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What was the most important thing your father ever taught you? Tell us in 100 words or fewer and include a photo of yourself and your Dad. We will publish as many tributes as we can on Father's Day.

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Include your name and city and your father's name and city. Include the year photo was taken.

E-mail to bkadrich@hometownlife.com or mail to Brad Kadrich, *Canton Observer*, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit MI 48226. E-mailed photos must be in JPEG format. Call (313) 222-8899 for questions.

Red Cross is drawing blood

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at the Canton Public Library 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 26. Appointments are available by calling the library at 734-397-0999. Walk-ins are welcome.

According to the Red Cross, every two seconds someone in America needs blood. The need is more desperate than ever in Southeastern Michigan due to automotive plant shutdowns, historically a big source of blood donations.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton, MI.

Walk Michigan kickoff on tap

The kickoff walk takes place June 18 at Heritage Park, located behind the Canton Administration Building.

After the kickoff, five remaining scenic walks will take place, including: Barchester Park on June 25; Flodin Park on July 2; Freedom Park on July 9; Cherry Hill Village on July 16; and the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail on July 23.

At each location, look for the Walk Michigan! sign and check in with Leisure Services staff between 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to walk the selected one-mile route as many times as they can. All walks are weather permitting and no make-up dates will be scheduled if a walk is cancelled.

There is no cost to participate in any of these walks and no pre-registration is required. For more information, visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Residents flock to new recycling plan

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's efforts to make it easier for residents to recycle apparently are paying off.

Hundreds of residents have scooped up a dwindling number of recycling bins at the township treasurer's office since a new single-stream, curbside program was launched in April.

"We've had a run of almost 1,000 customers," Tim Faas, municipal services director, said Tuesday. "We've all but run out of recycling boxes. We've got others on rush, rush, rush order."

Canton ditched its antiquated

recycling program that forced residents and the township's trash hauler to make certain that cans had been crushed, labels and caps were removed — among other laborious measures that essentially discouraged households from "going green."

The new program not only allows residents to simply put their recyclable materials in a single bin, but it also lets township hauler Canton Waste Recycling to take the materials to a new Huron Township facility where the sorting occurs.

"It has worked pretty well," Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "It just makes it so much more user-

friendly."

Officials hope to reduce the township's waste stream by doubling the amount of household materials that get recycled from nearly 5 percent to 10 percent within the next three years, Faas said. Canton has lagged behind many communities in recycling efforts.

With the new program fueling a rush on recycling containers, officials are asking residents to remain patient in hopes that more bins will arrive within four weeks. The treasurer's office still had a few bins early this week, but Faas encouraged those who want to get on a list for the boxes to

call CWR offices at (734) 397-5801.

Better recycling efforts will not only make the township more environmentally friendly, Faas said, but also will potentially reduce the speed at which the Sauk Trail Hills landfill is filling up with trash near Lilley Road and Michigan Avenue.

Right now, the landfill is expected to accommodate garbage for 10 to 12 years. In time, local officials will face decisions about what happens then.

"Five years from now," Faas said, "we are going to have to make some hard decisions."

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The next step

Andrea Teresa Lee adjusts her mortarboard before the processional begins at Agape Christian Academy's commencement ceremony. For the list of graduates and more photos, please turn to Page A4.

Heritage Park playscape deemed safe

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Arsenic-tainted wood chips have been removed from a popular Heritage Park play structure, allowing children to return to a site that had been temporarily fenced off in early May.

"Everything is back to normal," Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said, adding that "I took my two grandbabies" there last Saturday afternoon.

"It's better than ever," he said.

Township officials closed the Heritage Hideout Playscape amid advice from an environmental testing consultant and after conducting tests around the play structure just east of Summit on the Park.

Arsenic, used as a preservative in the pressure-treated wood at the playscape, was found at levels exceeding standards for safe direct contact in the safety surface of the site.

Ann Conklin, the township's leisure services director, said the playscape reopened the Sunday before Memorial

Day after a licensed contractor removed the wood chips and properly disposed of them.

Workers resealed and repainted the structure, installed what Conklin described as "a new landscape fabric," and brought in new wood chips, Conklin said.

"It looks fabulous," she said. Although arsenic was used as a preservative in wood, it also is found in the natural environment in places like rock, soil and water. It is most dangerous when it is ingested.

Local officials, who consider Canton's recreation offerings among the township's most prized gems, had been forthright about the finding of arsenic by issuing a press release announcing the playscape's temporary closure.

Township officials had described the measures taken at the playscape as preventative in nature. LaJoy had said last month that "Canton is very committed to the safety of its youth."

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New staff aims for same quality paper

Three veteran *Observer & Eccentric* writers have been re-assigned to the staff of *The Canton Observer*.

Editor Brad Kadrich, staff writer Darrell Clem and features editor Sharon Dargay join long-time photographer Bill Bresler and sports editor Tim Smith in providing coverage of the Canton community. Smith will replace former sports editor Ed Wright on an interim basis while the paper awaits other changes. Kadrich is a veteran newsman who has been with the *Observer & Eccentric* since August 1996. After starting out as a sports editor for the company's North Oakland County editions, Kadrich joined the staff as editor of the *Plymouth Observer* in November 1999.

He replaces former editor Kurt Kuban, who has moved to the company's *South*



Kadrich



Clem



Bresler



Smith



Dargay

Lyon Herald. Kadrich, a 15-year Air Force veteran, will also maintain his duties in Plymouth temporarily.

Clem has been with the *Observer & Eccentric* since 1989. He was hired to cover the Lakes Area in Oakland County and has reported on Westland for the last 18 years.

"I'm looking forward to get-

ting to know the community leaders and residents of Canton," he said. "I have spent my entire career in community journalism, and I am eager to help make the *Canton Observer* a newspaper that people will want to continue to read."

Dargay earned a bachelor of arts degree in broadcasting with a minor Spanish from Marygrove College/ University of Detroit. She also has trained in voice-over skills, acted in theatre and live

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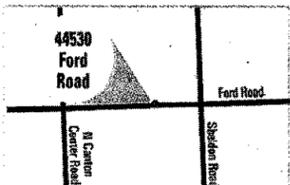
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Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin's home is one of the highlights of the 2009 Garden Walk.

Garden Club's annual walk features diverse gardens

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Imagine a faraway vacation spent relaxing and wandering amid lush gardens of flowers, plants and trees — a getaway that awakens the senses and stirs the soul.

Now save the airfare and stay in Canton.

The Canton Garden Club will celebrate a milestone with its 10th annual garden walk, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 27, rain or shine.

Karen Russell, a garden club member and editor of the Canton Historical Society newsletter, said the five gardens on this year's tour will represent a diverse collection designed to please any nature lover.

"We all interpret gardening differently, and this year, more than some years, there is great diversity in the interpretation," she said. "Some of the gardens are manicured, some not so manicured and natural. We have some real beautiful settings."

There's a quaint Victorian setting and large gardens nestled in mature trees, but the common denominator will be settings that reflect a true love for natural beauty.

The addresses on this year's garden tour will be 600 S.

Ridge Road, 7111 Epping Street, 4485 Napier Road, 7678 Bircklan Road and 7765 Bircklan Road.

Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the gardens during the tour or by calling (734) 459-8327. Those attending may start at any of the locations.

Russell's garden has been featured in the past but not this year. This time, she is simply helping to organize the event.

Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin's house on South Ridge Road is among those on this year's tour after Russell approached her.

"You don't say 'no' to Karen Russell," McLaughlin said.

The front of McLaughlin's house is quite shady with a big maple tree, a redbud tree and what she described as "a lot of leafy things." The back patio has a variety of lilies and cone flowers with different colors and petal shapes.

Canton Garden Club members have different perceptions of what makes a perfect garden.

"It's interesting how we all see it so differently," Russell said. "What we have in common is a love of being outside and working in the garden. It's a way to enjoy the simplicity of nature. Personally, I find gardening sort of a spiritual experience."

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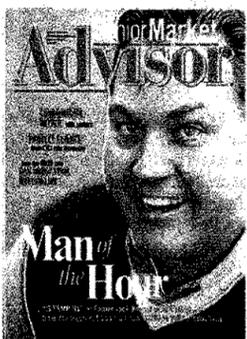
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Singer to perform

Canton singer, songwriter and guitarist Joe Reilly will perform a family concert on Sunday, June 7, at 1 p.m. at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington (25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills). Reilly has been performing and touring for 12 years, bringing messages of hope and peace in his songs to audiences in the Midwest and across the United States. Both of his parents are singers and guitarists and Joe grew up listening to their classical and liturgical music in his home and church, learning that music can be prayerful, healing, and celebratory.

Reilly is Italian, Irish, and Native American (Cherokee). His background in the study and performance of many different musical styles, including Native American music, folk, blues, jazz, liturgical, and classical, as well as his academic studies of environmental justice and racism and spiritual roots in Catholicism and Native American religions has led to a writing style that incorporates these diverse influences into a unique and powerful voice.

After more than two years of writing songs with and for children, he is ready to release a full-length album of environmental songs for kids of all ages. Titled "Children of the Earth," the songs teach environmental science and ecological stewardship.

Summit Senior Players

The Summit Senior Players, along with Canton Leisure Services, will perform "You Could Die Laughing" — a murder mystery and comedy by Billy St. John — Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6 at 7 p.m. and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 7 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors, students and groups. Tickets are available at the Summit on the Park Front Desk, online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or you can charge by phone at (734) 394-5460.

The Summit Senior Players got their start in 1999 when they took the stage at The Summit on the Park. In 2005 they took their show on the road as they relocated to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. This lively group is comprised fun-loving and theater-loving senior adults who enjoy the whole process of bringing theater to life. They do it all including acting, costumes, set design, lighting, sound and much more.

If you are interested in joining the Summit Senior Players on their next adventure, then contact Debbie Lannen at (248) 739-0987 or e-mail spotlightstillgotitplayers@spotlight-playersmi.org. Or, you can get more information on how to become a part of this wonderful group by contacting the Canton Senior Adult Program at (734) 394-5485.

Join the marching band

The Plymouth-Canton marching band is hosting its final informational meeting on Monday, June 15 for students and their parents who are interested in joining the 2009 marching band program, which is under the direction of David Armbruster, a Michigan native, who was hired by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools as director of bands at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park beginning in June. Armbruster was previously the director of bands at Northmont High School in Ohio. New band members and parents will have a chance to meet the new director at the June 15 meeting.

The marching band recruit-

ment meeting is designed for incoming 8th graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers enjoying pizza, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters on how their 8th grader can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2009 summer/fall season. Interested students and their parents should report to Plymouth High School's band room at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.pcmb.net.

Summer camps

Plymouth-Canton Community Education is offering a number of summer camps and programs for all ages - preschool to adult.

One of the most popular courses is the Safety Town Program for kindergarten and first graders, which teaches kids about house emergencies, emergency vehicles, fire safety, bicycle safety and stranger danger.

Registration is now open for all courses. For details visit

the Community Education Web site www.pccs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-2937.

Volunteers needed

If you love to shop, dine and play in Canton, and you want to be featured in an advertising campaign, then you may want to volunteer to try out on Wednesday, June 10 for the SHOPCanton campaign. Auditions are by appointment only and hosted by the Canton DDA.

Hopefuls who enjoy and want to help promote Canton and meet the following crite-

ria are encouraged to come out and audition on June 10:

- Couples in their 50s who enjoy golf
- Families with children of all ages
- Teenagers
- Young adults in their 20s and 30s
- Group of girlfriends
- Group of guys
- Couples of all ages

The auditions are open to Canton residents and residents of neighboring communities that enjoy shopping in Canton. Participation is voluntary. No experience is

necessary.

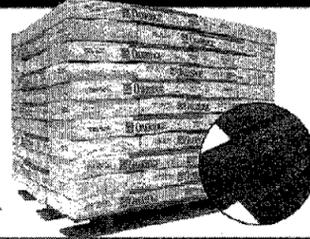
Those interested in auditioning must set up an appointment by Monday, June 8 with Sharman Lamka at (248) 563-2642 or sharmanlamka@aol.com. On the day of the audition, candidates will be asked to share their story of why they shop, dine, play and stay in Canton. Auditions will be held at the Canton Administration Building, Room E (1150 Canton Center Road South, Canton MI 48188). An adult must accompany children under 18.

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Co-valedictorian Madison Lynn Hurley-Miller addresses the crowd at Agape Christian's graduation ceremony.



Scott Molnar marches into Agape Christian Academy's graduation ceremony.

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Salutatorian Katelin Joy Wallace at the podium during Agape Christian's graduation ceremony.



Pastor Mark Moore presents co-valedictorian Victori Nicole Ruffin with a plaque honoring her achievement.

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Following are the graduates from Agape Christian Academy's Class of 2009:
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 Andrea Teresa Lee
 Cameron John Lollo
 Madison Lynn Hurley-Miller
 Scott George Molnar
 Jenna Cassidy Peace
 Victori Nicole Ruffin
 Jene Rachelle Walker
 Katelin Joy Wallace
 Seth Jacob Wargowsky

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radio productions, and graduated from Second City Detroit's writing and improv conservatory programs.

She is a longtime *Observer & Eccentric* staff member and has covered both news and feature beats and most recently produced religion and community life pages for

the *Eccentric*, newspapers as well as feature pages for *The Mirror*, a Hometown weekly.

In her spare time she writes and performs with two comedy/improv troupes in the metro area.

"I love talking to people in the community and learning about their interests, accomplishments and adventures - and then introducing them via the printed word to others," Dargay said.

Bresler began working as a photographer while in high school. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in multidisciplinary social science from Michigan State University. Bresler joined the *Observer & Eccentric* staff in 1979. He has taught photography at Madonna University since 1999.

In his free time he works on fine art photography projects and exhibits that work in local

venues.

"For me, photography is a way to document and explain life in the communities we live in," Bresler said. "And that helps me understand my own life."

Smith, 52, has covered sports for the *Redford* and *Garden City Observers* since 2004. He previously was sports editor for the *West Bloomfield* and *Southfield Eccentrics* as well as education/community reporters in *Southfield*, *West Bloomfield* and *Farmington* from 1986-2001.

During his career, Smith has captured a number of state and national awards for news, features and sports. He also was named *Observer & Eccentric* 1998 Journalist of the Year.

Smith grew up in suburban Detroit and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Wayne State University. He now lives in Livonia with his wife and daughter.

Man suspected of selling marijuana arrested

Canton police arrested a man following reports he was trying to sell marijuana on Fordham Circle, northeast of Ford and Morton Taylor roads.

Police went to Fordham Green Apartments after a woman called about 9:10 p.m. last Friday to report the man was driving around in a white Dodge Ram pickup and trying to sell marijuana.

When approached by police, the suspect denied the allegations and refused to hand over his keys or unlock his truck door. He was placed under arrest for interfering with a police investigation, and a police dog was brought to the scene and helped officers find what was described as a bag of marijuana and a scale.

CRIME WATCH

Dodge Caravan was stolen between 11:45 a.m. and 6:10 p.m. Friday while it was parked in a rear parking lot of Kohl's Department Store, at Ford and Sheldon. The victim, who identified herself as a store employee, reported that she also had several items in the vehicle, including a cell phone and charger, a garage door opener, folding chairs and an umbrella.

The woman told police the vehicle had been locked.

Stop, thief!

Canton police made arrests after it was reported that two suspects were taking items from a trailer on Old Michigan, south of Michigan Avenue between Haggerty and I-275, early Sunday morning.

The incident was reported as a larceny in progress. Police responded and spoke with one of the suspects, who admitted taking various items from someone he alleged owed him money. The stolen items were returned to the owner.

Outstanding warrants

Police arrested a man after he was stopped at South Ridge and Cherry Hill roads around 8:15 p.m. Saturday for having an expired license plate. Officers learned that the man, driving a 1990 Ford Ranger, was wanted on a felony warrant out of Ypsilanti for having what was described as "dangerous drugs." He also had been driving with a suspended license.

The man was turned over to Ypsilanti authorities.

A passenger who had started to walk away from the truck also was arrested on several outstanding warrants.

Check fraud

A 37-year-old man contacted police after he noticed that a \$254 check had been written on his bank account without his knowledge. The victim is a resident of Walton Boulevard, south of Joy Road and east of I-275.

The man's complaint prompted an investigation after it was learned that the check was made payable to a cable company, but he didn't know the name of the person who was on the cable account.

Stolen car

A woman told police that her dark green, 1999

Thefts from cars

A man who left the window of his vehicle down told police that his I Touch phone, sunglasses and \$50 in cash were taken. He was parked on Bayberry Park Circle, northwest of Palmer and Haggerty roads.

The incident happened between 2:45 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. Sunday.

Another man who was parked in the same area and left his vehicle unlocked reported that his Kobe Bryant jersey, a debit card, \$16 and a laptop computer were stolen. Those thefts happened between 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Broken window
 A man told police that the driver-side window of his 2000 Ford pickup truck was busted out sometime Saturday or Sunday while it was parked in a driveway on Cherry Orchard Road, southeast of Cherry Hill and Sheldon roads.

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AROUND CANTON

Camp Canton

The award-winning Camp Canton, part of Canton Leisure Services, will open its doors again this summer starting on June 22 and run until Aug. 28. The program is open to children between the ages of 6-10.

Camp Canton is a week-long day camp (Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) that is licensed by the State of Michigan. Located in the dance studios at the Summit on the Park, this camp will keep kids busy with sports, crafts, swimming, theme days, guest speakers and "off-site" field trips every Wednesday. Scheduled field trips include a Toledo Mudhens baseball game, the Trout Farm, two different water parks, Kensington Metro Park, the Toledo Zoo, a Detroit Shock Basketball game and many more. Spots are still available.

There is a cost of \$175 per week for Canton residents and for non-residents the cost is \$228; with a discount for week two since there will be no camp July 3, due to the holiday. No daily registration is allowed, but payment plans are available. The staff of Camp Canton is trained in CPR/first aid with a staff to camper ration of 1:6. In 2008, the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association named Camp Canton "Best Green Program" in the State of Michigan.

Find out what Camp Canton is all about at an open house on Wednesday, June 17, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information on Camp Canton or any of the almost 20 other Canton Leisure Services camps, visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

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Waltonwood staffers, standing: Sharon Stickney, Nancy Daly, Christopher Haskin, Jennifer Alwin, Monifa Brown, Michael Marrs, Renee Wertheimer. Sitting: Janel Burke and Stephanie Ford.

Firm takes pride in serving seniors

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

Waltonwood: Waltonwood offers luxury senior housing. We take special care to provide older adults with conveniences and amenities that make living comfortable and enjoyable. We offer monthly apartment rentals with 24-hour on-site staff. We provide a range of services for independent living, assisted living and memory care residents, from courtesy transportation, meals and housekeeping to more intense services such as medication management and personal care services. We offer a full social calendar that includes an array of on- and off-site entertainment and activities.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Waltonwood: We offer a continuum of care where seniors can age in place from Independent Living to Licensed Assisted Living and Memory Care. We are also licensed by the state of Michigan which means we are held to the highest rules and regulations in providing senior housing.

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

Waltonwood: Singh has always been able to see the needs of the communities it is

WALTONWOOD

- **Business name:** Waltonwood
- **Business address:** Waltonwood at Carriage Park, 2250 Canton Center Rd, Canton; Waltonwood at Cherry Hill- 42600 Cherry Hill Rd, Canton.
- **Your name and title:** Christian Miller, marketing manager
- **Your hometown:** Corporate office is based out of West Bloomfield.
- **Business opened when?** The first Waltonwood opened in 1987
- **Number of employees:** Approx. 800 through out all Waltonwood locations
- **Your business specialty:** Luxury Senior Housing
- **Hours of operation:** For tours and other information our communities are open to the public Monday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Web site:** www.waltonwood.com

apart of and meet them. The company saw the need for senior housing and developed Waltonwood. Around the early 1990s the concept of assisted living was strong in the marketplace. It was realized that as Waltonwood's independent residents aged, they would need

to move to another level of care and receive more assistance with their activities of daily living. Waltonwood then decided to venture into assisted living to better help the need of others.

In 2000, due to the influx of individuals suffering from dementia/Alzheimer, Waltonwood decided to take their services one step forward and created an elegant, family style environment to better service the needs of Memory Care residents.

Observer: How did you decide to locate in the Canton community?

Waltonwood: Locations have always been carefully selected to ensure that the location is part of thriving communities with convenient surroundings. Canton was and still is a great community to be apart of and offers our residents and their families all the conveniences they ask for.

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

Waltonwood: Senior living communities are owned and managed by Singh - a local, family owned and operated builder/ developer that has been providing premier exceptional real estate in the metropolitan Detroit area for more than 30 years.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Pinnacle Award

Christopher J. Lupica has been named a 2008 recipient of The Dow Chemical Company's prestigious Pinnacle Award, in recognition of his outstanding achievements in Chemicals & Performance Chemicals sales. Lupica received the award at a special ceremony on April 16, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia. Lupica has worked at Dow for over 10 years and currently holds the position of Senior Account Executive. This is his third Pinnacle Award. The Pinnacle Award for Sales Excellence honors Dow sales personnel for meeting individual and business goals, managing customer relations and for overall performance when compared with their peers. Those receiving the award represent the top six percent of Dow's entire global sales organization.



Lupica

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The seminar takes place at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100 in Plymouth. For more information or to reserve a seat, call (734) 459-4700.

Karmann taps PR firm

Karmann USA, a leading supplier of automotive convertible tops, has selected AutoCom Associates as its public relations agency of record in North America.

Founded in 1996, Karmann USA is based in Plymouth Township, and is a subsidiary of the Karmann Group. The world's leading Tier-1 supplier of convertible tops, the Karmann Group also has served as the contract manufacturer of several complete vehicles, including the VW Karmann Ghia, the VW Beetle convertible and the Mercedes-Benz CLK convertible.

At its Plymouth Township campus, Karmann USA employs more than

300 people. In addition to the manufacture of convertible roof-top systems, Karmann USA provides OEMs with world class engineering solutions and recently launched a new aftermarket unit - Karmann Classics - a convertible top restoration service for Karmann Ghias and classic VWs.

Additional information on Karmann USA can be found at www.karmann.com.

Based in suburban Detroit, AutoCom Associates provides public relations services and counseling to automotive and high-technology businesses on a global basis.

In addition to Karmann USA, AutoCom clients include: Behr America, Coherix, Eberspaecher, ecarlist, Eviev 360, Gibbs Technologies, GKN Driveline, Hella KGaA Hueck & Co., Icom, Intermap, InterRegs, Lear Corporation, Thetford Corporation and Trubiquity. The agency also represents economic development entities such as the Stuttgart (Germany) Regional Economic Development Corporation and the Wallonia (Belgium) Office for Foreign Investors.

CHAMBER CHAT

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents multiple ways to get involved when it presents its annual Golf Outing Monday, July 13, at Northville Hills.

Sponsored by Victory Honda of Plymouth, this is a first class

day of golf for a first class community. The golfing package you receive is one of the most complete and enjoyable you will have at any outing this year. The package includes lunch, refreshments on the course, cocktails/beer and dinner. Foursomes also receive a tee sign, sponsor recognition and one free raffle ticket.

Add to this package the free golf clinic, plus spending the day with many fellow Plymouth Community Chamber members and you will see why this is one of the best outings in our area.

Sponsorships, silent raffle donations and gift bag items are all available.

There are other ways you can showcase your business if you are not golfing in this year's outing by being a sponsor, donating a silent auction item or providing items for the golfers' gift bags.

For more information about golfing or making a contribution, please call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail wes@plymouthmich.org.

Parade walk
As members you, your family and friends can walk in the Fourth of July Parade in Downtown Plymouth with the Chamber. We will be promoting the "Plymouth Rocks" community marketing theme at the parade. We ask that those who participate to wear a black T-shirt or purchase a "Plymouth Rocks" T-shirt for just \$8.

The parade starts at 7:30 a.m., making the Plymouth Community famous for having the first parade of the day in the United States each year. For those early risers that want to participate you must be at the parade site by 6:30 a.m.

While you do have to wipe the sleep out of your eyes, the early start time does give you the rest of the day to enjoy the holiday with friends and family.

If you are interested in walking in the parade, please contact the Chamber at (734) 453-1540 or e-mail wes@plymouthmich.org.

Community map
New maps of the community have arrived. Members are welcome to use copies of the maps for their own purposes, such as customer give-a-ways, setting them out in their place of work for others to take or for new employees. Please stop by the Chamber office to pick up as many maps as you would like to use.

Web Site of the Week:
Coldwell Banker Preferred To help members see other web sites in the community and get ideas they could use for their own sites, we will feature a different member's site each

week. This week we are featuring the web site from Coldwell Banker Preferred: www.cbpreferred.com.

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Community/Business News

The Plymouth Community Fireworks Extravaganza is looking for supporters. On July 3 at Hilltop Golf Course there will be the second annual Plymouth Community Fireworks Extravaganza.

Last year thousands of people enjoyed the first year of this new tradition in the community. Plymouth Township is spearheading the fund-raising to make the fireworks a reality again this year. They are seeking donations from companies who would like to support the event. If you would like to make a contribution to this year's fireworks, please contact Township Treasurer Ron Edwards at (734) 354-3214 by June 12.

Sign up for the Plymouth YMCA 30th annual Fathers Day Run, Kids Fun Runs, 1 Mile Run/Walk, 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run are all part of the 30th Annual Fathers Day run on Sunday, June 21. For more information on how to participate, please call the YMCA at (734) 453-2904.



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OUR VIEWS

Observer still here, but we need you, too

As many may have heard, the *Observer & Eccentric* closed its West Bloomfield, Troy, Rochester, Southfield and *Mirror* newspapers, with their final publication on May 31.

The *Birmingham Eccentric* was also on that list, but was revived to a once-a-week paper, after a groundswell of community support and pledges to boost subscriptions and advertising for that edition. It remains a "wait and see" proposition, but the company is willing to give it a try.

A *South Oakland Eccentric* paper will cover Southfield, Royal Oak, Ferndale and other south-central Oakland County communities. The paper will be published on Sunday.

Many people are shocked and dismayed by the loss of the local papers. Many readers of the *Plymouth* and *Canton Observers* have expressed relief that their papers remain open.

But, they can only survive with the support of the community.

We view the *Observer's* long-standing relationship with the *Plymouth*, *Plymouth Township* and *Canton Township* communities as a partnership. We depend on local advertising and home delivery subscriptions to survive. The community depends on the *Observer* to inform people about all aspects of their communities, from stories that affect neighborhoods and taxes, to spreading the word about fund-raisers, special events and incredible people who do incredible things.

The *Plymouth* community has had a local paper since the days of the *Plymouth Mail*, long before it became the *Observer*. The *Canton Observer* has been publishing for more than 30 years.

Just as we've promoted the "buy local" concept, in an effort to push local consumers to locally owned stores, we're urging folks to invest, to engage, in the *Plymouth* and *Canton Observers*. Advertising budgets are tight, we know, and household budgets are also tight, but if we support each other, we'll make it through.

Here's what you can do to help the *Observer*. Urge merchants to advertise. Patronize local merchants who do advertise. Don't forget to tell merchants that you saw their ad in the *Observer*.

Purchase an annual subscription to the paper. The newspaper industry is in transition with print and on-line editions. But that transition is incomplete as newspapers search for a successful business model that will help sustain local information on the Web. So if you read us free on-line, that's fine; however, it's important to pay for the print subscription - that's the only way we can afford to sustain that hyper-local Web site.

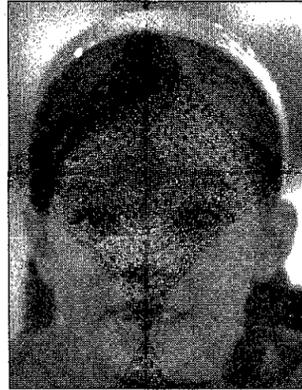
Each and every issue of the *Observer* contains items that support local causes, local events, local people. We're here to shine the light on the good, to evoke conversations, to support local businesses and to provide a forum for healthy debate on local issues that affect you. We want to be around for many years to come. You can help.

For subscription information, call (866) 887-2737. To advertise in the *Canton Observer*, call Frank Cibor at (734) 582-8361; to advertise in the *Plymouth Observer*, call Nicole Stone, (734) 582-8357.

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If you could ask one question, what would it be?

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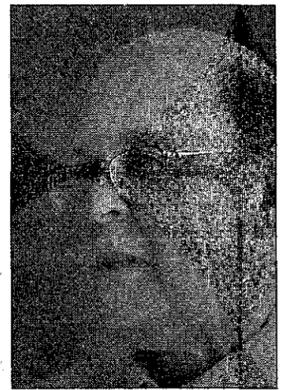
"Why am I so funny?"
Emma Heussner
Canton



"What's going to happen in the future?"
Joe Fischer, 51, Wayne



"When will the war end so our boys can come home?"
Mary Sidick, Canton



"Why with rising home foreclosures, unemployment going higher, the savings rate lower and stock portfolios going down is consumer confidence so high?"
Jim McLaughlin, 67
Canton

LETTERS

Keep Wright writing

It was bad enough news when I lost my job in April, then my little morning enjoyment of reading the *Free Press* was upset when they decided not to deliver my newspaper every day (reading online is not the same and I can't take it with me).

Now I find out that our/my beloved sports editor, Ed Wright, will no longer be writing those amazing sports articles in our *Plymouth Observer*, due to the economy!

Ed's stories - so well written, so interesting, so much more than just reporting sports - were my favorite part of the *Observer* newspaper. He really got the "back story" right ... or should I say "wright." I would liken his style to Mitch Albom. I would find myself reading about sports I knew nothing about only because Ed wrote the story. I would end up smiling at the end of each article.

Please reconsider and keep Ed Wright WRITING!!!

Elisabeth DeWitt
Plymouth

Not so safe?

My husband and I have lived in Canton for almost four years. We moved here for his employer, from Toledo. I have always been happy with our city and schools. I always felt safe.

Yet now I feel that our Canton Police Department is falling into the same routine as police departments across the country. Townships and cities across the country are utilizing their time by handing out common traffic citations. This is a huge source of money, yet it is hurting our community.

If Michigan wasn't in enough trouble before, now we are handing out \$65 tickets for not wearing a seat belt. Officers are sitting at corners waiting for someone to turn on a no-turn-on-red. Yet, in my subdivision alone there have been two break-ins.

I read the paper and see many crimes that are now being committed in my once-safe community. Why are our officers more concerned with traffic violations than crimes being had all over the place?

My background and education is in the criminal justice field, I respect our officers and firemen more than most. But I am concerned with the crimes that I have been reading about. My husband and I are actually considering having an alarm put on our house. The last thing I thought about when moving to Canton was having to worry about someone breaking into our home. Now, it is much more of a reality - and I think it is about time that our community stands up and voices our opinions.

Angela Skaff
Canton

Compassion needed

We are going through the worst financial downturn since the Great Depression and Canton Township officials respond by throwing ordinance codes at a center helping those in need.

What a shame! Inspector Jeff Goulet is quoted in the article as saying "We don't like large numbers of people in a general industrial zone." I'm sure the large numbers of people who visit the Open Door also don't like the situation - but for a different reason. They don't like being in such a tenuous situation where they need help to feed



What do you think?

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themselves and their families.

In these extraordinary times, with people's lives on the line, is this really the best our township officials can do? Perhaps compassion and wisdom would dictate something beyond the bureaucratic hassling that is being offered.

Bryan Smith
Canton

Charters an answer?

Disgruntled with public education for innumerable reasons, parents hoping to find something better need to first ask themselves, "Can it be found in charter schools?"

Legally, charter schools are public schools, having to adhere to the same woeful "standards" and much of the same curriculum as that of public schools. They are still beholden to the state, still have to implement Michigan's questionable standardized testing, MEAP, and still have to implement the same "values" or lack thereof.

Personally, I have opted to turn to private religious schools. The only problem is that many of them even resemble public schools. We can run but we cannot hide.

Phyllis Pelloni
Canton

Charters a blessing

People choose charter schools for many different reasons. We have many freedoms living in the United States - freedom of speech and religion. Please keep printing articles that stress the overwhelming need of charter schools here in Michigan to help allow parents the freedom of school choice for their children's education.

The numbers say it all. I am sure you've

seen the long waiting lists for charter schools that aren't even open yet. The need for additional charter schools in Michigan is immense. The strong academic curriculum and high moral values have guided my children to become better citizens of the community.

Yes, my children are students of Canton Charter Academy and I feel it is a blessing to our entire family. Being a part of a school that outscores (in almost all categories of the MEAP) the traditional public schools in the same district, says a lot. You should write an article about that, as many people do not understand what a charter school is or how successful they are. The general population is uninformed to how charter schools are different from traditional public or private schools. I am asked every day how much is the tuition at CCA?

My family is all for charter schools in Canton and everywhere else too. But just like any learning environment it all begins at home. Parent promotion and participation in their child's education on a daily basis is truly the best way to ensure successful students!

Jackie Meqdan
Canton

Keep ministry open

There are two issues that complicate the problem of the facility ("Township threatens to shut down food bank," *Canton Observer*, Thursday, May 21).

The first related to the physical building. Only safety issues should be pursued. Code issues for heavy industrial are not valid for the use of the building.

The second issue of heavy traffic in a general industrial area is not valid because the building in question is the ONLY building in the area. The street is a dead-end street with only the ministry on it.

The township should do everything it can to facilitate the continuance of the ministry without compromising safety.

Ed Krupa
Canton

Join the discussion

Given the bankruptcy of General Motors, how likely is it you would choose a new GM product for a new vehicle choice?

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Be wary of combining insurance, investing

I recently had a conversation with a client regarding life insurance. Before the individual was a client, he purchased a variable universal life insurance policy that is now causing him problems. In order to keep the insurance at its current amount, the premium is increasing. He was told when he purchased the policy that the premium would remain level, however, now he is learning that is not the case. Unfortunately, there are many people in his situation. They purchased a policy with an investment component which impacts the premium. Since the investments within the insurance policy have taken a major hit, these policy holders are now finding that to keep the insurance as is, the premiums are going up — substantially.

Whenever I discuss life insurance I always make it clear that I do not believe life insurance or any type of



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

you have a boat. I believe when you combine investing and insurance in one product, it is generally to the detriment of you and me.

In this situation, the first issue is whether life insurance is needed. My client needs the life insurance and so his options are limited. However, he has options that should be explored before automatically paying the higher premiums. I don't like to combine insurance and investing together because the product is too complex for most to under-

stand and it is generally stuffed with high fees and costs. In addition, there are no guarantees that the premiums won't go up again in the future.

Another option, and the one I recommended to my client, was to buy a new, term life insurance policy for the amount of the insurance needed. By buying a term policy he is covering his life insurance needs and separating his investments from his insurance needs. Before canceling his original policy I made sure he was approved for the new, term policy. If you need life insurance never cancel an old policy until the new policy has been approved.

Shopping around and purchasing the term insurance policy enabled my client to obtain insurance for the specific amount and time he needed at a much lower cost than he was paying on his original policy. The savings

freed up money to make a Roth IRA contribution.

If you're in the same situation as my client, don't automatically assume your only option is to pay the higher premiums. The key is to get independent advice.

When used correctly, life insurance is a very valuable tool in the area of personal financial planning. Life insurance is not an investment, but rather a way of providing for dependents upon death. Don't get hooked by gimmicks when it comes to life insurance because ultimately it is not beneficial for you. When it comes to life insurance, keeping it simple is the strategy I recommend. I believe you may just find it benefits you too. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Win lunch with George Blaha

Dining With the Stars will close out the 2009 spring season with George Blaha, a familiar voice in the broadcast and sports world in metro Detroit.

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Blaha at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Thursday, June 4.

Dining With the Stars is sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The contest winner will be treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo, a makeover courtesy of Christine from Beauty Salon in Birmingham, a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

A local broadcasting icon and one of the most recognizable personalities in Detroit and the NBA, Blaha recently completed his 33rd consecutive season as the television and radio play-by-play voice of the Detroit Pistons. The "Voice of the Pistons" is the longest tenured play-by-play announcer in the state of Michigan following the retirement of legendary Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

Blaha brings a high-energy style to go with his extensive basketball knowledge and demonstrates a true passion for Pistons basketball. His trademark colloquialisms such



Blaha

as, "two and 22 to play" and "a high glass gun that goes" have thrilled Pistons fans of all ages for three decades.

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Born in Detroit, Blaha graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics from Notre Dame University and earned an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. He lives in Troy and Gaylord.

Blaha enjoyed a banner year in 2008 when he was named Michigan's SportsCaster of the Year for the second time by *The Detroit News* (2003, 2008) and enshrined in the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

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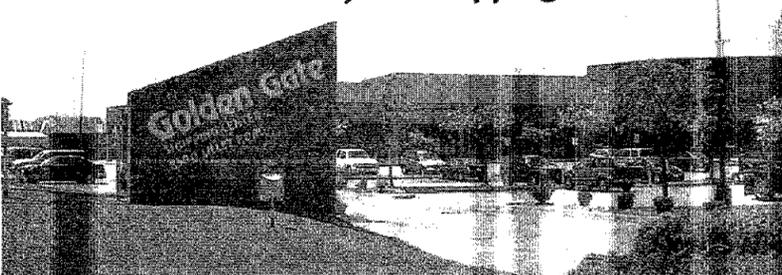
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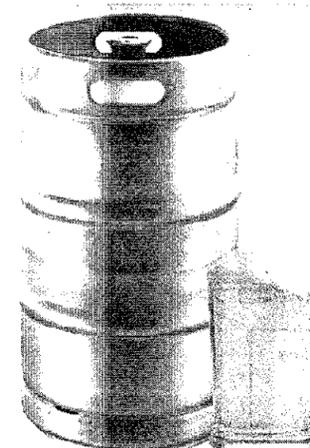
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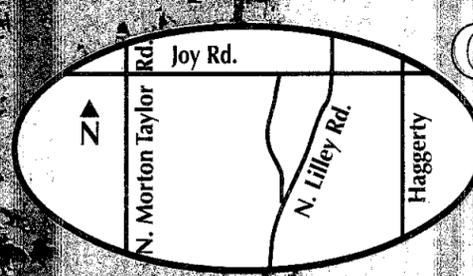
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Chiefs' dream run jolted by late call

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What a night it could have been.

Canton hung right in with defending Division 1 state champion Ann Arbor Huron Tuesday night, going toe-to-toe all 80 minutes at Saline.

But after a goal by senior forward Tracy Rymph staked Canton to an early 1-0 lead in the regional girls soccer semifinal, the Chiefs gave up the tying goal with just three minutes left in the first half.

Canton (14-3-1) then wound up losing 2-1 on a disputed penalty kick with 14:04 remaining.

Huron (16-2-2) will face Livonia Churchill at 7 p.m. Friday in the final.

"My girls did a good job, they did what they've been doing all year and basically it came down to an official's call," said Canton head coach George Tomasso. "The first one was saved by our keeper (junior Samantha McPartlin) and the second one wasn't justified."

"If you review the tape it clearly will show our player got the ball first and he awarded another PK."

On the play, Canton sophomore defender Melanie Pickert and River Rats' junior forward Michelle Freed converged on a 50-50 ball in the box.

They collided in front of McPartlin and the penalty kick was awarded. Senior Lisa Masini took the shot and buried it high inside the left post.

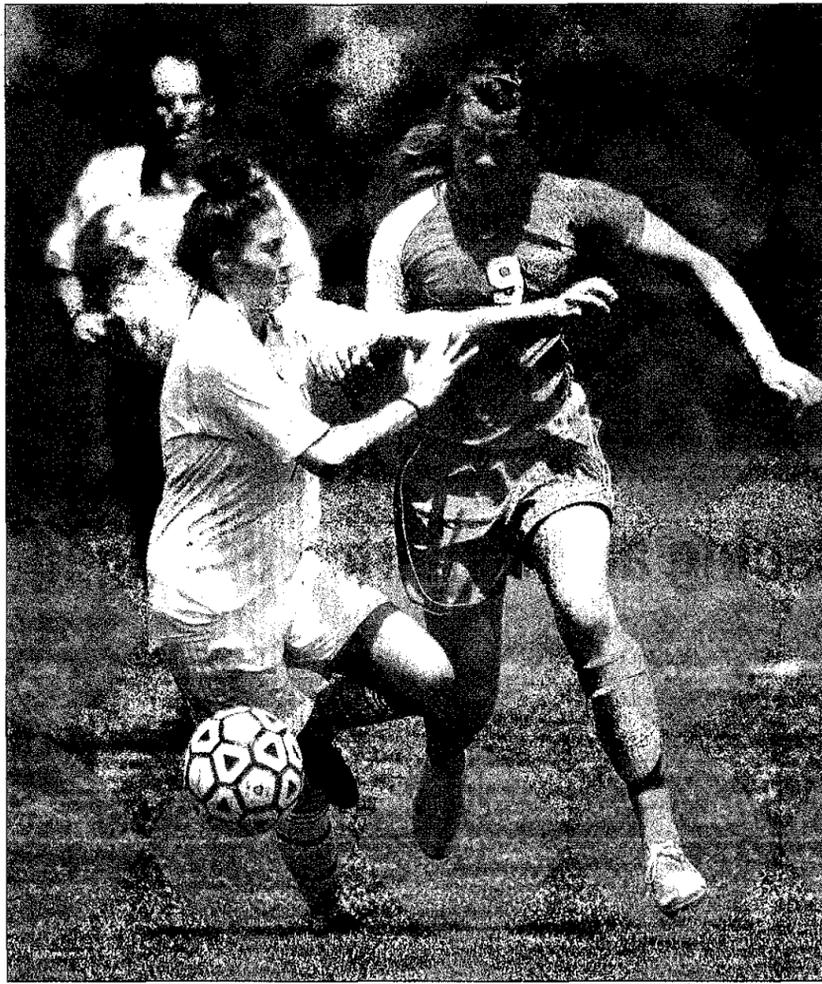
"Yes, it happens all the time, and inexperienced referees at this level cost teams games," said Tomasso, about how the contact was a matter of momentum and nothing else. "It should have been a corner kick."

Of course, Canton's opponent saw things differently. "Their defender tried to get in front," said Huron head coach Todd Pfeifer. "The same thing happened on both penalty kicks."

"My player cut through the box and got clipped from behind."

COMING CLOSE

The Chiefs battled to try and



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Battling for possession Saturday night are Livonia Stevenson's Ashley Welch and Canton senior forward Tracy Rymph (No. 9), who scored her team's lone goal Tuesday in the regionals.

score the equalizer, but could not beat senior goalkeeper Emily Brunnschweiler — who impressed with aggressive play in and out of the goal area.

With about eight minutes left, Rymph set up senior midfielder-defender Megan Staub with a crossing pass and Staub's hard shot from the left side just missed hitting the top of the cage.

With about 2:30 remaining, Rymph's spinarama scoring attempt was snared.

Staub's bid with about a minute left was repelled by a diving Brunnschweiler and a scrum with 20 seconds to go

did not net the tying goal.

She thought her shot would result in a rebound opportunity that could be booted home, but the goalie foiled that by deflecting it too far from the cage.

"It's just disappointing to lose on a PK," Staub said. "If you want a team to beat you, you want them to earn it. I just didn't feel they earned it, at all."

Echoing Staub was senior midfielder and co-captain Lisa Pierce.

"To know we put so much effort into our season and to lose on a PK, it's definitely

tough," Pierce said.

In the first half, Canton looked ready for an upset.

At 8:17, a corner kick from right side was knocked in on a header by Rymph for her 19th goal of the season.

The Chiefs came close to going up 2-0 on several occasions, particularly a give-and-go with less than nine minutes to play in the half.

Junior forward Jessikah McClendon fed a pass to Staub cutting up the middle and she drove a shot just wide of the left post.

Please see **REGIONAL, B4**

Canton takes first district since 2004

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There was no denying the Canton girls soccer team during Saturday's Division 1 district championship final at Northville.

The Chiefs, getting a pair of first-half goals from forward Jessikah McClendon, improved to 14-2-1 with a workmanlike 3-0 victory over Livonia Stevenson.

It was first district crown since 2004 for the Chiefs, who had reached five of the last six finals under coach George Tomasso.

Canton advances to Tuesday's regional semifinal at Saline where the Chiefs will square off against Ann Arbor Huron (15-2-2). Game time is 7 p.m.

"It's been awhile," said Tomasso, who grabbed his second district championship trophy. "We've been trying to piece this team together for three years. We knew four years ago that our freshman class had special talent. Three made it on varsity that year and two the next year as sophomores."

"This team has a great mentality. It's team based. They do a good job together. Right now we're just trying to win games and try to focus as they come."

Stevenson couldn't mount any serious attacks against Canton goalkeeper Samantha McPartlin, who saw little action.

"We did not test their goalkeeper until the last two minutes," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "You've got to score goals to win."

"Canton is a good team, they match up physically with anybody and they play

Please see **DISTRICT, B4**

Plymouth hangs on for D-1 softball district title

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Talk about a good news-bad news kind of day.

Plymouth shortstop Stacy Klonowski had a tough day in the field, committing three errors, including one that led to Canton's only two runs of the game. But she was also instrumental in the Wildcats' only scoring rally, driving in Plymouth's first two runs with a long double, then scoring what turned out to be the game-winning run on a third-inning single by Amanda Burnard as the Wildcats hung on for a 3-2 win in the championship game of a girls' softball district Saturday.

The win puts the Wildcats into the Novi regional Saturday.

"It was an ... interesting ... day," said Klonowski, able to smile after her team won the game. "The whole time at bat (on the double), I was thinking, 'I can do this.' In the field, the team had to pick me up. They helped me."

Sophomore pitcher Lauren Smith scattered seven hits to get the win. She issued just one walk and struck out only two, but one of them was pinch hitter Heide Lucke with two outs and the tying run on second in the seventh inning.

Plymouth coach Val Canfield said Smith never let the Chiefs get into any kind of rhythm.

"Lauren mixed it up a lot," Canfield said. "She kept them off balance. She really made it happen today."

Smith got the winning rally started with a leadoff single in the bottom of the third. She went to second when Allison Raylean beat out a bunt single. Both runners advanced on a sacrifice from Erin Rodes and scored on Klonowski's double. Klonowski herself scored on Burnard's single.

Canton got right back in the game in the top of the fourth. With one out, Lauren Leskovitz and Smith were safe on back-to-back errors — two of six the Wildcats made in the game. Jordan Puskar beat out a bunt to load the bases. Leskovitz and Smith scored on Jesse Larnier's two-run single. The Chiefs might have tied the score, but Plymouth first baseman Tessa Heldmeyer scooped a throw from Klonowski out of the dirt for the third out of the inning.

Canfield said she wouldn't have believed her team could win a game in which they played such poor defense. "I think it was just nerves,"

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Zach Birchler and his Canton teammates are sliding into Division 1 baseball regional action, Saturday at Novi.

Chiefs pound way to regional

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton baseball coach Mark Blomshield got doused by his players pouring the water bucket over his head Saturday afternoon.

But it was the only bad thing that happened to Blomshield — or his Chiefs — all day.

Canton used an 11-run fourth inning, and sophomore Seth Tschetter had three hits and four RBI, as the Chiefs won their second straight district baseball championship with a 15-1 pounding of Plymouth.

The win put Canton in the Novi regional Saturday.

"You don't expect to put up 15 (runs) against Plymouth," Blomshield said. "We just wanted to

keep the game close. We told our kids, 'Let's win each inning.'"

Canton, which beat Livonia Churchill 8-1 in the semifinal, grabbed an early lead on a two-run single by Tschetter, which scored Nick Sweda and Dan Stoney, who had both reached on walks.

Nick Tomilenko tripled and scored on an error leading off the third. Stoney walked, advanced to second on a passed ball and scored on Tschetter's single.

Plymouth, which beat Salem 9-6 in the other semifinal, got its lone run in the top of the fourth, when Matt Skubic scored from third on a passed ball. Ryan Spencer then struck out

Please see **BASEBALL, B3**

GAME WRAPS

Softball districts

CANTON 7, CHURCHILL 0: Winning pitcher Amy Dunleavy and Kaitlyn Mattson collected two hits apiece Saturday as the Chiefs (31-6) downed Livonia Churchill (15-16) in the Division 1 district semifinal at Plymouth.

Dunleavy worked the first five innings to pick up the victory as Churchill was limited to four hits.

Canton scored three runs on two hits and two walks, along with an error off Churchill starter Abby Jewell, who was eventually replaced by Natalie Hiser.

The Chiefs built a seven-run lead as Sam Partain scored twice.

Taylor Kerr and Mackenzie Everson each had two hits for the Chargers.

Girls tennis

STATE TOURNAMENT: Mercy fared best among the three Farmington schools that qualified for the Division 2 state meet that was played Friday and Saturday at Kalamazoo College.

The Marlins finished in eighth place with 11 points. North Farmington and East Lansing tied for 10th with eight points each; Farmington, Grosse Pointe North, Holly and Allen Park finished in a four-way tie for 13th (six).

North Farmington's Emily Hand and Emily Jan experienced only their second defeat of the season in the No. 1 doubles final.

The No. 2-seeded Raiders lost to the top-seeded team from Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, Shelby Florida and Macey Hallstedt, 6-1, 6-3.

Hand and Jan advanced to the championship match with victories over Bloomfield Hills Marian (2-1), Portage Northern (1-4) and Traverse City Central, 7-6(3), 6-4.

Farmington's Victoria Amponsah reached the semifinals at No. 3 singles. The second-seeded Amponsah lost to Jenny Tsai, the eventual runner-up from Okemos, 6-1, 6-2.

Singles players reaching the quarterfinal round were Ariana Kabodian (Mercy) and Jennifer Yen (North) at No. 1, Margaux Kabodian (Mercy) and Michelle Mac (Farmington) at No. 2 and Emily Walsh (Mercy) at No. 4.

North Farmington's Danielle Balsis and Heena Patel and Mercy's Lisa Carlson and Michelle Ho were quarterfinalists at Nos. 2 and 3 doubles, respectively.

Mercy's No. 4 doubles team of Sarah Tienan and Lauren Dubosh lost an extended, three-setter in the second round to Hudsonville, 7-6(4), 6-7(3), 7-5.

Summer baseball

RAMS GET STARTED: Pitching ruled the day as the 20-and-under Michigan Rams opened their 2009 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League season Sunday by splitting a double-header with the Blue Knights at Ford Field.

Tyler Spickler limited the Rams to just four hits to pick up the win as the Blue Knights took the opener, 3-2.

Spickler, who struck out six, went all seven innings. He walked three and hit one batter.

Losing pitcher Brady Cooper (Wayne State) allowed two earned runs on five hits and two walks in his six-inning stint. He struck out eight and hit one batter. Brent Opland's RBI groundout scored Andrew Jacinto with the game-winning run in the sixth.

Steve Anderson also knocked in a pair of runs and Tony Pounders went 2-for-2 with a run scored for the Blue Knights.

Aaron Cieslak (Kellogg CC) went 2-for-4, while Jake Rhodes (Wabash Valley, Ill., CC) and Brett Mazmanian (Kankakee, Ill., CC) knocked in runs.

In the nightcap, Tom Whiting (Worcester, Mass., Polytech) went all seven innings to earn the victory as the Rams downed the Blue Knights, 7-2.

Whiting scattered five hits and did not allow a walk while fanning nine.

SOFTBALL

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the coach said. "We were a little too anxious defensively. (But) our offense came into play, and our pitching kept us in there."

Ironically, in a game where the Wildcats made six errors, it was a pair of stellar defensive plays that clinched the game. Canton's Christy VanEsley was safe on an error leading off the sixth. Puskar was also safe when her grounder to third was thrown away by Plymouth's Burnard, putting runners at second and third with no outs.

Larner ripped a grounder to

Burnard, who caught VanEsley too far off third and tagged her out. The next hitter, Samantha Partain, then lined out to Beth Heldmeyer, who flipped it to her sister, Tessa, to double Larner off of first.

Canton's last chance came in the sixth when Amy Dunleavy singled, then scampered to second when the ball skipped past center fielder Jillian Brennan. But Smith settled down and got the final two outs to preserve the win.

"(The sixth inning) was huge," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "We had that pick at third, then the double play. It took us right out of the game."

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Plymouth shortstop Stacey Klonowski gets off a throw to first during her Wildcats' 3-2 win over Canton in a district title game Saturday. Klonowski had a two-run double and scored the winning run in the victory.

MEN'S SENIOR GOLF

The Michigan Publinx Senior Golf Association had its first tournament of the season May 16 at the Conroy/Dewling-designed Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford.

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Flight C (gross/net score) — first place: Frank Majkowski, Commerce Twp. (94/73); second place: Jerry LeVan, Bloomfield Hills (99/75); third place: Raymond Donnelly, Troy (100/77); fourth place: Jay Millar, Westland (103/78); fifth place: (tie) Bill Landrem, Fenton (101/80); and Rich Strzykowski, New Hudson (109/80).

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The rules of replacing and repairing damaged clubs

By Jeannie Myers

Everyone seems to know that a player may not start a round with more than 14 clubs. However, there is some confusion about when a club may be replaced during the round.

Rule 4-3 says that, "If, during a stipulated round, a player's club is damaged in the normal course of play, he may: use it in its damaged state for the remainder of the round, without delaying play, repair it or have it repaired, or if the club has become unfit for play, he may replace it."

The replacement may not unduly delay play and the player may not borrow any club from any other person playing on the course.

This leads us to two definitions. What constitutes "normal course of play?" Obviously it includes making a

stroke or practice swing, but also includes removing or replacing a club in the bag, using a club to search for a ball, leaning on it while waiting to play and accidentally dropping it. Normal course of play does not include throwing the club in anger, slamming it into the bag or intentionally striking something with the club.

Normal course of play does include using a club as a cane while climbing a hill, because that is considered a reasonable act. However, a club that breaks because the player has a habit of hitting the head of the club on the ground while walking to the next tee has not been broken in the normal course of play and may not be replaced.

Notice that the only time you can replace a club is when it has become unfit for play in the normal course of play. It has become "unfit" if it is substantially damaged, e.g., the shaft is dented, bent or broken, or the club head

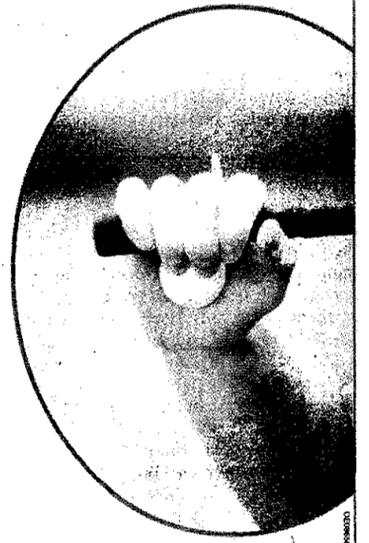
has become loose, detached or deformed, or the grip has become loose. You may not replace clubs just because the grips have become wet. If the shaft of a player's club has become bent in the normal course of play, he has the right to try to repair it. If in the course of bending it back into its original shape, the player snaps the shaft in pieces, he may replace the club. A player may replace a club which has become unfit for play while practicing on the range during a suspension of play. And, in equity, a player may replace clubs that have become unfit because, while lying on the ground, they were damaged by a maintenance vehicle or a golf cart. For those of you who may become involved in a stroke play play-off, please notice that the play-off constitutes a new round, and you may replace any club, even if it had been broken in anger.

A lost club may not be replaced

because it has not become "unfit for play" during the normal course of play. And a player may not replace a club by borrowing one from another player playing on the course.

If a player does damage a club other than in the normal course of play, so that it is non-conforming or its playing characteristics have changed, it may not be subsequently used or replaced during the round. The penalty for using or replacing it is disqualification. Such is the unhappy fate of a player who misses a short putt, bangs the putter head on his shoe bending the neck of the putter, and then taps in the one inch putt with the damaged club.

Jeannie 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.





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Novi again hosting high-profile MHSAA tourney

BASEBALL

FROM PAGE B1

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some of the area's best high school baseball and softball teams are gearing up for Saturday's Division 1 regionals at Novi High School.

The host Wildcats won't have any teams in action. But Novi athletic director Curt Ellis is pulling out all the stops to make sure teams and spectators alike enjoy the experience.

Perhaps the favorite in the baseball regional is Northville, although the Mustangs will face a stiff test in always-tough Birmingham Brother Rice. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central faces Canton in the 10 a.m. opener.

On the softball side, West Bloomfield and Northville go at in the 10 a.m. opener followed by Plymouth-Lakeland at or around 12 noon. All eight teams advanced from their respective districts held Saturday.

It all comes down to communication when planning such major prep extravaganzas.

"The bulk of the planning involves logistical items," Ellis noted. "(Like) who is participating, what the event is, when

GET YOUR SCORECARD

What: MHSAA Region 8-1 baseball and softball.
When: Beginning 10 a.m. Saturday with three baseball games and three softball games on the agenda.
Where: Novi High School, located at 10 Mile-Taft roads.
Baseball sked: A.) 10 a.m., Novi-Detroit Catholic Central vs. Canton; B.) 30 minutes after semifinal, Northville vs. Birmingham Brother Rice; C.) 30 minutes after semifinal, championship game.
Softball sked: A.) 10 a.m., West Bloomfield vs. Northville; B.) 30 minutes after semifinal, Plymouth vs. White Lake Lakeland; C.) 30 minutes after semifinal, championship game.
Tickets: \$5 each for all but pre-school children.
Concessions: The Novi Athletic Booster Club will be ready to take on hungry fans during the long day.

is the event going to be held and where is the event taking place.
"Conveying this information to the participating schools and contest officials in a manner which is easy for them to understand and disseminate ... is critical to a successful event."

BE PREPARED

By the way, Ellis said it would be a good idea for folks to bring their lawn chairs, wear sunscreen and put on their walking shoes for the trip from car-to-diamond.
"The crowds vary significantly depending upon the weather, who advances, what

other school events are going on with the participating schools," said Ellis, no stranger to putting on such events (it's the fourth consecutive season Novi is hosting baseball-softball state tourneys). "I would advise fans to be prepared to spend plenty of time in the sun (and) to walk from the parking lot to the fields."

The trek is less than a half-mile, but with no trees to speak of, the sun can be draining. If it is an overflow crowd, bringing chairs is a prudent

move.

According to Ellis, Novi hosts up to 30 Michigan High School Athletic Association events per year, which goes along with all the logistical headaches of ensuring proper staffing, concessions, having game officials ready to go and preparing for unexpected events such as a late bus or yardward umpire.

"We know we've done a successful job of planning and managing an event if everything happens seamlessly and nobody even notices are staff there," he emphasized.

Of course, Ellis wouldn't mind people noticing the top-notch athletic campus that Novi boasts.

"While there is no doubt that it would be easier to send our teams on the road to compete in their MHSAA tournaments," he explained, "hosting as many (events) as possible allows us the opportunity to showcase the facilities our community has provided us with."

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Lutheran Westland romps to district title

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lutheran Westland's Saturday on the baseball diamond proved to be short and sweet.

The host Warriors, last year's Division 4 state runner-up, needed only seven innings on the day to seize the district crown as they routed Detroit Urban Lutheran, 22-0, in a three-inning mercy, preceded by an 18-3 triumph in four frames over neighboring Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Lutheran Westland, 19-3 overall, advances to the regional semifinals beginning at 10 a.m. this Saturday at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett. The Warriors will face Southfield Christian, while the other semifinal features Sterling Heights Parkway Christian and Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (at noon).

The Warriors collected 15 hits in the district final led by Kent Krzyske, who went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI, along with Jake Andrezejewski, who went 3-for-3 with a triple and three RBI.

Other hitting stars including winning pitcher Austin Baglow (2-for-2, two RBI, two runs); Micah Hausch (2-for-3, triple, two RBI); and Tony Cipolla (double, two RBI).

Baglow went the first two innings, while Ryan Rakovalis finished up. The two combined on a one-hitter and six strikeouts.

In the semifinals, senior Sam Ahlersmeyer went 4-for-4, including two doubles, two triples and three RBI against HVL, which bows out at 9-6 overall.

Hausch, the winning pitcher, scattered six hits and struck out four over four innings. He also went 2-for-4 at the plate with two RBI and two runs.

Other offensive standouts included Gage Flanery (2-for-3, double, two runs); Cipolla (two doubles, three RBI, three runs); Rakovalis (two doubles, RBI); Andrezejewski (2-for-2, triple, three RBI); and Baglow (2-for-2, two-run homer, three RBI).

Shawn Schaffer went 2-for-2 with a run scored for the Hawks.

Huron Valley starter Aaron Howell suffered the loss.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Canton Chiefs football camps

The Canton High School football program will be hosting three camps next month.

On June 8-11, the Canton Chiefs Skills Camp for kids in grades 7th through 9th will be held each night from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the varsity stadium. The cost is \$35. For more information, contact Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738.

On June 15-18, the Canton Chiefs Wing T/3-4 Football Camp will be held for kids in grades 10th through 12th. The camp, which costs \$30, will run from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on June 15 and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. the other three days. For more information, contact Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691.

On June 22-25, the Canton Chiefs Fundamental Football Camp will be held for kids in grades 3rd through 6th. The camp, which costs \$75, will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173.

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Publish: May 28 and June 4, 2009

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
GROUP INSURANCE PLAN ORDINANCE
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2009-05**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. C-2003-06, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 4, THE GROUP INSURANCE PLAN ORDINANCE; THIS ORDINANCE AUTHORIZES THE TOWNSHIP TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A TOWNSHIP GROUP INSURANCE PLAN AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP BOARD TO CONTRACT AND TO DEFINE THOSE CLASSES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WHO SHALL BE COVERED BY SUCH GROUP INSURANCE PLAN; TO DEFINE FULL-TIME AND ELIGIBILITY; TO DEFINE CONTRIBUTIONS; TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF ANY PLAN IN EXISTENCE ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Amendment of Ordinance.
Ordinance No. C-2003-06, codified as Chapter 4, the Employee Group Insurance Ordinance be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4.000. Title of ordinance.
This section provides that this ordinance shall be known as the Plymouth Township Group Insurance Plan Ordinance.

Sec. 4.010. Establishment.
This section provides that pursuant to Section 110b of Public Act 77 of 1989, (MCL 41.110b) as amended, the Township hereby creates and establishes a group insurance plan.

Sec. 4.020. Coverage.
This section provides for who is covered by the group insurance plan.

Sec. 4.030. Full-time: eligibility.
This section provides for group insurance plan eligibility.

Sec. 4.040. Contributions.
This section provides for the contributions the Township and the employees pay to the group insurance plan.

Sec. 4.050. Opting out.
This section provides that any person desiring not to be insured shall give written notice to the Township Clerk.

Sec. 4.060. Confirmation of validity: existing plans.
This section provides for the confirmation of existing pension plans.

State Law Reference: Group Insurance (MCL 41.110b)

SECTION 2. Repeal.
This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Severability.
This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Savings Clause.
This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Publication.
This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6. Effective Date.
This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Clerk

Introduced: May 12, 2009
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2009-04
EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. C-2003-06, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 5, THE EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN ORDINANCE; THIS ORDINANCE AUTHORIZES THE TOWNSHIP TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A PENSION PLAN FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP; TO ESTABLISH THE TIME AT WHICH EXISTING AND FUTURE EMPLOYEES SHALL BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH PLAN AND TO FURTHER ESTABLISH THE NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES; TO ESTABLISH CONTRIBUTION AND SERVICE CALCULATION; TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF ANY PENSION PLAN IN EXISTENCE ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2003-06
Ordinance No. C-2003-06, codified as Chapter 5, the Employee Pension Plan Ordinance be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.000. Title of ordinance.
This section provides that this ordinance shall be known as the Plymouth Township Pension Plan Ordinance.

Sec. 5.010. Authorization.
This section provides that pursuant to Public Act 77 of 1989, as amended, the Charter Township of Plymouth hereby authorizes the creation of a Pension Plan for the pensioning of its officers and employees.

Sec. 5.020. Creation and establishment: coverage.
This section provides that the Pension Plan shall be as described in the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement, employment agreement or Township Policy.

Sec. 5.030. Deferred Compensation under the Internal Revenue Code.
This section provides that the Township Deferred Compensation Plan as provided by the Internal Revenue Code shall be considered a separate and distinct plan from any Township Pension Plan.

Sec. 5.040. Plan administration.
This section provides that the Township Supervisor shall designate any required Plan Administrator or Administrators.

Sec. 5.050. Eligibility requirements.
This section provides for the eligibility requirements.

Sec. 5.060. Contributions.
This section provides for the contribution the Township and the employee pay to the employee's plan.

Sec. 5.070. Opting out.
This section provides that any person desiring not to be covered shall give written notice to the Township Clerk.

Sec. 5.080. Retirement age.
This section establishes the age requirement for retirement.

Sec. 5.090. Confirmation of validity.
This section provides that the Township ratifies and confirms the validity of any Pension Plan in existence on the effective date of this ordinance.

State Law Reference: MCL 41.110b

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.
This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.
This section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.
This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

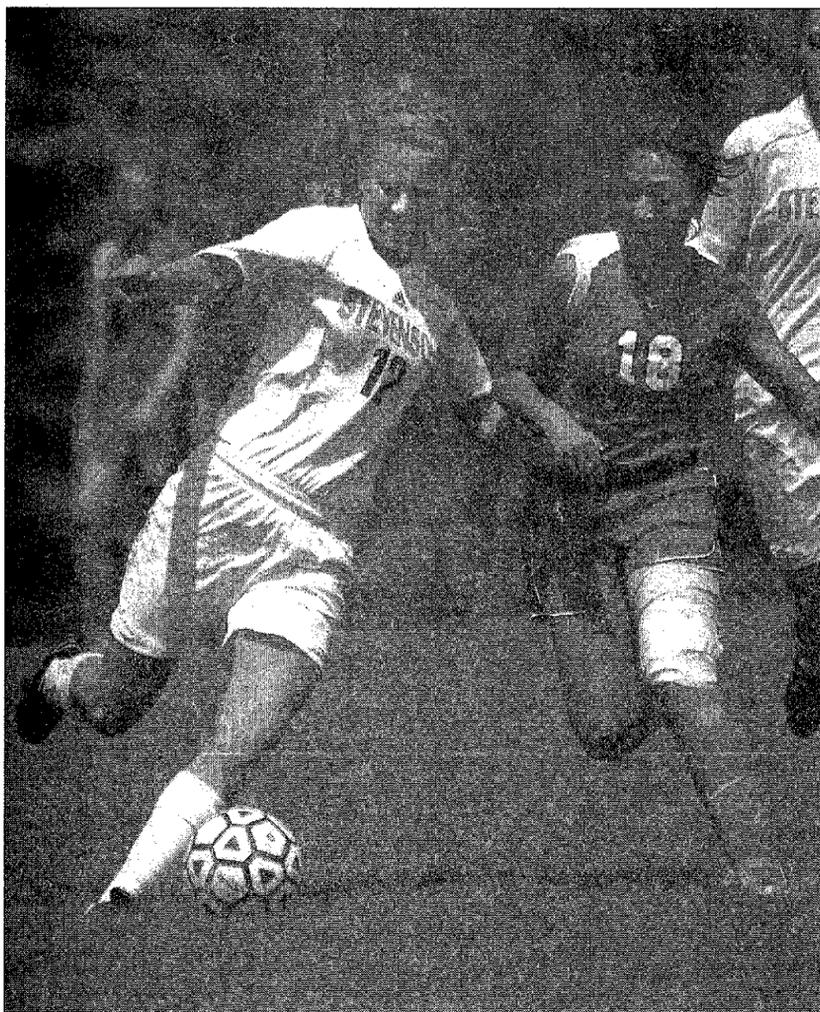
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Going after the ball during Division 1 district final girls soccer match are Livonia Stevenson's Samantha Kliman (No. 12) and Canton's Jessikah McClendon. The Chiefs lost 2-1 Tuesday in a regional semifinal to Ann Arbor Huron.

Plymouth golf team has its first state qualifier

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Friday's Division 1 boys golf regional at Lakes of Taylor proved to be as challenging and nerve-wracking as The National Spelling Bee.

Twelve teams started the morning on a course that was nearly 7,000 yards in length and by the early afternoon only three teams survived the cut and will be moving on to the state finals scheduled for next Friday and Saturday at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course).

Temperance Bedford, sporting a four-player total of 312, captured the team title on a fifth-man tiebreaker to beat runner-up Ann Arbor Pioneer (led by individual medalist Davis Ransdell's 71).

Northville, the state's No. 1-ranked team, garnered the final spot with a 314. Canton and Saline were not far behind tied for fourth with 319 each.

"It was a tough day, tough conditions," Northville coach Matt Stetson said. "And at this

level there's the added pressure to get to the next step. It was set up 400 yards longer than normal, and with the wind, it was extremely tough for everybody."

Northville boasted two players in the top five as senior Wes Gates and junior Trevor Grigg both tied for second place with identical 74s. Steve Brown added an 82, while Erik Goebel shot 84.

Saline's Phil Giesecker, who shot a 74, and teammate Nick Areddy, who carded a 76, each earned individual qualifying berths. They will be joined in East Lansing by Plymouth's Justin Bauer, a sophomore, who became the Wildcats' first individual state qualifier since Matt Talbot did it during the 2006 fall season.

"It feels good," said Bauer, who plays on the Top 50 Junior Tour during the summer. "I wanted to have a good round - keep it low. I hit a lot of greens and made some putts. I had a birdie on No. 1 and a double bogey on No. 17. I didn't think I'd be low

enough. But I've been playing good of late. This is my best score so far."

Despite his 5-foot-8, 140-pound frame, Bauer gets every ounce out of his driver.

"What stands out is his distance, he hits it a long ways," Plymouth coach Chris Moore said. "He's also a very consistent. He plays smart as a sophomore. There were no bad holes."

"He's peaked at the end of the year. His scores have gone down progressively except for one blow-up (round). It's good to see."

Just missing the cut for an individual berth were Canton's Zach Conrad, the district medalist, and Brendan Muir. Both shot 78 along with Westland John Glenn's Andy Myers, who is bound for Siena Heights University.

"To shot 78 on the Blues (tees) when they're actually are at the Blacks (tees) is a good score," Glenn coach Steve Pilon said.

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REGIONAL

FROM PAGE B1

Canton nearly reached intermission in front. But a 35-yard free kick by Steinhauser sailed all the way to the goal where Freed's header eluded a diving McPartlin.

'HUGE'

Huron's Pfeifer said it was "huge" to get that goal.

"If we don't have that goal it could have been a totally different second half," he said.

After the contest, Canton showed their team camaraderie by making several laps around the pitch while singing in unison.

Senior co-captain Leslie Weisz wasn't surprised by that.

"I think we deserved it more, but overall we got more out of the season (than Huron)," Weisz said. "We've got a family, and they've just got a soccer team."

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DISTRICT

FROM PAGE B1

well as a team. They play and attack as a team. They were calm and much more poised when they had the ball."

With 27:10 left in the second half, Canton's Tracy Rymph, who assisted on one

of McClendon's two first-half goals, dribbled down the left side nearly to the end line and sent a shot from an impossible angle and into the net and past Stevenson goalkeeper Tara Johnston.

"She (Rymph) does a good job," Tomasso said. "She finds a way to score."

Stevenson, which finished 9-11 overall, was coming off a double-overtime shootout win

Thursday over Salem.

It marked the final game for senior defender Taleen Mergian.

"We'll miss her and I feel worst for her because she puts her heart-and-soul every game - and it shows," Pinta said. "She can play anywhere you put her. She's had a great four-year run."

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What a season

The All Saints Catholic School junior varsity baseball team tied for first with St. Valentine of Redford in their CYO division with a 9-1 record. Pictured are (front row from left) Ryan Fogoros, Connor Schumrick, Nolan Gerou, Daniel Mayers, Luke Stevenson, Nathan Sarafian, Glenn Piot, (back row from left) assistant coach Bob Mayers, Adam Sochacki, Reid Wildenhaus, head coach Mike Gerou, Cameron Anstess, Colin McCausland and assistant coach Dan Sarafian.

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M-Generation highlights event celebrating late rabbi

BY LAUREN TODARO
CORRESPONDENT

The inspirational words of an Israeli ambassador and the culturally sweet and often humorous songs of the world-renowned M-Generation boy's choir will highlight a celebration of the life of the late Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

Chabad Lubavitch of Michigan will present An Evening of Song, Speech & Vision, 6 p.m. June 16 at Rock Financial Showcase in Novi.

Chabad-Lubavitch is a Hasidic movement in Orthodox Judaism. Chabad-Lubavitch has had seven leaders or rebbes, most recently the late Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who served until his death in 1994.

His inspirational life encouraged thousands of people around the world to advocate for education and philanthropy.

Keynote speaker Ambassador Yehuda Avner is known for his animated oration on his life as a veteran Israeli diplomat. As an aid and advisor to four Israeli prime ministers he witnessed first-hand the unique role the Rebbe played in their lives.

The featured entertainment, the M-Generation, consists of 12 young boys bonded through music in a world-touring choir. M-Generation is a project of Friends of Refugees of Eastern Europe, a non-profit dedicated to the aid and educational prosperity of Eastern European refugees affected by the former Soviet Union. The choir sings in English, Russian, Hebrew and Yiddish. The youngest is six years old.



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Michael Furman, 11, of Brooklyn, N.Y., said he joined after finding out about the group at age 6.

"They took me in and I was happy. We get to hang out with friends and it's really cool. I am very excited to come see Detroit because I have never been there. It will be cool to see a new audience!"

Tickets for An Evening of Song, Speech & Vision are \$36 per person and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information visit www.chabadmi.com or call (248) 877-7978.

Levi Stein contributed to this report.



Michael Furman, of M-Generation, said he's excited to come to the Detroit area for a performance.

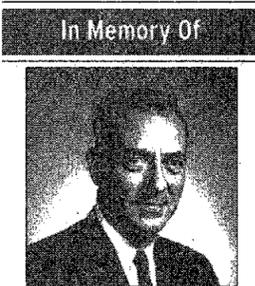
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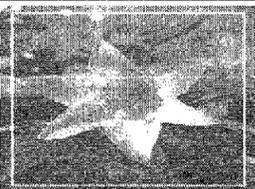
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FREDERICK CARL JANZ
Age 89, died Friday, May 29, 2009. He was born on April 30, 1920 in Lansing, MI. A Certified Public Accountant, Frederick was a founding partner of Janz & Knight. He received a bachelor degree from Michigan State University. He is predeceased by Richard Janz. Frederick is survived by: his wife, Lorraine Copeland Janz of Bloomfield Hills, MI, children Michael Janz of Plymouth, MI; William Janz of Oceanside, CA; Carol Janz of Longmont, CO; Linda Janz Faison of Oldsmar, FL, ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A memorial service will be held at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills at 11:00 a.m. on June 13, 2009. Arrangements made by the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. - Mount Clemens.

KERN ELIZABETH WINFIELD
June 30, 1930 - May 30, 2009
Kern E. Winfield, 78, of Punta Gorda, FL passed away after a long illness on May 30, 2009. Born to Dorcas and Donald McKay in Birmingham, Michigan. Married Arthur H. Winfield, she is survived by her three sons and daughter-in-laws Bruce and Jody Winfield of Lake Barrington, Illinois, Robert and Teri Winfield of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Don and Anne Winfield of Deep Creek, Florida and her brother Jim and Maureen McKay of Carefree, Arizona and sister Sally and Don Kutil of Waterford, Michigan. The family would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the health care staff of Fawcett Hospital 4 West for their loving care of our mother. Additionally, we want to offer our sincere appreciation to the staff at TideWell Hospice House in Port Charlotte. It is a godsend that a facility like this exists and how comforting it was to our mother and family. A celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 am, Thursday, June 4, 2009 at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Philanthropy Department TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238. Arrangements are by Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Services.



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KELLY JONES
Age 45, of Bayonet Point, FL, died May 29, 2009 at home. She was born in Ann Arbor, MI, and moved to Bayonet Point from Plymouth, MI in 2005. She was employed by Eastern Research. Kelly was preceded in death by her father Bob Jones and her brother Timothy Jones. She is survived by her mother Kay Jones-Case and her step father Jim Case of Bayonet Point, sister Kimberly Taylor of Westland, MI, grandmother Marie Johnson of Port Richey, FL, and by aunts, uncles and cousins. Visitation and services on Friday, June 5, 2009 at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth (734) 453-3333.

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FILTER

Local author celebrates Detroit characters in two new books

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

After almost a decade-long dry spell, Michael Zadoorian is in the unique position of promoting two new books at the same time.

The Ferndale author has a calendar full of book signings for *Leisure Seeker* (Morrow, 2009), and *The Lost Tiki Palaces of Detroit* (Wayne State University Press, 2009).

After the success of his debut novel *Second Hand*, released in 2000 to critical acclaim, Zadoorian stopped writing in part to care for his aging parents. He didn't know if he'd ever publish again.

But four years ago, Zadoorian quietly began sitting down at his desk again, writing each morning before he left for work as a copy editor at Campbell-Ewald.

His experience with his parents laid the foundation for *Leisure Seeker*, the story of an ailing elderly couple who leave their doctors behind and embark on a cross country road trip along old Route 66.

Leisure Seeker was rejected by several publishers, prob-

ably due to the fact that the protagonists were in their 80s and suffering from cancer and dementia, Zadoorian said. Yet while the subject matter sounds depressing, the book is actually a fun ride, full of humor, insight and nostalgia.

In 2007, Zadoorian got word that *Leisure Seeker* was accepted by Morrow, an imprint of Harper Collins.

The very next day, Wayne State University Press called with news they would publish Zadoorian's short story collection, *The Lost Tiki Palaces of Detroit*.

"It was

pretty amazing, especially when I was in a place where I was not entirely sure I was going to have another book

come out," Zadoorian said during a recent interview with Filter at The Fly Trap in Ferndale. "It's been a tad overwhelming."

Zadoorian earned two degrees from WSU, a bachelor's in communication and English, and a master's in creative writing.

The short stories in *Tiki Palaces* follow characters coming to terms with the past and present in a broken city. Detroit features promi-

MICHAEL ZADOORIAN BOOK SIGNINGS

7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 18
Where: Book Beat, 26010 Greenfield, Oak Park
Tiki-themed reading/signing for *The Lost Tiki Palaces of Detroit*.

Special Guests: Renowned Detroit artist Glenn Barr, who illustrated the book cover; DJs Rat Fink & Nature Boy

When: 1-7 p.m. Thursday, June 19

Where: Shaman Drum Bookshop, 311-315 S. State, Ann Arbor

Special Guest: WSU Press Author Bonnie Jo Campbell

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 16
Where: Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham



JOHN ROE, ROE PHOTO

Michael Zadoorian of Ferndale is promoting his new book "The Lost Tiki Palaces of Detroit."

nently in all of Zadoorian's work.

"The stories have a sort of dark quality to them," he said. "A lot of them are about people who go through tough times and are pushed to the brink, but find a strength

and resilience inside to keep going. Detroit is like that."

Renowned artist Glenn Barr, of Ferndale, lent his work to the book's cover, and will join Zadoorian at a tiki-themed book signing 7-9 p.m.

June 18 at Book Beat in Oak Park. *Leisure Seeker* is available in hardcover for \$24.95. *The Lost Tiki Palaces of Detroit*, (paperback, \$18.95) is part of the Made in Michigan Writers Series. Visit www.michaelzadoorian.com.

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ART
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Max M. Fisher Music Center: Season Finale, June 4-6: A Midsummer Night's Dream, June 13; 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroit-symphony.com.

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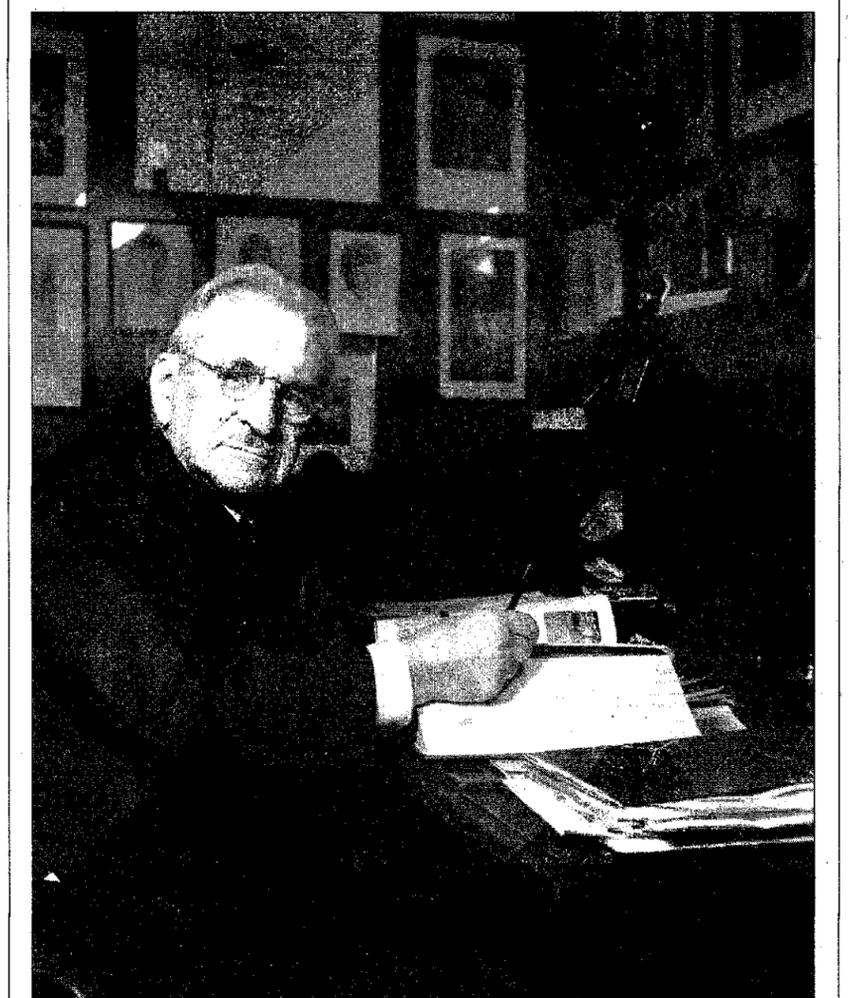
Soundboard: Boz Scaggs, June 17; Sinbad, July 25; Melissa Etheridge, June 26; Gary Allan, Aug. 21; An Evening With Natalie Cole, Oct. 3. MotorCity Casino Hotel, Detroit, www.ticketmaster.com, www.motorcitycasino.com.

COMEDY

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.
Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Show Up, and Go Up, 9 p.m. third Thursday of every month, open call, free, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafe-detroit.com.
Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: Joey's Summer Variety Extravaganza, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 7:30 p.m. seating and live music. Live orchestra, stand up comedy, improv, mime, break dancing, tap dancing, belly dancing, \$5, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com.
Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays; 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedy-castle.com.

CONCERTS

Callahan's: Summertime blues concerts, 8 p.m. Ana Popovic/Broken Arrow Blues Band, June 10; Papa Chubby/JoAnne Shaw Taylor, June 13; Duke Robillard Band, June 17; Ronnie Baker Brooks, June 18; Cedric Burnside & Lightnin' Maic & Oim, June 19; Roomful of Blues, July 12; Tinsley Ellis, July 24, 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills, www.atcallahans.com, 248-858-9508.
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Comerica Park: Kid Rock, July 17-18; Vans



Historical Society Film

The Detroit Historical Society continues its monthly film series with "Architects We Knew: Albert Kahn's Legacy" showing at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 13 & 14 at the Detroit Historical Museum. Screenings are free with regular admission to the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-7937

Warped Tour, July 31; 1-800-745-3000, www.warpedtour.com.
Detroit Institute of Arts: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m., 5200 Woodward Ave, (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.
DTE Energy Music Theatre: Credence Clearwater Revisited, June 12; Clay Walker, June 13; The Music of Led Zeppelin: A Rock Symphony, June 20; The Legends of Motown, June 21; Earth, Wind & Fire and Chicago, June 24; New Kids on the Block, June 25; The Fray with Jack's Mannequin, June 27; Rock The Bells 2009 Festival, June 28; Heart, June 30; Bad Company/Doobie Brothers, July 1; Blue Oyster Cult/Over the Rainbow, July 8; REO Speedwagon/Styx with .38 Special, July 9; Brad Paisley w/Dierks Bentley, July 10; Judas Priest w/Whitesnake, July 19; Toby Keith w/Trace Adkins, July 19; YES/Asia, July 20; Smokey Robinson, July 23; Def Leppard and Poison w/Cheap Trick, July 24; Big & Rich w/Cowboy Troy, July 25; Incubus, July 26; Dave Matthews Band, July 28; Anita Baker, July 31; Travis Tritt, Aug. 1; Mayhem Festival, Aug. 2; The Temptations/The Four Tops, Aug. 6; Moody Blues, Aug. 9; Nickelback, Aug. 12; Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band, Aug. 13; Mötley Crüe's "Crüe Fest 2," Aug. 15; Demi Lovato w/David Archuleta, Aug. 18; B.B. King w/Robert Cray Band, Aug. 19; Jeff Foxworthy, Aug. 21; Kenny G, Aug. 23; Creed, Aug. 25; 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, (248) 377-0100
Fillmore: Rise Against, June 24, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.
Fox Theatre: Aretha Franklin, July 11, 2211

Woodward, Detroit, www.warpedtour.com, (248) 433-1515.
Magic Bag: Neil Innes, June 7; Backyard Tire Fire, June 11; The Tennessee Three, June 19; The Lemonheads, June 21; Taylor Hicks, June 22; The Ciks, June 23; The Church, June 25; Leon Russell, June 26; Dr. John, June 27; Live The Who, July 10; The Original Wailers, Aug. 7; The Why Store, Aug. 14; 40q, To Freedom, Aug. 16; A.J.A., Aug. 21; 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.
Meadow Brook Music Festival: Crosby, Stills & Nash, June 6; "Regeneration Tour" with ABC, Wang Chung, Heaven 17 and Cutting Crew, June 27; Counting Crows w/Augustana, July 8; 1964 The Tribute, July 9; Comedian David Alan Grier, July 11; ABBA The Tour, July 16; Lyle Lovett & His Large Band, July 17; Chris Isaak, July 19; Gordon Lightfoot, July 23; Detroit Symphony Orchestra, July 25, 26 & 31 and Aug. 1-2; Jackson Browne, July 27; Comedian Jim Gaffigan, Aug. 7; George Thorogood & The Destroyers/Jonny Lang, Aug. 16; Peter Frampton, Aug. 22; O.A.R. with special guest Brett Dennen, Sept. 4.
Magic Stick: Dillinger Four, June 5; Detroit Wig Out, June 6; Mr. Lif, June 10; Dusty Rhodes, June 11; Volcanos, June 12; Waylon Birthday Tribute, June 13; The Homosexuals, June 18; Propagandhi, June 19; The Detroit Cobras, June 20; The Germs, June 25; Thunderheist!, June 26; Jay Reatard, June 27; Greg Cartwright, June 28; The Present, June 29; Black Moth Super Rainbow, June 30, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.com.
Majestic Theatre: Amanda Lepore, June 7; Blackandfest featuring Mayhem, June 13; X, June 17; The Gories/The Oblivians, June 27; Leftover Crack/Casualties, July 1, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit,

www.majesticdetroit.com.
Northville Friday Night Concerts: Lady Sunshine & The X Band, June 12; Shawn Riley Band, June 19; Gia Warner, June 26; Randy Brock Band, July 3; Mass Transit Band, July 10; The Kris K Band, July 17; Soul Academy, July 24; Fifty Amp Fuse, July 31, 7-9 p.m., Town Square, (248) 349-7640, www.northville.org.
Oakland Community College: Free summer-concert series. A Little Night Music, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Highland Lakes Campus' front lawn and pavilion; student center area in case of rain. July 14, The Motor City Brass Band; July 21, Jim Dignan & Swing Shift; July 28, Partly Brothers; Aug. 4, Pamela Wise and the Latin Jazz All Stars; Aug. 11, Cats and the Fiddle; Aug. 18, Blackthorn, 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.
Palace of Auburn Hills: Yanni, June 5; Keith Urban w/Taylor Swift, June 6; Dane Cook, June 12; No Doubt w/Paramore and Bedouin Soundclash, July 3; Beyonce, July 18; Jonas Brothers w/Jordin Sparks and Honor Society, July 26; The Wiggles, Aug. 14; AC/DC, Aug. 16; Aerosmith w/ZZ Top, Sept. 16; Frank Caliendo/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palace.net.
Royal Oak Music Theatre: The Derek Trucks Band, June 9; Boxing VI, Night of Knockouts, June 13; Robin Trower, June 20; Sonic Youth, June 29; Reel Big Fish & The English Beat, July 3; Asher Roth and Kid Cudi live, July 18; Wilco, July 27; Fleet Foxes, Aug. 5; The Decemberists, Aug. 11, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272, www.royalokmusictheatre.com.
St. Andrew's Hall: Metric, June 15; Robin Trower, June 20, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

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If you're into one-stop shopping, you'll love "Cooking With All Things Trader Joe's" by Deana Gunn and Wona Miniati.

The cookbook (Brown Bag Publishers, 2008) features recipes with ingredients that all can be found on the shelves of the fun food retailer.

Trader Joe's, one of the fastest growing grocery chains in the nation, has Michigan locations in Ann Arbor, Farmington Hills, Grosse Pointe, Northville, Royal Oak and Rochester Hills.

Stop in to buy the book, along with everything it takes to make wholesome meals, sides, desserts, drinks, breakfasts and bachelor quickies.

In the meantime, here are a few recipes from the colorful book.

Hands-off cooking time: 12-14 minutes
Serves 4-6

LIFE IS A BOWL OF CHERRIES, PINE NUTS, AND SPINACH SALAD

Michigan is one of the top growers of sour cherries in the country, which are high in antioxidants. This salad calls for the Montmorency variety.

- 1/2 (6-ounce) bag Organics baby spinach
- 1/2 cup crumbled Feta cheese
- 1/2 cup dried tart Montmorency cherries
- 1/4 cup pine nuts
- 2-4 tablespoons balsamic vinaigrette

Combine ingredients, toss, and serve immediately. The salad can be assembled ahead of time, but don't add the vinaigrette until you're ready to serve or the spinach will wilt down.



Pine nuts and cherries enhance spinach salad.

Prep time: 5 minutes
Serves 4-6

BLACK BEAN SOUP

This soup is a hearty, spicy soup with the warm earthy flavor of cumin and the zing of fresh lime. Not only are black beans high in fiber and folate, but they rival grapes and cranberries for their antioxidant properties.

- 1 medium yellow onion, peeled and chopped, or 1 1/2 cups bagged freshly diced onion
- 1 clove garlic, crushed or 1 cube frozen crushed garlic
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 (15-ounce) cans black beans (do not drain)
- 1 cup (half a jar) chunky salsa
- 2 tablespoons lime juice (juice of one lime)
- Plain yogurt or sour cream

In a medium pot, sauté onions in olive oil until they are soft and translucent. Sprinkle in cumin and garlic and sauté for a minute; pour in black beans (including juices), salsa, and lime. Stir to combine and bring to a simmer. Simmer covered for 20 minutes.

Ladle soup into individual bowls and top with a dollop of yogurt. White corn tortilla chips go nicely on the side.

Prep time: 10 minutes
Hands-off Cooking time: 20 minutes
Serves 4-6

HONEY, I ATE THE CHOCOLATE BREAD PUDDING

Cold vanilla ice cream melting on warm bread pudding is one of those feel-good dessert combinations. And this recipe makes a happy cook as well. There's no melting butter, no measuring ingredients... just toss it all in and bake.

- 1/2 loaf (8 slices) Whole Wheat Honey Bread
- 1/2 cups Brownie Truffle Baking Mix (just the dry mix, don't add anything else)
- 2 1/2 cups whole milk

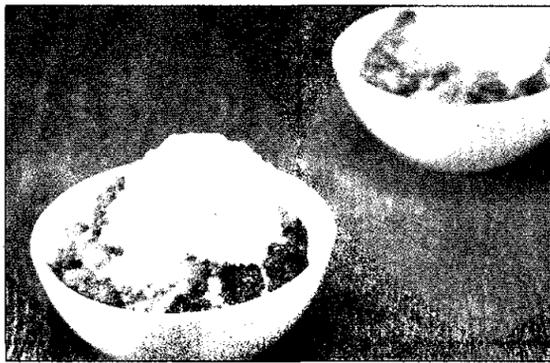
Cut crusts off bread slices. Cube bread into 1/2-inch by 1/2-inch pieces. Toss diced bread in an 8-inch square lightly greased or buttered baking pan and arrange so pan is filled evenly.

Combine milk and brownie mix. Stir well for a minute until dissolved. Pour brownie mixture over diced bread. Lightly press down on bread pieces so that they are thoroughly soaked through with brownie liquid.

Set pan aside while you preheat oven to 350 degrees, perhaps 10 minutes or so. This extra time will give the bread time to soak further. Cover pan tightly with foil and bake for 30 minutes.

When done, remove pan from oven and let it cool for 15 minutes, allowing bread pudding to set. Serve warm, with optional vanilla or chocolate ice cream on the side.

Prep time: 5-10 minutes



Make this chocolate bread pudding with only three ingredients.

APRICOT BAKED BRIE

Even if you think you don't like Brie, try this baked version; you may not recognize it. This warm and creamy cheese dish is a great accompaniment to some grapes and a bottle of red wine.

- 1 (0.6 pound) wedge Brie, such as Double Crème Brie
- 2 heaping tablespoons Organic Reduced Sugar Apricot Preserves
- 1 handful Raw Sliced Almonds
- 1 tablespoon Triple Sec (optional)
- 1 box water crackers

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place the wedge of Brie in a small baking dish that is slightly bigger than the Brie. Top with apricot preserves, sprinkle on almonds, and drizzle Triple Sec over the top. Cover tightly with foil and bake for 12-14 minutes or until cheese is melting. Remove from oven and serve with water crackers. Before your guests attack the Brie unrelentingly, remind them that the dish is hot.

Prep time: 5 minutes

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Wayne State leads way in 'green' building

Demonstrating leadership by example, Wayne State University recently erected a Franklin Vertical Axis Wind Turbine (VAWT) — the first small wind energy turbine of its kind in North America — atop the university's Engineering Technology Building in Midtown Detroit.

Mounted on a mast that extends the unit 30 feet into the air, the VAWT's 5kW of electrical energy will initially power the computer lab in this 20,000-square-foot building where electrical engineering researchers will evaluate performance and improve its power delivery efficiency.

The Franklin wind turbine, developed by Vbine Energy, can take wind from any direction, operates at low RPM with no vibration, and emits little noise. It also provides steady, uninterrupted power via battery storage for up to 10 hours.

Michele Grimm of Canton, associate dean of WSU's College of Engineering, was staffing the WSU booth May 2 at the Green Street Fair. "We wanted to get the word out."

"We've had a number of people come by," Grimm said of the downtown Plymouth event, held May 2-3. She appreciated the opportunity to let people know about Wayne State's educational activities and its environmentally friendly practices.

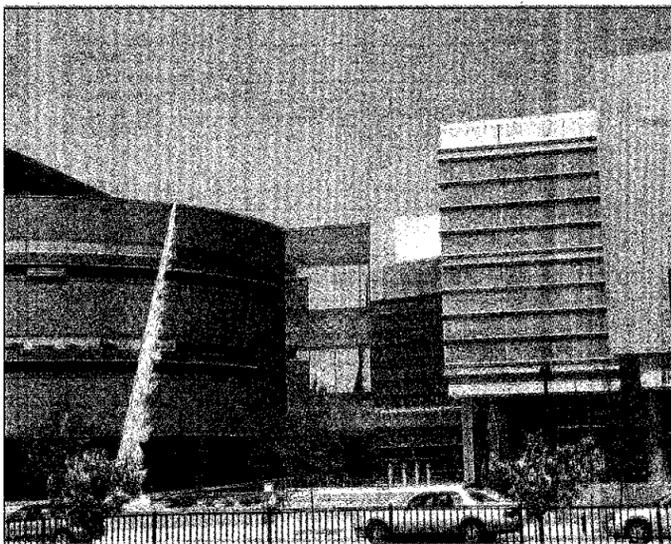
The Detroit campus recently opened the Marvin I. Danto Engineering Development Center, the first campus building built to exacting LEED (Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design) standards. The building will help WSU learn about sustainable engineering and construction.

Grimm's also proud of Detroit's first wind turbine at Wayne State, which will be a living lab for students. It will generate energy for the campus as well.

"It's been a big interest of Wayne State's for a long time," she said of "green" living, the goal of the Green Street Fair. Wayne State faculty are working in such areas as water quality and brownfield cleanup.

Colleagues at Wayne State agree with Grimm's assessment.

"Wayne State's decision to use the Franklin Wind Turbine as an alternative to powering its own laboratories reflects the university's 'translational' research mission and its commitment to integrate sustainable technology into virtually every aspect of our operations," said Ralph Kummier, dean of the College of Engineering. "Clean wind energy is emerging as a viable path along with other renewable technologies in addressing the global energy crisis. And for us in Michigan, it offers the potential to create skilled



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jobs.

David Koyle, chairman and CEO of Franklin Wind Energy Group, said the Franklin VAWT provides significant savings as a superior investment in comparison to traditional power generation sources using fossil fuels. He explained that the Franklin wind turbine extracts more energy from an existing mass of wind than other turbines. This benefit is possible because wind is a variable and dynamic energy source, and the Franklin Wind Turbine design takes advantage of unique engineering features, which makes it a more efficient method for capturing wind energy.

"This is an important first step in our plans to become the premier provider of leading edge small wind turbines in America," said Koyle, who is also an adjunct professor at Wayne State. "We see these turbines being installed in homes and businesses as people realize they can have their own 'little oil well on their roof' pumping free renewable energy from the sky, reducing their energy bills and becoming energy independent. The cost of producing energy using fossil fuels is only going to increase, and our wind turbine will save customers a few cents every hour it is operating. As our company's namesake Ben Franklin once said, 'a penny saved is a penny earned.' It all adds up to an eco-savvy investment and the right thing to do for energy independence."

He added that President Barack Obama's recent legislation provides federal rebates of up to 30 percent.

That savings, combined with other incentives like net metering, carbon credits, feed in tariffs, and state tax credits, makes small wind energy economically viable on a national level.

"Franklin Wind Energy Group, located in Franklin, Michigan, invested in small wind technologies because we believe this is one of the most important growth sectors for creating jobs for Michigan," said Koyle. "We are pleased that our partnership with Wayne State will help to promote our turbines as a principal source of energy production and consumption in our state."

Kummier concurred with Koyle about the value of collaboration. "Supported by Wayne State's excellent Facilities Management Team, our faculty has made tremendous strides in the area of efficient power transfer and delivery. That expertise, in conjunction with Franklin's unique wind turbine design, creates an unprecedented opportunity for us to jointly demonstrate clean, potentially cost-efficient energy production," he said. "This pilot project is a perfect example of how the academic-business model at Wayne State and the College of Engineering are working to promote leading-edge alternative energy technologies and economic development in Michigan."

Wayne State isn't the only school with interest in going green. Schoolcraft College, with campuses in Livonia and Garden City, was ably represented May 2 by Hannah Booth of Northville at the Green Street Fair

in Plymouth. The 2007 Schoolcraft graduate works for a marketing firm with Schoolcraft.

"Now I'm at Grand Valley State," the marketing senior said. She was providing information on green careers and continuing education at Schoolcraft.

Booth said 85-90 percent of those she met at the fair had heard of Schoolcraft. "It's a very positive image in the community, I would say."

One couple asked why college is so expensive, and Booth was quick to note she saved some \$12,000 by doing her first two years of college at Schoolcraft.

Ford Motor Co. had eight vehicles in the heart of downtown Plymouth for the fair. Plymouth resident Barbara Zdan, who has a business Xperience which does Ford marketing, pointed out a green Fiesta.

"That's actually the European one," said Zdan, whose business is in Dearborn. "We'll start getting them this fall."

There was also a 2010 Mustang GT, as well as a 2009 Escape hybrid.

"Ford was the first company to make a hybrid SUV," she noted with pride. The 2010 Taurus SHO was drawing interest, as was the '10 Fusion hybrid.

"The Ford employees, a lot of them, have been thanking my crew," Zdan said. The emphasis at such events isn't on sales, with product specialists on hand who can answer questions.

Zdan drives an Escape, but is eyeing the Fusion hybrid. She agreed some visitors were interesting in buying, and that Ford has set itself apart by not seeking government aid. "Oh, yes, we do" hear about that. "We had a good day yesterday. Ford beat Toyota for sales" in April.

"We need to build something in the country," she added. Zdan said fairgoers are concerned about cost and gas mileage.

Outside Panera Bread near the cars was Tom Olszewski of Novi, collecting for the Plymouth Kiwanis peanut drive. He was substituting for son Tom Olszewski, a Northville resident and president of Plymouth's Evening Kiwanis.

Wendy Olszewski, the younger Tom's wife, came along for a fund-raising progress report. "It's been really good. Really friendly people," her father-in-law said. Money supports the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, she said.

"Beautiful day," she said with a smile. "A good showing."

O&E staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

Commerce definition specific by law

Q: I am one of four adjoining lot owners who purchased property and have had the use of the lots for commercial purposes. The deed said that the property could only be used for residential or dwelling house purposes. I am now thinking about converting the existing building into a three-unit apartment building and we were concerned about the neighbors in single family homes challenging our right to do so. They are basically claiming that I can't use the property for profit. Do you think we have a problem?

A: Based on a similar case in Maine, according to that case it was determined that although the grantor's intent to prevent the use of the property for commercial applications was clear from the language in the deed,



Robert Meisner

there was no restriction on the character of the residential use which would have been easy to express. Moreover, the language barring industrial use as well as commercial use suggested that the restriction was aimed at activities engaged in and for commerce as the primary activity. The court stated that "commercial" is a common everyday meaning and that merely residing in an apartment and paying rent to an owner is not engaging in commerce where having a profit is the primary aim. Instead the court indicated, as with the neighboring single family residences, that the apartment building remains a place for people to live; its character being fundamentally different from a department store or service station.

Q: My mortgage company is promising to work out some sort of forbearance agreement and they want us to make a payment before the agreement is signed to show good faith. What do you think?

A: I don't think that is a good idea based upon a recent case, since your forbearance arrangement will not be enforceable unless it is in writing. The court will require that the agreement be in writing and even if you paid the money in reliance of the oral promise, the court may well take the position that you may not be entitled to claim estoppel because you did not sufficiently change your position to justify that claim. You are best advised not to pay any money until there is a written agreement outlining the terms and conditions of the arrangement.

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Investors

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Web site

Weir Manuel Realtors has a new version of its Web site at www.weirmanuel.com. The site has a new design and a host of new features to make it user-friendly.

"We undertook an exhaustive study to find out what consumers wanted — especially those in their 20s and

30s, who use the Internet as their primary information source," said Kelly Sweeney, president and CEO of WMR. "We're excited to offer them a fully-evolved one-stop real estate site with more than 60,000 local properties, and hundreds of thousands of national properties."

The Weir Manuel Web site has features like "live chat," virtual tours, mortgage calculation tools, and more. Now, a number of new features have been added, such as: an intuitive home search; a "what's my home worth?" tool; large photos of homes in slideshow view; upgraded mapping to locate homes; a front page news scroller updated with the latest real estate information; a new feature called "My Weir Manuel" where visitors can create their own portfolio of homes and information.

The site also offers how-to articles; e.g. first-time buyer tools, foreclosure

advice, advantages of buying vs. renting. Weir Manuel's property management division is also featured on the site, for those who plan to lease their homes, or want to lease one.

Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company in Southeast Michigan, with more than 150 professionals in Birmingham and Rochester. Its Web site is at www.weirmanuel.com.

Firm lauded

The American Institute of Architects Michigan Chapter recognized McIntosh Poris Associates of Birmingham with a pair of 2009 Honor Awards. The architecture firm was awarded for two Michigan projects: Parent Avenue Lofts in Royal Oak and YMCA Renaissance Center in Detroit. Those projects were among 11 award recipients; the architecture, interiors, and planning firm was one

of only two winning multiple project awards.

Jurors called the Parent Avenue Lofts "a classic case of making a silk purse out of a sow's ear." Simple use of materials was praised as a commercial warehouse was transformed into urban lofts. The character of the building was preserved as contemporary design elements were added, jurors noted.

The YMCA project includes a vibrant mural wrapped around folded planes of the central wall. "The mural wall creates an incredible passageway negotiating the transition between the Winter Garden and fitness center, as well as between center and periphery," jurors said.

Private areas, like offices and locker rooms, were kept to the interior core, allowing users to take advantage of views of the Riverwalk and Canada while working out.

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 23-27, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sales Price
Auburn Hills	800 Amberwood St	\$227,000
	3191 Joslyn Rd	\$29,000
Birmingham	1551 Derby Rd	\$155,000
	1914 Northlawn Blvd	\$375,000
	1874 S Bates St	\$425,000
Clarkston	7955 Bridge Vly	\$400,000
	7692 Golden Hill Ct	\$125,000
Commerce Township	6511 Park Valley Dr	\$249,000
	5441 Mill Race Way	\$249,000
Davidsburg	11231 Andersonville Rd	\$128,000
Farmington	23037 Floral St	\$91,000
	32718 Grand River Ave	\$42,000
Farmington Hills	21259 Larkspur St	\$120,000
	29954 Beacontree St	\$190,000
	30632 Mystic Forest Dr	\$260,000

City	Address	Sales Price
Lake Orion	35017 Red Pine Dr	\$160,000
	32535 Scottsdale St	\$575,000
	28626 Wintergreen Ct	\$525,000
Lathrup Village	3692 High Grove Way	\$333,000
	3758 Mount Vernon Dr	\$223,000
	3764 Mount Vernon Dr	\$235,000
	320 N Shore	\$50,000
	3110 Park Meadow Dr	\$315,000
Milford	3135 Stanton Rd	\$310,000
	18476 Roseland Blvd	\$151,000
Northville	18831 Saratoga Blvd	\$176,000
	2602 Conifer Trl	\$385,000
Novi	531 Reed Ct	\$130,000
	1005 Shannon Ct	\$275,000
Oxford	28468 Carleton Way Dr	\$125,000
	45603 S Lake Dr	\$310,000
Rochester Hills	5785 Stonehaven Blvd	\$500,000
	1225 Fountain View Ct	\$200,000
Westland	2770 Broadmoor Dr	\$239,000
	1336 Deerhurst Ln	\$191,000
	925 E Avon Rd	\$87,000
	170 Grosse Pines Dr	\$275,000
	670 Woodfield Way	\$230,000

City	Address	Sales Price
South Lyon	26680 Daria Cir E	\$80,000
	26261 Shumans Way	\$65,000
	26299 Shumans Way	\$285,000
	26045 Stancrest Dr	\$188,000
	1102 Surrey Ln	\$252,000
Southfield	21700 Hampshire St	\$123,000
	26496 Isleworth Pt	\$148,000
	21700 W 10 Mile Rd	\$30,000
	19621 W 12 Mile Rd	\$34,000
Troy	805 Colebrook Dr	\$125,000
	1748 Langford Dr	\$163,000
	3357 Wolverine Dr	\$145,000
Walled Lake	132 Coalmont St	\$102,000
	1496 Covington Xing	\$190,000
Waterford	2579 Bonita Dr	\$137,000
	1408 Mill Pond Dr	\$147,000
	120 Pine Tree Ridge Dr	\$50,000
West Bloomfield	2634 Sylvan Shores Dr	\$109,000
	2400 Gillham Ave	\$135,000
White Lake	1963 Winside Dr	\$235,000
	8016 Springdale Dr	\$125,000

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE

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Canton	2737 Calloway Ct	\$283,000
	2055 Hendrie	\$245,000
	48869 Woodson Way	\$313,000
Garden City	31450 Rush St	\$123,000
	28573 Cleveland St	\$82,000
Livonia	15130 Country Club Dr	\$120,000
	16581 Middlebelt Rd	\$39,000
	15151 Santa Anita St	\$155,000
	17925 University Park Dr	\$102,000
Northville	102 S Rogers St	\$127,000
	Plymouth	\$55,000
Redford	1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$55,000
	18827 Garfield	\$35,000
Westland	2732 Barns Dr	\$185,000
	37612 N Butler Cir	\$118,000
	7507 N Hawthorne St	\$120,000

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Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

Challenging fun for ALL ages

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Wool giver
- 4 Salve
- 8 Playback machines
- 12 Teacup part
- 13 - vera
- 14 Field of study
- 15 Doctrine
- 16 About to fall
- 18 Tough fabric
- 20 Grease job
- 21 Harvest Moon mo.
- 23 Country addr.
- 24 Adventure tale
- 27 Tribute in verse
- 29 Quay
- 33 Dit opposite
- 34 Worn-down pencil
- 35 Forest mom
- 36 Not barefoot
- 38 Ms. Lupino of movies
- 39 Dust devil
- 40 Financial mag
- 42 Piece of cloth

- 44 Stoic founder
- 46 Type of column
- 50 Skier's turns
- 54 Environmental prefix
- 55 Galaxy unit
- 56 Quit working
- 57 Roman sun god
- 58 Gives a poor review
- 59 Solar plexus
- 60 Dynamite kin

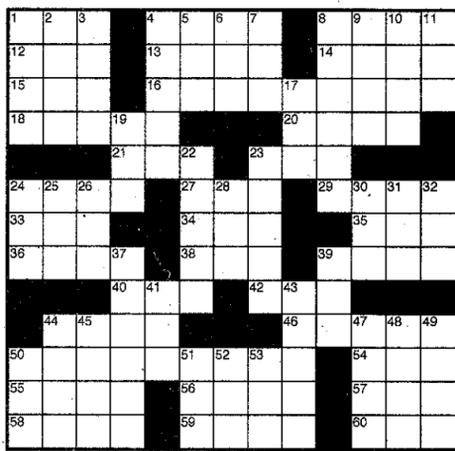
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- 3 Jane Austen heroine
- 4 Rudimentary
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- 7 Dues payer, for short
- 8 Highly regarded
- 9 Toddler's bed
- 10 Descartes' name

Answer to Previous Puzzle

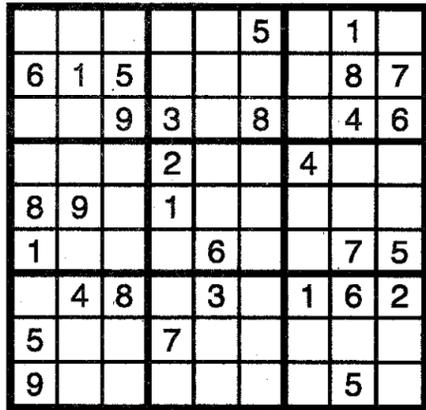
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- 11 Hang loosely
- 17 Lunch counter order
- 19 "Tiki"
- 22 Old-fashioned remedy
- 23 Concrete reinforcer
- 24 NFL gains
- 25 Long sigh
- 26 Between pi and sigma
- 28 Defective fire-work
- 30 Strange
- 31 Ocean fish
- 32 Piano part
- 37 Truck stops
- 39 I, to Caesar
- 41 - de guerre
- 44 Usher's beat
- 45 Frat Z
- 46 Jolie de vivre
- 47 Oriole abode
- 48 Desktop symbol
- 49 Farm baby
- 50 Recipe qty.
- 51 Kenya's loc.
- 52 - Dawn Chong
- 53 Baby beaver

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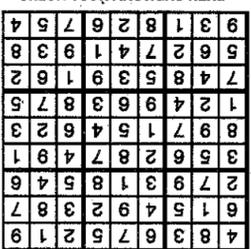
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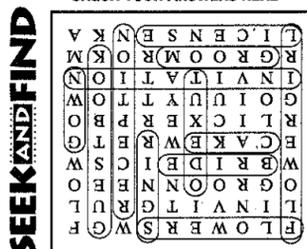
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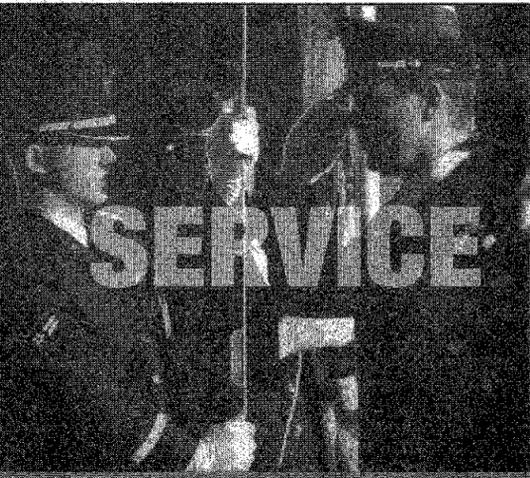
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Nissan Titan Still Looms Large in the U.S. Pickup-Truck Market

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By Dale Buss

Get your Nissan Titan fast! After this year, it's expected that Nissan's relationship with Chrysler — presuming the latter automaker survives its emergence from bankruptcy court and the early days of its new status as a ward of the federal government — will mean that Nissan's full-size pickup trucks will be built in some kind of strategy along the Dodge Ram.

It's likely they'll be designed somehow in tandem under a joint venture between the two companies and that Titan and Ram will be built together on an assembly line in Mexico.

So for now, you can enjoy the enhancements that Nissan has made to the Titan in what is expected to be its last pure and distinct version. These days, Titan comes with a five-speed automatic transmission instead of the four-speed tranny that is found on most other full-size pickups. It also has airbag protection that is enhanced over that of the competition.

And there's more: a host of innovative features that you won't find in combination in the Ford F-150 series, the Dodge Ram, the Chevrolet Silverado or the Toyota Tundra.

Titan's distinctives include a fully boxed, closed-ladder frame;

independent double-wishbone front suspension; solid rear axle with dual-stage shackled leaf springs and offset shock absorbers; and a big V8 engine. Also, Nissan has triple door seals compared with the double seals in the F-150, which reduces the intrusion of noise, air and moisture into the cab.

Today's Titan also is the first pickup available with a factory-applied, sprayed-in resin bed liner, a type that is popular in the aftermarket. And Titan also offers a new Utility-Track system, consisting of grooves or channels in the bed — two on the bed floor and one each along the top inside edge of the sides and cab-end of the box.

Nissan has always brought up the rear in the pickup-truck segment with its Titan line, a position on which it seems to be solidifying its hold.

Edmunds.com projects that Titan will sell only 18,000 units for all of 2009, which would represent an 80-percent fall from its 2005 sales peak.

For one thing, the "lifestyle" buyers who expanded the pickup-truck segment very heavily during the early years of this decade essentially have gone elsewhere these days, driven away from their fascination with pickups by the sour economy and higher gasoline prices.



Nissan is holding on in the pickup-truck segment with an improved 2009 Titan.

"People driving pickup trucks just for the sake of driving a pickup because it's cool have exited the segment," said Vinay Shahani, director of truck marketing for Nissan USA. "So marketing messages have to be focused on the durability and utility of the truck and industry firsts that you have to offer."

But Shahani said that "there's no way we can sit this out; we have to play the game." So Nissan is taking what he called "a very pragmatic approach to marketing [Titan] in this environment."

That strategy begins, he said, with an unwillingness to play "the deep-discounting incentive game that competitors play in this segment. It ultimately destroys value for the segment and the industry and the brand. We're not going to go crazy spending \$8,000 or \$9,000 on incentives per vehicle."

So, on average so far this year, Shahani said, Titan is offering about \$5,500 per vehicle in incentives while, he noted, the brand-new Ram has been putting as much as \$6,000 apiece

on the hood. "That gets us down to a competitive transaction price," he said. "We're not going to be the cheapest truck in the segment, but we're not going to be the most expensive either, given that we're a couple of years older than some of the newest entries."

Nissan also is focusing on the inherent value of Titan. For example, it is launching the 2010 Heavy Metal edition of the vehicle, which features a chrome billet grille, side rails, rear-view mirrors and wheels for a package price of about \$1,200 — on separately valued components that would total about \$2,500.

"That speaks value to the customer and allows the dealers to have a very strong message," Shahani said.

In advertising, he said, Titan's new theme is "Look closer." "It allows us to focus on ours versus competitive models, and consumers will find that our value proposition is outstanding," Shahani explained. "It underscores the much more pragmatic approach we need to take in this kind of economy."

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