Franklin's Prentice Hawkins, who also goes by the first name Wayne, is built like a fireplug.

And Hawkins flexed his muscles and caught Canton off-guard with a flare to right field as the Patriots rallied from a 6-4 deficit with three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning Tuesday to stun the visiting Chiefs, 7-6, in a key KLA A South Division baseball game.

The win puts Franklin, now 14-7 overall and 10-3 in the division, in the driver's seat with three games remaining.

Canton, meanwhile, falls to 17-6 and 8-5.

The seventh-inning Franklin rally started when Steven Wells drew a one-out walk off Canton reliever Andrew Tidwell. Wells advanced to second on a passed ball and scored on Garrett Gumm's double.

Winning pitcher Mark McRobb then followed with a single and promptly stole second. That brought up Hawkins, who had game-tying and winning runs on second and third with two outs.

"Prentice has hit the ball hard all year and has nothing to show for it," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "To have him have that knock in that spot was fitting. He's done a great job for us behind the plate all year. He's always on even keel and continues to work his butt off. He never gets too high or too low."

McRobb went all seven innings, allowing seven hits and

four walks.

Wells had an RBI single in the third to make it 1-1, but the Chiefs took a 4-1 lead with two runs in the third and one in the fourth.

Franklin tied it in the bottom of the sixth with three runs as Canton starter Kevin Delapaz, a hard-throwing junior southpaw, ran into control issues.

Tyler Barnes singled in a run, while Hawkins walked with the bases loaded followed by Nate Robinson getting hit by a pitch with the sacks still filled to cut deficit to 4-3.

Tidwell, a submarine throwing right-hander, then came on for Delapaz, who went 5.1 innings, allowing just two hits, while fanning eight and walking six.

"The first three innings our approach at the plate wasn't very good," Fournier said. "He (Delapaz) is good, but we decided we'd start working the count. He normally doesn't walk that many kids."

Tidwell hit Josh Weigand with a pitch to make it 4-all, but the Chiefs were able to get out of the inning and take the lead with two runs in the top of the seventh.

The Patriots, who defeated Canton in an earlier meeting 14-0, then had to come from behind.

"We knew it would be a dog-fight, they're a good ballclub," Fournier said of the Chiefs, who got three hits from Nick Tomilenko and two by Cody Blakita.

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You are entitled to the lie your stroke gave you

By Jeanne Myers

You have played a pretty good shot to the green, and the ball has come to rest on the fringe or collar. A fellow-competitor then blasts out of a greenside bunker depositing sand all over and around your ball.

Doesn't seem fair, does it? The USGA agrees with you, and has adopted many decisions they call Equity Decisions to take care of situations such as this.

There is a principle in the Rules of Golf that says that a player is entitled to the lie his shot gave him. That principle comes into play here, and in the instance described above, the player is allowed to remove all the sand around his ball, even the sand on the fringe, and he can lift and clean his ball even though he is not on the green.

The same is true, in some circumstances, if another player's pitch-mark through the green interferes with your lie or line of play. Normally, you may not improve your line of play by eliminating "irregularities of surface" or "pressing down cut turf." Therefore, if the pitch-mark is there when your ball comes to rest near it, you will not get relief. But, if the pitch-mark is created after your ball came to rest, in equity, you will be allowed to repair it.

Your ball lies in a bunker. You take a practice swing outside the bunker, and by mistake, tear out a large divot that lands behind your ball in the bunker. That divot is a loose impediment, and

you are not allowed to remove it without penalty. However, if another player does the same thing to you, you are allowed to remove the divot under the principle that "the player is entitled to the lie his stroke gave him." The same would be true if your ball lies in a water hazard.

Suppose a branch falls from a tree and comes to rest on your ball lying in a bunker. You might assume that under this generous principle you are entitled to remove it — Not so. The principle applies only in cases in which the lie of the ball has been altered as a result of an act by another player, caddie, spectator or other animate outside agency. In this case, the lie was altered by natural causes and you are not entitled to relief.

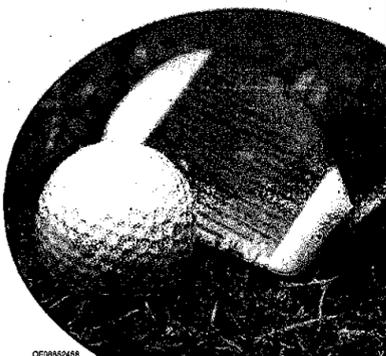
The principle may also be applied when a player's area of intended stance is affected by another player's stroke. For example, if another player removes a huge divot when playing his ball, and that divot hole now affects your stance, in equity, you may restore that area as nearly as possible without penalty. The equity ruling even goes so far as to say that if the area of the stance can't be restored, you may place your ball without penalty on the nearest spot within one club-length of the original lie that provides the most similar lie and stance to the original. This new spot may not be nearer the hole or in a bunker.

This equity principle also applies if

your lie or line of play gets improved instead of damaged. For example, your ball lies in a bunker, and before you can reach the bunker, a greenkeeping staff member rakes the bunker improving your lie or line of play. As long as you have not sanctioned the raking, you are absolved of penalty.

The general rule of thumb is that if another person creates the situation, you are absolved of blame and can get relief. However, if you create the situation yourself, or it happens through natural causes, you are just out of luck!

Jeanne Myers is currently an Assistant Tournament Director for the Golf Association of Michigan and also served as the Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee and is a Past President of the GAM.



BASEBALL

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The game, which was delayed by 25 minutes to wait for the umpires to arrive, was played in just 90 minutes, due in large part to the efficiency of the two pitchers.

The contest had all the makings of a slugfest in the first inning when both clubs pushed across single runs. Breault led off with a triple and scored four batters later on Bobby Thomas' two-out single. Ott nearly escaped the frame unscathed, however, a catchable foul ball off the bat of Thomas was mis-played by the Rocks' first baseman.

Ott helped his own cause in the bottom of the first with an impressive home run over the

right-center field fence.

Salem threatened in the third when Justin Bashi led off with a single, the next batter, Powell, reached on an error and Parling sacrificed them over to second and third.

However, Uberti got the next batter to ground out to the catcher. After Ott was intentionally walked, Drew Grabowski flied out to right to end the threat.

Northville scored the game-winner in the top of the sixth when Breault led off with a double, advanced to third when Matt Deacon flew out deep to center, and scored on a Uberti sacrifice fly.

Dave Hales and Bashi accounted for Salem's other two hits.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, May 14
Salem at Canton (DH), 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.
PCA at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Thursday, May 14
Salem vs. Canton (DH) at Massey Field, 5:30 p.m.
South Lyon at Plymouth (DH), 3:30 p.m.
PCA at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 16
Canton, Salem, Plymouth at Madonna Invite, TBA
PCA at Trillium Academy (DH), 10 a.m.
Sunday, May 17
Canton, Salem, Plymouth at Madonna Invite, TBA
BOYS LACROSSE
Thursday, May 14
Division 1 Regional, TBA

BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Friday, May 15
Division 1 Regional at PCEP Stadium, 9 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Friday, May 15
Canton at John Glenn at Woodlands G.C., 3 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon East at Links of Novi, 3 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Friday, May 15
Division 1 Regional, TBA
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, May 14
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.
South Lyon East at Salem, 7 p.m.
PCA at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.

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Salem girls track team doubles up South Lyon

South Lyon's girls track-and-field team proved to be no match for Salem Monday afternoon as the Rocks cruised to a 94-43 victory.

Among the standouts for the Rocks were sophomore Yekaterina Belikov, who won the 100-meter dash (13.39 seconds) and the 200 (28.50). She also ran a leg on the first-place 800-meter relay team and was third in the 400.

Throwers Bekah Hendrian and Alycia Dwight set the tone for the Rocks by earning 11 points in the field events. Hendrian won the shot put with a 26 feet, 8 inch effort and took third in the discus (74-5). Dwight was second in the shot with a heave of 24-6.

Megan Paruta won the 300 hurdles with a personal-best clocking of 51.32. She also had a personal-best leap of 14-4 in the long jump that was good enough for third. Paruta capped a stellar day by winning the pole vault with a vault of 8-6.

Senior Kelley Determan placed second in the 100 and 200. Determan also ran a leg of the winning 800-meter relay race.



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Salem thrower Rebekah Hendrian, pictured competing in a meet earlier this season, placed first in the shot put and third in the discus during Monday's 94-43 victory over South Lyon.

Junior Jordyn Moore won the 400 (1:05.45) and 800 (2:31.81) along with running a leg of the 3,200-meter and 1,600-meter

relays. Sophomore Sarah Booms earned her letter in the 3,200, placing second with a time of 12:58.

Novi girls run away with first KLAA conference track-and-field title

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Skies were cloudy for the most part, but it was Novi's day to shine in Saturday's inaugural KLAA Kensington Conference girls track and field championships held at South Lyon East.

The Wildcats held off a strong effort by Livonia Churchill to lead the 12-team field with 120.66 points.

Churchill was next with 114.5 followed by Northville (97.5), Livonia Franklin (91), Westland John Glenn (60) and Livonia Stevenson (54). See complete results.

The Wildcats captured a pair of relays (400 and 800) and received individual first-place finishes by Elle Robinson (3,200 run) and by Jasmine Ward (100 dash).

"Winning the KLAA was an awesome feeling," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "Our kids have worked really hard and to see it all come

together was nice." Churchill got firsts from Taylor Byron in the shot put (35 feet, 9.5 inches) and Sara Kroll in the 800 run (2:15.99).

Kroll, who added a second in the 1,600 run (5:01.2) also teamed up with Emily Clairmont, Tiffany Raisanen and Bethany Pilat to win the 3,200 relay in 9:55.2.

Another meet standout was John Glenn's Aubrie Scott, who figured in 34 of her team's 60 points by winning the long jump (16-11.75) and the 200 dash (26.72).

Scott also teamed up with Shaunte Roberts, Stephanie Brown and Chanel Payne for a runner-up finish in the 400 relay (52.52) along with a third in the 800 relay (1:52.77).

Not to be outdone was Stevenson senior Courtney Calka, who held off Kroll in the 1,600 (5:00.7), took second in the 800 (2:17.26). Calka also anchored the victorious 1,600 relay

(4:10.23) with a furious kick down the stretch to beat Northville. She was joined by teammates Stephanie Batshon, Becky Adamcheck and Haley Babcock.

Adamcheck also established a new school record in the 300 hurdles (45.72).

Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund was also pleased with his team's showing despite being somewhat shorthanded.

"We tried some new things in our lineup to prepare for regionals and were very happy," he said. "For example, we asked Ashly (Butkowsky) to try the 3,200 relay and still come back with her other events and she responded very well.

"But that meant we juggled some of the other relays, and we were also dealing with some illness, etc. Considering all that, fourth place in this new league is pretty good."

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TRACK MEET

May 9 at South Lyon East
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi 120.66 points; 2. Churchill 114.5; 3. Northville 97.5; 4. Franklin 91; 5. John Glenn 60; 6. Stevenson 54; 7. Canton 48; 8. Plymouth 45; 9. Salem 16.33; 10. South Lyon 13; 11. South Lyon East 3

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Taylor Byron (LC), 35 feet, 9.5 inches; 2. Tyler Buchanan (P), 34-2.5; 3. Ryan Anderson (WJG), 31-11.5; 4. Shannon Getchen (LC), 31-8; 5. Savannah Haig (LF), 31-7.5; 6. Isis Hayward (P), 30-8; 7. Amanda Thomas (SL), 30-3; 8. Nicole Price (SL), 29-3.5

Discus: 1. Gretchen (LC), 107-3; 2. Anderson (WJG), 102-1; 3. Haig (LF), 100-11; 4. Buchanan (P), 100-10; 5. Amber Burkett (LS), 89-5; 6. Jill Hakala (Canton), 87-3; 7. Amy O'Brien (N'ville), 86-10; 8. Becky Holubka (LS), 85-5

High jump: 1. Beth Roach (N'ville), 5-1; 2. Liz Hollaway (LF), 4-11; 3. Lindsay Lips (Canton), 4-9; Heather Armiak (Novi), 4-9; 5. Cierra Yettis (LC), 4-7; 6. (tie) Sencilar McDonnell (LC) and Shannon Lohman (WVU), 4-7 each; 8. (tie) Ashley Kretschmer (Salem), Merideth Tarrant (Novi) and Alyssa Armiak (Novi), 4-5 each

Long jump: 1. Aubrie Scott (N'ville), 16-11.75; Chelsea Ciampa (N'ville), 16-8; 3. Chanel Payne (WJG), 16-4; 4. Katie Liebig (SL), 15-6.75; 5. Lauren Forche (Novi), 15-0.75; 6. Kaitlyn Shelar (Novi), 14-10.5; Melanie Bauer (LC), 14-10.25; 8. Phalyn Winans (Canton), 14-10

Pole vault: 1. Amy Reynolds (N'ville), 10-6; 2. (tie) Meghan Powers (LF) and Michelle Steslicki (N'ville) 10-0 each; 4. Sheilar (Novi), 10-0; 5. Alicia Dimairo, (LC) 8-6; 6. Lisa Black (LC), 8-6; 7. Allie Jones (Novi), 8-6; 8. Emily Wolf (LC), 8-0

100-meter hurdles: 1. Jacklyn Konopka (N'ville), 15.66; 2. Dayna Esper (LC), 16.07; 3. Seneca Scott (LF), 16.16; 4. Regina Barbosa (Novi), 16.42; 5. Jen Mueller (LS), 16.66; 6. Lyndsay Tyler (SL), 17.2; 7. Anne Irvin (Novi), 17.42; 8. Mandy McManus (P), 17.49

300 hurdles: 1. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 45.72 (school record); 2. Ciampa (N'ville), 47.49; 3. Kelly McCloskey (Novi), 48.49; 4. Scott (LF), 49.32; 5.

McManus (P), 51.55; 6. Shelby Johnson (N'ville), 51.9; 7. Shannon Niznik (LF), 51.93; 8. Konopka (N'ville), 52.65

100: 1. Jasmie Ward (Novi), 12.4; 2. Bree Edge (Canton), 12.48; 3. D'Maya Davis (Novi), 12.69; 4. Payne (WJG), 12.76; 5. Kathryn Chinavare (LF), 12.98; 6. Ashley Banks (Canton), 13.01; Lipa (Canton), 13.03; 8. Krystal Whitlow (P), 13.66

200: 1. Scott (WJG), 26.72; 2. Brianna Pieprzak (Novi), 26.82; 3. Chloe Taylor (LC), 26.96; 4. Brittany Davis (Novi), 27.23; 5. D'Maya Davis (Novi), 27.65; 6. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 27.82; 7. Yekaterina Belikov (Salem), 28.3; 8. Ashley Banks (Canton), 28.37

400: 1. Roach (N'ville), 1:01.1; 2. Ashly Butkowsky (LF), 1:02.15; 3. Daniela Drury (N'ville), 1:02.16; 4. Deja Wright (Salem), 1:02.61; 5. Samar Aoude (LC), 1:03.26; 6. Beth Swenberg (Canton), 1:04.21; 7. Megan Kelly (LC), 1:04.44; 8. Taylor (LC), 1:04.72

800: 1. Sara Kroll (LC), 2:15.99; 2. Courtney Calka (LS), 2:17.26; 3. Kelly Hann (P), 2:26.88; 4. Tiffany Raisanen (LC), 2:28.8; 5. Mallory Church (LF), 2:31.27; 6. Lizzie Gatzek (Canton), 2:32.13; 7. Baditot (N'ville), 2:32.45; 8. Kelley Determan (Salem), 2:32.72

1,600: 1. Calka (LS), 5:00.07; 2. Kroll (LC), 5:01.02; 3. Megan McPherson (LF), 5:21.36; 4. Elle Robinson (Novi), 5:26.84; 5. Brooke McMahan (Novi), 5:32.12; 6. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:37.33; 7. Abby Chandler (Novi), 5:40.18; 8. Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 5:41.6

3,200: 1. Robinson (Novi), 11:35.09; 2. McPherson (LF), 11:37.52; 3. Molly Stevens (P), 11:43.49; 4. Pilat (LC), 11:57.97; 5. Paula Green (P), 12:08.07; 6. Chandler (Novi), 12:24.02; 7. Sarah Thomas (Canton), 12:33.26; 8. Victoria Tripp (Salem), 12:35.7

400 relay: 1. Novi (Davis, Brianne Pieprzak, Ward, Davis), 51.88; 2. John Glenn, 52.52; 3. Salem, 53.23; 4. Franklin, 53.59; 5. Canton, 54.13; 6. Northville, 54.47; 7. Stevenson, 54.89; 8. S.L. East, 55.64

800 relay: 1. Novi (Kelly McCloskey, Pieprzak, D. Davis, B. Davis), 1:49.67; 2. Churchill, 1:51.62; 3. John Glenn, 1:52.77; 4. Franklin, 1:53.12; 5. Northville, 1:53.34; 6. Canton, 1:55.49; 7. S.L. East, 1:56.89; 8. Stevenson, 1:57.01

1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Stephanie Batshon, Adamcheck, Haley Babcock, Calka), 4:10.23; 2. Northville, 4:10.73; 3. Churchill, 4:17.71; 4. Novi, 4:20.31; 5. Canton, 4:33.01; 6. South Lyon, 4:34.15; 7. Plymouth, 4:39.76; 8. John Glenn, 4:40.22

3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Emily Clairmont, Raisanen, Pilat, Kroll), 9:55.2; 2. Franklin 10:07.2; 3. Novi 10:13.36; 4. Plymouth 10:25.29; 5. Canton 10:33.68; 6. Northville 10:43.10; 7. Stevenson 10:50.34; 8. Salem 10:53.44

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 95 CANTON 42

Tuesday at PCEP Stadium
Shot put: 1. Byron (LC), 34 feet, 10.5 inches; 2. Getchen (LC), 32-4; 3. Nicole Douglas (C), 29-3.25

Discus: 1. Setchen (LC), 102-7; 2. Byron (LC), 89-10; 3. Bartig (LC), 88-8

Long jump: 1. St. Clair (LC), 15-6; 2. Banks (C), 14-11.5; 3. Lu (C), 14-10.25

High jump: 1. McDonnell (LC), 4-10; 2. Yettis (LC), 4-8; 3. Lips (C), 4-8

Pole vault: 1. Dimairo (LC), 10-0; 2. Kreutzman (LC), 8-6; 3. Ural (LC), 7-6

3,200-meter run: 1. Churchill, 10:01:37; 2. Canton, 10:39:08

100 hurdles: 1. Esper (LC), 17.47; 2. Maleske (LC), 18.5; 3. Raisanen (LC), 18.6

100 dash: 1. Edge (C), 12.9; 2. Banks (C), 13.19; 3. Lips (C), 13.31

800 relay: 1. Churchill, 1:49.25; 2. Canton, 1:52.89

1,600 run: 1. Pilat (LC), 5:32.15; 2. Kubicki (C), 5:37.97; 3. Grimes (C), 5:55.28

400 relay: 1. Canton, 51.84; 2. Churchill, 52.28

400 dash: 1. Kroll (LC), 1:00.35; 2. Beth Swenberg (C), 1:02.06; 3. Taylor (LC), 1:02.5

300 hurdles: 1. Esper (LC), 53.31; 2. Hetch (LC), 54.53; 3. Howard (C), 54.94

800 run: 1. Raisanen (LC), 2:31.28; 2. Gatzek (C), 2:34.4; 3. Jiga (LC), 2:45.28

200 dash: 1. Stoltman (LC), 27.63; 2. Aoude (LC), 27.7; 3. Robyn Piwowar (C), 27.56

3,200 run: 1. Sarah Thomas (C), 12:12; 2. Hickson (LC), 13:00; 3. Clairmont (LC), 13:07

1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 4:36.19

Spartan boys surprise field at KLAA track-and-field meet

BY BRAD EMONS
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The Livonia Stevenson pulled off a mild surprise Saturday by winning the inaugural KLAA Kensington Conference boys track title hosted by South Lyon East.

The Spartans, who placed fourth at the Observerland Relays and lost a dual meet earlier in the season to Salem, upstaged the 12-school field with 116.33 points.

Salem was runner-up with 103, while Northville (99), Livonia Churchill (66) and Livonia Franklin (64) rounded out the top five. "We scored in every event and obviously that's a big thing," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "All those sixths, sevenths and eighths, too, add up."

Stevenson individual winners included David Simor, long jump (20 feet, 6.5 inches); Nick Anagnostou, 100-meter dash (10.68); and Nate Sergison, 400 (51.03).

The foursome of Simor, Austin White, Sergison and Anagnostou also captured the 4 x 200 relay in 1:30.95.

Anagnostou just a week earlier finished fourth in the Observerland Relays' 100 behind Livonia Franklin's Paul Voegel and Westland John Glenn's Jeremy Langford, who went one-two.

This time Anagnostou edged out Churchill's Devon Easterling (10.81) and Voegel (10.96).

"Nick winning the 100 and not being seeded number with almost all the same sprinters (as Observerland) was a big thing for us," Shaw said. "And Eric Plisko

finishing second in the 800 (2:00.75) with his best time by three-and-a-half seconds was key for us as well."

Stevenson also got a boost from Will Burek, who added three fifths including both hurdles events (110 highs and 300 intermediates) and long jump; Shawn Horwe, fourth in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs; and Jon Aneed, sixth in both the shot put and discus.

"Aneed was seeded 11th and 12 and came in sixth in both," Shaw said. "Burek's three fifths added up to 12 points. And both pole vaulters (Jon Gudeman and Henry Weyand) did decent in bad weather by taking third and fourth where we don't normally score that high."

Salem got firsts from Dana Baltazar, shot put (49-4); Dominique Williams, 200 (22.36); and Zach Gaskell, high jump (6-1).

Other individual winners included: T.J. Arancibia (John Glenn), discus, 146-6; Joe Marlow (Churchill), pole vault, 11-1; Renaldo Powell (Wayne), 110 hurdles, 14:23; Frank Griffith (Northville), 1,600, 4:30.57; Warren Buzzard (Plymouth), 800, 1:59.91; Alisaghar Arastu (Northville), 300 hurdles, 37.78; and Mike Blaszczyk (Novi), 3,200, 9:51.45.

Churchill's foursome of Tony Frezzell, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomey and Easterling captured the 400 relay (43.62), while Northville captured both the 1,600 and 3,200 relays in 3:27.86 and 8:16.6, respectively.

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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS TRACK MEET

May 9 at South Lyon East
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 116.333 points; 2. Salem, 103; 3. Northville, 99; 4. Livonia Churchill, 66; 5. Livonia Franklin, 64; 6. Canton, 59; 7. Novi, 52; 8. Westland John Glenn, 33; 9. Plymouth, 31.83; 10. Wayne Memorial, 19.33; 11. South Lyon, 13; 12. South Lyon East, 6.5

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Dana Baltazar (Salem), 49 feet, 4 inches; 2. Ed Mehr (Salem), 49-1; 3. Deon Clemons (LC), 48-5.5; 4. David Fortin (LF), 47-5.5; 5. Nate Coleman (LF), 46-10.5; 6. Jon Aneed (LS), 45-3; 7. Jordan Birman (P), 44-8.25; 8. Jay Woolfork (LF), 44-0.5

Discus: 1. T.J. Arancibia (WJG), 146-6; 2. Sean McAuliffe (LF), 144-4; 3. Baltazar (Salem), 141-0; 4. Gautum Muthusamy (Novi), 135-5; 5. Courtney Frazier (Salem), 130-2; 6. Aneed (LS), 129-5; 7. Kyle Hnatuk (N'ville), 127-3; 8. Jason Foster (Canton), 126-0

High jump: 1. Zach Gaskell (Salem), 6-1; 2. Al Myers (N'ville), 6-1; 3. David Brown (N'ville), 6-1; 4. Kevin Beadle (LF), 6-0; 5. Hudson Cadet (LF), 5-11; 6. (tie) Ben Spreitzer (Canton) and Mike Schact (Canton), 5-11 each; 8. (tie) Pawan Dhalwal (LC), Wyatt Stahl (LS) and Matt Mills (WM), 5-8 each

Long jump: 1. David Simor (LC), 20-6.5; 2. Alisaghar Arastu (N'ville), 20-6.25; 3. Nate Sergison (LS), 20-4.5; 4. Brett Kuhn (Novi), 20-2.5; 5. Will Burek (LS), 19-5.25; 6. (tie) Ryan Oliverio (SLE) and Adam Payne (Canton), 18-7.25 each; 8. Donte Fox (P), 18-7.5

Pole vault: 1. Joe Marlow (LC), 11-1; 2. Ed Koelzer (Canton), 11-1; 3. Jon Gudeman (LS), 11-1; 4. Henry Weyand (N'ville), 11-1; 5. Garrett Farley (Novi), 11-1; 6. Jeffrey Wagner (N'ville), 11-1; 7. Nathan Menovick (N'ville), 11-5; 8. (tie) Grant Senkbeil (P) and Nick Alaniva (Canton), 11-5

110-meter hurdles: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 14:23; 2. Arastu (N'ville), 3. Derik Peterman (LC), 15:12; 4. Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 15:2; 5. Burek (LS), 15:32; 6. Cameron Wudyka (LF), 15:45; 7. Scott O'Connor (Salem), 15:67; 8. Evan VanBuhler (Novi), 15:75

300 hurdles: 1. Arastu (N'ville), 37.78; 2. Powell (WM), 39.5; 3. Hassanien (Canton), 40.41; 4. O'Connor (Salem), 40:55; 5. Burek (LS), 41:85; 6. VanBuhler (Novi), 42:12; 7. Ian Guerin (LC), 43:11; 8. Winston Roberts (Canton), 43:34

100 dash: 1. Nick Anagnostou (LS), 10.68; 2. Devon Easterling (LC), 10.81; 3. Paul Voegel (LF), 10.96; 4. Isaac Cadet (LF), 11:03; 5. Mike Baumgardner (LF), 11:05; 6. Jeremy Langford (WJG), 11:06; 7. Tony Frezzell (LC), 11:07; 8. Parish Clayborn (WM), 11:51

200: 1. Dominique Williams (Salem), 22.36; 2. Langford (WJG), 22.55; 3. Easterling (LC), 22.79; 4. Patrick Patin (Salem), 22.84; 5. Ian Herman (SL), 22.95; 6. Richard Duncan (LF), 23:01; 7. Austin White (LS), 23.34; 8. Frezzell (LC), 23.48

400: 1. Sergison (LS), 51.03; 2. Noel

Key (N'ville), 51.48; 3. Gaskell (Salem), 52.38; 4. Mike Beasley (LF), 52.9; 5. Nelson Kenne (WJG), 53.3; 6. Stephen Pollard (LS), 53.31; 7. Fumi Yonemura (Novi), 53.91; 8. Jordan Wisniewski (Canton), 53.93

800: 1. Warren Buzzard (P), 1:59.91; 2. Eric Plisko (LS), 2:00.75; 3. Josh Hurst (Canton), 2:01.06; 4. Jonathan Dalton (N'ville), 2:01.26; 5. Dan Egner (Novi), 2:02.55; 6. Keith Zech (Canton), 2:02.76; 7. Mark Waterbury (C), 2:04.04; 8. James Smith (SLE), 2:06.26

1,600: 1. Frank Griffith (N'ville), 4:30.57; 2. Matt Devy (Salem), 4:31.45; 3. Hurst (Canton), 4:32.03; 4. Shawn Howse (LS), 4:34.38; 5. Buzzard (P), 4:35.69; 6. T.J. Butler (Novi), 4:36.15; 7. Daniel Martin (Salem), 4:37.04; 8. Jeffrey Girbach (N'ville), 4:38.13

3,200: 1. Mike Blaszczyk (Novi), 9:42.72; 2. Devey (Salem), 9:44.05; 3. Griffith (N'ville), 9:51.45; 4. Howse (LS), 9:55.58; 5. Derek Lax (P), 10:02.23; 6. Jason Smith (Salem), 1:05.36; 7. Girbach (N'ville), 1:07.77; 8. Robert Swain (SL), 1:10.35

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Frezzell, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomey, Easterling), 43.62; 2. Stevenson, 43.69; 3. Franklin, 44.33; 4. Salem, 44.54; 5. John Glenn, 45.6; 6. Novi, 45.62; 7. South Lyon, 46.62; 8. S.L. East, 47.18

800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Simor, White, Sergison, Anagnostou), 1:30.95; 2. Salem, 1:32.28; 3. Churchill, 1:32.79; 4. South Lyon, 1:36.85; 5. John Glenn, 1:37.69; 6. Franklin, 1:37.69; 7. Novi, 1:37.89; 8. S.L. East, 1:38.37

1,600 relay: 1. Northville (Ed Clifton, Nicholas Demicki, Key, Dalton), 3:33.25; 2. Canton, 8:21.21; 3. Novi, 8:27.19; 4. Plymouth, 8:29.53; 5. Churchill, 8:30.03; 6. Salem, 8:37.34; 7. Stevenson, 8:37.55; 8. South Lyon, 8:55.24

3,200 relay: 1. Northville (Frezzell, Clifton, Nicholas Demicki, Key, Dalton), 8:16.6; 2. Canton, 8:21.21; 3. Novi, 8:27.19; 4. Plymouth, 8:29.53; 5. Churchill, 8:30.03; 6. Salem, 8:37.34; 7. Stevenson, 8:37.55; 8. South Lyon, 8:55.24

100 dash: 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 12.9-0; 2. Dave (LC), 12.5-7; 3. Atkins (LC), 117-2

Long jump: 1. Coppola (LC), 20-2.5; 2. Ben Spreitzer (C), 19-4; 3. Nick Alaniva (C), 18-10.5

High jump: 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 5-11; 2. Keith Zech (C), 5-11; 3. Barnard (LC), 5-9

Pole vault: 1. Peterman (LC), 15-0; 2. Nick Alaniva (C), 12-0; 3. Eddie Koelzer (C), 11-6

3,200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Keith Zech, Paul Rakovitis, Zach Spreitzer, Josh Hurst), 8:31.1

110 high hurdles: Peterman (LC), 15.4; 2. Appel (LC), 16.8; 3. Sherif Hassanien (C), 17.0

100 dash: 1. Coppola (LC), 11.3; 2. Tomey (LC), 11.4; 3. Dillard (LC), 11.7

800 relay: 1. Churchill, 1:32.0; 2.

Canton, 1:35.4

1,600 run: 1. Josh Hurst (C), 4:35.4; 2. Windle (LC), 4:38.9; 3. Andalaro (LC), 4:43.8

400 relay: 1. Churchill, 43.7; 2. Canton, 46.3

First-place Franklin earns Taylor-made win over Chiefs

BY BRAD EMONS
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PREP SOFTBALL

It's close to letting go the balloons and tossing confetti time for the Livonia Franklin girls softball team.

The Patriots, ranked No. 8 in the latest Division 1 statewide coaches poll, claimed at least a share of the KLAAs South Division title Tuesday afternoon with a critical 2-1 victory over Canton.

Franklin, 24-4 overall and 13-0 in the South, needed only a win in its last three division games to claim its first outright title since 1997.

Lead-off hitter Brittany Taylor singled and came all the way around from first base to home on a sacrifice bunt by Chelsea Williams to score the game-winning run in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Taylor churned furiously around third after Canton failed to cover the bag and the throw from first base got away.

"The last two games the same play worked - she just motors," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said of her speedy senior catcher.

Meanwhile, Patriots senior pitcher Natalie Sanborn came up with the key outs, including a fly out to right field to end the game with Canton runners at second and third in the top of the seventh.

Sanborn, pitching on a sore ankle suffered during the warm-ups prior to Saturday's championship game of the

Farmington Invitational, improved to 21-1 overall as she scattered seven hits.

Losing pitcher Amy Dunleavy gave up five hits, struck out five and walked two in six innings as the Chiefs fell to 20-5 overall and 10-3 in the division.

"She (Dunleavy) struck out 17 in 11 innings the last time we met," Jimenez said. "We learned to lay off the high pitch."

Dunleavy got out of a first-inning jam when Franklin put runners on second and third with one out and the Chiefs took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third on a single by ninth batter Sam Partain and a double by freshman right fielder Jesse Lerner.

Franklin tied it up in the bottom half of the inning.

Williams reached base on a bunt single, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on Sanborn's RBI single which took a one-hop off the right-center field fence.

Franklin then tallied the game-winner on Taylor's manufactured run.

"It's the little things that make the difference in wins and losses," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "And it's the little things you do not do that causes those losses. Our left fielder was supposed to cover on that play. And with her speed (Taylor's) - speed kills. She capitalized and was able to take the extra base."

After Franklin put two runners aboard in the bottom of the sixth, but failed to score, Canton made one last bid as Lerner reached first on an infield throwing error with two outs.

Dunleavy then ripped a Sanborn pitch off the left-center field wall for a double, but the potential game-tying run remained at third base.

"The fly was hit to the fence, but the runner stopped," Arnold said. "Those are the little things. We should still be playing. We had two or three chances to be up there. We have good power hitters and we got people on base, but we did not capitalize on our opportunities."

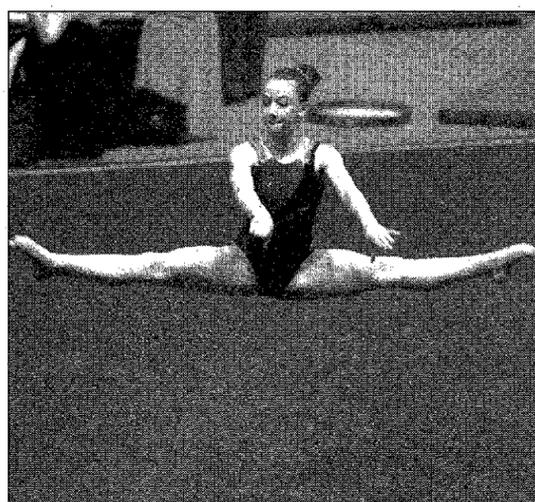
The loss virtually eliminates Canton from division contention.

"It looks like were in second place unless something drastic happens," Arnold said. "But the kids will come back."

Franklin, meanwhile, has been on mission since losing to Division 1 state champion Garden City, 2-1, in last year's pre-district.

"It's the senior leadership from basketball, it helps when they've been in that kind of competition," said Jimenez, referring to four Franklin softball starters who were also starters on this year's state Class A runner-up hoop team. "Our captains demand more expect more from their teammates. I don't have to say a lot to them."

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An all-around great gymnast

Anna Genrich, a freshman at Canton High School, competed in the Level 9, 2009 Junior Olympic Eastern Nationals held May 8-10 in Tupelo, Miss. Competing in the Senior 1 age group against the top gymnasts from 26 states, Anna was crowned Eastern National Champion on the floor exercise with a score of 9.550 and crowned vault champion with a score of 9.450. She also earned a silver medal on beam with a score of 9.300 and finished fourth in the all-around with a score 36.775. Anna was part of the Region 5 team which is comprised of the top gymnasts from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky. The Senior 1 Region 5 team won the first-place team award. Genrich trains at Euro Stars Gymnastics in Plymouth and is coached by Peter and Tania Gueorguiev. "Just competing in the nationals is an accomplishment," said Peter Gueorguiev. "To take first, to be a national champion, is a great honor. After three rotations Anna was in first place for the all around. She was leading all other gymnasts by .35 points. If it wasn't for a mishap on the bars she would have won the all around as well. Even with the mishap she still finished 4th in the all around, that is how good she was."



Gifted runner headed to Siena Heights

Plymouth High School senior Beth Heldmeyer recently signed to compete for the Siena Heights cross country and track-and-field teams. Heldmeyer was a two-sport star for the Wildcats, excelling at cross country in the fall and softball in the spring. Heldmeyer (seated) is pictured with (from left) Plymouth assistant cross country coach Marilee Murray, Plymouth head cross country coach Mary Kerwin, Plymouth head softball coach Val Canfield and Siena Heights' cross country coach.

TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 5
LIVONIA STEVENSON 4
Tuesday at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Alli Carpenter (S) defeated Paige McNamara, 6-2, 6-4; No. 2: Linda Ling (S) def. Carli Marschner, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Gabrielle Sabatini (LS) def. Anna Norman, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Laura Gumper (LS) def. Morgan Spencer, 6-0, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Shannon Dwight/Ashley Benvenuti (LS) def. Rachel Norman/Ariel Rojo, 2-6, 7-5, 7-6(4); No. 2: Christine Steinmeyer/Danielle Jagodzinski (LS) def. Kerry MacDonald/Alex Lamb, 6-4, 7-5; No. 3: Victoria Brotz/Mallory Rojo (S) def. Calla Miller/Melissa Martinez (LS), 6-3, 1-6, 6-4; No. 4: Ashley Davis/Katie Fletcher (S) def. Simona Enea/Kelsey Futrell, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Bethany Haller/Emma VanHoof (S) def. Andrea Burford/Michele DeBeaudry, 6-1, 6-1.
SALEM'S RECORD: 6-3.

SALEM 8
SOUTH LYON EAST 1
Monday at South Lyon East
No. 1 singles: Alli Carpenter (S) defeated Lindsay Heikinen, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Anna McGuire (SLE) def. Alex Lamb, 6-1, 6-3; No. 3: Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Brooke Dexter, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Lisa Hursin (S) def. Taylor Keeter, 6-4, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman/Anna Norman (S) def. Sarah Marguardt/Kayla Evans, 8-0, 6-0; No. 2: Linda Ling/Morgan Spencer (S) def. Erin Dobson/Libby Richards, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Victoria Brotz/Mallory Rojo (S) def. Sam Roney/Chelsea Mongeau, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Bethany Haller/Emma VanHoof (S) def. Shanna Catron/Beth Nykamp, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Katie Demery/Rachel Pawlowski (S) def. Kacey Felts/Erin McCurry, 6-2, 6-0.
SALEM'S RECORD: 5-3.

PLYMOUTH 7
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3
May 8 at Plymouth
No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Jessica Bracy, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Emily Wisniewski (LF) def. Sarah Mitchell, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Gina Matar (P) def. Angela Tomassini, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Radhika Patel (P) def. Rebecca Fenner, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Katie Binger-Lindsay Stemberger (P) def. Crystal Henderson/Jenn Relling, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Allison Santori-Lauren Jeong (P) def. Stephanie Belcher-Lindsey Fenner, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; No. 3: Claire Marchesano-Annie Mackenzie (P) def. Sarah Noffze-Jaclyn Horsell, 7-6, 6-4; No. 4: Britta Swanson-Kayla Giffey (P) def. Angela Browning-Jaclyn Kurc, 6-1, 6-2; No. 5: Anne West-Gina DeBiasi (P) def. Annie McLeod-Renee Kozakowski, 6-4, 6-2.
Dual match records: Plymouth, 6-3 overall, 6-3 KLAAs South Division; Franklin, 5-6 overall, 4-5 KBAAs South.

SALEM 9
SOUTH LYON EAST 0
May 8 at Salem
No. 1 singles: Alli Carpenter (S) defeated Anna McGuire, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Linda Ling (S) def. Kayla Evans, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Anna Norman (S) def. Brooke Dexter, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Morgan Spencer (S) def. Taylor Keeter, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman/Ariel Rojo (S) def. Sarah Marguardt/Libby Richards, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Kerry MacDonald/Alex Lamb def. Sam Roney/Chelsea Mongeau, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Victoria Brotz/Mallory Rojo (S) def. Shanna Catron/Beth Nykamp, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Katie Fletcher/Emma VanHoof (S) def. Bethany Haller/Kacey Felts, 6-1, 6-0; No. 5: Lisa Hursin/Lindsay Spaulding (S) def. Jaime Grunewald/Kiley Rakowski, 6-2, 6-0.
SALEM'S RECORD: 4-3.

GOLF RESULTS

WESTERN WAYNE INVITATIONAL BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT
May 11 at Walnut Creek C.C.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson (A), 324 strokes; 2. Canton, 326; 3. (tie) Livonia Churchill and Plymouth, 330 each; 5. Livonia Franklin, 349; 6. Woodhaven, 350; 7. Westland John Glenn and Garden City, 361 each; 9. Livonia Stevenson (B), 365; 10. Redford Union, 422.

INDIVIDUAL SCORERS
Medalist: Andrew Rickerman (Canton), 74.
Stevenson (A) scorers: 2. (tie) Tim Milsk, 77; 4. (tie) Drew Mossolan and Dan Dufour 80 each; 22. Christian Debay, 87; 30. (tie) Adam Giordano and Tom Cullum, 91 each.

Canton scorers: 1. Rickerman, 74; 2. (tie) Zach Conrad, 77; 14. Jeremy Lindbauer, 84; 30. Dominic Bonelli, 91; 52. Travis Hall, 102; 54. Josh Maxam, 103.

Churchill scorers: 4. (tie) Adam Yarber, 80; 7. (tie) Kevin Robinson, 81; 11. Dan Bostick, 83; 18. Nick Proben, 86; 22. (tie) Ryan Cloch and Chris Theile, 87 each.

Plymouth scorers: 7. (tie) Andrew Overmeyer, 81; 10. Jimmy Bryans, 82; 11. Ryan Bauer, 83; 14. Josh Heinze, 84; 18. Justin Bauer, 86; 29. Trevor Birdwell, 90.

Franklin scorers: 14. Jimmy Johnson, 84; 18. Chris Grund, 86; 22. Jordan Chisholm, 87; 34. (tie) Jacob Wirgau and Doug Nagy, 92 each; 37. Jon Holmes, 93.

John Glenn scorers: 7. (tie) Andy Myers, 81; 34. Conner Monroe, 92; 41. (tie) Josh Duprie, Alex Rochette and Tim Boes, 41 each; 57. Travis Jozefczak, 107.

Garden City scorers: 22. Ron Pummill, 87; 27. Nick Walker, 88; 37. (tie) Jerod Cosmano and Mike Downey, 93; R.J. Wright, 96; 50. John Selinski, 100.

Stevenson (B) scorers: 18. Dante Ciccelli, 86; 30. Nick Collins, 91; 37. Jimmy Vayis, 93; 45. Nick Barr and Cam Humitz, 95 each; 50. Matt Fox, 100.

RU scorers: 52. Jeremy Stover, 102; 54. Josh Marlow, 56; Jake Kinjorski, 105; 58. Scott Bunzeluk, 112; 59. Andrew Sisson, 113; 60. John Carey, 115.

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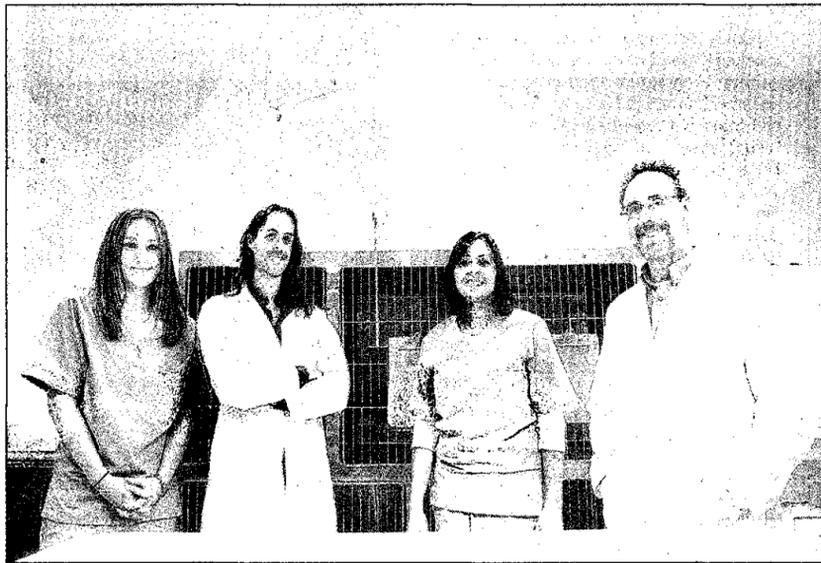
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Kristen Waddell (from left), Dr. Dennis Elmer, Nicole DeFelice and Dr. Eric Larsen of Advanced Veterinary Care Group.

Clinic offers new concept in veterinary medicine

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

Eric R. Larsen: We are a new concept in veterinary medicine. Typically referral centers are staffed by veterinary specialists. Many procedures that a general practitioner could perform if they had the time or equipment have defaulted to the specialist purely because there have been no other options. We have made an investment into the necessary equipment and gathered individuals with the expertise to offer many of these services at a new referral-only hospital to allow every Veterinary clinic to offer our services as an extension of their own practice. Our services include soft tissue and orthopedic surgeries, digital imaging (x-ray, ultrasound and endoscopic exams), MRI imaging and physical therapy and rehabilitation (including an underwater treadmill and laser therapy).

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Larsen: Dr. Elmer was working as a relief vet one day at a clinic in Wayne. He called his wife that was working at another clinic and she mentioned they had trouble with a cat that needed a surgery they couldn't do at her clinic. Knowing he could perform the surgery, Dr. Elmer casually suggested that if the client could not avail themselves of a specialist then send it over. Some 45 minutes later the client walked into the Wayne clinic and the cat's surgery was performed. His thought, "I wonder how many times a day in Detroit does it happen that a pet gets euthanized because the specialist was not an option and a clinic didn't know where else to send the patient?"

Through our careers we have been frustrated when a lack of equipment or funds created a situation where a pet received suboptimal care because crucial information was unavailable or a treatment could not be implemented. The gold standard of care is the veterinary specialist, but that is not always an option for every pet owner. We realized that if we could centralize diagnostic equipment, treatment protocols and Veterinarians with expertise in certain procedures and offered these services at a general practice fee structure to the Veterinary community, more pets would benefit from the availability of these services.

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Number of employees: Two doctors and three veterinary technicians, plus one referral services representative to visit clinics
Your business specialty: Veterinary diagnostics, surgery and other treatments that can be difficult to offer in general practice.
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veterinary staff that has created a bond with that owner is also very unhappy that more couldn't be done to help the owner and patient. We hope to offer an option that clinics can reach for when the situation is appropriate.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Larsen: Canton is well recognized in the Detroit and Ann Arbor area as a vibrant, progressive community. Well known businesses such as IKEA have made Canton a destination. Like them, we appreciate that we are central to the highway system and there is easy access to Canton from all communities.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Larsen: We are the only veterinary facility that functions like the human model of medicine. We are the x-ray, MRI, surgery or ultrasound center for your veterinarian. Because we work through your family veterinarian to generate diagnostic information or complete a needed surgery or treatment, you have the comfort of knowing that the case is being handled the way that your veterinarian desires. There is a comfort level to deal with the staff you are familiar with from initial diagnosis, implementing treatment and billing.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Larsen: Our philosophy has not changed in the short time we've been open. In fact, feedback from the veterinarians and owners who have used our services has been overwhelmingly positive and supportive.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Larsen: Shortly after we opened we saw a cat from a Northville clinic named Soshi. The clinic had never used us before but called when a very good client of theirs needed an urgent surgery because the cat had a blocked urethra and couldn't urinate. The necessary surgery was one that the

Northville clinic had no experience with and the specialist was out of the client's price range and had to be paid up front. She called us to see what we could do. This particular surgery was the same one that inspired our business so we were happy to help. Our price was affordable to the client and, more importantly, because we bill through their family vet, the client was able to make a payment plan with her clinic (she had a history with them for such situations). We literally saved Soshi's life, not just because we could perform the needed procedure, but also because we offer our services in such a unique fashion.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Larsen: Like all businesses in Michigan, we are not as busy as we used to be. Some of veterinary services are, by their nature, very expensive. Many families are unable to avail themselves of those services even in the best of times. We've brought the price of many procedures into a range that is attainable for more people. That has become particularly relevant now that 'every penny counts' for some families.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Larsen: If you have an idea that you think is unique, go for it. Don't look back later in life and wish you had tried something. Look back on how difficult it might have been at first but look at what you have accomplished. Perhaps one small idea can change the world.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Larsen: We are constantly adding new services and equipment to better serve the communities' pets and owners. There is an open invitation to any veterinarian that has a unique skill and wants to offer it to more clients than their single location can reach to join us in bringing that service to the entire metro area.

The bar is high: Local lawyer advocates for her clients

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

Stempky: We offer free consultations for clients seeking advice on criminal, family law, property and contract issues, and we also handle bankruptcies.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Stempky: We are a small firm that focuses on personal service.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your own business?

Stempky: I've known I wanted to go to law school since I was 18 years old.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Stempky: I love the area and I can still live in Saline. I owe a special thank you to John and Ginny Thomas (John owns Sempliner and Thomas) and Jan Baker (John's secretary) for taking a chance on me when I was first starting out. Their support has been invaluable.

Observer: How has the business changed since it opened?

Stempky: I know criminal defense attorneys don't have the best reputation but I have truly enjoyed working as one of the public defenders for this community.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Stempky: We are seeing more people who need advice/help with foreclosures and bankruptcies.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Stempky: I hope to continue to build my practice and advocate for my clients.

LEAH STEMPKY, ATTORNEY AT LAW

- Business name: Sempliner and Thomas
- Business address, including city: 340 N. Main, Suite 309, Plymouth
- Your name and title: Leah Stempky, associate attorney
- Your hometown: Saline
- Business opened when? Began practicing law three years ago
- Number of employees: 3
- Your business specialty: I work as the public defender with Robin Persiconi at 35th District Court in Plymouth. I also specialize in bankruptcies, family law and criminal law.
- Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Business phone and Web site: (734) 454-0979; www.leahstempky.com



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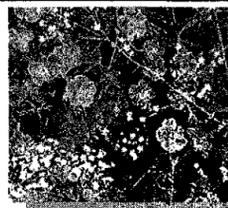
Leah Stempky works at Sempliner and Thomas in Plymouth, and is a public defender at Plymouth's 35th District Court.

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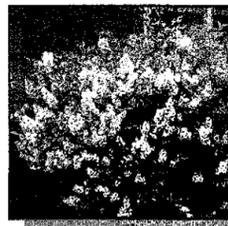
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MAY

Sharing made simple

Is Mary really contrary to the teachings of scripture? Is the topic of the Apologetics for Beginners lecture by nationally-acclaimed apologist and author, Gary Michuta 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south Plymouth Rd, between Farmington and Merriman roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org. All are welcome. Michuta's presentation will focus on the scriptural rationale for Marion doctrine and the reasons behind the reverence in which Catholics hold Christ's earthly Mother.

Clothing donations wanted

Donations of clean, used clothing are being accepted through May 30, at Memorial Church of Christ, Five Mile. Please leave donations at the east door or call (734) 464-6722 to arrange pickup or to volunteer

to pack on May 31. Charitable tax receipts are available. On Sunday May 31, at 1 p.m. volunteers will pack up the lightly used clothing for shipment to Ukraine, Honduras, Kosovo, India, and Niger by Master Provisions, a group that supports missionary activities through clothes distribution in those countries. Last year, more than four tons of clothing were shipped from Livonia.

Help available

A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Caring help available

Are you or someone you know struggling with depression, divorce, grief, addiction, relationship difficulties, or job loss? Real Life Church through its volunteers and partnerships with area ministries and professionals provides classes, seminars, care, support & recovery groups, counseling, and prayer to help you get through life challenges. Visit the Web site for details on current classes and groups offered as well as location, days and times www.realifelymouth.com.

Weekend refuge for women

1 p.m. Saturday, May 16, to 10 a.m. Sunday, May 17, at Prayer Gate, 16115 Beck Rd. Between Five Mile and Six Mile. Life Care trained Counselor and Pastor Lillian Easterly-Smith will be guest speaker helping all to begin to break bondages and strongholds. Team builders/games/activities will help women make life long friends unify to get through life's moments. Register by calling Erika at (734) 404 0270.

Celebration

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church celebrates St. Matthias Apostle Festival 10 a.m. Sunday, May 17, at the church, 35300 W. 8 Mile, Farmington Hills. Friends and family, including former members and the larger community, will be welcomed with gifts. Vocal and handbell choirs, as well as special soloists will be featured on this annual "Church Music Sunday". In addition, a new vision for a three-year "Transformation Ministry" will be officially initiated with the installation of the Reverend Gustav Kopka, Jr., Ph.D. as the called Transformation Pastor. The celebration continues with a reception and refreshments.

King's Brass concert

Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass will be appearing in concert 7 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at St. Michael

Please see CALENDAR, B7

Volunteers make a difference in Nicaraguan children's lives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Nancy Pennington can still see the cracked ground under her feet as well as the smiling Nicaraguan children even though she's back home in Livonia. The memories make her recent job loss seem not as trying when thinking back to the conditions she witnessed on a mission trip with Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville in early April. The first three days were spent at the Casa Mephibosheth orphanage in Juigalpa, the next three days in the barrios of Nicaragua. A total of 16 members of the church's Single Point Ministry along with Rev. Dick Bont and his wife, Beth, experienced the living conditions in one of the poorest Spanish-speaking countries.

"At the orphanage they grabbed onto me," said Pennington. "They knew we were coming. We played and played. They walked around so proud that we could be their moms and dads. They had somebody to spend time with. It was like Christmas. I didn't tell them stories about religion and God, just held them and told them God loves them."

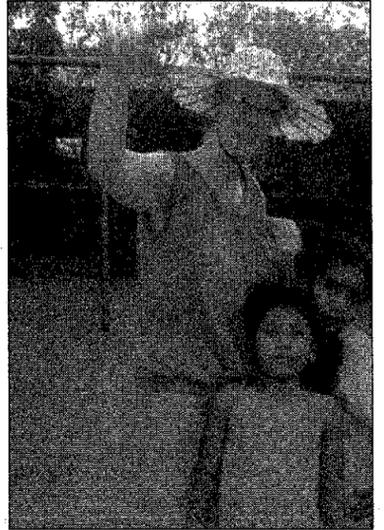
The trip was organized by Chosen Children Ministries, an evangelical mission organization providing physical and spiritual help for the people of Nicaragua since 1996. Teams of 10 or more church members work directly with the children and adults, construct buildings and provide the necessities of life like food.

Members of Ward Presbyterian Church have traveled on these missions for the last 7 years. Chosen Children Ministries operates the orphanage and over the years has mobilized thousands of volunteers who make a difference in the lives of abandoned and needy children and families in Nicaragua.

"I was hiding away in a cubicle and needed something to inspire my life," said Pennington. "I wanted to be helpful. They just loved the attention. They thought we just brought the world when we brought flour. They only get a drop of water a day. A man there goes 8 miles every day for water. They give him money and buy some water."

A dry hole in the ground shows the desperation of villagers who were only able to dig down about 100 feet.

"I came back to work on Monday and was laid off. My world fell apart, but I'm thrilled I went. I carry this with me," said Pennington. "The women lost husbands trying to drill that well. I look at my beautiful wallpaper. These people have nothing but a dirt floor and an 8-foot room. I wish I could take all this stuff and put in my suitcase and



Nancy Pennington of Livonia visited an orphanage in Nicaragua as part of mission trip with Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

take it down to them. I made the biggest album of photos from the trip. Now other people want to come next year. I want to go again if I get a job."

In the meantime charitable work on behalf of the Nicaraguan people hasn't stopped. Members of Ward Presbyterian Church raised \$3,500 for a well.

"They have so many more needs," said Pennington. "We're collecting money for all the things they need. We took one lady to a doctor, bought a mattress for another."

The team fulfilled spiritual needs as well. In addition to purchasing instruments for orphanage children to perform in local churches, the Ward team acted out two dramas, Jonah and the Whale and The Lions Den, in Spanish.

"I wrote all the plays. Tom Sheet rewrote them in Spanish. We worked on it all year and practiced it with everybody," said Pennington. "We performed it in 95 degree heat, put costumes on over our clothes. It was a unique experience. They had no bathrooms. They have to go out and dig a hole."

"This is the worst economy but I'm so positive coming back from there. There's so much opportunity here, I have a caring family. I have so much going for me."

To help the church help the Nicaraguan residents, contact Rev. Dick Bont at (248) 374-5933 or Dick.Bont@WardChurch.org.

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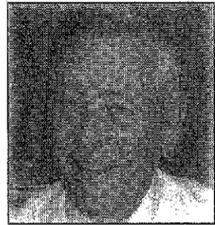
TOM SPENCER COREY

Age 79, of Big Bear Lake, CA. Died April 2nd, 2009. He is survived by his brother Roger Corey of St. Petersburg FL, and his sister April Corey Dobbs of Plymouth, MI, and children; Mrs Nancy Burke of Fulton NY, and David Corey of Eugene, OR. Also grandchildren Megan and Jared Corey of Eugene, OR. Tom was a 1948 graduate of Plymouth H.S. and a veteran in the U.S. Army in Germany. Remains were cremated by the Neptune Society a charitable organization for Leukemia & Lymphoma victims. Tel 951-359-2021, located in Riverside CA. Donations for the Society should be addressed to 401 N. Salinas St., Suite 304, Syracuse, NY 13203.



JACK A. RIESS

Age 91, died peacefully on Friday, May 8, 2009 at Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne, IN. Born March 20, 1918 in New York City, NY, he was the son of Jack A. Riess and Mary A. Riess (Brady). He graduated from Michigan State University in 1942 with a degree in Chemical Engineering and worked for the Burroughs Corporation as a Metallurgical Engineer. He is survived by five children: Jack, Edward, Veronica (Schalek), Linda (Watch) and Michael; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Alma (Fisher) of East Tawas, Michigan. Private family service will be held and burial will in the South Lyon Cemetery, South Lyon, Michigan. Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons, Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.



BENEDICT J. SMITH

Age 89, of Birmingham, died May 11, 2009. He was born on June 3, 1919, in Joliet, Illinois. He received his undergraduate degree from University of Illinois and his MBA from the University of Chicago. He is predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy. Dear father of five children: Geraldine (the late Mike) Mowery of Toledo, OH; Daniel (Connie) Smith of Mendon, MA; Margaret (Jeff) Kimble of LaCanada, CA; Lawrence (Corinne) Smith of Elmhurst, IL; and Gregory (Cathy) Smith of Birmingham, MI. Grandfather of Carrie, Ryan and Evan Mowery, Danny (Kristy) and Matt (Molly) Smith, Katie and Megan Kimble, Bryan and Brittany Smith, Julia, Casey and Jackie Smith, and great-grandfather of Dylan and Ava Smith. He had many interests including bridge, tennis, paddle tennis and a particular passion for golf. He was the former president of Stonycroft Hills Club, and the CFA Society of Detroit. He also spent numerous hours volunteering for organizations, including Catch (Sparky Anderson's Charity for Children), Vista Maria, Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council (BASCC), Daughters of Divine Charity (Saint Elizabeth Briarbank), Holy Name SEED Foundation, City of Birmingham Traffic and Safety Commission, Beaumont Hospice and Saint Vincent DePaul. He was a former member of Oakland Hills CC. Mr. Smith is retired from Manufacturers National Bank and was an officer in the United States Navy during World War II. Funeral services will be held Friday, May 15th, at 10 a.m. at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30 a.m. The family will receive friends at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Wednesday & Thursday 3-8 p.m. Prayers Thursday 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Catch Charity, 223 Fisher Building, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202 or Vista Maria, 20651 W. Warren, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127.

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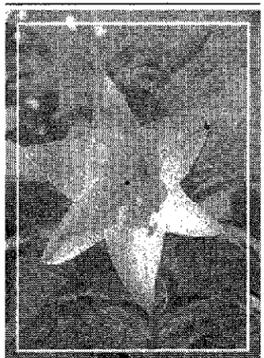
Age 97, of Dayton (formerly of Garden City, MI). Passed away 5-6-09.

JAY RICHARD MacNIELL

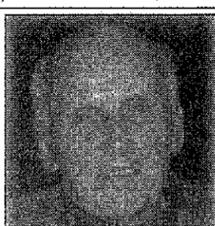
November 9, 1924 - April 3, 2009. Age 84, of Livonia passed away on Friday, April 3, 2009 at Central Michigan Community Hospital. A memorial service for Jay will be held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mt. Pleasant, MI on Saturday, May 16th at 11 a.m. with Fr. Loren Kalinowski officiating. The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 16th from 10 a.m. until time of service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. Envelopes will be available at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Jay was born on November 9, 1924 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the son of Ralph MacNiell and Myrtle (Noreen) Knight. Jay served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946, earning 2 bronze stars. He married Ruth Alice Rozanske in June of 1949. Jay worked as an electrician for the Union Local 58. His step-father, Ray Greene, had sponsored Jay into the Electrical Workers Union. Jay was a member of the I.B.E.W. for over 60 years, the Knights of Columbus, and St. Michael's Parish in Livonia. Jay is survived by his wife, Ruth; children, Jay Richard MacNiell, Jr. of Kingman, AZ and Marsha MacNiell of Mt. Pleasant. Jay was preceded in death by his parents. You may view Jay's obituary online and send a private condolence to the family or sign the public guest-book at www.clarkfuneralchapel.com.

CARL EDWARD NARU

A longtime, distinctive resident of Garden City, age 81, peacefully passed away May 9, 2009. Beloved father of Carin (Rick) Vincent, Dan, Amy (Oscar) Earby, Matt and Janet. Grandfather of five; great-grandfather of three. Beloved brother of Gilbert (Anne) Naru. Preceded in death by brothers Bruno Jr. and Robert. Friend to all. Assistant football coach at Garden City High School. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimers Association. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son.



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RICHARD T. "DICK" STERLING

Of Farmington Hills. Age 82, May 11, 2009. Beloved husband of Carol for 57 years. Loving father of René (Craig) Henriksen, Sheri (Scott) Louks, Suzanne (Tony) Olivieri. Dear grandpa of Heidi (Brandon), Erika, Hannah, Emma, Mitchell, Harrison and William. Grandpa Great of Ryan. Brother of Nancy (David) Stelmaszek, the late Thomas Sterling and Audrey Kingsley. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Proud U.S. Marine Corps Veteran of WWII, wounded in the South Pacific. Retired from Ford Motor Co. Memorial service Friday, May 15th, 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills. Family will receive friends at the church from 9 a.m. until time of service. Arrangements entrusted to THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, downtown Farmington. Memorials suggested to St. John Lutheran Church. www.thayer-rock.com

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Tom Sheet delivers food to a family in a Nicaraguan barrio during a mission trip. Sheet was one of 18 people who visited the country from Ward Presbyterian Church.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Let us pray
Pastor Dana Runestad of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church offers a prayer of praise and blessing during the Livonia Prayer Breakfast at Laurel Manor on the National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 7. Classical Bells provided the music at the event.

CALENDAR

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Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton. Zimmerman and The King's Brass present hymn classics with a contemporary flair. Their original arrangements are featured on 13 recordings. No charge, but a free will offering will be taken. For more information, call (734) 459-3333.

God and country event

10:30 a.m. Sunday May 17, at Parkview Baptist Church, 9355 Stark, Livonia. Call (734) 261-6180. Event is to honor those who have served our country and who have fought to keep this country free, and for our right to worship God. Everyone is invited. The service includes Posting of the Colors by American Legion Post #32 Livonia; Pledge of Allegiance, and Pledge to the Christian Flag, and special times of Prayer for all servicemen, and for our country.

Guest speaker is Sergeant Viril Stalnaker who served in U.S. Army from 1969-1971. He was stationed in Vietnam Central Highlands as a Combat Infantry Point Man. He was awarded The Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge. There will also be a luncheon. For a slide show of pictures from 2008 ceremony, visit www.pbc-livonia.com/page.cfm?id=40.

Saturday night live

Chuck Tocco is the first performer in the new event Saturday May 16, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City. For more information, e-mail gcpevents@wowway.com or call (734) 421-7620. Tocco's acoustic style of Christian Praise and Worship will appeal to a wide range of audiences.

Music at St. John's

The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7). Call (734) 453-0190.

Garage sale

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Monday, May 23-25, at 36019 Middleboro, Livonia. Proceeds go to help the Anglican Church of Livonia purchase a new church building. Services are

presently held at the Livonia Family Y. For more information, call Mary Ann at (734) 591-3067.

Clothing bank

The Clothing Bank has moved to a new location west of Canton Christian Fellowship. Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need is available 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 23, and continues on the fourth Saturday of each month, at 41711 Joy Rd. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org for information.

Band competition fund-raiser

More than 15 bands will compete to help raise money for a local organization that connects those in need of home repairs with volunteers ready to help. The bands will play all genres of music at the Second Annual Battle of the Bands noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 23, in the large pavilion at the Garden City Park, rain or shine. The music is free with proceeds from concession and T-shirt sales going to Michigan Missions, a nonprofit organization that helps unemployed, disabled, elderly and low-income persons with home repairs at no cost to them. Garden City Park is located on the northeast corner of Merriman and Cherry Hill Road. Call (734) 793-1850 for directions. Michigan Missions is nonprofit organization that brings youth, host churches and homeowners together to serve God by serving others.

Yard sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia. For information, call Mary at (248) 471-1322. There will be starter plants, children's toys and miscellaneous household items for sale.

UPCOMING

Landscape project

Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile, next to Stevenson High School, west of Farmington Road, Livonia, is hosting a site at a Livonia Park for the Rouge Rescue set for June 6. Call (734) 425-2800 for additional information.

Acoustic concert

Featuring Judy Insley and Almost Perfect 8 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Nov. Tickets \$12 at door, \$10 in advance. Contact Katie at (248)

449-1456 or nea5r@sbcglobal.net. For more information, visit www.judyinsley.com.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cha cha dance lesson 7 p.m., free with paid admission, lessons will be suspended until this fall. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information (734) 261-5716. Free concert with Air Margaritaville 7 p.m. Friday, June 12, at Kellogg Park, 761 Penniman and Main, Plymouth. Bring a chair, your favorite refreshment and a laid back attitude. Be there by 6:30 p.m. Call Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. Separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. A Day at the Races 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at Pinnacle Race Track, 18000 Vining Rd., between Sibley and West Rd., New Boston (Exit 13 off I-275). Buffet at 11 a.m. For details, call Robin (734) 676-4515.

Celebrating 45 years of memories

St. Dunstan Catholic School invites all former school staff, students and families to join them for the closing Liturgy 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14. Please R.S.V.P. by June 5, by calling (734) 425-4380 or sending e-mail to stodunstanschoolsecretary@comcast.net. If you would like to contribute as a Minister in the Liturgy, singer or instrumentalist, call the Parish Office at (734) 425-6720.

Crocodile dock

Down by the water Vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 15-19 for fun, friendship and food, at St. Aidan Catholic Church on Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$25 per participant (family discount available), Music CD available last day for \$10. VBS Mass 9:30 a.m. Sunday June 21. For more information or to volunteer, call Jackie at (734) 425-9333.

Bethany suburban west

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 11, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster Rd., Redford. Dance admission \$10 (No dance lesson). Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane K., (734) 261-5716.

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Downtown Hoedown is free fun for country fans

99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown comes to Detroit's Hart Plaza the weekend of Friday, May 15 through Sunday, May 17.

This year's festival combines value with quality, and a little Hollywood thrown in, by bringing area fans more than 20 national recording artists including legendary Willie Nelson, Rodney Atkins, Phil Vassar, Jessica Andrews, Bomshel, Luke Bryan, Josh Gracin, Darryl Worley, Lee Ann Womack, Jason Michael Carroll, Zac Brown Band, Trailer Choir,

Whitney Duncan, Justin Moore, Jessica Harp (of the Wreckers), Stephen Cochran, Trent Tomlinson and more.

The 2009 99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown will also welcome movie star and celebrity Kevin Costner as he performs with his band Modern West on the main stage on Friday, May 17.

Along with these very talented national artists, 99.5 WYCD also brings in the best home-grown talent from Metro Detroit including The Forbes Brothers, The Orbitsuns, Redhill, JoCaine,

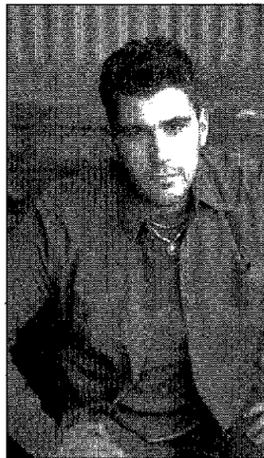
Willie Nash, David Shelby, Austin Scott, Justine Blazer and youth sensation Molly Hunt.

"We are excited to bring this extraordinary event to Detroit again this year," said Tim Roberts, WYCD Program Director. "Looking over the list of performers, there is a great mix of national artists and household names, along with young up-and-comers and local talent galore. We are most proud — especially this year — to be able to provide this bonanza of country music as a free event, allowing every country music fan a chance to enjoy the festival."

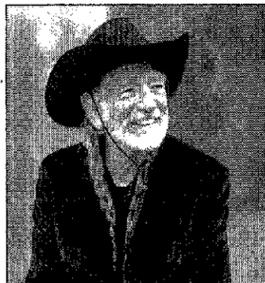
The Downtown Hoedown began in 1983 with Hank Williams, Jr., Tanya Tucker, The Kendalls, Brenda Lee and Mel Tillis. Since then, Hart Plaza has seen Garth Brooks, Reba McEntire, the Dixie Chicks, Montgomery Gentry, Rascal Flatts, Gretchen Wilson, Big & Rich and more perform at the Hoedown. This year's 99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown will be produced by Palace Sports & Entertainment (PS&E), metro Detroit's leading event producer. Visit www.wycd.com for a complete lineup.



Kevin Costner & Modern West play the Main Hart Plaza Stage at 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 15 during WYCD's Downtown Hoedown.



Westland native Josh Gracin takes the Upper Stage at 8:45 p.m. on Saturday during WYCD's Downtown Hoedown at Hart Plaza.



Willie Nelson is among many acts that will perform free shows during WYCD's Downtown Hoedown May 15-17. See him at 9:15 p.m. Sunday on the Upper Stage.

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Jo Anne Pooley, executive director of Michigan

Missions, is optimistic about this year's fund raiser.

"We hope the funds raised will be enough to give Michigan Missions the ability to help even more of those in need and share God's love with everybody," she said.

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A trolley will transport guests to outlying galleries and shops during Plymouth ARTFeast May 15-16.



Artists will create sidewalk chalk art during Plymouth ARTFeast May 15-16.

No. VI Chop House set to relocate to Crowne Plaza

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

After 12 years inside the Hotel Baronette, the No. VI Chop House relocated less than a mile south of its current location, to the recently renovated 220-room Crowne Plaza Hotel.

"It's being designed to be more beautiful than the existing spot," said Matt Prentice, chief executive officer of the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, which owns the Chop House. "The Crowne Plaza has undergone a multi-million dollar renovation."

According to Prentice, Hotel Baronette sought after the management group Sage Hospitality to handle hotel operations, including food and beverage.

"It's a bit surprising, but problems can be opportunities," he said. "We wish the Baronette well, but there wasn't enough business for both (No. VI Chop House and Sage Hospitality) of us."

The No. VI Chop House was scheduled to leave the Baronette May 3, and open its new location May 4.

"We'll be doing 100 percent of the food at the hotel and we'll have some new menu surprises," said Prentice, noting the addition of a bar menu. "We've never had a burger on our menu, but for the bar menu, I told our chef 'I want to have the best burger in town.'"

"Prime beef is always going to be more expensive, but we have a lot of ways you can dine at No.

VI. You don't necessarily have to spend a lot of money to have a good time."

While crediting the restaurant's executive chef Jason Hayden and master sommelier Madeline Triffon, Prentice guarantees diners will experience the same quality food, wine and service, they have come to expect.

"No. VI is one of the more popular restaurants in Novi. We've got a pretty loyal following," he said. "The executive chef at No. VI is one of the best chefs in the state, and it's got the best wine list in Novi."

In addition to the Chop House, the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group is opening its third Deli Unique location in the Crowne Plaza.

"We're waiting on a permit from the City of Novi, but I'm hoping to have it up by the end of May," Prentice said. "The deli will give hotel patrons, as well as the local patrons, an awesome place for breakfast and lunch."

Prentice also mentioned the restaurant group is creating jobs in Novi and will soon begin hiring for the deli.

The Matt Prentice Restaurant Group also owns other fine dining locations including Coach Insignia, on top of the Renaissance Center; Northern Lakes Seafood Company, in Bloomfield Hills; and Shiraz, in Bingham Farms.

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Feast on art at Plymouth's premiere event

More than 30 galleries and shops in and around downtown Plymouth will participate in Plymouth ARTFeast 2009 May 15-16.

The annual art walk features pottery, paintings, sculpture, glasswork, mixed media, fiber works, jewelry and many surprise art finds.

Artists will be present during opening receptions, 6-9 p.m. Friday, with some artists present on Saturday as well.

During the Friday evening gala, a trolley will deliver patrons to the outer areas not within walking distance of downtown. Musicians will perform in the open air for walking enjoyment.

Other ArtFeast activities

PLYMOUTH ARTFEAST

Art, food, music and fun 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 15 (opening receptions); and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 16 at 30 locations throughout downtown Plymouth.

include sidewalk chalk murals, open chalk, face paintings and balloon art.

Visit at least 12 of the art stops and have your passport stamped for chance to win wonderful pieces of art. The event is free. See participating stores for details.

Participating ArtFeast locations include: Basket Kreations, Bohemian Home, Brass & Iron Beds, Cellar 849,

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Trekker at Comic Con

Mary Gibbs of Redford plays Kara Donovan, helmsman of the Osiris, in the locally made fan-based film series "Star Trek: Osiris," which premiered online April 18. The professional actress and Redford Union High School graduate will join fellow castmates to greet fans and screen a multi-media presentation of the pilot episode "Eclipse" at this weekend's Motor City Comic Con, May 15-17 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. "Star Trek: Osiris" began production in summer, 2008. Shot entirely on a green screen, it follows the adventures of the maiden voyage of the U.S.S. Osiris. For more, visit www.stosiris.com or www.motorcityconventions.com.

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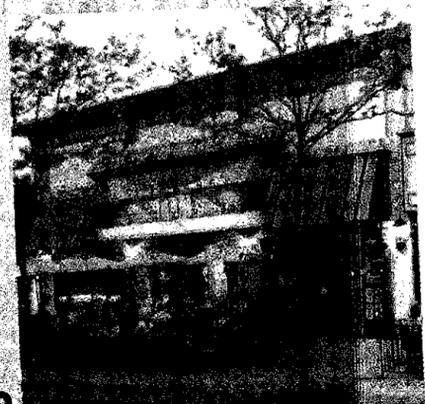
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With garnish of olive tapenade, roasted red pepper, crumbled bacon, olives,
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Twice smoked apple cured bacon, vine ripened tomato, herb cheese spread,
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Grilled sashimi grade tuna with Asian aromatics and spices, mango wasabi aioli
and vegetable slaw with miso vinaigrette. Served on a whole wheat bun. \$12

PIEDMONTESE BEEF BURGER

Beef Burger with grilled shrimps, slow roasted tomatoes, white cheddar,
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MEAT

*Add a bowl of soup or dinner salad \$3. Substitutes on any dish for an additional \$2

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Natural chicken breast filled with wild mushrooms. With veloute cream sauce.
Accompanied with garlic mashed potatoes and chef's fresh vegetable. \$17

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Breaded White Marble Farms pork tenderloin topped with a lemon caper cream sauce.
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Lightly encrusted with dried exotic mushrooms, pan roasted and drizzled with truffle oil.
Accompanied with garlic mashed potatoes and chef's fresh vegetable. \$19

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Served rare with an Asian spice rub. Served with potato reduction and cucumber wasabi sauce.
Accompanied with fried risotto cake and stir fry vegetable. \$22

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Walnut encrusted chicken breast served over cavatappi pasta with apple-cured bacon,
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Linguine pasta tossed with pan seared scallops, slumpy, shitake mushrooms, roasted peppers,
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PIEDMONTESE MEDALLIONS AND POTATO GNOCCHI

Tossed with exotic mushrooms, shallots and asparagus tips with a sherry wine sauce.
Topped with brie cheese. \$23

VEGETARIAN

Add a bowl of soup or dinner salad \$3

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Four layers of roasted vegetables, with roasted garlic béchamel and pramodoro sauce. \$15

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Layers of buttered phyllo, each filled with a mixture of sautéed wild mushrooms,
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Realtors and friends flock to charity event

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Bowling for Charity suits members of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors just fine.

That's just what WWOCAR members and such affiliated members as bankers did the evening of Wednesday, May 6, at Merri-Bowl Lanes on Five Mile in Livonia. They took over nearly all 40 lanes to raise money for Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit, a nonprofit which teaches children all about the importance of a good night's sleep.

"Isn't it amazing?" Dale E. Smith, WWOCAR executive vice president, said of the strong response. "When you ask people to come out, they help. It's just amazing that people come through for the kids."

Farmington-based WWOCAR has a committee that chooses a charity to help each year, he said, focusing on lower-profile efforts like schools. They can provide close to a year's worth of funding from the WWOCAR event.

May 6 brought out 115-120 bowlers. Connie Murrah, WWOCAR accounting manager, organized the Bowling for Charity benefit.

She noted participants enjoyed the \$25 three-game, 9-pin no tap event, including pizza and pop. "It's a great place for them to network," Murrah said.

"They like to do things with children," she said. "The Realtors really like to get behind those kinds of charities."

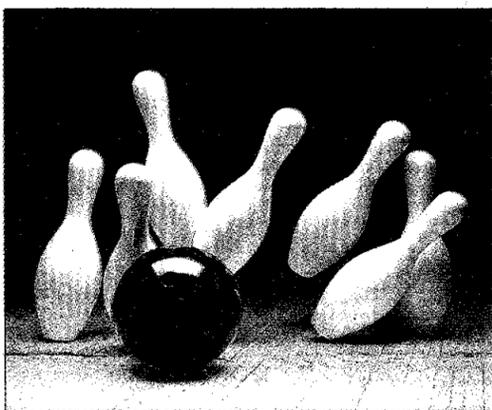
Lane sponsors contribute to the cause and are appreciated, getting their company name and phone on signs, so people "hopefully jot that down for future reference," she said.

"It's a great benefit," Murrah added. "It's always a great turnout." Organizers appreciate all who contributed to its success.

"It went really, really well. We ended up with 123 bowlers," Murrah said. "A couple of people bowled a 300 game."



From left to right at the bowling benefit are Zack Schiebner and Jeremy Stybel, both from Atlantis Mortgage, Anthony Schippa, WWOCAR 2009 president-elect from Coldwell Banker Preferred Realty, and Gary Reggish, WWOCAR 2009 president from Remerica United Realty.



Cleveland Jackson, vice chair, WWOCAR 2009 Special Activities committee from Brown Realty, Gary Reggish, WWOCAR 2009 president from Remerica United Realty, and Roxanne Fitzpatrick, chair, WWOCAR 2009 Special Activities committee from Keller Williams Farmington Hills, receiving her winnings from one of the 50/50 drawings.

Steering Committee needs sound advice

Q: I am on the Steering Committee of an association where we have a successor developer who has taken over the project but doesn't want to assume the responsibilities of the prior developer. We are basically a high end development but some of the people on the Steering Committee are afraid to confront the developer because they are his friends. What can I do?

A: Sometimes the more affluent condominiums have people who think because they were successful in their own business, that they somehow



Robert Meisner

have a unique ability to manage a condominium or can run it like a country club making no enemies, which is generally not the case. Indeed, my experience has been over the years that the more affluent a condominium board,

the more difficult it is to represent them because they don't think they need to listen to their lawyer. Why hire a lawyer if you are not willing to listen to him or her and in your particular case, you need a lawyer to explain to the Steering Committee their responsibilities and their rights, and that they need someone to negotiate on their behalf as they may not have the best negotiating skills and are much better off listening to a knowledgeable attorney, particularly, if they are paying him or her for advice.

Q: We are an age restricted community and we have certain questions about the 80/20 requirement. Can you help us with that requirement?

A: There are various housing limitations set forth by the Fair Housing Act but the Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995 provides for certain exceptions to a limit on discriminating against age in housing. The HOPA requires that age restricted communities publish and follow policies and procedures that demonstrate an intent to provide housing for persons age 55 and older. For a "For Sale" product, demonstrated intent can be established by including HOPA requirements directly in the community's Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions. Furthermore, advertising for age restricted communities should include specific information about age restrictions. To comply with federal requirements, sellers must assure that buyers receive covenants and a full explanation of the age restrictions and occupancy requirements at the point of sale. Sales agents need training, not only on HOPA basics, but on the community's governing documents, and particularly the age restrictions and how to deal with hypothetical what-if issues. HOPA's exception to the FHA's prohibition against discrimination based on familial status requires that "at least 80 percent of the occupied units are occupied by at least person who is 55 years of age or older." The 1999 HOPA Amendments and Recent Policy Statements provide for greater flexibility in allowing persons under age 55 to occupy units within the age restricted community. Developers must always keep in mind, however, that the 80/20 ratio was a minimum requirement and any number below this ratio constitutes an immediate FHA violation and disqualification from HOPA. This ratio and the message to future buyers and/or occupants must be strictly enforced and mandated and you should consult with your community association attorney for further information.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

BRIEFS

Weir Manuel

Weir Manuel Realtors announced that Carole Eizelman has joined the Weir Manuel team in the Birmingham office. A Realtor for 31 years, Eizelman spent the past six years as a producing manager at her former employer serving Bloomfield Hills, Rochester and Troy. She is the recipient of a President's Circle Realtor Award.

Kelly Sweeney, owner and CEO of Weir Manuel, said, "We are proud that Carole chose to make the move to our elite team of real estate professionals. She has an exceptional background in real estate and has a tremendous track record of client satisfaction."

Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company providing brokerage and property management services in Southeast Michigan, with more than 150 professionals in three Michigan offices: Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Rochester.

Its award-winning Web site, which includes live assistance, is at www.weirmanuel.com.

Home tour

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry of Southeast Michigan will host its sixth annual Tour of Remodeled Homes Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17, from noon

to 6 p.m. This event allows consumers the opportunity to learn about current trends in home remodeling while touring recently remodeled homes in Washtenaw County.

"As the economy continues to suffer, many individuals are evaluating the benefits of remodeling their homes. The Tour is a fun and informative way to learn about the many exciting things that are happening locally," said Don Hughes, a co-chair of the 2009 Tour. "You will not want to miss this year's event, which will highlight the best in remodeling ideas for kitchens, bathrooms, sunrooms, additions, and more."

Tour information and tickets are available by visiting www.narisemich.org or by calling (866) 934-4094.

The ticket price is \$10 for adults; children 16 and under are free.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Business Management for Building Professionals" course on Monday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course, also known as "CAPS III" is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate Course. Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of

Builders Professional Services Group, will teach management skills that give industry leaders a solid foundation in the best business practices for planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling smaller businesses. Case studies and sample forms will be used to provide practical and applicable tools for management success.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 20, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services, LLC, will instruct on the subject of Water Efficiency using materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Apartment Association of

Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a seminar on "Before The Bedbug Bites" on Tuesday, May 19, from 9-11 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Bob England and Ray Hatherly of Eradico will present basic biology, how the problem develops and is spread, and proper control measures. Registration fees are \$15 per person for PMC, AAM and Building Industry Association members and \$45 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a Mid-Year Economic Forecast on Wednesday, June 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Centerpoint Marriott, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway in Pontiac.

John Augustine, CFA, Chief Investment Strategist, Fifth Third Private Bank, will lead the forecast, presenting what the housing industry can expect for the remainder of 2009. He is a frequent media guest on CNBC and Bloomberg. He has been practicing portfolio management for more than 17 years.

Registration fees, including lunch, are \$30 for BIA members and \$50 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 26-30, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
44131 Applewood Rd	\$173,000
2033 Arcadia Dr	\$136,000
4155 Cornerstone Dr	\$46,000
2506 E Roundtable Dr	\$142,000
39994 Hillary Dr	\$168,000

44675 Joy Rd	\$150,000	6473 Lathers St	\$33,000
812 Wildwood Ln	\$202,000		
Farmington		9245 Houghton St	\$155,000
23715 Ely Ct	\$138,000	18151 Mayfield St	\$150,000
30757 Shawassee Rd,	\$35,000	29893 McIntyre St	\$128,000
Farmington Hills			
37645 Amber Dr	\$173,000	612 Knollside Ct	\$150,000
24665 Farmington Rd	\$218,000	1309 Wixom Trl	\$105,000
36101 Paddelford Rd	\$175,000		
21470 Riverwalk Ct	\$353,000	852 Andover Dr	\$385,000
30118 S Stockton Dr	\$147,000	101 Baseline Rd	\$170,000
30601 Sudbury Ct	\$261,000	42144 Roscommon St	\$90,000
27248 Winterset Cir	\$252,000	41941 Sutters Ln	\$262,000
Garden City			
31919 Donnelly St	\$95,000	11997 Deer Creek Ct	\$350,000
31529 James St	\$60,000	10127 Eckles Rd	\$141,000

13156 Karl Dr	\$385,000		
40116 Newport Dr	\$73,000		
9320 Saddlebrook Crk	\$220,000		
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9451 Jerome	\$81,000		
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- 7 Fisherman's fly
- 11 Tall vases
- 13 Rollover subj.
- 14 Vast region
- 15 Fugue composer
- 16 Tunnel
- 17 Sports "zebras"
- 18 Quilt
- 20 Peevish
- 21 Wks. and wks.
- 22 Accomplished
- 23 Rafter
- 26 Skin softener
- 30 Gonzalez's gold
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- 36 Check endorser
- 38 Mecca pilgrimage
- 39 Cloudy
- 40 Stranger's query

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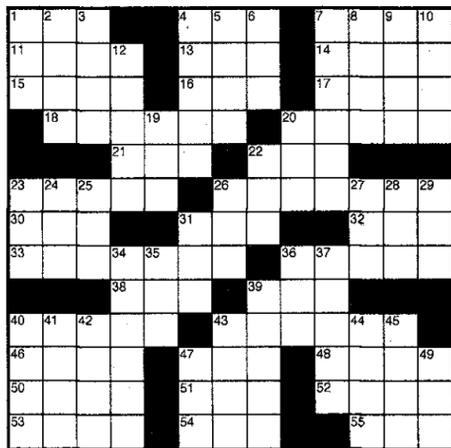
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- 5 Bone-dry
- 6 Old cloth
- 7 Texas border town
- 8 Consumes
- 9 Falling out
- 10 No sweat
- 12 Wedges
- 19 Thanks a —!

Answer to Previous Puzzle

CAT CAV PEER
COKE EVA ARLO
OARS EEL CAFE
GLOSS ROLES
SSN ASTRO UMA
ILKS CRAB
SHIFTY LONERS
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PIGS VPS ARIA
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PALS LEX ARM

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- 20 Sardine holder
- 22 Family man
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- 27 Install tile
- 28 Common contraction
- 29 Once named
- 31 British rule in India
- 34 Menace
- 35 "Norma —"
- 36 Indy area
- 37 Stun
- 39 Talk out of
- 40 Water source
- 41 Publicity
- 42 Units of work
- 43 Distance measure
- 44 Jar tops
- 45 Grumpy mood
- 47 Romance
- 49 Right, to a horse



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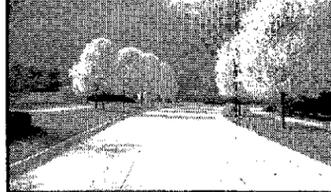
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Hix & Haggerty, May 14-17.</p> <p>CANTON HOLIDAY PARK - SUB WIDE GARAGE SALE South of Joy, E of I-275. May 14th-17th, 8-6pm.</p>	<p>CANTON MAYFAIR VILLAGE - SUB-WIDE SALE! Thurs.-Sun. May 14-17, 9am-5pm. S. of Joy, E. of Sheldon. Too much to list!</p> <p>CANTON MULTI SUBS: Oakvale, Stonegate & Cherry Hill Orchards. N./Palmer, S./Cherry Hill. E. & W. of Lilley. May 14-17. Look for signs</p> <p>CANTON-Forest Trails Sub - Thursday-Saturday, May 14-16, 9 am-5 pm. Off Sheldon, between Warren & Joy Roads.</p> <p>CANTON-SUNFLOWER SUB - Thurs. May 14-Sat. May 16, 9am-7 W. of Canton Center and N. & S. of Warren. Look for signs and yellow balloons.</p> <p>CLAWSON HUGE GARAGE SALE! MULTIPLE FAMILIES!! 812 Elmsford, Clawson, MI. Friday and Saturday, May 15 & 16, 8am-5pm. Tools, Clothes, Household items, Furniture, much, much more!!</p> <p>CLAWSON-BLOCK SALE Highland (14 1/2 & Crooks, enter on Elmwood). Sat., May 16, 9-4pm. Furniture, kitchen, toys, household items.</p> <p>DAVISBURG - COMMUNITY WIDE SALE May 15-16, 9:30am-3:30pm Millpond park (In downtown Davisburg)</p>	<p>FARMINGTON - Church-Wide Yard Sale - Sat., May 16, 8am-5pm. Proceeds benefit youth group trip to Aopalachia. 86836 Brittany Hills, Farmington, 48335</p> <p>FARMINGTON GARAGE SALE - May 15-16, 9-5pm. Tools, jewelry, electronics, Red Hat items, household items & antiques. 22512 Floral St, E of Orchard Lk, N of Grand River.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS - HUGE SALE - Mon 5/11 - Sun 5/24, 9-4pm. 25471 Livingston Circle, Independence Commons.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS - Barrington Green Sub, W of Drake, N of 12 Mile Rd. May 14-16. Signs are at 2 entrances on Drake and 1 is on 12.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS - Forest Park Subdivision Garage Sale - 20+ Homes. May 14-16, 9am-5pm. S. of 9 Mile, W. of Inkster, E. of Middlebelt.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS - HUGE 20+ HOME SUB SALE 9AM-5PM, Thurs.-Sat., May 14-16. N. of 9 Mile, W. of Halstead. 248-426-9037</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS - Huge 3 Family! May 14-17, 9-7pm, May 16, 9-12pm. 29444 Minglewood Ln. off Middlebelt, S. of 13 Mile.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS - Huge! Antiques, furniture & household. 31600 Treastin, S of 11, off Orchard Lake. Thurs-Sat., 9-5pm. No Early Sales!</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS - Moving/Garage Sale Everything Must Go! Household, Lawn/Garden, Tools. May 15, 16, 17, 8:00AM-2:00PM New Bedford Dr., Inkster/12 Mile.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS - Multi-Family Sales! 10 Mile & Middlebelt area. Toys, furniture, home deco, Christmas, & clothes. May 14-16, 9-5pm.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS - Remainder's of our estate sale. Vintage crystal, china, lamps, furniture, paintings & more. Part of Woodbrook Sub Wide Garage Sale. May 15-16, 10-4. 35741 Springval, 13 & Drake.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS: WESTBROOKE MANOR - Homeowner's Association Annual Garage Sale Fri. & Sat. May 15 & 16, 8am-5pm, South of 13 Mile, West of Orchard Lake Rd.</p>	<p>FERNDALE 1278 Leroy St., S/9 Mile, W/Pinecrest. Household items, furniture, electronics, mens' clothing. May 16, 10am-6pm, May 17, 10-4pm.</p> <p>Garage Sale 5/15-16, 9-3 47623 Norton Ct Plymouth (Beck/Joy area) Sporting Items, Nordic Trac. Books, Baskets, Clothes, Toys, Misc. Household, Much more</p> <p>GARDEN CITY - 6600 Burnly, Warren & Middlebelt. May 15-17, Fri-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12-5pm. Clothes, toys, furniture.</p> <p>LIVONIA - Plants, Pottery, & Misc. 7550 Mayfield-6 Mile & Farmington Rd. May 15-16, 9-5pm.</p> <p>LIVONIA - 30126 Bentley, btwn Middlebelt & Henry Ruff, Lyndon & I-96. May 14-16, 9-5pm: Household items, some clothes & much more!</p> <p>LIVONIA - Furniture, collectibles, costume jewelry, household items, tools & holiday decor. May 15-17, 9-5pm. 37423 Ann Arbor Trail, Ann Arbor Trail & Newburgh.</p> <p>LIVONIA - HUGE SALE 37545 Mungler, S of 8 Mile, W of Newburgh Mini flea market, clothes, small-plus sizes. May 14-16, 9-5pm.</p> <p>LIVONIA - Huge Kids Sale - May 14-17, 9-5pm. Toys, clothes, ride-on vehicles, strollers, household goods, 14475 Woodside Dr., (off Levan btwn 5 & Schoolcraft).</p> <p>LIVONIA SALE 2 Family - 18263 Wayne Rd., N of 6, W of Farmington. May 15-16, 9am-4pm. A little of everything!</p> <p>LIVONIA YARD SALE! May 14-16, 9-4pm. 9650 Deering - S. of Plymouth btwn Middlebelt & Inkster. Pool, rugs, toys, books. Multi-Family.</p> <p>LIVONIA - Burton - Hollow Subdivision Garage Sale OVER 60 HOMES! Sat. & Sun. May 16 & 17, 9am-5pm. S. of 6 Mile, W. of Farmington Rd.</p> <p>LIVONIA-Super Garage Sale Thurs.-Sat., May 14-16, 9am-4pm. Won't want to miss! Furniture, China, household items, collectable glassware, books, clothing and much more. "Great Condition!" 19467 Gary Lane, N of 7 Mile.</p>	<p>LYON TWP - MILL RIVER COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Milford Rd, btwn Grand River & 12. 5/15 - 5/16, 9-3 pm.</p> <p>LYON TWP. 21180 Lasser Lane, off 8 Mile, 1/4 mile West of Pontiac Trail. May 15-16th, 9-4pm. Variety of Items!</p> <p>NORTHVILLE COLONY ESTATES - Gigantic Subdivision/Garage sale! Fri. & Sat., May 15th & 16th, starting at 8:30am. 6 Mile, West of Haggerty. Great Buys & Bargains!</p> <p>NORTHVILLE - WHISPER WOOD SUB SALE Fri. May 15 - Sat. May 16, 9am-3pm. N of 5 Mile Rd, E. of Northville Rd. off Bradner.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE - Steeplechase sub sale. Thurs.-Sat. May 14-16, 9-5pm. 1.5 miles W. of Beck off 6 or 7 mile. Furniture, household, toys, baby clothes.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE - Huge Moving Sale! Furniture, clothes, household goods. Thurs-Sat. 8:30-4pm. 50352 Livingston St. - W. of Ridge, off 6 Mile.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE - Huge Sale. May 15-16, 9-4pm. 231 S. Ely, 1 blk N. of 8 Mile, W. of Center. Antiques, collectibles, sports, fishing, etc. 30 yr collector.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE - Loads of Treasures! Multi-Family Sub. NW corner of 8 Mile & Center. Antiques, furniture, yard tools, nice clothes, household. Collectors don't miss this! May 15-17, 10am-4pm</p> <p>NORTHVILLE - May 15-16 Fri-Sat, 9am-4pm. TV, computer desk, household items & more.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE - May 15-16, Fri. & Sat. 9-3pm. Household, platform bed, fish tanks, misc. 21811 Bedford Dr. Off Center to Galway, W. btwn 8 & 9 Mile.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE - Huge Sub Sale Arcadia Ridge - S. of 6 Mile, W. of Beck Rd. Thurs.-Sat., May 14-16, 9-4pm. Baby/kids toys & clothes, furniture, art.</p> <p>NORTHVILLE-Colony Estates - Friday, May 15 & Saturday, May 16. Open all day!</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE: WOODSIDE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION - Thurs-Sat, May 14-16, 10am-4pm. Off Haggerty btwn 5 & 6 mile on W. side of Haggerty.</p> <p>NOVI - Friday, May 15th, 9am to 5pm only! 24063 Wintargreen Circle, South off 10 Mile, between Taft and Beck Roads.</p> <p>NOVI - Garage Sale, Orchard Hills Sub. May 15-16, 9-4. Meadowbrook & 10 Mile.</p> <p>NOVI HUGE MULTI-FAMILY - May 14-15, 9am-5pm. 47159 Sunnybrook Lane, 9 Mile & Beck. Household, teacher supplies, misc.</p> <p>NOVI SUB SALE GREENWOOD OAKS - N. of 10 Mile, W. of Beck. May 14-16, 9am-3pm.</p> <p>NOVI-DUAL SUB SALE - Chase Farms & Riverbridge. May 14-15, 9 am - 4 pm. Off 8 or 9 Mile, E. of Novi Rd. Maps: www.chasefarms.com</p> <p>OAKLAND TWP. Silver Creek Sub Sale! May 14-16, 9am-3pm. Silverbell Rd. - W. of Adams, E. of Lapeer. Items incl: lawn equip., furniture, non-motorized treadmill, baby furniture, jogging stroller, high end baby & children's clothes, & many other household items!</p> <p>PLYMOUTH - May 15-17, 9-5pm. 11254 Southworth, W of Haggerty, S off Ann Arbor Trail. Lots of misc items for sale.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH - Ridgewood Hills Sub. 49077 Pinehill, May 14-16, 9am-4pm. Oak head & footboard, Stiffel lamp, furniture, oriental carpets, toys.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH - Small Sub, 3 Houses. Start at 9031 Quail Run Dr. Sat. May 16th, 9-3pm. Drill press, S of Ann Arbor Rd., btwn Beck & Ridge.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH TWP. May 16 weekend - RIDGEWOOD HILLS ANNUAL ALL SUB - THE RIGHT STUFF AT GREAT prices. N side of Ann Arbor Rd., 1/2 Mi W of Beck.</p>	<p>REDFORD - May 16, 10am-3pm. 18686 Glenmore, S. of 7 Mile, E. of Beech Daly. Rain date May 23rd.</p> <p>REDFORD - Multi Family Sale - Furniture, household goods, women's clothes, stereo, sewing machine, lots of stuff! MAY 14, 15, 16, 10am-6pm. 13981 Centralia.</p> <p>ROCHESTER - Deer Point Sub Wide Garage Sale. May 14, 15, 16, btwn 9-4pm. Household goods, toys, clothing, furniture & air castle bounce house.</p> <p>ROCHESTER - Garage Sale - Roundview, Kentfield, Putnam Cir. off of Parkdale in Rochester. May 15-16, 7:30-4.</p> <p>ROCHESTER HILLS - Fri.-Sat., May 15-16, 9am-4pm. Heather Wood Village Sub, off Rochester, N. of Avon, btwn. Bill Fox Toyota & Bill Fox Chevrolet.</p> <p>ROCHESTER HILLS SUB SALES-AVON LAKES & AVON WOODS - Off Hamlin, between John R & Dequindre, Or from Dequindre, South of Hamlin Rd. Thurs-Sun., 9am-4pm. Multi-family!</p> <p>ROCHESTER - MASSIVE MOVING SALE Snell Rd., on Rochester Rd. W on Snell, Oakland Twp. May 14, 15, 16, 8am-6pm. Check Craigslist.org for further details/listing</p> <p>ROMULOUS 5 Family, 2 Home Yard Sale! Infant to junior clothes & items, toys, sewing machines, electronics, craft items, new outdoor patio table. 9672 & 9650 Essex-Wick & Wayne Rd. May 14-17, 9-7. City Wide Garage Sale!</p> <p>ROYAL OAK - Vinsetta East Home Owners Association Garage Sale. May 15-16-17. 10am-4pm. On Vinsetta Blvd & N. & South.</p> <p>SOUTH LYON-Multi-Family - Garage Sale Fri.-Sat., May 15-16, 9am-5pm 24450 Martindale Road</p> <p>SOUTHFIELD - 18236 Westland Ave, 9 Mile to S on Southfield Service Dr, W on Westland. Everything must be sold! May 14-16, 10am-3pm.</p> <p>TROY - Fox Hill Sub Garage Sale! NW corner of Crooks & Square Lake. Sat., May 16th, 8am-3pm.</p>	<p>TROY - TOWN ACRES - SUBDIVISION SALE Fri., May 15 & Sat., May 16, from 9am-3pm. East of Adams, South of Watties.</p> <p>TROY ESTATES SUB SALE - E of Coolidge, S of Watties, Fri-Sat, May 15-16, 9-5pm. Look for balloons on mailboxes.</p> <p>TROY - Multi-Family Garage Sale - Furniture, dishes, baby, child and adult clothing, toys, stroller, snow blower, and misc. household items. Fri., May 15, 9am-6pm. Sat., May 16, 8am-5pm. 4301 Wentworth Drive, Troy.</p> <p>W. BLOOMFIELD Lots of stuff, cool items, hot bargains! 3 Homes on Parkland & Gilbert Ridge, W of Middlebelt, N of Maple. May 14-16, 10am-4pm.</p> <p>WAYNE - 3188 Treddwell, E of Newburgh, S. of Glenwood. May 15-17, 9-5pm. Kid's clothes, knick knacks & household goods. No early birds.</p> <p>WAYNE - BIDDLE STREET YARD SALE, WAYNE, MI - SATURDAY, 5/16, EAST OF WAYNE ROAD, N. OF ANAPOLIS, S. OF MICHIGAN AVE. 10:00AM-4:00PM. RAIN DAY WILL BE SUNDAY, 5/17. 313-682-3018</p> <p>WEST BLOOMFIELD - May 14-16, Thu-Sat, 8-5pm. 6150 Laurin Ct, 1 blk. W. of Drake, 1 blk. N. of 14 Mile Rd. Multi-Family. Golf Clubs, household, clothes & much more.</p> <p>WESTLAND - Large Garage Sale! May 15-16, 9-5pm. 34841 Avondale - off Wayne Rd. btwn. Cherry Hill & Palmer.</p> <p>WESTLAND - Lighthouse - Indoor/Outdoor Sale 34033 Palmer Rd, btwn Wayne & Venoy. May 15-May 23, 9-7pm. Furniture, computers, appliances, dishes, collectibles, jewelry, electronics, leather coats. ALL PROCEEDS TO PURCHASE FOOD FOR THE NEEDY.</p> <p>WESTLAND - Lg Community Garage Sale Sat May 16, 9-4pm. Birch Hill Apartments, South side of Cherry Hill, E of Venoy.</p> <p>WESTLAND - Multi-Family Sale. 31699 Mackenzie, South of Joy, West of Merriman. Fri-Sat, May 15-16, 9-4pm.</p>	<p>WESTLAND-8156 FLAMINGO - May 15 - 17, (Fri.-Sun.), 9-5. Off Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Middlebelt.</p> <p>Moving Sales - 7130</p> <p>BIRMINGHAM - 383 Argyle, near Maple and Cranbrook. HUGE moving sale! Fri. & Sat., May 15-16, 9am-4pm. NO early birds. Household goods, furniture, kids' stuff, yard/home tools & hardware. Priced to sell quickly!</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Furniture, tables, new in box cabinets, toddler bed, misc. 2515 Coldspring, Square Lk & Woodward. May 15-16, 10-4.</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Monster Moving Sale - 565 Westbourne Dr. Thurs., 5/14, 10am-5:30pm. Fri., 5/15, 10am-5:30pm. Sat 5/16, 9am-4pm.</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD TWP - May 14-16, 9am-5pm. 6865 Meadow Lake Rd., S of Maple, E of Inkster. Furniture, clothes, toys, kitchenware & more!</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS - Woodhues Apts, 30300 W. 12 Mile, Apt. 204, W. of Middlebelt. May 15-17, 9-4pm. Fine furniture, art, books, jewelry, ladies' clothing & much more!</p> <p>LIVONIA-37718 JAMISON - S. 5 Mile, W. Newburgh. Sat. 5/16 8am-4pm. Furniture, pro audio equip., clothes, BBQ grill, snow blower, TVs, and much more!! Multi-family sale!</p> <p>NORTHVILLE - Moving Sale - Friday and Saturday, 15th & 16th, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. 40800 Northville Trail Northville Trail Subdivision.</p> <p>ROCHESTER HILLS - ESTATE SALE May '16 655 Fieldstone. 517.438.0016</p> <p>WEST BLOOMFIELD - MOVING SALE, May 14-17, 10-5pm. 7104 Pebble Park Dr, North off 14 Mile, West of Orchard Lake. Pebble Creek Condo, gated community, no sign, Everything must go!</p>
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Tundra Keeps Toyota Relevant in Scrappy Pickup Segment

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By Dale Buss

Toyota uncovered a freshened 2010 Titan recently, a marked improvement with a new Platinum package, updated appearance and a new 4.6-liter V8-engine option. The enhancements added appeal for Toyota's pickup entry at a time when it really comes in handy as two of its main competitors have fielded brand new versions.

Now, the premium Platinum package is being offered on CrewMax Limited models with the 5.7-liter V8. On the outside, special 20-inch wheels, "Platinum" icons, a billet-style grille, chrome bumpers and door-sill protectors distinguish this top-of-the-line version.

Inside, the new Platinum version includes a power driver's seat with memory, puddle lamps, moonroof, navigation, vented seats, unique leather seats and wood-trim shift knob and door trim. The Platinum package retails for \$5,140, in addition to the price of the base truck.

Toyota also spruced up the rest of the Tundra lineup with updated grilles, rear lamp housings, standard front-knee airbags, and height-adjustable headlights.

Toyota is trying to equip the Tundras it builds at the sweet spot of option levels for the market, explained Kevin Higgins Toyota's corporate marketing manager for pickups and SUVs. Among other things, that means increased output of the Double Cab version equipped for the new model

year with the new 4.6-liter engine.

The new power plant offers 34 more horsepower than the 4.7-liter V8 it replaced in the 2009 Tundra. "With this version, we can compete more at the segment's core price points than before," Higgins said.

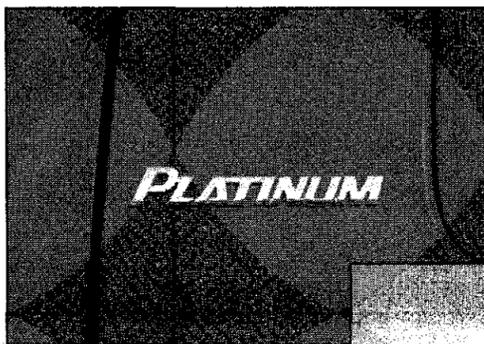
Tundra is a huge vehicle, weighing in at about 5,400 pounds. The old 4.7-liter engine did alright moving the metal, but it never generated the right levels of driver confidence on the highway - especially compared with its monster sibling, Toyota's 5.7-liter V8. The new 4.6-liter engine has the best power ratings per liter of any mid-level, half-ton V8.

The engine in the Double Cab 4x4 version is twinned with a new six-speed transmission, and together they reach about 20 mpg on the highway.

The company replaced the original, eight-year-old Tundra with a redesigned, full-size version in early 2007, projecting sales of 200,000 units a year as the launch essentially completed Toyota's invasion of its last major U.S. vehicle segment. Tundra came close to 200,000 sales in its first year, and then Toyota invested about \$800 million in a new plant in San Antonio to handle predicted growth.

But last year, sales dipped to about 137,000 Tundras. And so far this year, the projected total is about 74,000 units, according to Edmunds.com.

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Tundra's new Platinum package burnishes the brand for 2010.

The popular Double Cab version of the Toyota Tundra.



has called for some marketing adjustments even by the normally sure-footed Toyota brain trust. There have been several as the company introduces its 2010 Tundra series right now.

Also, Toyota truck marketing is going increasingly online even though pickup-truck buyers have been the least likely demographic to find there. "We're trying to get our message points a little lower in the shopping funnel where we might have greater efficiencies" in reaching buyers, Higgins said.

The company will continue to rely greatly on event marketing. The Tundra Prove It! Tour gave thousands of people in the truck-buying demographic opportunities to try out the new Tundra over the last couple of years without having to go to a dealership. And Higgins said Toyota wants "to continue that." But the company is likely to include other models along with Tundra in future such events.

And, Toyota plans to continue its demonstration-based TV marketing. Over the past couple of years, that approach has had Tundra performing some mechanically amazing feats involving a high cliff. Look for the 2010 model to be promoted with the return of an ad first aired during the Super Bowl in which a Tundra actually tows 10,000 pounds up a very steep tower proceeding through a tunnel of fire.

"We still have the top-line objective of communicating Tundra's performance capability, and we think this is the best way of doing that," Higgins said. Competitors may be focusing more on specific features in part because Tundra has established its supremacy in the segment in areas such as fit and finish, he asserted.

"I'm not sure; we think we have that as brand equity," Higgins said. "Anyway, what we need to communicate about Tundra is 'presidential' issues and top-line capabilities."

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 (28189019) \$132,900



Waterford 248-348-6430
 Hard To Find Ranch In Lake Shores Sub! Well maintained home nestled in wooded lot. 2 bath, ranch condo. Complete with garage and full basement.
 (28119638) \$200,000



Canton 248-348-6430
 Tastefully Remodeled Condo In Canton Cozy 3 by 1.5 ba end unit colonial backs & sides to commons & park. Eat-in kit w/oak cabs. Dr has dc to yard. Mstr w/wall of closets. Full bsmt. Lease or sale.
 (29053344) \$115,000



Highland 248-684-1065
 Custom built Lakefront home; 1.7 acres. Maple cabs & granite t/o 2 kits & baths, 2 story GR w/ gas fp. 1st fr mstr w/ ba & 2 WICs. Fin W/O, prof indsping.
 (29045312) \$499,900



Northville 248-348-6430
 A Dreamers Delight! Condo living at its best! 3 bdrm, 3 bath, 2,500 sq. ft. Fin w/o lower level with kit Deck & patio, maple cabinets, den, lrg bdrms, loft. Shows like a model.
 (29057325) \$425,000



Plymouth 734-455-7000
 PRICED TO GO! Seller needs to move. 3BRs, attached garage, huge, beautiful lot! Tons of improvements. Newer roof, updated bath, fenced yard, etc.
 (29059250) \$89,900



South Lyon 734-455-7000
 GROUND LEVEL CONDO! 2 bedrooms/2 full baths; private entrance; neutral decor; all appliances close to clubhouse and pool!
 (28110167) \$79,500



Westland 734-284-5400
 ROOMY 3 BEDROOM COLONIAL! Large LR w/ formal DR. Modern kitchen & dinette. FR w/ gas FP & cathedral ceiling. 2 doorways leading to 2 tiered deck. Skylights in Master. Part fin bsmt.
 (29056702) \$134,900



Canton 734-455-7000
 BETTER THAN NEW! 2 bedrooms/2 full baths; cathedral ceiling; lots of windows; all appliances; neutral decor; attached garage; close to pool.
 (28110431) \$98,000



Highland 248-684-1065
 Lovely updated lakefront home in Seven Harbors Sub. Open floor plan, Oak kitchen, wood floors, loft, custom fireplace, ceramic BA, and much more!
 (28184712) \$248,000



Northville 248-348-6430
 Better Than New! Lovely Colonial in popular Northville sub! Enjoy the pool area! Formal living & dining rms - spacious family rm, Library, gourmet kit w/center island & more.
 (29060450) \$405,000



Romulus 734-455-7000
 "COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY" Impressive custom ranch on 1.65 acres backing to wooded area: 3BR/2BA, FR w/FP, att mechanics dream gar & detached workshop. Easy access to x-way/metro airport
 (29015556) \$159,900



South Lyon 248-348-6430
 Sharp Condo Unit...Move in Condition Located close to clubhouse/windoor pool & fitness rm. Next to tennis court. Features include vaulted ceiling in lrg living rm, nice separate dining area.
 (28205923) \$74,900



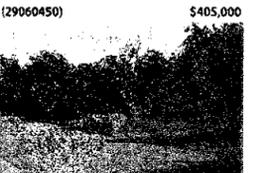
Westland 734-284-5400
 GORGEOUS UPDATED HOME. FINISHED BASEMENT! Kitchen w/maple cabs & ceramic floors. Refinished hardwood floors. This house has class & style written all over it!
 (29046980) \$75,000



Waterford 248-684-1065
 BETTER THAN NEW! 2 bedrooms/2 full baths; cathedral ceiling; lots of windows; all appliances; neutral decor; attached garage; close to pool.
 (29026239) \$299,000



Isco 248-684-1065
 2 acre lot on private road with only 7 other homes on it. Property has a perk and survey. Restrictions and minimums available. Land contract option.
 (29007265) \$49,900



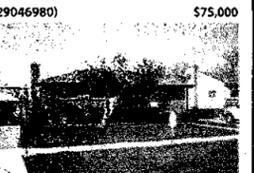
Northville 248-348-6430
 Rare Find! Wooded privacy to build your custom home on 1.8 acre which includes a paved private drive. Possible W/O site with views. L/C terms, Northville schools.
 (29057516) \$279,000



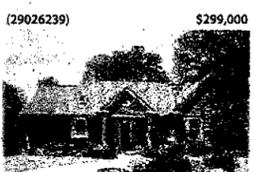
Romulus 734-591-9200
 WOW! country living in the city, walk to dntwn Romulus; over one acre oak cabs in updt kit and lral, porcelain fir in updt BA; newer furnace & HWH. \$5000 Credit for closing costs or new carpet.
 (29060811) \$85,000



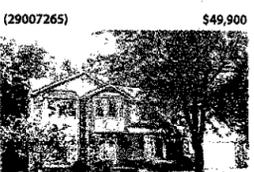
Superior Twp 734-591-9200
 A 10! Totally Updated & Mint Condition Located close to clubhouse/windoor pool & fitness rm. Next to tennis court. Features include vaulted ceiling in lrg living rm, nice separate dining area.
 (29047378) \$134,900



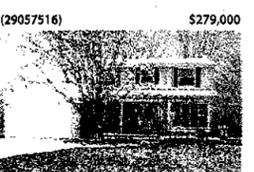
Westland 734-284-5400
 BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH! Full Basement. 2 car garage. New Roof. Hardwood floors thru-out. All appliances stay. Stove and dryer are new. Better hurry this property won't last long.
 (29046292) \$72,000



Farmington 248-348-6430
 Beautiful Ranch On A Tree Lined Street! Turnkey, spotless, updated everything! Mstr ste w/glass block shower, jetted tub & wic. 2 bd/2 ba. Great condo alternative w/loft office & storage. Walk to dntw.
 (29057267) \$219,900



Livonia 248-684-1065
 Spacious traditional colonial on treed lot. Ceramic foyer, six panel wood doors, 3 full ceramic baths, 1st fr laundry, sun rm, formal dining, gas FP.
 (29025815) \$245,000



Northville 248-348-6430
 Popular Northville Colony Estates 2 story, hdwd floors thru out, formal dr & lr, crown molding, maple cabinets, natural fireplace, brick patio. 1st floor laundry rm. Windows new within 10 yrs.
 (29056693) \$225,000



Romulus 248-208-2900
 16422 Taft Brick Front Ranch With Newer Vinyl Siding. Quiet Starter Home For A First Time Home Buyer Or An Investor. Bank Owned Being Sold As Is.
 (27210874) \$50,000



Superior Twp 734-591-9200
 Move in-well maintned w/ evrything updted Beau home has maple kit w/ stlless steel appl, updted Bth, updted 1/2 BA, newer roof, wind, A/C, elect and more. Access to freeways, No shows until April 13, 2009
 (29047506) \$124,900



White Lake 248-684-1065
 Colonial on large lot w/ pond & perennials. Large rooms w/ original HDWD flrs. Newer oak kit w/ ceramic flrs. Florida room. 1 yr home warranty incl!
 (29015597) \$172,000