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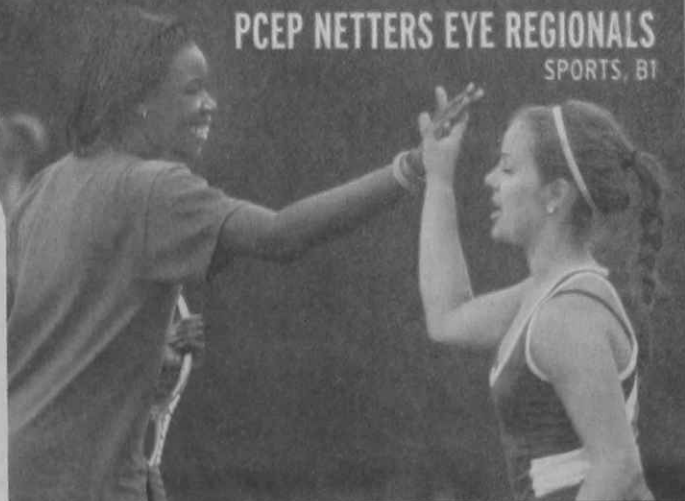
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### Memorial Day

The Canton Veterans Memorial Association will hold a Memorial Day Service at the Canton Veterans Memorial at 1 p.m. Monday, May 31. An engraved brick paver will be installed in the Memorial honoring Marine Cpl Jacob H. Turbett who was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan Feb. 13. For more information, contact John Spencer at (734) 394-5246 or [jspencer@canton-mi.org](mailto:jspencer@canton-mi.org).

### Board workshop

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education will hold a special workshop meeting 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, at the E.J. McClendon Education Center on updating its policy covering school sponsored publications and productions. The public is welcome to attend this session.

### Shred day

Community Financial invites local residents to protect confidential information and shred their documents at the credit union's Canton branch from 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22. The special event is being hosted in partnership with Iron Mountain, a provider of secure information destruction. The Iron Mountain trucks will be available in the branch's parking lot located at 6355 N. Canton Center in Canton. There's a limit of up to two shopping bags or two banker's boxes per car. For more information, visit the credit union website at [www.cfcu.org](http://www.cfcu.org) or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.



Some 1,200 walkers filled Heritage Park Saturday for the 12th annual Canton Relay For Life. The event raised more than \$251,000 for cancer research.

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## Walking with a purpose Hundreds walk as Relay tops fund-raising goal

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After being diagnosed with Ewing sarcoma, Andrew Holmlund decided to walk in the annual Canton Relay for Life.

For the four years since 9-year-old Andrew succumbed to the cancer, his parents, Brian and Robin Holmlund of Canton, have not only carried on the tradition in their son's name, but they've turned it into almost an art form, becoming one of the most prodigious fund-raisers the annual walk sees every year.

Numbers aren't available for this year, but the Holmlunds' team, "Andrew's Arms — Reaching for a Cure," hoped to beat the \$20,000 they raised last year, all in honor of the son they lost.

"We miss him every minute of every day," Robin Holmlund said Saturday at Canton's 12th annual walk to ben-



Braces and a good pair of shoes went a long way for the 1,200 walkers who spent 24 hours raising money for cancer research in the 12th Canton Relay for Life.

efit the American Cancer Society. "This helps. It shows how many people cared about him and about the cause."

The Holmlunds, as they always do, sold cookies with Andrew's signature smiling sun on them, they sold buttons and cotton candy. Largely, though, the day was about being with people who understood, and helping

those struggling with grief.

"Everyone is affected one way or another by cancer," said Brian Holmlund, whose mother and aunt battled cancer and whose grandfather died of the disease. "It's great to get together with so many people rallying for a great cause."

Organizers said last weekend's walk drew some 1,200 people from 76 teams. The event, the largest in the metro Detroit area, raised \$251,562, some \$11,000 above its goal. That's a far cry from the \$50,000 the first Relay raised in 1999.

That brings the 12-year total for the event to more than \$2.3 million.

Michelle McNaughton of Canton lost her brother, David Turner, to leukemia two years ago. Though she has walked in Westland's event and will embark on her fifth Breast Cancer 3-Day later this year, Saturday was

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## Many factors at play in Corriveau's withdrawal

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marc Corriveau has heard from both sides on his decision to withdraw — at a very late date — from the 7th District Senate race many believe he had every chance of winning.

He's heard from those — many inside Lansing — who can understand the toll public service

takes on a dedicated legislator trying to balance doing some good with maintaining a young family. And he's listened to the naysayers, mostly outsiders who seem him largely as a vessel for getting done the things they want to see done.

And he understands both positions, feels grateful to

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State Rep. Marc Corriveau, who gave up a shot at re-election to seek the 7th Senate seat, withdrew from that race last week, citing, in part, the toll it would take on his family.

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## Police seek suspects in carjack tries

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton authorities are investigating what they believe were two attempted carjackings — possibly related — that occurred within two nights on the township's east side, near the I-275 corridor.

Both incidents, which occurred Friday night and Saturday night, involved guns, though no shots were fired, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

Canton authorities are investigating whether the incidents could be related to a Monday night carjacking in Plymouth Township that led to the arrest of one suspect, with a second man being sought.

The suspects in the Canton incidents fled the scene, prompting a warning by Detective Sgt.

Dave Schreiner for residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

The first incident occurred about 11 p.m. Friday on Stacy, in the Meadowwood Townhomes complex northeast of Palmer and Haggerty.

"A guy was coming home and parked his car when he was approached by three black males. One had a mask on and had a small handgun," Gajeski said.

One of the suspects apparently demanded the man's car keys, but the victim, described as Asian, didn't speak English clearly and hesitated during the incident, Gajeski said.

One of the suspects hit the victim on the back of the head with an unknown object, and the trio then fled — without taking anything from the man

— toward a nearby CVS store, Gajeski said.

The victim was taken by a relative to a hospital, where he was treated.

The second incident happened about 11:25 p.m. Saturday on Canterbury Circle, in the Canterbury Mews complex southeast of Ford and Haggerty, Gajeski said.

"A guy was delivering pizza, and as he was leaving the complex an unknown black male dressed in all black with a mask pointed a semiautomatic pistol at him and motioned for him to stop," the sergeant said.

The driver initially slowed down, but he accelerated and drove off as the gunman approached his vehicle, Gajeski said.

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### Car wash

The Canton Chiefs Lacrosse team conducts a Car Wash, rain or shine, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Walgreen's on the corner of Ford and Sheldon roads in Canton.

The lacrosse team is completely self-funded and depends on events like this to raise the necessary funds to field the team.

For more information, call (734) 306-2807 or email walshlings@comcast.net

### Mom2Mom cancelled

The Plymouth Salvation Army's Mom 2 Mom sale which had been scheduled for Saturday, May 22, has been cancelled due to a lack of people registering.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

### Tiny Tots open house

The Plymouth Salvation Army's in-house preschool program, Tiny Tots, hosts an open house Tuesday, June 1.

There will be opportunities to attend, one in the morning (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and the other in the evening (5-7 p.m.).

Corps officer Capt. Jolene Hull, Tiny Tots director Sheila Johnson and Tiny Tots assistant Lisa Spielman will be on hand to answer questions or concerns regarding the play-based curriculum. The open houses provide parents the chance to visit the facility, meet the preschool staff and learn about program philosophy.

The Plymouth Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5464. Preschool information

is also available at the website, [www.misalplymouth.org](http://www.misalplymouth.org)

### Slavens coffee

State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at her coffee hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, May 24, at Le Cocoa Bean, 50166 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. Businesses or organization interested in hosting an event with Slavens can call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or send e-mail to [DianSlavens@house.mi.gov](mailto:DianSlavens@house.mi.gov). Residents also can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her website at [www.house.mi.gov/dslavens](http://www.house.mi.gov/dslavens)

### Exploritas program

Learn about the many affordable, thought-provoking adventures available through Exploritas at a free program on May 27, 7 p.m. at the Canton Public Library.

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The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center in Canton. For more information, call (734) 397-0999.

### White elephants

The Canton Place Seniors



### Credit union scholars

A scholarship awards reception was held at Community Financial Credit Union's Plymouth headquarters, during which President and CEO of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation Cheryl Elliott participated in ceremony honoring the winners of \$1,000 scholarships: Christopher Zachariah, Kathryn Hosey, Gabriela Mueller, Amanda Dewyer, and keynote speaker Doreen Lawton. (Back, from left) Community Financial Credit Union's Director Dan Herriman with scholarship recipients Sandra Shoukair, Erin O'Connor, Adam Skubik, Community Financial Credit Union's CEO Bill Lawton, and scholarship winner Colin Riley. Other winners who were unable to attend included Riley Hoernschemeyer, Danielle Kancierz and Jessica Yu, Kelly O'Connor, and Lindsay Poremba. The credit union also awarded scholarships to Mary Schlicher and Colin Neill from its north district. Community Financial Credit Union recently awarded \$13,000 in scholarships to 15 students who will be attending an accredited post-secondary institution. The winners were selected from eligible students who are Community Financial members.

hosts a White Elephant and Bake sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 22, in the Community Room at 44505 Ford Road (corner of Ford and Sheldon). The public is invited to attend.

Homemade baked goods and lunch are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Canton Place Resident Association.

### Adventure camp

Tutor Time Childcare Learning Center, 951 N. Canton Center, announced enrollment for its summer Adventure Camp program, designed for school age children ages 5-12 years old. (Children must have completed Kindergarten to participate).

Summer camp children go off-site four days a week on

field trips. They go all over and do a variety of activities related to each of the week's themes. Examples of the themes are Operation Rising Dough (cooking week) and Creature Feature (animal week).

Tutor Time offers fulltime or flexible schedules which allows families the option for children to attend the entire summer or just a few weeks. Early enrollment is encouraged to ensure availability.

For additional information about Tutor Time Childcare Learning Center and the summer camp program, call (734) 981-8463 or visit [www.tutortime.com](http://www.tutortime.com).

### Kiwanis Club

The Canton Kiwanis Club is seeking new members who can help to have a direct impact

on 1,400 children and provide gifts and activities that impact over 200,000 Michigan youngsters.

The Canton Kiwanis Club includes people who live and work in Canton, and it is looking for others who have a similar interest and desire to give back to the community.

The Canton Kiwanis is inviting people to join the club for breakfast during the month of May to find out more about the organization. Programs this month will include Canton Economic Development Manager Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz and Downtown Development Director Kathleen Salla.

The club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley Road south of Joy. It is actively looking for people who want to make a difference in the lives of others. Potential members are invited to join the Kiwanis for breakfast or contact the club at [info@cantonkiwanis.com](mailto:info@cantonkiwanis.com).

### Home buying seminar

Community Financial Mortgage Services and Remerica Hometown invite you to attend a free seminar for First Time Home Buyers 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Community Financial Credit Union located at 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

Potential home buyers will learn about buying in today's real estate market, mortgage products, including FHA financing and other programs especially designed to help first-time borrowers, free pre-approvals and much more.

For more information or to RSVP to attend this free seminar, call (734) 582-8812. Refreshments will be provided.

Headquartered in Plymouth, Mich., membership in Community Financial Credit Union is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or

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### Summer camp enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School is offering a Summer Camp program for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years. The nine-week summer day camp, located on the school's campus at 45245 Joy Road In Canton, begins June 21 and ends Aug. 20.

Children have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of theme-related projects that include lots of arts and crafts, in-house presenters, science experiments, dramatic play, cooking, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories and games.

"Our program is especially designed to meet the developmental needs of young children," said Linda Myers, summer camp director. "Our professional and experienced staff of early childhood educators offers young campers a wonderful balance of learning and play."

Full and half-day programs are available during the summer session with morning-only groups running from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. and afternoon groups from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Full time care for day campers is also available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. as needed.

While parents are encouraged to enroll children for the full summer camp, Plymouth-Canton Montessori accepts part-summer enrollments to accommodate families' work and vacation schedules.

For additional information about Plymouth-Canton Montessori School and the summer camp program, call 734-459-1550 or visit [www.pcmontessori.org](http://www.pcmontessori.org). Early enrollment is recommended to ensure availability.

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# Salvation Army's good works central to its beliefs as a church

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Most people know the Salvation Army for its Christmastime Red Kettle campaigns, its emergency food and shelter programs and its efforts to help people overcome alcohol addiction.

Fewer know that the Army is also a church — an offshoot of the Methodist faith.

In fact, says Capt. Dan Hull at the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps, those social service efforts — the good works — come straight from Salvation Army beliefs and are central to its mission as a church.

"We believe every person is called by God to serve their fellow man as they are able to," said Hull, who is a pastor at the Plymouth Corps, as is his wife, Capt. Jolene Hull. "We believe that faith without works is a little shortchanged."

"It's amazing how many people don't realize we are a church," said congregation member Ross Myers, a Plymouth Corps deacon. "To be a soldier, that's your obligation, is to help people, is to be of service." Myers, of Canton Township, has been active in the church for about 30 years; his wife of 61 years, Anna, is a lifelong member.

The Plymouth Corps offers a variety of church programs at its headquarters on Main Street: Sunday school, Sunday worship services, Bible study, character-building classes and more.

"In each of these programs we put in, and teach, good Christian values," said Hull.

Sunday worship (11 a.m.) is similar to a Methodist service, with similar music and Scripture readings emphasized, said Laurie Aren, a lifelong member and the director of the Plymouth Corps' family and community ministries. "We don't do communion," Aren added.

Attendance, said Hull, averages 40 to 50 worshippers each Sunday, most of them regulars. "We do have people who stop in" to find



Capt. Jolene Hull and her husband, Capt. Dan Hull, are the corps officers at the Plymouth Salvation Army, whose church services are conducted Sundays at 11:30 a.m.



Pianist Chitose Muramatsu tickles the ivories during a service at the Plymouth Salvation Army.

out what the church is about, he said. "We try to welcome them."

The Hulls, ordained together in 1996 after studying at a Salvation Army college in Chicago, are nearing their first anniversary at

the Plymouth Corps. Their other assignments have included stops in Missouri, Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The Plymouth Corps, Hull said, has good relations with local

churches and social service providers. The Corps' service area includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township, Belleville and Northville.

"Each Salvation Army tries to meet the local needs of that community, and we definitely partner with other organizations and groups in town to meet the needs," Hull said.

Founded in London in 1865 by William Booth, the Salvation Army started out as a street ministry for Londoners who weren't welcome at normal churches because they were poor or dressed shabbily, Hull said. From that came the philosophy that being a Christian meant not just preaching to people, but taking direct action to help them in their lives, he said.

"People just don't realize how it makes you feel when you are able to go out and help people in need," said Myers.

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## Shooting suspect faces 10-year prison sentence

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A man accused of shooting an off-duty Washtenaw County sheriff's deputy will no longer face the potential threat of life in prison after a 35th District Court judge dismissed a charge of assault with intent to commit murder against him.

Instead, 29-year-old defendant Kim Jerome Hill could face penalties ranging up to 10 years if he is convicted of a new, lesser charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, amid accusations he shot Deputy Samuel Wallace after he found Wallace with his estranged wife on May 1 at a Wyndchase townhome near Haggerty and Cherry Hill.

Hill also is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges of felony firearms and assault with a dangerous weapon following testimony Friday that prompted 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe to dismiss the attempted murder charge, following allegations Wallace lied when he denied having sex with Hill's estranged wife.

Hill's wife contradicted Wallace, a 33-year-old Redford resident, in court testimony that Lowe said damaged Wallace's credibility.

Canton police have said Wallace was shot once in the abdomen around 1:10 a.m. Saturday, May 1. Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has said the shooting occurred during a "domestic situation" that unfolded when Hill went to the townhouse on Virginia Court.

Wallace was taken to a hospital and underwent surgery for his wound. He was shot once with what police described as a handgun.

Police accused Hill of fleeing the scene and said he was arrested about 2 p.m. May 1 after officers found him at an acquaintance's house in Inkster.

Hill was jailed with a \$500,000/10 percent bond — set during his arraignment in 35th District Court — as he awaits the outcome of his case in circuit court.

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.

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## CRIME WATCH

### Baby survives fall from 2nd-story window

A Canton mother had quite a scare after her 2-year-old son fell out of a second-floor window at The Crossings, an apartment complex near Joy Road and I-275.

Police arrived around 8:30 p.m. last Thursday to find the mother crying and hysterical, even though the child wasn't seriously injured and was sitting calmly in her arms. A police report indicated the child, who was taken to a hospital for evaluation, appeared to have only a small cut on his upper left arm and mud on the palm of his hands.

The mother and another witness told police the 2-year-old and his older brother were in a play pen near the window when the toddler pushed on a screen that gave way, allowing him to topple 12 to 15 feet out the window and to the ground, landing on a patch of uncut grass near a sidewalk.

Police locked the second-floor window for safety because the screen would no longer stay in place.

Police reported no previous problems at the residence.

### Stolen truck

A man told police his 1996 Ford F-450 truck was stolen from the parking lot of Walmart on Ford Road east of I-275 while he was inside the store between 4:40 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. May 11.

The man said he had numerous welding tools in the truck. He told police he had locked the truck and taken his keys with him.

### Possession warrants

A man driving east on Warren near Lilley was arrested about 12:20 a.m. Friday after police noticed a rear light not working properly on his car, stopped him and learned that he was wanted for two warrants for possession of marijuana - one from West Bloomfield and one from Livingston County.

Canton police took the man to Eight Mile and Haggerty roads and turned him over to West Bloomfield authorities.

### Intruder alert

A man who lives on Country Club Lane, southeast of Cherry Hill and Beck, told police that an intruder entered his unlocked, 2006 Ford Taurus while it was parked in the driveway of his home between 11 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Monday.

The victim reported missing items includ-

ing a GPS unit, a cell phone and about \$10 in change.

### Home invasion

A woman reported a possible home invasion that she said appeared to have occurred between 3 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.. Saturday on Yorktown, northeast of Sheldon and Palmer.

The woman, who lives with her parents, said the incident occurred while they were out of town.

She told police she returned home and noticed a side gate to the back yard had been opened. She also said a garbage container had been knocked over.

She said it appeared someone had entered a sliding door to a sunroom, though the intruder didn't enter the main house because another door was locked.

The woman told police nothing appeared to be missing, even though the sunroom contained trophies, a television and other belongings.

She said a similar incident had happened last year while her parents were away.

### Stranger danger

A man working outside his home on Ridge Road, south of Ford, called police after he said a stranger in a pickup truck pulled up to a vacant, for-sale residence next door that was once owned by his now-deceased aunt.

The incident happened about 12:25 p.m. Friday.

The man walked over to the stranger after seeing him try to use three or four keys to open the front door. The stranger told him that he was trying to get into the house to see if he might want to buy it and fix it up.

The man who lives next door got license plate information that led police to the stranger, who was identified as a retired Ypsilanti firefighter who told authorities he just wanted to look inside the house to see if he wanted to gather more information about buying it.

The Ridge Road resident's parents, who now own the house, chose not to seek prosecution.

### TV swiped

A man who lives on Meadowlake, southeast of Cherry Hill and Lotz, told police his 1999 Ford Expedition was broken into between May 11 and May 13 by someone who stole a television and a GPS unit. He said the vehicle had been parked in his driveway.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

## Police look into claim of armed intruders

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two men armed with a long gun burst into a Canton apartment Sunday afternoon, forcing two men to a living room floor and tying their hands with duct tape before entering a bedroom, waking a paraplegic man and robbing him of money and credit cards, according to statements made to township police.

No shots were fired during the incident that reportedly happened about 3:30 p.m. inside an Adams Court residence in Pilgrim Village, an apartment complex northwest of Warren and Lilley.

The two men in the living room told police they were watching television with the door ajar when two intruders

walked in, ordered them to get on the floor and bound their hands with duct tape, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

The men told police they were taking a break from working on a car when the incident occurred.

The intruders — described as black males, both about 5-foot-9 and wearing dark clothing — didn't take anything from the two men. Rather, the suspect totting the long gun went into a bedroom, roused a paraplegic man who was sleeping in bed and robbed him of money and credit cards, according to statements made to police.

The paraplegic victim awoke to find a gun pointed at him, Gajeski said.

The intruders then fled the apartment, and the two men in

the living room told police they managed to free themselves from the duct tape and call 9-1-1, Gajeski said.

According to a witness, a black woman described as light-skinned, 25 to 27 with her hair pulled back in a ponytail was initially seen walking with the two intruders, though she didn't enter the apartment, Gajeski said.

Police are investigating the incident as a reported home invasion and robbery. Anyone who has information is urged to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Anonymous tips for a possible cash reward also may be made by calling Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP.

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## Police seek ID help in home invasion

The Canton Police Department is asking for assistance in identifying the man shown in surveillance photos they've obtained, and would like to question him regarding a home invasion that occurred in Canton May 2.

The brother/neighbor of the homeowner went into the house to investigate after noticing the garage door open and an unknown vehicle in the driveway. Once inside the house the brother/neighbor was attacked by two suspects he found rummaging through the bedrooms.

The victim's 14-year old son grabbed a 2x4-type piece of wood from the garage and hit one of the suspects on the



The Canton Police Department is asking for assistance in identifying the man shown in surveillance photos.

head, splitting his head open and causing a large amount of blood loss. The suspects were able to get away with two bags of unknown items.

The first suspect is described as a male, approximately 17-20 years old, skinny, 5'11 - 6 foot, short hair, wearing dark colored shirt and jeans. The driver of the getaway vehicle, he received a head injury during the incident.

The second suspect is described as a light-skinned male, approximately 17-20 years old, chubby, 5'10", wearing white shirt and jeans.

The suspects' vehicle is described as a dark-blue, older model, four-door Toyota Camry or similar vehicle.

Anyone with information on the identity of this man is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Crime Stoppers will also take anonymous tips, and pay up to \$1,000 for tips that lead to the arrest of a suspect. To contact Crime Stoppers call 1-800-SPEAK UP, go online to [www.1800speakup.org](http://www.1800speakup.org) or text CSM and your tip to CRIMES (274637).




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Adam Brown and Justin Mongrain had a positive message at the Relay for Life.

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the first time since David died she's been able to make it to the Canton Relay for Life.

"This is the first time I've been able to bring myself out here," said McNaughton, who helped herself by being her team captain, giving her other things on which to focus. "When you do one of these, you get people sharing their stories. It's therapeutic knowing what other people are going through."

Beth Johnson, a 15-year-old Plymouth High School freshman from Canton, said she had skin cancer when she was 10, and that other members of her family have been affected by the disease.

"This is a good cause, and I wanted to be a part of it," said Johnson. "It's important to realize everyone around you



Misty Carney of Curves for Women sells inspirational beads.

can be affected."

Johnson was part of a large contingent of students who took part in the event. American Cancer Society staffer Kelsey Ruder said not

only was youth participation up, but the level of diversity of the walkers had also widened.

"I saw a tremendous gain in the amount of diversity," Ruder

said. "I felt like the group of people were really an accurate representation of the Canton community."

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# Farmers Market flipper goes for pancake record

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A nationally known company that holds the Guinness World Record for the most pancakes flipped in an hour — 954 — will be represented Sunday, June 6, at the Canton Farmers Market.

Rain or shine, windy or calm, the day's forecast includes flying pancakes — and lots of them — at Preservation Park by the Cady-Boyer Barn, 500 N. Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill.

Trevor "Nutcake" Muir, who owns the Chris Cakes of Michigan franchise in Clare with wife Melanie "Pattycake" Muir, will entertain the Farmers Market crowd while serving up an all-you-can-eat, \$7-per-person breakfast of pancakes and sausage 10 a.m. to noon June 6. Children ages 4 and under eat free.

Chris Cakes of Michigan is part of a franchise that holds the world record for most pancakes flipped and the highest toss — 28 feet, 4 inches — Melanie Muir said. The national company also has been involved in efforts such as earthquake relief for Haiti.

Chris Cakes has been hired to come to the Canton Farmers Market as a fundraiser for the Cherry Hill Village's social committee, member Kristen Truong said. "We do social events for the village," she said, citing Halloween decorations and Victorian home tours as examples. "We're also going to do Christmas in the village."

Tickets may be purchased in advance at [www.mychv.com](http://www.mychv.com), or simply show up at the event.

Chris Cakes has briefly lost its previous Guinness World Record of 555 pancakes flipped in one hour to another company until last May, when the title was reclaimed with 954 pancakes.

"We blew them out of the water," Melanie Muir said.

According to [chriscakesofmi.com](http://chriscakesofmi.com), Chris Cakes has flipped 34 million pancakes — enough to stretch from Los Angeles to Springfield, Ill., as the company moves ever closer to a coast-to-coast claim.

The Web site also says the men's record of most pancakes eaten during a single event is 72, while the women's record is 48.

Tums, anyone?

The company's pancake chefs have appeared on television stations such as The Food Network. In business since 1969, the original "Chris Cakes" was the late Lorin Christiansen of Iowa.

The Canton Farmers Market had its seasonal debut May 9 and continues through Oct. 17. Rain or shine, the market hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The market offers a variety of home-grown foods and handmade goods. Market manager Tina Lloyd has said it's a place to find a wide array of items while supporting local merchants and the Michigan economy.

Vendor applications also are available. For more information about the market, call (734) 398-5570, ext. 5, or log on to [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

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# Departure shakes up 7th race

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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Marc Corriveau's withdrawal from the race for the 7th state Senate seat being vacated by the term-limited Bruce Patterson changes the outlook not only of the Democratic primary, but also ups the stakes for whichever Republican comes out of the race.

With Corriveau out, the Democratic nomination is left to former state Rep. Kathleen Law of Gibraltar, who served in the 23rd District. Law was surprised by Corriveau's decision.

"It was not anything I expected," Law said. "Marc has served the community very well, and we had a nice working relationship his first two years. I'm relieved (not to have a primary) but frightened, as well. All of a sudden, not having a primary, it's a double-

edged sword, and it makes me nervous."

Political observers also believe Corriveau's departure shifts the focus to the Republican primary, which features four candidates, including a couple of political newcomers.

Bill Ballenger, editor of the political newsletter *Inside Michigan Politics*, said Corriveau's departure could affect which party claims the seat.

"Honestly, most people thought (Corriveau) would have been the favorite to win the primary and, probably, the general election," Ballenger said. "Many people think it may be a Republican year."

The Republican primary includes Abe Munfakh of Plymouth Township, Patrick Colbeck and Deborah Whyman of Canton and

Dan Osterman of Belleville. Munfakh is a former Plymouth Township trustee and Whyman is a former state representative. All but Munfakh have been linked with the Tea Party movement.

Former state Rep. John Stewart, whom Corriveau replaced four years ago and who switched parties (he's now a Democrat) is reportedly considering a run as an independent.

Bill Ballenger, editor of the political newsletter *Inside Michigan Politics*, said Whyman could be an interesting candidate because of her previous service.

"We'll have to wait and see what influence the Tea Party has," Ballenger said. "No one really knows what that will be yet."

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Democrat Marc Corriveau, who beat Republican Jerry Vorva in the 2008 election, for the state House 20th District, hopes to "continue to help shape public policy," now that he's withdrawn from the race for the 7th Senate district.

## CORRIVEAU

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those who understand and sympathy for those who feel betrayed.

But two weeks ago, he missed his 10-year-old son's first Little League home run. A few days later, exhausted after a House floor session that dragged on until 5:30 a.m., he missed his 8-year-old daughter's communion party.

That's when he knew the decision he'd been pondering for weeks — well, since the Christmas holidays, really — was the right one.

### CHANGING COURSE

Corriveau, a two-term state representative who filed to run for Bruce Patterson's open 7th District Senate seat, reversed field last week, deciding just before Friday's 4 p.m. withdrawal deadline to do exactly that: Withdraw.

"When I began to really look at whether this was something I wanted to do, it became pretty clear that the price I was paying, both professionally and personally and even financially, was far outpacing the joy I was getting out of serving the district," Corriveau said. "When that's the case, however many times I evaluated it, I kept coming back to the spot that this was the best decision for me, for my family and for my future."

There were no shortage of surprises surrounding Corriveau's withdrawal. Lansing insiders were surprised when Corriveau decided to leave his House seat open to run for the 7th Senate seat, being vacated by the term-limited Patterson. Some thought Corriveau could have been Speaker material had he been elected to his third House term.

"He'd developed quite a good reputation (in Lansing)," said Bill Ballenger, editor of *Inside Michigan Politics*. "He was one of a couple of people thought

of as possible future Speakers. There are two levels of shock. For somebody to announce they're giving up their House seat to run for the Senate and then, three days after the filing deadline, to announce he's pulling out of that race ... it was obviously a blow to the Democrats."

### NOT A BETRAYAL

But Corriveau doesn't feel like he betrayed his party or left the seat open to change. He said he helped recruit "a very strong Democrat" in Northville school board member Joan Wadsworth, and he leaves the 7th Senate seat to a known commodity in former state Rep. Kathleen Law, now the only Democrat in the race.

"I don't believe I betrayed anyone," he said. "I made a decision I feel is in the best interest of my family. Knowing my life is changing has been difficult. But I'm at complete peace with my decision."

Corriveau said discussions with his family started before the Christmas holidays, talks that ultimately culminated in the decision to seek the Senate seat. When the filing deadline neared, he listened to colleagues and party people who told him he could win and entered the Senate race, despite growing misgivings.

But as he continued working long hours to represent a district with 90,000 people, the number of hours it would take to serve a district three times that size became more daunting.

"I was able to give a lot to those 90,000 people, but it took every second of my time," Corriveau said. "When you think about 300,000 people, it became clear my life was going to be even less of my own."

The considerations aren't only personal, Corriveau said. As Michigan continued to struggle to rebound economically — a rebound he believes has begun — it became clear the state needed to change the way it did things, needed to

work more closely together.

It doesn't happen often, he said. He worked with state Sen. Tom George, a Republican from Kalamazoo, on a health care package that has since been overshadowed by President Obama's plan. But mostly, he said, legislators are protecting their seats. And, he said, outside influences like interest groups continue to have too much power.

"Even with that (health care) success, if we don't have people come together to have some common-sense bipartisan change we can't move forward," he said. "Everybody says they want change, but nobody's willing to do anything different."

### WHAT'S NEXT

While fans and critics have their say, and the elections for his current House seat and the Senate seat he decided he didn't want sort themselves out, Corriveau said he'll be doing the same thing he's been doing for four years, and he'll worry about his legacy later.

"I'm going to end this the way I started it ... I'm still going to work 80 hours a week representing the people," Corriveau said. "I did everything I could to be a good state rep, and I want everyone to see it that way. I guess time will tell."

As for what happens when his term ends, Corriveau said the only thing he's sure of is he'd still like to be in a position to help shape what happens in the future.

"I don't have any immediate plans; some have suggested I had something lined up and that's why I made the decision," said Corriveau, who said he will not go to work for any lobbyist. "I've gotten an incredible education on the process, so I'd like to be involved in issue advocacy. I'd like to be involved in shaping public policy, but in what capacity, I don't know yet."

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## CARJACK

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No shots were fired. The suspect was described as a black male in his early 20s, about 6 feet tall with a thin build.

Due to the proximity of the two incidents and other similarities, Gajski said they

"could possibly be related."

Anyone who has information about either incident — or both — is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Anonymous tips for a possible cash reward also may be made by calling Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP.

Schreiner, meanwhile, said the two incidents underscore the need for residents to use

caution and remain vigilant, especially if they notice someone who may be acting suspiciously and approaching them.

"Don't just look away and shrug your shoulders," he said.

Rather, call the police department so that officers can investigate any suspicious activity, Schreiner said.

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# Y program gives teenagers a ‘Summer of Service’

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jenny Paffi knows today's teens will grow up just fine. "Teenagers a lot of times get a bad rap," said Paffi, community program director for the Plymouth Family YMCA. She and Heather Jones, youth coordinator, are working on this year's "Summer of Service" for area teens, which will run June 28-Aug. 20.

Surveys done at the end of previous "Summer of Service" projects show agency leaders are impressed with teens' work. Students get more done than expected.

"They do quality work and the quantity is high," said Paffi, who is pleased local teens come back summer after summer.

An open house for the YMCA's "Summer of Service" and day camp will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday in the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, on North Territorial west of Sheldon. Registration for "Summer of Service" is



YMCA volunteers (from left) Phoebe VanHoof, Danielle Foley, Noelle Milad, Sarah Mabie, Amrit Romana, Timmy Merkel, Marina Milad, Alek Yawfimetz and Mackenzie Rogers volunteered at Food Gatherers in Ann Arbor as part of the YMCA's Summer of Service program.

under way, and organizers recommend you sign up early. For the registration form, call the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or e-mail Heather Jones at [hjones@ymcamedetroit.org](mailto:hjones@ymcamedetroit.org). There is a one-time \$25 registration fee.

One week focuses on young people entering seventh and eighth grades, although they also have other opportuni-

ties during the summer. Most students are entering ninth through 12th grades.

During two separate weeks, students, who must be 16 or up, will work on a Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County home.

"It's going to be the same home," Paffi said of the Habitat affiliate's project on a Michigan Avenue home. Earlier work will be construction, later work detail work. Students will do Habitat work two days those weeks, with other days focused on the environment. Hunger and homelessness will also be addressed.

"We're really trying to target kids' interests," Paffi said. The eight weeks will begin with a Taste Test overview. Students generally come from Plymouth, Canton and Northville, but the program draws from all over.

This is the fifth summer for "Summer of Service."

"There's not a lot of opportunities for teens," Paffi said, noting there's also a school-year service component. "We

just feel it's really important to offer teens meaningful opportunities, especially in the summer." Students make a difference in the larger community, and social service agencies benefit as well.

"Our hope is they find something they're passionate about," Paffi said. That can lead to adult volunteer work or career exploration; right now, teens have trouble finding paid work and "Summer of Service" is a good alternative.

"Ultimately it helps us meet our goals of service," Paffi said of the YMCA. Volunteers meet for the program at the Methodist church on North Territorial.

There are 103 spots open, and last summer organizers filled 100 spots with 60 unique volunteers contributing over 2,500 hours. Agencies to be visited on the 15-passenger bus include Focus:HOPE in Detroit, Gleaners in Detroit, Growing Hope in Ypsilanti and Food Gatherers in Ann Arbor.

The Plymouth Community

United Way will get teen help through the local YMCA, and plans now are to paint a mural at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.

"First and foremost, we really do meaningful projects," she said. "They get to feel good about the work they've done." Teens are in the community meeting people.

"It's meaningful but it's fun," she said. "We have a lot of fun."

Some students fulfill service hours, no longer required by the Plymouth-Canton schools but still needed for some classes and the National Honor Society. "Summer of Service" gets financial support from the Wilcox Foundation and REI stores, including the one in Northville Township.

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## 11th District GOP sponsor Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee will have Dr. Gary Wolfram, economic and public policies professor at Hillsdale College, as the keynote speaker at its Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner Thursday, May 27.

The dinner will be held at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, and will serve as a fund-raiser for Republican candidates as well as provide for networking with elected officials, community activists and precinct delegates in the Wayne 11th Congressional District.

"The Republican candidates that have stepped forward to run for elected office offer real change, from lowering taxes, to reforming government, to fostering more investment and jobs growth in our State. That's real



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change Michigan needs today," said Carl Berry, chairman of the Wayne 11th CDRC.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a Meet the Candidates session and the program begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and a table of eight is \$350. For ticket, e-mail [info@wayne11th.com](mailto:info@wayne11th.com).

Wolfram is the William E. Simon Professor of Economics and Public Policy and Director of Economics at Hillsdale College, and President of Hillsdale Policy Group, a con-

sulting firm specializing in taxation and policy analysis. He is a member and former chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University, served as a member of Michigan's State Board of Education from 1993 to 1999, was chairman of the Headlee Amendment Blue Ribbon Commission and has been a member of the Michigan Enterprise Zone Authority, the Michigan Strategic Fund Board and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Board.

Wolfram's public policy experience includes serving as U.S. Rep. Nick Smith's Chief of Staff, Michigan's Deputy State Treasurer for Taxation and Economic Policy under former Gov. John Engler, and Senior Economist to the Republican Senate in Michigan.

Joining him at the podium

will be featured speaker Paul Kersey, director of labor policy for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland.

Kersey became director of labor policy at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in September 2007, having served as the center's senior labor policy analyst since December 2006. As director, Kersey leads the center's Labor Policy Initiative and researches labor and employment issues.

After practicing law in Livonia for several years, Kersey served on the staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Government Reform and Oversight Committee. He then spent three years at the National Right to Work Committee as director of state legislation. In that role, he analyzed and responded to labor legislation in all 50 states.

According to Berry, the goal of the 11th CDRC is to deliver the message of Republican candidates through grassroots efforts and modern technology.

"We can't only rely on those that have large financial resources for our support," said Carl Berry, chairman of the Wayne 11th CDRC. "We need to focus our efforts and message on the average citizen. Our message also needs to be very relevant to all demographics."

The committee offers community outreach in the district through various channels, such as online social networking on Facebook, the Wayne 11th CDRC website, recruiting, training and engaging over more than 800 precinct delegates, and hosting "awareness" forums throughout the district to inform people about the issues and to mobilize support.

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# LOCAL OPINION

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

## OUR VIEWS



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton residents Sandy Bush, Alice Hardiek, survivor Joan Barkulis, and Cheryl Fotovich walked in honor of Debbie Pikulski, Linda Hamilton, and Riley Miller. They were among some 76 teams and 1,200 walkers at last weekend's Canton Relay for Life.

## Relay raises hope for cancer fight

When the first Canton Relay for Life raised some \$50,000 in 1999, we're sure everyone "ooh'd" and "aahh'd" at how successful it was in the fight against cancer.

If that's the case, the amazement must really be flowing after the latest Relay, which took place Saturday and Sunday at Heritage Park. The 12th event raised more than \$251,000, more than \$11,000 above its gaudy goal.

Tired of the impressive numbers yet? Here's another one: \$2,363,562.

That's how much the Canton Relay for Life, the largest such event in the metro Detroit area, has raised in its 12 years. That's thousands of people raising millions of dollars for cancer research in Michigan. That's tangible progress toward a world with less cancer and more birthdays, as Relay organizers like to say.

There was a lot to like about the Canton Relay for Life. Some 76 teams created dozens of tents and created hundreds of activities. There was face painting, bake saling, music and games. Some youngsters were giving chariot rides for \$3 which, to some, was a bargain.

There were smiles, and tears, and through it all a devotion to a cause that's near and dear to so many. It's unbelievable the number of people who are affected by cancer; almost everyone you talked to at the Relay had multiple examples of the disease in their families. They had sons and daughters, moms and dads, grandparents and any number of other relatives and friends who fought it bravely and won, or fought it bravely and lost.

There were people walking in their first event, and others who've marched in all 12. And the really neat thing about the Canton event was the increasing number of young people who took part. Organizers noted that participation among school-age children was higher than in past years, an indication of an understanding of the problem and a keen sense of wanting to help.

American Cancer Society officials also noted an increasing diversity among the 1,200 participants, which they were happy to see because it gave the Relay for Life a real flavor of how the Canton community is trending.

For 24 hours, the community trended toward caring. Families, faith-based groups, businesses, clubs, student groups and other organizations came together in an effort to help wipe out the dreaded disease. They came together as one, to help and to hold, to walk and to support, to fight back against a disease that has stricken so many.

Thousands of people in Michigan alone will face the fear of a cancer diagnosis this year. After events like Canton's Relay for Life, though, at least they can face it with a little hope.

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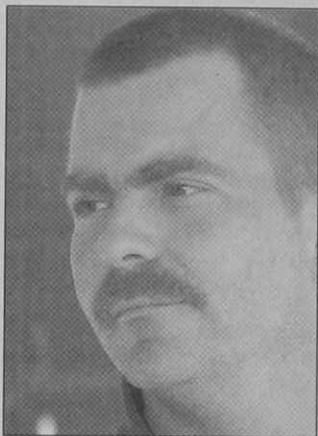
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## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What is your favorite springtime getaway or activity?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



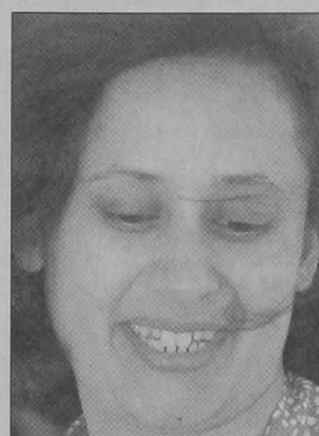
"I'd probably go to Kentucky."

Brian Dennings  
Belleville



"We do a lot of (Detroit) Zoo activities."

Jessica Domka  
Livonia



"Heritage Park, for picnics."

Khush Parikh  
Canton



"I usually go to Orlando, Florida."

Jahaira Andrade  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Put phone down

How many people have died from texting and driving accidents compared to, say, fires, cancer, and other hazardous things?

The number of deaths is rising in these easily preventable car crashes, and we need to take even more precautions and stop the taking of innocent lives.

Texting and driving has become a major issue in the newer generations. Recently two innocent lives were taken, one of a Plymouth high school student, and another of a John Glenn senior. Lance McKay was killed on Michigan Avenue, after his car ran out of gas, and was hit by a woman texting and driving, while pushing his car in pursuit of fuel.

Why are we allowing these careless drivers to flood our streets and roads when we have the voice to prevent it? We are losing our future generations, and allowing the others to grow up on a corrupt way of thinking that distracted driving is OK.

Lance McKay was planning on graduating and starting the rest of his life, but now it is all gone because one person couldn't wait to answer an insignificant text. Is your life worth a text message? Are you willing to risk your best friend's, your parent's, your wife or husband's, your role model's, or your children's lives just to answer that one text? If you are willing to give up your life for, "OMG NO WAY!!" or "hey, what's up?" then risk your life on your own time, but stop for those innocent victims.

I want you to support the ban on texting and driving and help making this into a set in stone law. I want you to take the first step in helping me, and just put the phone down.

Tess Laurentius  
Canton

### Stop the madness

It simply amazes me that our elected officials in Lansing have approved a bill allowing high-powered fireworks to be legally sold in Michigan.

After years of blatantly spending taxpayers' money without any good reason, why now are they trying to find ways to raise any amount of tax money to cover up their useless ways they have spent over the last seven years. I know whose hands these fireworks are going to wind up in and it's not going to be adults.

There are many teenagers in my neighborhood and I'm sure these fireworks will be used to celebrate our country's birthday in an unsafe way. With all the cuts that have been made over the last few years to fire and police protection, I just hope we don't see a night where firefighters are working like former years on Devil's Night in Detroit.

Robert Denstedt  
Canton

### Partisan foolishness

Reacting to the failed bombing of Times Square, House minority leader John Boehner, former New York governor and presidential hopeful George Pataki and none other than Mr. 9/11, Rudy Giuliani, leveled harsh criticism at the Obama administration for not speaking the phrase "war on terror" enough although the previous administration proved that multiple daily mentions of the conflict which, in essence, helped to achieve Al Qaeda's objective of keeping the American population terrorized, played no role whatsoever in keeping the U.S. safe or preventing future Bush-era attacks after 9/11.

Lacking rational grounds for criticism, Boehner, Giuliani and Pataki assailed the

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administration for its inability to foresee that an apparent lone wolf, with no more than an ambiguous affiliation to the Pakistani Taliban, posed an imminent threat to the United States and should have been apprehended prior to his attempted attack on Times Square. Is this modern-day version of The Three Stooges actually suggesting that Obama failed because he lacked sufficient powers of clairvoyance necessary to ferret out and thwart a terrorist plot?

Boehner, Pataki and one trick pony, Rudy Giuliani, amid their attacks upon the Obama administration, each neglected to point out that tragically, George W. Bush also lacked such extrasensory powers. It was a good thing then that President Bush had been provided with intelligence weeks prior 9/11 that indicated an attack upon New York City might be imminent. Unfortunately, he failed to take the "heads up" seriously enough to take the necessary steps to prevent the loss of over 3,000 lives.

On the topic of Miranda warnings for suspects, predictably all three hypocrites were vehemently opposed although all were silent when the Bush administration reminded the "shoe bomber" of his "right to remain silent" multiple times and subsequently tried him in a civilian court. One can be assured that had the Obama administration deemed the suspected bomber a military combatant and skipped Miranda warnings this trio of perpetual critics and most other Republicans would have been equally as vehement in their opposition.

The unfortunate thing is that last week there was likely a long line of dishonest brokers waiting for a microphone to criticize for the sake of criticism, this or any policy, regardless of validity, in an effort to bring down this president. One would hope that doing what is right for the country would come into play at least some of the time with the Republicans but that hope was dashed long ago early in 2009. From that point, according to the Republicans and some time later for the "Johnny-come-lately" Teabaggers, up was down, black was white and, well, if you are at all objective, you get the idea.

Mitch Smith  
Canton

### Oppose amnesty

Recently, a rancher in the state of Arizona was shot and killed by an illegal alien. Even more tragic than this event is the fact that the mainstream media has totally ignored it. Glen Beck, on Fox News, thought that when he finally broke the story, others in the mainstream media would follow suit. However, that did not happen. Could the reason our controlled mainstream media (TV, radio and press) ignores important stories like this is to not

hurt Obama's bid to pass an amnesty for 15-30 million illegal aliens?

Amnesty legislation has already been introduced in both houses of Congress. Harry Reid, majority leader in the Senate, says that he is only four votes shy in the Senate from having the 60 votes needed to block a filibuster and pass this bill. If 15-30 million illegal aliens can be granted amnesty and allowed to vote by November, then the Tea Party's plan to "vote the rascals out" may not be easy. Remember, Obama makes the rules. And after all of the unconstitutional tricks used to pass the health care bill, nothing is impossible.

From Obama's viewpoint, illegal aliens will mean permanent Democratic Party control of the US government. If you oppose amnesty for people who have broken our laws, call and write your two U.S. senators and your congressman and urge them to oppose these bills.

Some people say that opposing amnesty for illegal aliens is racist. Exactly what part of illegal do they not understand?

Gerald N. Wiggins  
South Lyon

### Keep it simple

Now that the state Legislature has finally made a decision on the retirement benefits for public school teachers and state employees, the public and political leaders should now move on to the next logical step: Follow the Hawaii example and have one statewide school system.

Our state Constitution already specifically provides the state government with the responsibility for public K-12 schools. When voters adopted Proposal A tax reform constitutional amendment in the 1990s, it was a first step in having a uniform financial system for all the public schools in the state. At the same time, state and federal laws have essentially standardized (or should be "federalized") public school curriculum and graduation standards.

What's left for the local school boards and administrators to do? Not much. Local officials have little control over anything — especially curriculum and finances.

Under a single state school system, there would be one teachers' union contract with changes made for different costs of living in different sections of the state. Regional administrators would be retained to carry out policies and regulations and — thankfully — there would be an end of endless school property tax elections.

One clear economic benefit would be an end to local teachers' unions using whip-saw tactics to pressure local school boards into approving salary or fringe benefit increases to "keep up" with neighboring districts.

At the same time, there are also too many small districts, particularly in suburbs near urban centers that have enrollments smaller than some individual high schools in nearby communities. What an example of inefficiency!

It doesn't make any economic or political sense in continuing to have more than 500 local school districts thinking they have any authority or control over local educational decisions. It's a political fiction that has been carried on by local districts for too long.

The constitution gives the Legislature full authority over public education but it hasn't exercised that authority until the last few years. Now is the time to think about a change and eliminate these senseless boundaries.

Leonard Poger  
Westland



# Town hall: Health care reform makes America stronger

BY SUE BUCK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township resident Adrienne Davis always listens intently to the day-to-day stories about the unemployed without health insurance.

Whether it is her friend, who is in her early 50s and in need of a knee replacement, or a young families who aren't taking their children to the doctor because of no insurance, Davis is interested.

Health care reform is important to this Plymouth-Canton school board member as it is to U.S. Congressman John Conyers, who spoke Saturday at a panel discussion held at Northwest UAW Local 163 in Westland.

Health care reform is a way to make America "better and stronger for everybody," said Conyers the keynote speaker.

On March 23, 2010, President Barack Obama signed into law the first comprehensive health care reform law in the nation's history. By insuring 32 million Americans and reducing the national deficit by \$1 trillion, many say the historic legislation is the first step forward in making health care a right for all Americans, not an expensive privilege for some.

## LAW CHANGES

The new health care law bars insurance companies from discriminating based on pre-existing conditions, health status and gender. It provides small businesses and working families with tax credits to help purchase insurance.

It strengthens Medicare and closes the prescription drug "doughnut hole." Many say that prescription drug coverage varies too greatly.

While industrialized countries have universal health care coverage, "We have been trying to get universal health care for 50 years," said Conyers, who is keeping "a health care horror story" file that he hopes to one day reduce. He wants to replace these stories with success stories on his web page.

Conyers said that many people consider having a job more important than having health care. That bothers him.

They have told him, "I would rather have a job and be sick than to be well and not have a job." It's a crazy choice for anyone.

"Of course, you want both," Conyers said. "A job and health care are important for everyone."

He asked members of the audience



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State Rep. Marc Corriveau, (D-Northville), speaks to a small crowd at the weekend healthcare town hall meeting in Westland.

how many people they knew who had to go into bankruptcy because of health care bills. Hands went up. Similarly, a majority of people who attended did have health care.

Conyers mentioned that Republicans, like Thaddeus McCotter, Candice Miller, Mike Rogers and Peter Hoekstra voted against health care reform and asked the bill opponents: "Granted, you don't like the bill that we are putting forward. What bill are you putting forward?"

"We voted, now everyone has to account for their votes," Conyers said.

He added that he would be willing to debate health care reform with McCotter, who represents District 11, right in the same union hall.

"We want the American people to make up their own minds," Conyers said, adding that the public shouldn't be daunted by the more than 1,000 pages of the law. "All difficult things can be made simple. Everything can be translated. We're going to put this in plain English."

He considers health care a matter of right.

"You get the health care you need, regardless of who you are working for or if you don't have a job," Conyers said. "What is so complicated about that?"

Panel member Natalie Mosher, a Canton Township resident and a Democratic candidate in the 11th Congressional District, has experience as a public school teacher, mother, community volunteer and has been a non-profit development director. She said

that she and her husband interviewed people about their health care stories and put them on her website.

"You have to start somewhere," Mosher said. "We have a foundation that we can build upon."

She wants to make sure that every man, woman and child has coverage that is affordable and has nothing to do with any pre-existing conditions.

Extending health care to young adults to allow them to stay on their parent's health care plan until age 27 is also important to her.

"Medical costs to individuals is off the chart," Mosher said.

## CONYERS PRAISED

Isaac Robinson of Young Democrats of America complimented Conyers in the vernacular by calling him "a bad dude" because he helped to push through the health reform legislation.

The audience submitted questions and one asked if mental illness was covered in the new plan. The answer was that it is unclear.

Marjorie Mitchell of Michucan said that it was important that the coverage for mental illnesses makes it into the benefits package.

"Those are our advocacy roles," she said.

The goal is to include that which wasn't covered before.

"You don't have to go to medical school to know that the mental and the physical are related," Conyers said.

Garrett Arwa, state director of Organizing for America, said that many seniors have concerns.

"They will not have their benefits reduced," Arwa said.

John Freeman, state director for Health Care for America Now, hopes that the new law will also help the home health care force and "professionalize" them.

"You allow people to be empowered by allowing them to stay in their home for a much longer period of time," Freeman said.

That prevents the more expensive 24-hour care in nursing homes.

Joanne Lamar, a Plymouth resident, credited Conyers for his "sensible view." "He is a very sensible man," Lamar said.

In the end, Davis felt that the forum was beneficial because it provided still more personal stories for her to ponder.

"It resonates with me," Davis said.

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# Getting run-around? Time is ripe for research and change

A client was complaining about the fees his bank charged. He was upset because over the last year or so his bank raised their fees substantially.

I asked what had he done about it. He looked at me

and said, "What can I do? It is what it is." So I asked him whether he had considered changing his bank. His immediate answer was that it would be too much of a hassle since he had his paycheck direct deposited and he paid bills directly through his account.

My recommendation was to research other banks and credit unions. Credit unions offer basically the same service as banks, but sometimes with substantially lower fees.

Once he did the research as to fees, I urged him to compare them with his bank then make a decision as to whether it was worth the hassle to change his account.

He took my advice and found that he could switch his financial institution and save money over the course of a year. He added that it was well worth the effort and he was kicking himself for not doing it sooner.

Granted, sometimes it is a hassle and somewhat time consuming to change relationships that we've had for a number of years, however, in many situations it is worth it.

Many people are in the same situation as my client, not only when it comes to a banking relationship but other relationships that we have in the realm of personal financial planning. We live in a world where everything is changing and with most of those changes we don't have any control. Sometimes we let things stay as is because we

don't want any more change. However, that attitude, can be a financial detriment.

Whether it is auto insurance, homeowners insurance, Internet service or cable, most of us just don't want to go through the hassle and potential aggravation to change things.

## CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

The general attitude is if it ain't broke, don't fix it. However, something doesn't have to be broken before you fix it. I don't believe in change just to change, however, if you can improve the quality of your life or save money, why not?

Change can be empowering. For example, I've had some difficulties with my Internet connection. The company has been giving me the runaround and I didn't think there was much I could do. I finally said, enough is enough and started doing some research to determine other options.

I found that I did have another option and I will have the same or better service at a lower price.

As consumers in today's competitive world we must be proactive in dealing with personal affairs.

Shop around insurance coverage. Don't assume a present policy is sufficient. Don't focus on the hassle to change coverage or services but on the benefits that change can bring.

Whether it is improved services or lower cost, as consumers the ball is in your court.

Spend some time and re-look at all your insurance coverage, services and financial relationships and if you can do better don't hesitate to make a change.

A short-term inconvenience will bring long-term gains.

Good luck!

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Some 10,000 pink ribbons and 240 large, pink street banners will line Woodward Avenue and around Comerica Park to greet supporters, honor loved ones and celebrate survivors who are walking or running in Michigan's largest foot race.

Metro Detroiters continue to demonstrate that even in the most challenging of times, their generosity and support for others is heartfelt and unwavering, say organizers of the event.

More than 30,000 participants and 100-plus local sponsors and underwriters will take part in the race.

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute has been the local presenting sponsor of the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® for the past 18 years.

The community has rallied the support of family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to raise \$2 million in 2009 alone in the fight against breast cancer, according to event organizers.

As a result, \$1.5 million funded breast health education, breast cancer screening and treatment programs in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb

counties, allowing the uninsured and underinsured to receive the needed services they might not otherwise get.

Every three minutes, a woman in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 women will die from breast cancer this year alone.

There is something for participants of all ages at the Race. Bands and entertainment groups will perform for the walkers and runners, a variety of sponsors will have giveaways and offer exciting interactive activities. A children's activity area will be available.

Street closure begins at 7 a.m. Sponsor booths open at 8 a.m. and opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. Closing ceremony and awards presentations take place 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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# HOMETOWN LIFE



## Tee-cher

Kids, vets get into swing with PGA pro

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With her eagle eye, Hickory Creek PGA golf pro Tami Bealert can spot a golfer's flaw and quickly nip it in the bud.

For example, while working Saturday afternoon with Monroe's Jim Coffin, she noticed he was pulling his foot during his follow-through and losing power as a result.

Bealert placed a golf ball beside one of his feet, providing a physical reminder to help him keep his stance nice and tidy.

"There's nothing like having someone who can pick something out right away," said Coffin, one of many golfers who Bealert helped out during free, 10-minute lessons.

Every Saturday during May at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township, Bealert (helped by assistant pro Gary McGettrick) is providing those quick lessons as part of the "Play Golf America" initiative.

"The 10-minute lessons are just making sure their grip, power and alignment are OK and that they're swinging in balance as well," Bealert said. "They may have a question regarding 'Why am I going to the right or why am I hitting the ball left? Why am I topping the ball?'"

"I can just give them two tips and fix it right then."

### FUN FOR FAMILIES

But Bealert had a much bigger assignment Saturday — trying to inspire the next generation of golfers.

About 30 youngsters came out with their moms or dads for a two-hour family clinic (also free), designed to introduce the game to the kids while at the same time giving families a chance to do something together.

"Our whole goal is to get people excited about the game," Bealert said, "to play and have fun, learn



Tami Bealert, PGA Golf Pro at Hickory Creek, offers helpful hints about the correct way to address the ball to family clinic participant Hailey Wasik, a 9-year-old from Canton.

something about the etiquette and the rules and get families out to play more golf."

She worked with children ages 5-15 on fundamentals (grip, posture, alignment, balance).

Bealert made sure the youngsters had a blast while learning, too.

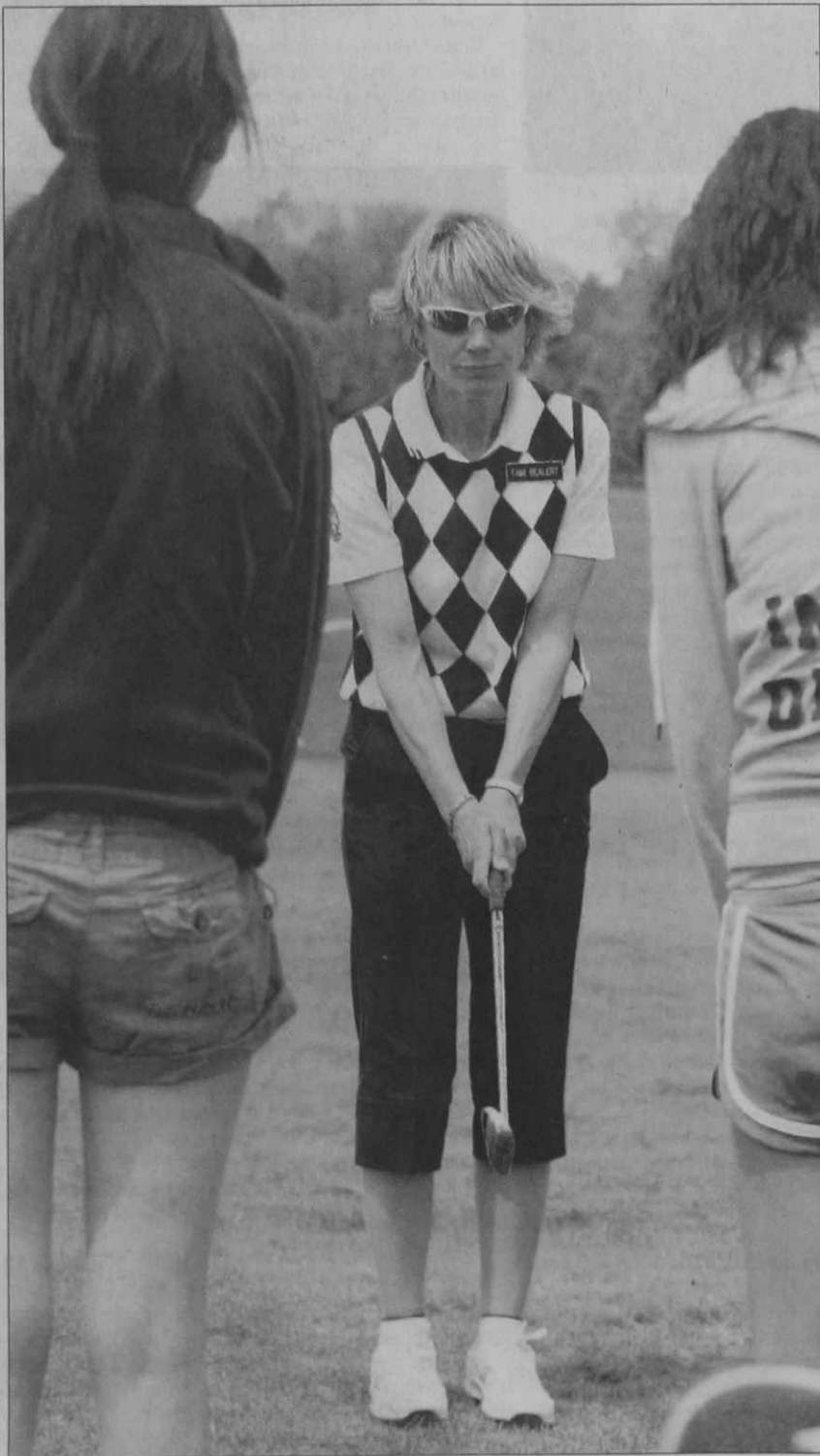
The kids used so-called SNAG balls, which are lighter than regular golf balls. SNAG stands for "Starting New At Golf," an easy-to-understand PGA-designed approach to learning about the game.

Bealert set up a string of colorful hoops and targets not too far from the tee-off area and instructed participants to pick, choose and have a go.

### HE WAS RIGHT

Among those doing just that were

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Hickory Creek PGA Pro Tami Bealert goes over fundamentals of grip and posture with golf newbies during Saturday's family clinic.

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## GAME WRAPS

### Girls soccer

**STEVENSON 0, SALEM 0:** In a KLAA Central Division clash Tuesday, host Livonia Stevenson (6-4-3, 3-4-1) and the Rocks (8-4-3, 4-3-2) fought to a scoreless draw.

Michelle Krawczyk was in goal for the Spartans.

"It was an average performance, it seems, by both teams," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "We had chances and they had chances, but nobody wanted it."

**PLYMOUTH 8, FRANKLIN 0:** Freshman Morgan Klabunde scored twice Tuesday, leading the Wildcats (9-1-4, 7-0-2) to a KLAA South Division mercy-rule triumph over host Livonia Franklin (0-15-1, 0-8-1).

Other Plymouth goal scorers included Megan Peplinski, Jessica Scott, McKenzie Hengesh, Abigail Livingston, Katie Krajewski and Katelyn Watson.

Franklin goalkeeper Alexis Smith made 22 saves, while Marissa Williams posted the shutout for Plymouth.

**CANTON 4, CHURCHILL 1:** Christy Balewski notched a hat trick Monday as the host Chiefs (11-1-3, 8-0-1) clinched at least a tie for the KLAA's South Division crown with a victory over Livonia Churchill (6-7-1, 5-3-1).

All the scoring came in the first half as Balewski scored in the second, 12th and 28th minutes. Lindsey Winters also added a goal in the 36th minute.

Alexa Vkratsis scored in the 15th minute to cut the deficit to 2-1 for Churchill.

"We came out flat, like a deer in headlights and Canton caught us off-guard," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We played loose in the box and it was our inability to hold the ball in wet conditions."

"But I'm happy we played to the end. We could have easily quit."

### Prep baseball

**PLYMOUTH 11, S.L. EAST 1:** Mike Nadratowski scattered five hits Monday as the Wildcats routed South Lyon East.

Plymouth (12-11, 7-8) scored two in the first on a Matt Priebe single and added four more runs both in the third and fourth innings to blow it open. Priebe had two hits, two runs scored and three RBIs. Freshman Jamarl Eiland had two hits and two RBIs while Nadratowski scored three runs.

### Prep softball

**SALEM 3-2 AT TOURNEY:** The Salem varsity softball team finished with a winning record at last weekend's Madonna Invitational, capping it off with a 3-0 victory over Plymouth in the consolation bracket behind the pitching of Briana Lee (2-hitter, 15 Ks).

Mary Johnson collected two hits for the Rocks with Kelli

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## Rocks, 'Cats play 2 good games for 1 good cause

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

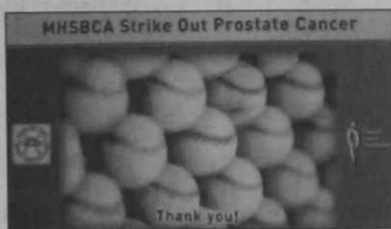
An idea that took root in January came to fruition last weekend, with freshman, junior varsity and varsity baseball teams for Plymouth and Salem competing for a worthy cause — to "Strike Out Prostate Cancer."

The JV teams played Friday, with freshman and varsity squads taking over on Saturday with all proceeds from concessions and a special \$3 program/blue wrist band combo going to the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

The benefit games had been pushed back a week due to rain May 6. But that didn't diminish the positive energy at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

### OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT

"We played the JV game Friday and



This thank you card, from the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association and Prostate Cancer Foundation, awaited those who spent \$3 for a game program and 'Strike Out Prostate Cancer' awareness wristband.

met half our goal (of \$1,000) already," said event spokeswoman Audrey Rodriguez of the Salem Baseball Dugout Club booster group. "On a day like today I see people who are buying, selling, enjoying the game and donating money to a great cause."

(On Monday, Rodriguez reported that approximately \$2,000 was raised. She gave thanks to all who supported the endeavor.)

The twinbill was one of a number of high school games in Michigan being designated as prostate cancer awareness benefits.

The Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association and Prostate Cancer Foundation are teaming up this spring for the cause.

According to Plymouth varsity head coach Bryan Boyd, he and Salem's Dale Rumberger were at a MHSBCA clinic in January when the idea was proposed.

"We talked and said let's make our doubleheader we're going to do year in and year out, let's make it a Prostate Cancer Awareness Day," Boyd said. "We're going to do all these different

things to raise money because it's such a great cause. It hits home to so many different people."

The Dugout Club and Plymouth Baseball Boosters co-organized the benefit, and paid plenty of attention to detail.

Bases and foul lines were powder blue — the official "fight prostate cancer" color — and players also sported powder blue wrist bands.

Meanwhile, Dugout Club president Glenn Kordick said coaches, parents and players from both teams easily got why it was important to participate.

"Audrey Rodriguez, both coaches, parents of both teams just felt it was a good thing to do to give back to the community," said Kordick between games of the twinbill. "The rain (on the

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## Area teams to contend

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Undefeated Salem and Plymouth could be knocking heads at the top of the leader board when they get together Friday at the Division 1 boys track & field regionals.

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The Rocks — who won the region in 2009 — and Wildcats are among teams who have plenty to contend for the boys regional title at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Both bring 5-0 records in dual meets and are stocked with top-notch athletes.

"We hope to qualify athletes for the state meet in a number of events, from sprints to field to distance," said Salem boys head

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On Saturday, Salem's No. 2 doubles team of Ashley Walker and Mallory Rojo won the conference championship in their flight. They then won again Tuesday against Milford.

## PCEP netters eye regionals

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The final regular season dual matches for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park girls tennis teams were for the most part successful on Tuesday.

Both Plymouth and Salem earned KLAA post-tournament crossover girls tennis victories as the squads continue gearing up for Friday's Division 1 regionals.

Meanwhile, Canton lost 5-4 to Walled Lake Western, but the Chiefs had a solid effort despite the defeat, noted head coach Barb Lehmann.

The Wildcats grabbed a 6-3 triumph over Walled Lake Central while Salem also won 6-3, over Milford.

For Plymouth first-year head coach Rob McLaren, his team's 5-2 overall and 4-1 record in the KLAA South (second place) is reason to feel optimistic about next season.

"We're ending the season the way you always want to, with a

victory," McLaren said.

Plymouth needed a big win in doubles by the tandem of junior Mariah Tesarz and senior Jahnvi Patel. They lost the first set 3-6 before bouncing back (6-3, 6-1).

Senior Annie McKenzie also won her final match, with junior Iulia Fratila (3-6, 6-1, 6-4) as did senior Lauren Jeong (with junior Andrea Haidar) at No. 2, by a score of 6-3, 6-0.

The Wildcats' No. 5 doubles team of junior Laura Schmid and sophomore Erin McKenzie also won.

In singles play, Plymouth wins were scored by sophomore Lindsay Stemberger and freshman Marlowe Susselman, at No. 2 and No. 4, respectively.

Of course, McLaren still is hoping for success Friday.

### TOUGH FIELD

"Obviously, we have tough teams that we're up against, the Ann Arbor Pioneers ... but we

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Canton High School pole vaulter Ryan Kilgore makes an attempt during Friday's KLAA meet at Novi. Kilgore's Chiefs are among teams participating in Friday's Division 1 regional at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

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coach Kyle Meteyer. "We won our division (KLAA Central), which was our most attainable and important team goal at the beginning of the season.

"While we won the region last year, I think that Plymouth has a great shot at it this year."

Meteyer noted that Detroit Cass Tech is out of the picture, but Inkster is in. "I'm curious as to how that might affect our region's outcomes."

Plymouth boys head coach Jon Mikosz also is eagerly anticipating Friday, with key members of the KLAA South champs ready to finish in the top two and thus automatically qualify for states.

"I think we have a good shot at contending for a regional title," Mikosz said. "Our goal is to get guys to states so we are going to change up our lineup to give the guys the best shot. ... If we happen it win it will be a great accomplishment for these guys."

Warren Buzzard (800-meter run, 1,600 run), Matt Neumann (1,600 run, 3,200 run), Joe Porcari (3,200 run), Justin Heck (3,200 relay), Kyle Brindza (shot put), Grant Senkbeil (pole vault), Joe Bockstanz (pole vault), Anthony LeMerise (400 dash),

Pawan Dahliwal (high jump) and Brandon Piligian (110 hurdles) stand excellent chances of qualifying as individuals.

"There is also an automatic qualifying mark that if they run that time, throw that far or jump that high they will go to states," Mikosz said. "... All of these guys have a 75 percent or better chance at either being top two in the region or making the automatic mark."

Plymouth (and Salem) also could make the team state meet by winning the regional, but that is run by MITCA rather than the MHSAA, noted Mikosz.

Canton's Chiefs, of course, also will be at PCEP. So will Observerland teams from Livonia Stevenson, Churchill, Franklin, Garden City, Redford Union, Thurston, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn.

Rounding out the 17-school field are entries from Dearborn, Detroit and Inkster.

Canton is 2-3 on the boys side, however, while the girls team brings a 1-4 mark.

The other PCEP teams on the girls side will need to go some to challenge Central champion Novi or South champion Churchill — both 5-0 in the division.

The Lady Rocks are 3-2 in the Central while Plymouth's girls squad is 2-3.

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## Dark Angels smash Fusion in WFA action

Quarterback Kris Vidojevski figured in four touchdowns Saturday as the Detroit Dark Angels routed the winless Dayton Diamonds, 45-0, in a Women's Football Alliance North Central Division game at Westland John Glenn High School.

Vidojevski ran for two scores (11 and 19 yards), passed for another (a 24-yarder to Brooke Kosanic) and picked off a pass

for a TD as the Dark Angels evened their record at 2-2.

Alexis Noel ran for a team-high 120 yards, including a 69-yard TD run. Juanita Payne added 70 yards on the ground, while fullback Ramona Cox ran for three TDs.

Detroit Police officer Yarlen Henry, a middle linebacker, led the Dark Angels' defense with 12 tackles, including three for losses, to go along with a fum-

ble recovery. Kosanic added eight tackles and deflected three passes from her defensive back position.

The Dark Angels also raised \$2,000 during the week for the family of slain Detroit Police officer Brian Huff.

"We are happy to have won this game convincingly and that our team keeps improving," said Angels owner and GM Chuck Lauber, a veteran

of Wayne County Sheriff's Department. "But we are very proud to have worked together with the community and raised this money for the family of a brother officer who fell while serving the force."

The Dark Angels travel Saturday to take on the Pittsburgh Force before coming home Saturday, June 5 at John Glenn to face the Cleveland Fusion. (Game time is 7 p.m.)



## What a weekend!

The U-10 Canton Cardinals baseball team went 4-0 to win the recent Northville Early Bird Tournament. The Cards clinched the weekend tourney title with a 9-4 win over the Northville Broncos. Team members include Dominic Dimaya, Sam Bruscha, Parker Selby, Billy Flohr, Jake Cain, Evan Good, Ben Kandah, Ryan Young, Lou Baechler, Danny Lanava, Tyler Newsom and Logan Dziado.

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original date) didn't stop us. We're still having a great time.

"And the players recognize it's important to give back to the community and they're

looking forward to a good game of baseball."

### HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

Each varsity team won on their respective home field.

In Saturday's opener at Plymouth, the home team won 9-1 with Wildcats' pitcher Harrison Michels giving up three hits in a complete-game performance.

Contributing two hits and four RBI — including a homer in the first inning — was Phil Emminger.

Ben Wohl went 2-for-4 with two runs and an RBI.

"Harrison has thrown five straight really good outings," Boyd said. "Over that period he's 4-1, ... he's beaten some very good teams and again he was fantastic today."

Strong defense, after his team committed two errors in the first, helped keep the Rocks at bay.

Plymouth jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first and never looked back.

The Wildcats' new career

hits leader, Matt Priebe, stroked a single to right-center that scored junior outfielder Mike Nadratowski all the way from first base.

Emminger then belted an opposite-field home run to right.

It was 5-0 in the second thanks to a bases-loaded throwing error and Kevin Lozier's sacrifice fly in the third opened up a 6-0 lead.

Salem finally got on the board in the fourth. Chris Kordick singled and took third on a double by Brett Ramirez. Ken Novak's groundout brought home Kordick.

Plymouth scored again in the fourth as Emminger's single through the hole at short tallied two more runs.

Capping the scoring was a sixth-inning single by Nadratowski, bringing in Wohl.

The teams moved to Salem for the nightcap and the Rocks prevailed 5-3.

It was 1-0 Salem (following an RBI-hit by Joe Simowski) when the Rocks tacked on

three in the third thanks to some extra-base power.

A double to left-center by Eric Lorber plated Marcus Olind (who opened the inning with a double). Evan Gambino then launched a two-run homer over the 385-foot mark to the left of dead center.

Plymouth (12-10, 5-8 in the KLAA) registered three runs in the fifth with the key hit a three-run home run to right by Chase Zebari.

Salem (8-11, 5-9) tacked on an insurance run in the sixth as Nick Leventis singled in Lorber, who opened the inning with a base hit.

In a losing cause, Wohl went 3-for-4 for the Wildcats with Rich Guglielmi also collecting a pair of hits.

Lorber went 2-for-3, scored twice and knocked in a run for the Rocks.

Picking up the win was starter Scott Theisen (up from JV) with Corey Streck earning the save.

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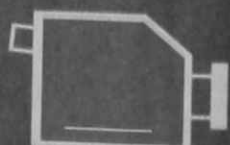
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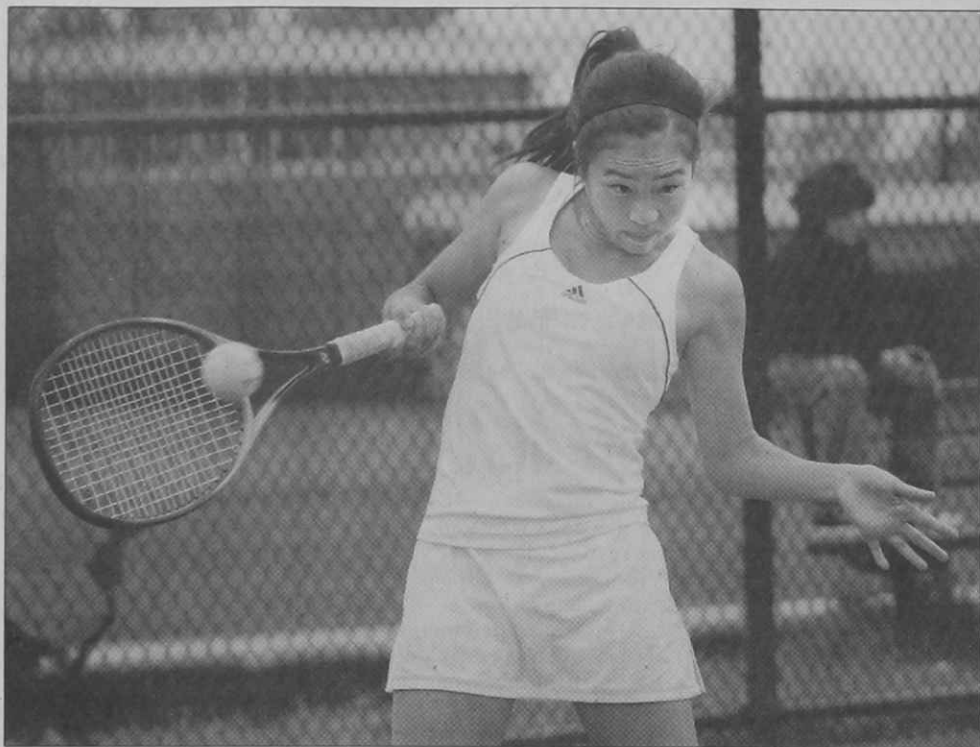


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Maintaining concentration while making a shot on Tuesday is Canton's No. 1 singles player, Megan Leung.

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hope to win some early victories in the first round before we get to the tougher schools later," he said.

Salem (7-2), the third-place finisher at Saturday's KLAA meet, took care of the visiting Redskins. The Rocks swept through the singles flights, with wins by Allie Carpenter, Anna Norman, Morgan Spencer and Kerry MacDonald. Rachel Norman and Ashley

Davis needed three sets to take No. 1 doubles, and the Rocks then sealed the victory at No. 2 — freshman Ashley Walker and junior Mallory Rojo won 6-1, 7-5.

Walker-Rojo were fresh off the KLAA championship in their flight.

"It was a tremendous win for them (Saturday)," said Rocks head coach Lin Ware. "To beat Northville with their first win, that was the No. 1 seed, and then they played Novi, which was the No. 2 seed, and they won both matches.

"We probably haven't had a conference winner in sev-

eral years."

Ware said the duo plays well together. "They're big hitters and they know the court."

Lehmann saw plenty of bright spots for the Chiefs (4-4) even in defeat.

Seniors Kayla Davis and Brittany Vance, "a great doubles team," finished the regular season with a victory at No. 1 doubles. "That was a great way for them to finish."

At No. 2 doubles, Catherine Sanctorum-Kelsey Mason, also seniors, won in a tie-breaker.

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## GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

### KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT May 15 at Novi H.S.

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi, 31 points; 2. Northville, 30; 3. Salem, 16; 4. Livonia Churchill, 12; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 10; 6. (tie) Canton, Plymouth and South Lyon, 7 each; 9. South Lyon East, 4; 10. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn, 3 each; 12. Wayne Memorial, 1.

#### FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

**No. 1 Singles:** Amanda Border (Novi) defeated Joanne Weber (N'ville), 6-0, 6-1; **semifinals:** Border (Novi) def. Allie Carpenter (Salem), 6-2, 6-0; Weber (N'ville) def. Angelica Woods, (LF), 7-5, 6-0.

**No. 2:** Abby Wang (Novi) def. Erin Doud (N'ville), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Wang (Novi) def. Nicole Kruse (LC), 6-0, 6-0; Doud (N'ville) def.

Morgan Spencer (Salem), 6-0, 6-0.

**No. 3:** Sara Carlson (Novi) def. Jessica Yu (N'ville), 6-2, 6-1; **semifinals:** Carlson (Novi) def. Ani Cooper (LC), 6-0, 6-0; Yu (N'ville) def. Kerry MacDonald (Salem), 6-1, 6-2.

**No. 4:** Mackenzie Powers (N'ville) def. Lauren Felcher (Novi), 6-2, 7-5; **semifinals:** Powers (N'ville) def. Mara Karagozian (LC), 6-0, 6-0; Felcher (Novi) def. Kerry MacDonald (Salem), 6-1, 6-1.

**No. 1 doubles:** Jenna Snyder-Julia Thomas (Novi) def. Laura Taylor-Caiti Darish (N'ville), 7-6 (9-7), 7-5; **semifinals:** Snyder-Thomas (Novi) def. Allison Santori-Lauren Jeong (P), 6-0, 6-0; Taylor-Darish (N'ville) def. Rachel Norman-Ashley Davis (Salem), 7-5, 6-0.

**No. 2:** Ashley Walker-Mallory Rojo (Salem) def. Andrea Lollo-Meggie Riegel (Novi), 7-5, 3-6, 7-5; **semifinals:** Walker-Rojo (Salem) def. Amy

Bernstein-Jenna Grezlik (N'ville), 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5); Lollo-Riegel (Novi) def. (LC), 7-5, 6-4.

**No. 3:** Ally Weaver-Jackie Kjolhede (N'ville) def. Ashley Aljadah-Orri Nagasaka (Novi), 6-2, 6-1; **semifinals:** Weaver-Kjolhede (N'ville) def. Ewa Zajac-Bansari Patel (Salem), 6-2, 6-1; Aljadah-Nagasaka (Novi) def. Kristi Fata-Jayde Schultz (LC), 6-4, 6-0.

**No. 4:** Megan Foland-Christy Murphy (N'ville) def. Meng Meng Jie-Emily Kwederis (Novi), 6-4, 6-3; **semifinals:** Foland-Murphy (N'ville) def. Eileen Chen-Janell Matuch (SL), 6-0, 6-0; (Novi) def. Kathryn Malkowski-Andrea Burford (LS), 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.

**No. 5:** Elizabeth Sakoralis-Ria Barad (N'ville) def. Shannon Maturi-Juliana Zuccato (Novi), 6-2, 6-4; **semifinals:** Sakoralis-Barad (N'ville) def. Emily Baumgartner-Kelsey Futrell (LS), 6-2, 6-4; Maturi-Zuccato (Novi) def. (P), 6-1, 6-1.

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But Lee then won a 3-0 pitcher's duel against Milford, fanning 14 batters.

Lee and Janiczek each chipped in with RBI hits.

Also Saturday, Salem pounded Taylor Truman, 9-0.

Alexis Powell (1B, 2B, 3B, 3 RBI), Lee (HR, 2B, 3 RBI) and Heidi Schmidt (2 hits) paced the Salem attack as the Rocks won their pool and advanced to the championship flight.

But Sunday, North Farmington edged Salem 6-4, despite two hits

by Megan Johnson, an RBI-triple by Powell and run-scoring two-bagger by Janiszek.

## College baseball

**MADONNA 8, IDAHO 5:** Pitcher Jeremy Gooding improved to 10-1 overall as the 10th-ranked Madonna University baseball team opened NAIA Region action Tuesday with an 8-5 win over No. 15 College of Idaho at Riverside, Calif. MU resumes action in the five-team regional beginning at noon (PST) Wednesday to face host California Baptist (46-13).

# Lady Warriors having fun, winning

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Laurn Ebersole continues to have fun and so do her teammates, with a lot of that enjoyment coming from on-field success for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors girls lacrosse team.

Ebersole scored six goals Monday night to pace the Lady Warriors to a 13-10 "Senior Night" victory over Grosse Pointe University-Liggett.

Then on Tuesday, she scored three more to spark a 10-6 triumph over visiting Waterford United in a makeup date.

Scoring four goals against Waterford was sophomore attacker Katie Hill (Plymouth), who along with Ebersole and sophomore attacker Stephanie Bower (Canton) provide quite a 1-2-3 punch.

According to Ebersole, a senior co-captain midfielder (recently transferred from Plymouth H.S.) ho has eclipsed the 40-goal mark, scoring a bushel-full of goals really is her second favorite thing this season.

"I'd rather just play as a team, move the ball and get the ball back," Ebersole noted. "Go out there, have fun and play with heart.

"... This season, the team's

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grown a lot. Now, I can move the ball to other girls and we can set things up."

They can all get their names on the scoresheet and "share the love, kind of."

Both Hill and Bower also are savoring this season.

"This year everybody came together, all the girls get along and stuff," Hill said. "It's good."

For Bower, the good atmosphere is leading to a willingness to involve others in the action.

"This year, we pass a lot better and there aren't any more individual players, we play more as a team," Bower explained. "Last year, it was individual players taking it the whole time.

"And now we're able to rely on people catching (the ball) better."

## TEAM COMES FIRST

First-year coach Steve Nyquist, whose team (9-7, 2nd in the division) will face Northville on May 26 in a regional matchup at PCEP, said having several go-to players (he also listed junior Lauren Allard and her sophomore sister, Kaitlyn) is as much about talent as their

team-first approach.

But Nyquist credited the additional intensity his team showed Tuesday, battling for ground balls and fighting through traffic.

It was 4-2 at halftime, with PCS goals by Hill (3) and Shannon Lubin.

In the second half, Ebersole's unassisted marker made it 5-2, but Waterford answered with goals by Rachel Newil and Stephanie Collar (3 goals) within a four-minute span.

With 12:29 left, the Lady Warriors got one back thanks to determined effort from Nicole Natelborg.

She scooped up a ground ball, rushed down the field and flicked a pass over to Lubin who buried her shot.

PCS then scored four goals in the final eight minutes, with Kaitlyn Allard finding the target right at the horn.

"We had a little more intensity tonight, partially because we played them last time and they beat us 8-6 with a goal in the last minute," Nyquist said. "That actually made it 7-6 and they scored again right at the end to make it 8-6. That's why that last goal (at the buzzer tonight) was kind of sweet."

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# 'Cats battle, but fall short at tourney

Plymouth entered Wednesday's KLAA conference crossover against Livonia Stevenson on a bit of a roll, winning six of eight softball contests — including Monday's win by forfeit against South Lyon East.

The Wildcats, now 19-6 overall and 12-3 in the KLAA, were awarded the win after the Lions forfeited due to not having healthy pitchers available for the game.

But Plymouth went 3-2 at the weekend Madonna Invitational, losing 8-7 in a nine-inning semifinal Sunday against eventual tournament champion Novi.

Plymouth head coach Val Canfield lamented losing a late, three-run lead due to a misjudged pop up, but said her team played well throughout the tourney considering they were seeded in the top-bracket Gold division.

## PREP SOFTBALL

Following that game, Plymouth dropped a 3-0 consolation game to Salem as the Rocks received a shutout by junior pitcher Briana Lee.

On Saturday, the Wildcats opened up with a 12-3 rout of Lincoln Park. The game featured a 3-for-3 game (with 4 RBI) by senior Amanda Burnard and two hits each by Marissa Blassie and Jessica Bondy.

That was followed by freshman pitcher Elaine Gerou's complete-game shutout, a 1-0 triumph over Anchor Bay. Plymouth's run came in the third when senior Stacey Klonowski singled in courtesy runner Cassidy Hewitt (running for senior Tessa Heldmeyer, who started the rally with a hit).

Saturday's third game was a 6-3 victory over Marine City. Lauren Smith and Gerou

divided pitching duties with Smith being one of the offensive heroes.

She drove in two runs in the fifth with a single, breaking a 3-3 tie, and later scored the third tally of the frame. Also helping the offense were Kayla Rebaun (3-for-4) and Burnard (2-for-4).

On May 12, Plymouth outscored Wayne Memorial by a combined 26-0, winning two, five-inning mercy games (14-0 and 12-0).

Smith's no-hitter keyed the opener with Klonowski (3B, 2B) and Burnard (HR) each driving in three runs. Allison Raylean (2-for-2), Kayla Rebaun (2-for-3) and Heldmeyer (2-for-3, 2 RBI) were other top hitters.

Game 2 featured Gerou's 1-hitter and nine strikeouts, not to mention a 2-for-3 game at the plate. Burnard also went 2-for-3 and scored three runs.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Thackaberry golf outing

Circle Saturday, June 26 on your calendar. That's the date for the 2nd Annual Milt Thackaberry Memorial Salem Baseball Golf Outing. A 1 p.m. shotgun start is slated for Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

The fees are \$110 per golfer with paid registration before June 1; \$125 if they sign up after June 1 and \$50 per person for dinner only.

Included for those paying \$110 or \$125 are the following: 18 holes of golf, hot dog lunch, clubhouse dinner with open bar, prizes and a raffle.

Those interested should e-mail Steve Gordon (sgordon88@sbcglobal.net), Denny Devine (devinev@aol.com) or go to [www.rocksbasketball.com](http://www.rocksbasketball.com).

Entire proceeds of the event will go to the Salem Baseball Dugout Club, of which Thackaberry was a huge supporter. Milt Thackaberry passed away from cancer in 2008.

## Plymouth grid meeting

Next season's Plymouth Wildcats football players and their parents are invited to attend a mandatory meeting slated from 6:30-to-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 in the cafeteria at Plymouth High School. Head coach Mike Sawchuk and his entire staff will be introduced and parents will receive "all the important paperwork necessary for your

student-athlete to participate in the upcoming football season." Todd McCall, president of the Plymouth football boosters club, also will speak about getting involved with that program as well as fundraising responsibilities. Sawchuk stated in a letter to parents about the May 25 meeting that the 2010 season is "just around the corner and we are as fired up as ever to continue our excellence on and off of the field." Any questions, please contact Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696 or via e-mail at [Mike.Sawchuk@pecs-mail.net](mailto:Mike.Sawchuk@pecs-mail.net).

## MU's Quitquit 2nd

The Madonna University men's golf team finished Tuesday's opening round of the NAIA National Championships at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill. with a team score of 304.

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference individual medalist Brett Quitquit (Highland) led the way for the Crusaders turning in a 3-under round of 68, good enough for second place overall.

The Milford high grad caught fire in the back nine, making four birdies on last seven holes to get back to under par after three straight bogies at holes nine, 10 and 11.

The Oakland University transfer is just one stoke behind tournament leader Axel Ochoa of Oklahoma Christian University, who shot a 4-under 67.

Other MU scorers included James Uelmen, 78; Livonia Churchill's Tommy Lucko and Nick Sears, 79 each; and Livonia Franklin's Steve South (Westland), 81.

"We go the opening round jitters out of the way, scoring conditions were very good in the morning round and Brett (Quitquit) took advantage of them and made seven birdies," MU coach Steve Mato said. "We started to settle into our game and expect to play well tomorrow."

MU, among 25 teams in the field, needs to finish in the top 17 after Day Two to make the cut.

## 'Extreme' Canton hoops fundraiser June 2

T.G.I. Friday's is partnering with the Canton Boys Basketball program for a unique fundraiser, starting 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 2.

There will be what is dubbed "an entertaining night of extreme bartending rivaling the performance of Tom Cruise in the film 'Cocktail.' Bartenders will dazzle you with their skills of juggling while you help support Canton Basketball by bidding on drinks."

A gift auction will also be part of the fun program, slated for the T.G.I. Friday's at 44250 Ford Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 254-0442. The program is only open to those age 21 and older.

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# Canton Strictly Business

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Homebuying seminar

Community Financial Mortgage Services and Remerica Hometown invite you to attend a free seminar for First-Time Homebuyers. The seminar will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, at Community Financial Credit Union located at 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

Potential home buyers will learn about buying in today's real estate market, mortgage products, including FHA financing and other programs especially designed to help first-time borrowers, free pre-approvals and much more.

For more information or to RSVP to attend this free seminar, call (734) 582-8812. Refreshments will be provided.

Headquartered in Plymouth, Mich., membership in Community Financial Credit Union is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency. For more information, visit the credit union website at [www.cfcu.org](http://www.cfcu.org) or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

### Cancer fund-raiser

Canton area HomeGoods shoppers will have the opportunity to support cancer care and research while shopping at the off-price home fashions chain. Through June 5, more than 180 HomeGoods stores nationwide will be participating in the 10th annual "Help Families Fight Cancer" campaign benefiting the Jimmy Fund, which supports the life-saving mission of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Customers who would like to support the cause can purchase pin-up cards for \$1 each with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting cutting-edge cancer research and care at world-renowned Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. This support helps raise the chances of survival for children and adults



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### Estate jewelry showroom

Linda Robin and Showroom of Elegance host an 'Estate Jewelry Event' Friday, May 21, and Saturday, May 22. It will feature rings, bracelets, necklaces, brooches and more, fashioned in gold and platinum and sparkling with precious gems. Estate Jewelry Experts will be on hand to assist you. Fabulous and unusual pieces that will excite your senses at prices that will shout 'take me home.' Showroom of Elegance Fine Jewelry is located at 6018 Canton Center (north of Ford Road). Call (734) 207-1906 for more information or visit [www.showroomofelegance.com](http://www.showroomofelegance.com). Refreshments will be served.

with cancer around the world. Customers can personalize the pin-ups with their name or message, and the cards are prominently displayed in the stores.

"HomeGoods customers have shown tremendous support in the fight against cancer. Over the past nine years, their \$1 contributions have added up to make a huge impact in the lives of thousands of cancer patients and their families," said Suzanne Fountain, director of the Jimmy Fund. "However, the fight is not over, and funding is critical, now more than ever, to develop the best available treatments and cures for everyone facing this disease."

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### Art exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill showcases the art works of ceramist John Mrozik and photographer Heather Sisto through May 28 in the Gallery at VT. This husband and wife duo has a combined total of 40 years of experience in their areas of interest.

Mrozik, winner of the Best in Show in the 2008 Canton Fine Arts Exhibition, is known across the state for his detailed creations of brightly colored ceramic tea pots, with over 50 percent of his teapots created in bright red.

This multi-media art exhibit

at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and during public performances at the theater. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, is a regional center for the arts that offers the magic of live theatre, soul-stirring music, the thrill of the dance, and the enjoyment of fine art exhibitions and events, in addition to providing a home for several cultural organizations and community groups. For more information about this latest exhibition, please call (734) 394-5300 or visit [cantonvillageattheater.org](http://cantonvillageattheater.org).

## O&E columnist named finalist for 2010 entrepreneur award

Rick Bloom, a partner in Bloom Asset Management and a weekly financial columnist for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, has been named a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year® 2010 Award in the Michigan and northwest Ohio region.

The awards recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate extraordinary success in the areas of innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

Bloom was selected as a finalist by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a gala event June 10 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Dearborn.

"I am honored to be selected as a finalist for this prestigious award," Bloom said. "It's great to be recognized not only for the success Bloom Asset Management has had over the past 25 years, but also for my other passion, which is to help educate people from all walks of life regarding reaching their financial goals."

Bloom is a partner in Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills, where he has served clients in the area of financial planning since 1984.

His financial column is featured each Thursday and Sunday in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. In addition, Bloom airs twice-daily business updates throughout Michigan on the



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affiliate stations of the Michigan Radio Network.

Recently, he served as host of the popular "Rick Bloom Show" on WDTK-AM

1400 and was also host of the "Money Talk" radio show on WXYT 1270-AM for 16 years. He was also a financial columnist for other metro daily newspapers in past years.

Bloom has also been selected as one of the Top 250 Financial Planners by *Worth Magazine* for several years consecutively.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year awards program celebrates its 24th anniversary this year. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 135 cities in 50 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur of the Year national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the overall national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award winner, will be announced in November.

The awards are the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### June luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its June networking luncheon June 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 advance member registration, \$30 non-members at the door and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

June's Luncheon will feature guest speaker JoAnne Purtan, Channel 7 Action News. Purtan is Channel 7's consumer reporter who helps viewers find good deals and avoid the bad ones. Purtan is also one of six daughters of the well-known radio personality Dick Purtan.

"We are thrilled to have someone of JoAnne Purtan's stature speak at our local chamber," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

June's Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by TDS Metrocom and USANA Health Sciences. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 28.

### Grub crawl

Canton Chamber of Commerce, Charter Township of Canton and the Downtown Development Authority will be co-hosting Canton's ninth annual Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 20. This event is open to the public and participants must be 21 years of age or older.

The Grub Crawl is an opportunity for area restaurants to showcase their establishment as well as promote Canton's diversity while having fun. Participating restaurants



Canton Chamber of Commerce officials say some 600 people took part in last year's Grub Crawl, and they'll get their chance this year when the chamber hosts the 2010 event 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 20.

in this year's event include: Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Bailey's Pub & Grille, bd's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Crow's Nest, Rose's Grill & Bar, Shish Kabob Café, T.C. Gator's Sports Page, and T.G.I. Fridays.

"The Grub Crawl is an event for the community and businesses. It's really important that we continue to have functions that include our entire community, and the Grub Crawl gives us this opportunity" said, Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

According to Cojei, last year almost 600 people attended this event. Tickets (T-shirt) are \$35 each and include transportation to and from participating restaurants. T-shirts are on sale now and can be purchased at the Chamber office. T-shirt sizes are on a first come first serve basis so reserve yours early.

If you are interested in participating in the Grub Crawl, go to our website at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com) click on forms/flyers to print a ticket order form and drop it by

the Chamber office at 45525 Hanford Road. You can also call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040.

Major Sponsors for this event are Hunting Bank, Oakwood Healthcare Systems and PNC Bank.

### Energy seminar

Spark Building Energy Solutions hosts a free seminar on "Energy Audit and Incentives."

The seminar will feature speaker Anand Pappuri, certified energy auditor and HERS rater, and a chance to meet specialty people from HVAC, solar, windows and lenders.

The seminar takes place 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 22. Find out how energy awareness can benefit homeowners and about energy audit, utility rebates, new-home construction rebates, Energy Star homes and HERS ratings, indoor air quality, federal tax credits, energy-efficient mortgages for energy improvements and solar power and incentives.

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## Autism Society and AMC offer 'Shrek' screening

AMC Entertainment (AMC) and the Autism Society have teamed up to bring families affected by autism and other disabilities a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis. Sensory Friendly Films will continue this month with a showing of *Shrek Forever After* at 10 a.m. May 22. AMC Livonia 20 is located at 19500 Haggerty, Livonia.

Autism is a complex neurodevelopmental disability that affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. It often comes with sensory challenges, such as hypersensitivity to light or sound, and children or adults affected by autism may not understand the social boundaries of movie theatre etiquette, such as not talking during the film or sitting

still through most of the show.

In order to provide a more accepting and comfortable setting for children with autism or other special needs, AMC movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down, families will be able to bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements will be shown before the movie. Additionally, audience members are welcome to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing — in other words, AMC's "Silence is Golden" policy will not be enforced unless the safety of the audience is questioned. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the event.

For more information about sensory films, visit [www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms](http://www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms).



## Chamber Music Society of Detroit Concert

The Parker Quartet will perform as part of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit concerts at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22. The concert will be held at the Seligman Performing Arts Center located at 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. Contact the Chamber Music Society of Detroit Ticket Service at (248) 855-6070 or online at [www.comehearcmsd.org](http://www.comehearcmsd.org) for more information.

### LOCAL CONCERTS

#### The Ark

**Time/Date:** May Erlewine and Samuel Seth Bernard, May 20; Suzy Bogguss, May 21; Eileen Jewell, May 22; Dala, May 23; Matt Andersen, May 25; Diane Birch, May 27; Gaelic Storm, May 29  
**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor  
**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; [www.theark.org](http://www.theark.org)

#### Detroit Institute of Arts

**Time/Date:** Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward Ave  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

#### Magic Bag

**Time/Dates:** The English Beat, May 20; The Mega 80's, May 21 and June 5; The High Strung CD release party, May 22; Members of Morphine, May 28; MacPodz, June 6; The Original Wailers, June 9

**Location:** 22920 Woodward, Ferndale

**Contact:** (248) 544-3030, [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com)

#### Music Hall

**Time/Date:** Hatian Benefit CD release party, May 20; Tim Reeves, May 21-22, \$5; Music Hall Star Search Finals, May 27  
**Location:** 350 Madison Ave., Detroit  
**Details:** Jazz Cafe performances  
**Contact:** (313) 887-8500

#### Trinity House Theater

**Time/Date:** Bill Mallonee, May 21; Open Land with Jessica Ripka, May 22; Sweethearts of the Yellowroom Gang featuring Kitty Donohoe, Annie Capps, Jill Jack and Allison Downey, June 4; Wayward Roots, June 5; Jennie DeVoe, June 11; Chris Trapper with Billy King, June 12  
**Location:** 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia  
**Contact:** (734) 464-6302, [www.trinityhouse.org](http://www.trinityhouse.org)

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## Hear duets, ensemble piano music at Livonia concert

The Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum will present a "Monster Concert" of multiple pianos and piano players at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at the William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

The concert will feature piano duet and ensemble music performed on 11 Steinway grand pianos at one time. More than 160 students from beginning to advanced levels of musicianship will participate. These students represent

the studios of 17 teachers from communities in the surrounding area. Concert proceeds will be used to support scholarship opportunities provided by the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum.

The Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum is affiliated with the Michigan Music Teachers Association and the Music Teachers National Association. Active in the community for more than 35 years, it promotes growth and pro-

fessionalism in the private music teaching business, and provides members' students with performance, competition and scholarship opportunities.

For more information about the organization, visit the Web site at [www.laptf.com](http://www.laptf.com).

Pianos for the event will be provided by the Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit; these pianos will be offered for sale. For more information piano sales, contact Steinway at (248) 560-9200.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## See films on the big screen outdoors

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OSE STAFF WRITER

Pack the cooler, dress the kids in their pajamas, add the family dog and head to the drive-in this weekend.

Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township starts its summer season with a sneak preview May 21 and 22, and May 28-30. Its grand opening is Friday, June 11, when it begins showing films daily through Sunday, Sept. 5.

"There is something going on here all the time. The fun never stops," said Peter Krupsky, director of communications and community relations for Compuware Arena. "We like what we're doing. It's really family friendly."

The larger lot at the theater can accommodate approximately 250 cars. The smaller lot can include 100-150, Krupsky said. "We're finding that the people who come out to the drive-in are as passionate as people are about the Plymouth Whalers," Krupsky noted, referring to the local hockey team associated with the arena. "It's a different vibe but similar in that it's family fun. We're just doing it in a different way."

Krupsky said the outdoor theater will be easy on the wallet this summer, too. Regular admission is \$7 for adults, Sunday-Thursday, \$5 for kids, 4-12, and free for kids, 3 and under, everyday. Adults pay \$9 Friday-Saturday.

"We'll have some entertainment stretchers for families," Krupsky added. That includes "pack your car" Mondays with admission set at \$15 per car for a maximum eight individuals; two-for-one tickets and \$2 concession value meals on Tuesdays, \$5 pizza and \$5 tickets on Wednesdays and \$2 burgers at CJ's, the restaurant at Compuware Arena, on Sundays. Cash or checks only are accepted.

"We've had the theatre in different forms the last six or seven years, but it's been about three years that we've really concentrated on it. We're looking forward to this season."

Theater management earlier this week hadn't decided which films would run during the sneak preview. Call the hotline at (734) 927-3284 for titles.

The drive-in is located at 14900 Beck, north of M-14, in Plymouth Township. Gates open at 7:30 p.m.



and movies start at dusk. [www.compuwarearena.com](http://www.compuwarearena.com)

**WAYNE, OAKLAND DRIVE-INS**

- The Silverdome Drive-in runs double features through Sept. 17, at 1200 Featherstone Road, north of M-59 and west of I-75 in Pontiac. Gates Open at 7:30 p.m. and the movies begin at dusk. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students with ID, \$5 for children, age 4-12 and free for children, 3 and under. Double

features today, Thursday, May 20 are *Robin Hood* and *The Back-up Plan*; *Iron Man 2* and *Clash of the Titans*; *The Losers* and *A Nightmare on Elm Street*. New films start Friday. For more information see [www.silverdomedrivein.com](http://www.silverdomedrivein.com)

- Ford-Wyoming Drive-in runs double features through Sept. 15 at 10400 Ford Road, at Wyoming, in Dearborn. Double features today, Thursday, May 20 are *Just Wright* and *Date Night*, *Robin Hood* and

*Repo Men*, *Iron Man 2* with *The Back-up Plan*, *A Nightmare on Elm Street* and *The Losers*, *Death at a Funeral* and *Kick Ass*. New films start Friday. Cost is \$8.50 for adults, \$3 for children, 12-6, and free for children, 5 and under. Call (313) 846-6910 or visit [www.fordwyomingdrivein.com](http://www.fordwyomingdrivein.com) for more information.

**STATEWIDE**

Vacationing in Michigan this sum-


mer? Here's a sampling of drive-ins around the state:

Flint: The New US 23 Drive-in, 5200 Fenton, (810) 238-0751.

Muskegon: Getty Drive-in, 920 Summit Ave, (231) 798-2608.

Honor: The Cherry Bowl Drive-in, 9812 Honor Highway; (231) 325-3413.

Coldwater: Capri Drive-in: 119 W. Chicago Road; (517) 278-5628; check its website, [www.capridrivein.com](http://www.capridrivein.com) for hotel packages and other events.



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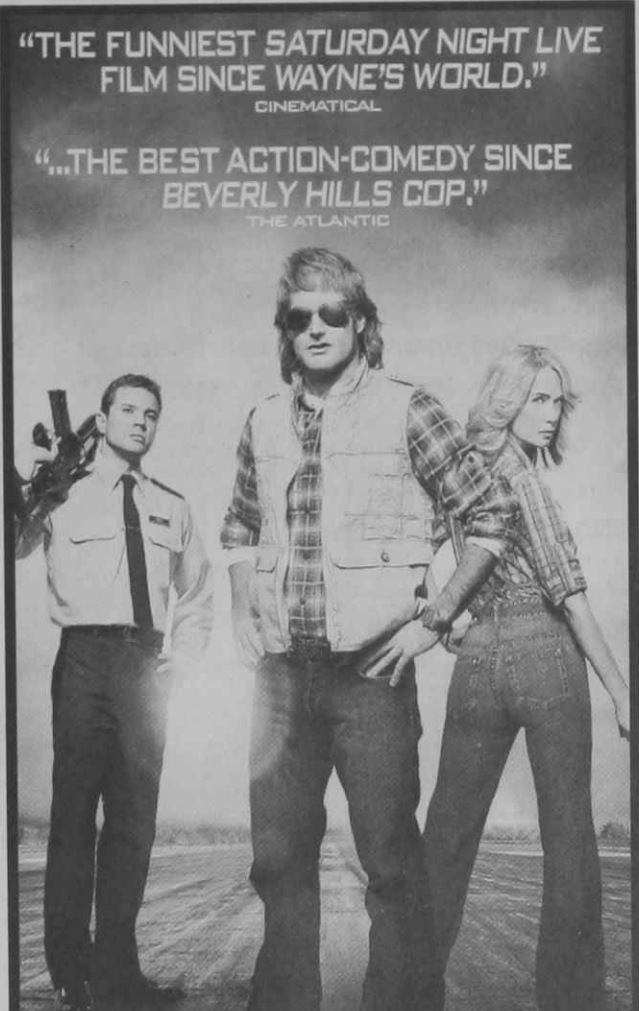
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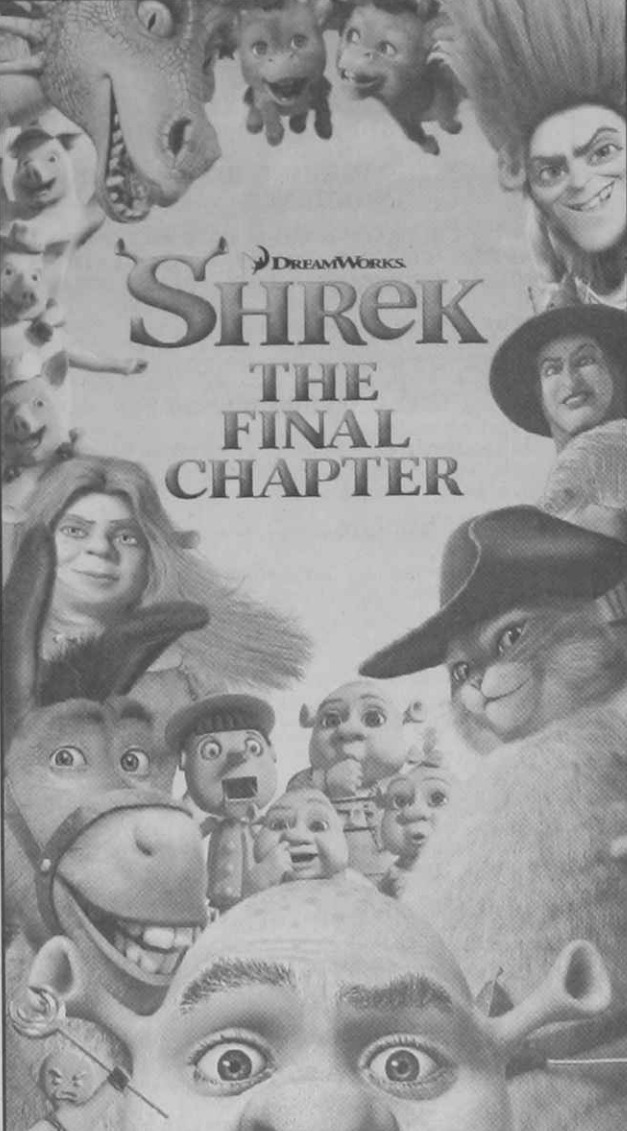
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**ART**  
**Art & Ideas**  
**Time/Date:** Through June 5  
**Location:** 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth  
**Details:** "From Women to Little Girls" portrait exhibit  
**Contact:** (734) 420-0775  
**Livonia City Hall**  
**Time/Date:** Through May 28  
**Location:** 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia  
**Details:** Spring Art Exhibit, juried fine arts show, all media, photography and sculpture  
**Contact:** (734) 838-1204  
**Lotus Arts Gallery**  
**Time/Date:** May  
**Location:** 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth  
**Details:** Exhibit of figurative works, from minimalist and abstract to detailed

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Plymouth Housing Commission has developed its 2010 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review by May 20, 2010 at our office in Tonquish Creek Manor, located at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.  
In addition, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 in the Community Room at Tonquish Creek Manor at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited.  
Publish: May 20, 2010

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**  
**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE  
NUMBER C-2010-02**  
**REPEAL OF THE TRUCK ROUTES  
ORDINANCE**  
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 100, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 62, THE TRUCK ROUTES ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:  
**SECTION I. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.**  
This section repeals Chapter 62, the Truck Routes Ordinance of the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances, adopted as Ordinance 100.  
**SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.**  
This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.  
**SECTION III. 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 IV. 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 V. 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 VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.**  
This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.  
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, MMC  
Clerk  
Introduced: April 20, 2010  
Adopted: May 11, 2010  
Effective: May 20, 2010  
Publish: May 20, 2010

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**  
**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE  
NUMBER C-2010-01**  
**REPEAL OF THE PARKING REGULATIONS  
ORDINANCE**  
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 100, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 61, THE PARKING REGULATIONS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:  
**SECTION I. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.**  
This section repeals Chapter 61, the Parking Regulations Ordinance of the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances, adopted as Ordinance 100.  
**SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.**  
This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.  
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**Contact:** (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734) 453-5400  
**AUDITIONS**  
**8th Wonder Theatre**  
**Time/Date:** Open call, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. June 14-15; 6-9 p.m., June 16, callbacks  
**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, at Ridge, in Canton.  
**Details:** Auditions for "Blackwater Ballad" and "Phantom." Both are musicals. Actors auditioning may be asked to stay for a dance call the night they audition. Everyone should prepare two 16-bar selections that are contemporary – musical theatre or pop – and include a ballad and up-tempo piece. Participants may sing songs from the shows. Neither a Capella nor karaoke auditions are permitted. Everyone must have sheet music, and must sing with the accompanist at the piano. 8th Wonder is composed of theater professionals with extensive experience, including Broadway veterans, and faculty in the theater department of Eastern Michigan University  
**Contact:** Ryan Lewis at (734) 945-5316 or e-mail him at ryan.lewis@8thwondertheatre.com  
**COMEDY**  
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**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays  
**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale  
**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net  
**JD's House of Comedy**  
**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings



Marc Ryan performs through May 22 at Joey's Comedy Club, in Livonia.

**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield  
**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday  
**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com  
**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays  
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Marc Ryan and Johnny Beehner, May 19-22; Elliot Branch and Mary Ann Demoss, May 26-29  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com  
**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**  
**Time/Date:** Rocky LaPorte, May 21-22; Mike Green, May 27-29  
**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak  
**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
MEETING NOTICE  
CITY OF PLYMOUTH,  
MICHIGAN  
(734) 453-1234**  
A special meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:  
Z 10-04 287 Arthur Non-Use Variance Requested  
Side Yard Setback Variance; Detached Garage  
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential  
Applicant: Laurent Porte  
All interested persons are invited to attend.  
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:  
Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator  
201 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206  
Publish: May 20, 2010

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**  
**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE  
NUMBER C-2010-03**  
**REPEAL OF THE MOTOR CARRIER  
FUEL TAX LICENSE  
AND TRIP PERMITS ORDINANCE**  
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER C-91-12, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 64, THE MOTOR CARRIER FUEL TAX LICENSE AND TRIP PERMITS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:  
**SECTION I. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.**  
This section repeals Chapter 64, the Motor Carrier Fuel Tax License and Trip Permits Ordinance of the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances, adopted as Ordinance Number C-91-12.  
**SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.**  
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**FAMILY**  
**Bakers Keyboard Lounge**  
**Time/Dates:** 2-5 p.m. Sundays  
**Details:** Jazz for Kids Program  
**Location:** 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit  
**Contact:** (313) 345-6300, www.bakers-keyboardlounge.com  
**Detroit Institute of Arts**  
**Time/Dates:** 2 p.m. Sundays  
**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org  
**Detroit Zoo**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day  
**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak  
**Details:** Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free.  
**Contact:** (248) 541-5717

**FILM**  
**Penn Theatre**  
**Time/Date:** "Alice in Wonderland" 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 21-22; 5 p.m. and 7:05 p.m., May 23  
**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth  
**Details:** \$3 admission  
**Coming up:** "Meet Me in St. Louis," 7 p.m., May 27; "Ghost Writer," 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, 4:40 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 30 and 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0870, www.penn-theatre.com  
**Redford Theatre**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. May 28 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 29

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, Detroit  
**Details:** "The Music Man," Admission \$4  
**Contact:** www.redfordtheatre.com

**MUSEUMS**  
**Cranbrook Institute of Science**  
**Time/Date:** "Artology: The Fusion of Art and Science at Cranbrook" showcases the work of artists whose creations intersect with science; through June 4  
**Location:** 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills  
**Contact:** (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu  
**Plymouth Historical Museum**  
**Time/Dates:** "Show and Tell Collectibles" exhibit, through June 13  
**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Contact:** (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org

**THEATER**  
**Barefoot Productions**  
**Time/Dates:** May 21-22  
**Location:** 240 N. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** "Steel Magnolias," tickets are \$2 general admission, \$10 for students with ID and senior citizens, 62 and older  
**Contact:** (734) 582-9688; www.just-gobarefoot.com  
**Andiamo Novi Theatre**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday, through the summer  
**Location:** 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi  
**Details:** "Don't Be Cruel - The Life and Times of the King" is a multi-media show with storytelling, video and a musical montage about Elvis. Tickets are \$25 Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday and \$35 Friday-Saturday  
**Contact:** (248) 348-4448

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE**  
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF CHEMUNG ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX NO.: 1022/10 US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, INC. FOR ASSET-BACKED PASS- THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-WMC1 Plaintiff, vs. ARLENE HESS, Defendant(s), MORTGAGED PREMISES: 138 EASTVIEW DRIVE HORSEHEADS, NY 14845 SBL #: 59.02-2-14 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Chemung. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. Dated this 20th day of April, 2010, TO: ARLENE HESS, Defendant(s) In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. JUDITH F. O'SHEA of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 12th day of April, 2010 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Chemung County Clerk, in the City of Elmira. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by ARLENE HESS and EDWIN K. HESS dated the 29th day of July, 2005, to secure the sum of \$116,800.00, and recorded at Instrument No. 200508150022 in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Chemung, on the 15th day of August, 2005; which mortgage was duly assigned by assignment dated the 5th day of January, 2010, and sent for recording in the Office of the Clerk of Chemung County; The property in question is described as follows: 138 EASTVIEW DRIVE, HORSEHEADS, NY 14845 SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate on the Town of Horseheads, County of Chemung and state of New York being known as Lot No. 10 and shown on a certain map made by Abe L. Oppenheim showing the Cummiskey Terrace Subdivision and dated June 1954, and recorded in Chemung County Clerk's Office as Case Map No. 1412. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. 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Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: April 20, 2010 Steven J. Baum, P.C., Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s), 220 Northpointe Parkway Suite G, Amherst, NY 14228 The law firm of Steven J. Baum, P.C. and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose.  
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Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. Feel free to send a related photo in jpg form.

## MAY 20-26

**Faith Bible Church**  
**Time/Date:** May 21-23  
**Location:** 34542 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Two seminars focusing on how to have a successful marriage will feature nationally recognized Christian marriage experts pastor Bob Moeller and his wife, Cheryl. Seminars for single people will run 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 21 and 1-6 p.m. Sunday, May 23. The seminar for married couples will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 22. Seminars are free but donations are encouraged.  
**Contact:** Reserve a spot by calling (734) 464-7990 or by e-mailing to marriage@fbclivonia.com  
**Newburg United Methodist**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 22  
**Location:** 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia  
**Details:** Choral music sale with more than 400 selections  
**Contact:** newburgumc.org

## MAY 27-JUNE 2

**Lighthouse Worship Center**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9:30 p.m., June 2  
**Location:** 19827 Middlebelt, Livonia  
**Details:** Murray Feldman, Fox 2 News anchor and host of the "Job Shop" is guest speaker. During his "Job Shop" segments on the news, Feldman offers advice on finding and landing a job.  
**Contact:** (248) 476-7933

## JUNE 3-9

**Canton Christian Fellowship Church**  
**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m., Sunday, June 6  
**Location:** 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton  
**Details:** Annual health assessment screening and education seminar will include screenings for blood sugar levels, blood pressure and cholesterol. Cholesterol test costs \$4.  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480

## JUNE 10-16

**Faith Community Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 12  
**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** Outdoor sale; spots for rent. The church will supply the area and vendors supply "the stuff" to sell. Cost is \$10 for a 12-foot by 12-foot spot. All proceeds support the Vacation Bible School program at the church  
**Contact:** (313) 541-0396 or (313) 255-9717  
**St. Anne Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, June 11 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 12  
**Location:** 38100 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Rummage sale  
**Contact:** (734) 462-3200  
**St. Dunstan**  
**Time/Date:** Doors open at 6 p.m., silent auction starts at 6:30 p.m., starts at 6 p.m., June 11  
**Location:** 1526 Belton, Garden City  
**Details:** "Slide into summer" silent auction with fellowship, food and fun; tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Ticket price includes buffet dinner  
**Contact:** (734) 425-6720  
**Unity of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday-Saturday, June 11-12  
**Location:** 28660 5 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia  
**Details:** Rummage sale  
**Contact:** (734) 421-1760

## ONGOING

**AWANA**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays  
**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade  
**Contact:** (248) 426-0096  
**Breakfast**  
**St. Michael the Archangel**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to noon, third Sunday each month, October through May  
**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia  
**Details:** The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for

children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455

## Career workshops

**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**

**Time/Date:** First and third Mondays  
**Location:** 30900 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Workshops are designed to help people in employment transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking for work.  
**Contact:** (734) 422-6038

## Classes/study

**Detroit First Church of the Nazarene**

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile  
**Details:** Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5  
**Contact:** (248) 348-7600

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.  
**Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

## Livonia Unity

**Time/Date:** Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions  
**Contact:** (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

## Men's Bible study

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

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HELEN R. BAIRD

Age 83, of Livonia, passed away May 18, 2010. Loving mother of Paul (Lora) Baird and Wendy Cain. Proud grandmother of Jennifer (Tony) Casler, Rachael (Renzo) Carrillo, Lauren Kozma, Cory Baird and Austin Baird. Great grandmother of Raeanna, Jessica, Ashlee Rose and Mason. Dear sister of John Moti, Elizabeth Marshall, Pauline Cassidy and Samuel (Virginia) Moti. Preceded in death by sisters Viola Higerson, Mary Toth and by son in law Robert Cain. Funeral service Thursday 11:00am from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Wednesday 5-9. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Compassion International. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.



KATHRYNE M. BLAKENEY

"Kay" of Farmington Hills, May 18, 2010. Beloved wife of the late William (d.2004). Loving mother of Bob (Diane), Pat Holt (Bob), Dick (Donna) and the late Susan Wells-Decker. Grandmother of 11, great-grandmother of 16. Funeral service Saturday, May 22nd, 11:00 AM (in state 10:00 AM) at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Visitation Thursday 4-8 PM and Friday 3-8 PM, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Memorial tributes suggested to Comforts Place, 25376 Harcourt St. Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

## WILLIAM "BILL" HAUTAMAKI

Age 85, passed away May 18, 2010. Bill is survived by his loving children: Judy Wolfe, Carol Freeman, Bob Hautamaki, Dave Hautamaki, and Nancy Tietz. He was preceded in death by his wife June in January 2010. Visitation will be Friday, May 21, from 2 - 4 & 5 - 8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 22, at 11:00 a.m. with final visitation beginning at 10 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



VERDA THOMPSON

Age 77 of Westland. May 16, 2010. Loving mother of Nona F. Kaul and Roberta Rhoten. Proud grandmother of four and great grandmother of fourteen. Beloved sister of Alice Densmore. Also leaves behind special friends Sandy Salingue and Gloria Nesbit. Verda was the owner of Thompson's Dog Grooming. She loved to go to the casino, go to yard sales, read and most importantly she loved all her dogs. Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh, Westland, in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. To share a memory with the family, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

## ORVILLE L. TUNGATE

Age 80, formally of Plymouth, passed away on February 8, 2010. A funeral mass will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth on June 2, 2010 at 10:30am. A gathering will follow the mass at the Box Bar in Plymouth. Peggy and Orville will be interred at the National Cemetery in Holly, MI on June 3, 2010.

## HELEN RUTH VENOS

May 15, 2010; Age 62 Of Auburn Hills, Mother of Kelli Ross and Gary Baum Jr. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954 SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com

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# Learn about food labeling, nutritious choices on tour

Make dinner quickly tonight with these tips

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Gail Posner guarantees that even the savviest, most nutrition-conscious shopper will learn something new during her guided tour of supermarket shelves.

"And boy, am I going to fool you," said Posner, a registered dietitian who scrutinizes product nutritional claims and ingredient labels during her one-hour classes at Hiller's markets. She gave the *Observer & Eccentric* a preview this week of her upcoming tours in Hiller's Plymouth and Bloomfield Hills stores.

"This one just cracks me up," she said, taking a Peaches & Cream Quaker Instant Oatmeal off the shelf. "You'll get far better nutrition out of regular oatmeal, but what I found humorous on this is, what kind of oatmeal is this? Peaches & Cream. But let's read the ingredients...whole grain rolled oats, sugar...corn syrup, whey...ah, here it is, flavored with colored fruit pieces, dehydrated apples and artificial peach flavor. So, the funny thing is, this is this is apple with peach flavor — don't think you're getting peaches."

And so it went, up one aisle and down the next, with Posner pointing out nutritional red flags on product packaging, recommending healthful brands and pointing out new products.

In the bread aisle, she found "white fluffy bread" masquerading as rye. It looked like rye and its packaging included the word rye, but a quick scan of the ingredient list showed otherwise.

"It doesn't say whole rye flour. You want to get three servings of whole grain in," she said. "So many of my clients eat out so much I say buy the 100 percent whole wheat to eat at home because you're not going to get it in a restaurant."

## BOX VERSUS CANNED

The soup shelves offered a dizzying variety of canned products, but Posner ignored them all in favor of Kitchen Basics and other brands in a box.

"A lot of people know there is a chemical to avoid in plastic baby bottles, but it also is in our canned goods, except for Eden brand beans."

The Michigan-based company cooks its line of organic beans in cans that are free of bisphenol-A (BPA) a chemical that has been linked to developmental changes in studies conducted on animals. The National Toxicology Program, which coordinates toxicological research across the U.S. government, expressed "some concern" for bisphenol-A's effects on the brain, behavior, and prostate gland in fetuses, infants, and children, according to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Web site. It suggests reducing the use of canned foods

## FROM THE TOUR

A few more tips from Gail Posner's supermarket tour:

- Buying juice? Look for "100 percent" juice on the label.
- Choose distilled rather than spring water.
- If buying lean meats, such as ground turkey, make sure the label says no less than 97 percent fat free.
- Choose a whole grain cereal and add your own fruit.
- Buy mayonnaise with olive oil.
- If buying lunch meat, look for nitrate- and nitrite free.
- Try something new in the produce aisle, such as jicama. Peel it, slice it, squeeze on lime juice and sprinkle on chili powder.
- Choose brown rice rather than white rice and whole grain pasta or a blended pasta.

and opting for glass, porcelain or stainless steel containers, especially for hot foods and liquids.

"It leaches into the food. The ones leached into the most would be meat and tomato — acidic products," Posner noted. "Tuna in a pouch is better than tuna in a can. Buy tomato juice in a bottle versus in a can."

And although white albacore tuna generally costs a few cents more than chunk light, Posner avoids it, favoring the less expensive, darker meat.

"You want to go with the chunk light. Chunk light tuna are little fishes that are younger and swim higher in the ocean, so they swallow less mercury. The white albacore tuna and tuna steak come from big tuna that have been polluted with mercury."

## PRIVATE COUNSELING

Posner, a dietitian for 30 years, said the supermarket tours grew out of her private West Bloomfield practice, where she counsels clients one-on-one and creates healthful eating plans to match their nutritional needs.

"My office is unique. When people come in their chin drops. I have bookshelves full of empty food boxes. I make practical, sensible recommendations. I show people what the box looks like, so when they get to the grocery store it's quick and easy to find."

With both clients and tour participants, Posner stresses the importance of enjoying food and of eating "mindfully." She points out new products and offers tips on healthful, quick "grab and go" foods.

Her tour runs 7-8 p.m., May 24 at Hiller's West Bloomfield store, 6433 Orchard Lake Road, in the Orchard Mall, and 7-8 p.m. May 27, at the Plymouth store, 15455 Haggerty, at 5 Mile. Cost is \$25. Call (248) 855-4558 to register.



Gail Posner suggests buying tomato products in boxes or bottles to avoid the bisphenol-A found in cans.



With only 15 calories per tablespoon, Michigan-made American Spoonfood's apple butter is "calorically a pretty good bargain," says Posner.



Posner searches for nitrate- and nitrite-free luncheon meat at Hiller's market.



With 7 grams of fiber, this whole wheat flat bread will "stick to your ribs" and help you feel full if you're watching your weight, says Posner.

Try Gail Posner's simple recipes for fast, healthful dinners:

• **Quesadillas:** Place two tortillas on a cooking sheet. Top with 1/4 cup shredded cheese and leftover toppings, such as chicken. Add a veggie if desired, such as chopped green onions, green pepper and olives. Broil or top brown in a toaster oven until the cheese melts. Top one of the tortillas with 2 tablespoons of salsa and place the other tortilla on top.

• **Stuffed, baked potatoes:** You can cook potatoes in the microwave in a flash. Wash and scrub Idaho potato and pat dry. Pierce with a fork. Place on microwave-safe dish uncovered and cook for 4-5 minutes per medium potato. Let stand for 10 minutes. Slit open and top with low fat cottage cheese, fat-free ranch dressing, a protein such as chicken or veggie patty, salsa, frozen veggies in a low-fat cheese sauce, frozen broccoli. Or spritz a baked potato with butter spray, sprinkle with garlic powder and malt a slice of low-fat cheese on top.

• **Pasta or rice night:** Buy Uncle Ben's Ready Rice, whole grain, and microwave according to directions. When cooked, add prepared frozen veggies, and a cooked protein, such as chicken. If using pasta instead of rice, boil pasta noodles and add frozen peas or canned mushrooms, and then toss with olive oil, garlic powder and a little Parmesan cheese.

• **Chicken or fish in a minute:** Buy flash-frozen chicken breasts or fish, such as salmon, tilapia and cod, and defrost in microwave. Heat 1 teaspoon of oil in fry pan over medium high heat. Add fish or chicken, sprinkle with seasoning/spice mix, such as Mrs. Dash, or jerk spice or sprinkle with a sauce such as Italian dressing, BBQ sauce, or bottled marinade. Cook about four minutes per side until done.

• **Frittata leftover:** Gather all of the meat and vegetables that are left over from the night before, such as chicken, beef, pork, potatoes, rice, vegetables. Heat them in a pan with a little olive oil. Crack one or two eggs per person and scramble them up with some milk, low fat sour cream or plain yogurt. Pour the eggs over the leftovers and bake in a 350 oven for 25 minutes. Serve with toast and a salad.

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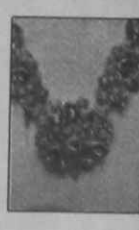
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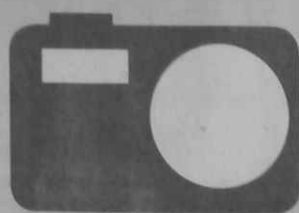
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## Bowlers help to fill foundation Bountiful Backpacks at benefit

BY JULIE BROWN  
Q&E STAFF WRITER



Bowlers enjoy their time together at the annual 'Bowling for Charity' of WWOCAR.

Having a good time and supporting the community go hand in hand at the "Bowling for Charity" event.

The annual benefit of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors took place Wednesday, May 5, at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia. It supported the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families.

"It's a wonderful opportunity," said foundation executive director Barbara Yuhas. Money raised went to the foundation's Bountiful Backpacks program, which has existed about a year and a half.

That provides nonperishable food for Farmington district elementary students in Title I schools receiving federally subsidized breakfasts and lunches.

"Some of them do not receive a healthy meal," said Terrance Baker, WWOCAR assistant manager for education.

"We do a charitable bowling event every year," Baker said, adding the member services committee of Farmington-based WWOCAR picks the charity. This year's event drew 77

This year's WWOCAR event drew 77 bowlers to Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia, raising some \$2,600 for the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families. It will be used for the foundation's Bountiful Backpack program, to feed schoolchildren.

WWOCAR participants.

The event raised about \$2,600, he said.

Yuhas said William Grace Elementary representatives approached the foundation about the Bountiful Backpacks program. "Our trustees decided that was a terrific idea," she said.

Yuhas has spoken on the program to a number of churches and civic groups. Information on it is found online on the foundation website, [ffh-foundation.org](http://ffh-foundation.org).

foundation.org.

"It's right here in our community," Yuhas said of the need, noting that many also like to donate to worldwide efforts such as in Haiti. "It's a program that is very dear to my heart. This is here in our own back yard."

She finds many are surprised such needs exist in a community considered more affluent.

She appreciates WWOCAR's support — but didn't lace up her bowling shoes.

"I am not a bowler," Yuhas said.

"That would be too embarrassing for words." A foundation board member was key to the planning for the bowling benefit, along with WWOCAR representatives.

WWOCAR issued a special thank

you to: Member Services, Activities and Affiliate Committee; David Dalfino, Pillar to Post; Marx Elias, Metropolitan Title; Eric Esser, Community Financial; Chuck Fast, Keller Williams; Roxanne Fitzpatrick, Keller Williams Farmington Hills; Ted Foltz, First Michigan Bank; Cleveland Jackson, Brown Realty; Meriem Kadi, National Realty Centers Inc.; Craig Lee, The Home Team Inspection Service; Thomas Morse, Remerica Hometown One; Randy Patterson, Pillar To Post Western Oakland & Livingston; Gary Reggish, Remerica United Realty; James Stevens, Coldwell Banker Preferred; Jeremy Stybel, Atlantis Mortgage; Michael Workman, Keller Williams Livonia Market Center.

## Excluding board member in lawsuit talks likely

**Q:** I am a member of a board who has just taken over control from the developer. One of the directors is an affiliate of the developer. Can we keep him from voting on matters concerning the possible litigation against the developer?

**A:** If a director is adverse to the association in litigation, then the association board needs to make strategic



Robert Meisner

or tactical decisions regarding that litigation. The presence of the adverse director is obviously likely to harm the association since it would disclose

information that the party adverse to the association should not have. There is case law throughout the country that a director with a direct conflict with the corporation regarding a particular matter is not entitled to participate in the decisions regarding the matter, cannot make a quorum or vote on the matter and is not entitled to seek confidential records regarding that matter. It seems reasonable that board members may vote to exclude the conflicted board member from discussion regarding the lawsuit, particularly, since his or her presence at such discussions is likely to undermine the association's ability to protect its rights and unduly prejudice the association in the litigation. If you need the association's attorney to confirm this in writing, that may be the appropriate course of action.

**Q:** I understand that things are very bad in South Florida, particularly on the East Coast. Do you have any update on that situation?

**A:** Based on a recent visit to the Fort Lauderdale area, the condominiums are extremely depressed in regard to their resale value. Some older condominiums are around the \$200,000 number, even though they are on the water, but, of course, upon examination, one finds that they are in need of substantial work. Generally, the market has deteriorated from 30 to 60 percent, and there are good opportunities for investment if you believe the market is going to come back, although there is still an extraordinary amount of inventory.

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of February 1-5, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Auburn Hills</b>	
3072 Auburn Rd.	\$45,000
295 Oakmont	\$149,000
897 Polo Pl	\$127,000
<b>Beverly Hills</b>	
16284 Birwood Ave	\$200,000
<b>Birmingham</b>	
348 Aspen Rd	\$1,725,000
125 E 14 Mile Rd	\$100,000
1900 Fairview St	\$499,000
1424 Ruffner Ave	\$420,000
555 Townsend St	\$110,000
1609 Washington Blvd	\$159,000
1831 Winthrop Ln	\$355,000
<b>Bloomfield Township</b>	
3234 Bradway Blvd	\$495,000
951 Dedham Ct	\$157,000
3925 Oakland Dr	\$332,000

6265 Thurber Rd	\$650,000
<b>Clarkston</b>	
9683 Klais Rd	\$143,000
4739 Oakhurst Ridge Rd	\$329,000
9301 Oakmont Dr	\$300,000
4601 Olde Oaks	\$225,000
5060 Rockaway Ln	\$402,000
<b>Commerce Township</b>	
10357 Cooley Lake Rd	\$126,000
5300 Lancaster Ln	\$230,000
5415 Starwood Dr	\$210,000
2405 Verna Ln	\$183,000
<b>Farmington</b>	
22631 Brookdale St	\$144,000
<b>Farmington Hills</b>	
24865 Lakeland St	\$92,000
39246 Plumbrook Dr	\$233,000
23903 Watercrest Ct	\$240,000
<b>Lake Orion</b>	
2081 Huntington Dr	\$172,000
<b>Milford</b>	
135 Turnberry Ct	\$225,000
<b>Novi</b>	
45834 Cider Mill Rd	\$225,000
23634 Dunston Rd	\$311,000
40929 Malott	\$99,000

31114 Seneca Ln	\$90,000
46779 W 11 Mile Rd	\$52,000
<b>Oakland Township</b>	
3144 Lake George Rd	\$140,000
<b>Oxford</b>	
341 Ridgemont Rd	\$280,000
<b>Rochester Hills</b>	
976 Dressler Ln	\$170,000
2169 London Bridge Dr	\$120,000
613 Middlebury Ln	\$200,000
2412 Munster Rd	\$265,000
2845 Sandhurst	\$133,000
632 Tennyson	\$93,000
<b>South Lyon</b>	
21690 N Dixboro Rd	\$170,000
963 S Parkwood Dr	\$187,000
22900 Valerie St	\$140,000
59400 Woodfarm	\$249,000
<b>Southfield</b>	
20280 Alhambra St	\$49,000
21355 Dartmouth Dr	\$140,000
17095 George Washington Dr	\$85,000
29213 Marshall St	\$36,000
23938 Plumbrooke Dr	\$60,000
<b>Troy</b>	
1151 Hartland Dr	\$52,000

3701 Jennings Dr	\$59,000
2197 Milverton Dr	\$112,000
<b>Walled Lake</b>	
1758 Big Trail Rd	\$95,000
3182 Kenicott Dr	\$138,000
<b>Waterford</b>	
1851 Orchid St	\$44,000
West Bloomfield	
7085 Clements	\$80,000
7178 Danbrooke	\$105,000
5411 Greenbriar Dr	\$160,000
6850 Heron Pt	\$160,000
7245 Huntcliff	\$105,000
2522 Lafay Dr	\$84,000
5501 Poppleton Ct	\$191,000
7359 Village Square Dr	\$261,000
5715 Warrenshire Dr	\$193,000
<b>White Lake</b>	
8626 Andorra Ct	\$144,000
8294 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$47,000
1660 Maple Heights Dr	\$170,000
8104 Timber Trl	\$85,000
<b>Wolverine Lake</b>	
2234 Ellington St	\$149,000

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<b>Canton</b>	
48591 Antique Rd	\$395,000
50475 Belmont Ct	\$435,000
6332 Courtland Dr	\$175,000
47050 Fieldview Ct	\$170,000
4351 Forest Bridge Dr	\$216,000
1705 Heron Cir	\$186,000
6620 Lambeth Way	\$216,000
1843 Morrison Blvd	\$150,000

6629 Powderhorn Dr	\$146,000
4423 Southbridge Dr	\$125,000
<b>Garden City</b>	
29754 Barton St	\$56,000
28832 Block St	\$50,000
29123 Bridge St	\$60,000
5931 Harrison St	\$55,000
32663 Sheridan St	\$50,000
<b>Livonia</b>	
30596 Six Mile Rd	\$155,000
34459 Six Mile Rd	\$160,000
14257 Arcola St	\$115,000
29554 Clarita St	\$36,000
29934 Lyndon St	\$147,000
18959 Mayfield St	\$103,000
16740 Middlebelt Rd	\$25,000
37604 N Laurel Park Dr	\$160,000
19741 Parker St	\$121,000

19280 Parkville St	\$34,000
<b>Northville</b>	
44540 Birchwood Ct	\$250,000
16999 Carriage Way	\$320,000
44324 Cypress Point Dr	\$553,000
16484 Mulberry Way	\$20,000
16802 White Haven Dr	\$188,000
15864 Winding Creek Ct	\$500,000
<b>Plymouth</b>	
976 Carol Ave	\$192,000
39808 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$93,000
41691 Lindsay Dr	\$120,000
40352 Newport Dr	\$80,000
8891 Northern Ave	\$265,000
<b>Redford</b>	
19392 Denby	\$48,000
18646 Indian	\$42,000
17641 Lennane	\$42,000

18641 Macarthur	\$62,000
11770 Nathaline	\$50,000
11403 Royal Grand	\$75,000
<b>Westland</b>	
1870 Alexander Dr	\$125,000
540 Bedford Dr	\$65,000
8091 Bristol St	\$37,000
37566 Colonial Dr	\$43,000
7297 Garden St	\$85,000
7325 Hartel St	\$80,000
33411 Melton St	\$107,000
1640 Norris St	\$32,000
32092 Parkwood St	\$73,000
441 Patinghill St	\$115,000
8551 Terri Dr	\$100,000

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## ACROSS

- 1 P.O. service
- 4 Large amount
- 9 Author's need
- 12 Flamenco shout
- 13 Legends
- 14 Rap-sheet letters
- 15 Billiards stick
- 16 Famous lithographer
- 17 Get ready
- 18 Wild time
- 20 Take action
- 21 Corp exec.
- 23 Prickle
- 24 Rice entrees
- 28 Form 1040 sender
- 30 Kind of drill
- 32 Field crop
- 34 Giants hero of yore
- 35 Casino city
- 36 Make obsolete
- 39 Prefix for "recent"
- 40 Shows surprise

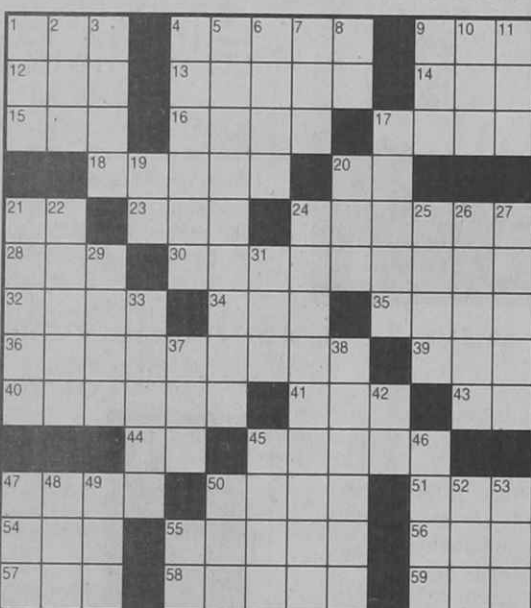
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- 41 Brownie
- 43 Ave. crosser
- 44 Plural indicator
- 45 Monastery dweller
- 47 Night light?
- 50 Like the Mojave
- 51 Mild brew
- 54 Chum
- 55 Runway vehicle
- 56 Listener's need
- 57 "Futureworld" name
- 58 Metallic sounds
- 59 Ice melter
- 1 Former FOX comedy
- 2 Common ailment
- 3 Poor grades
- 4 Cause, as trouble (2 wds.)
- 5 Vast and hollow
- 6 Toward shelter
- 7 — Moines, Iowa
- 8 Retiree's

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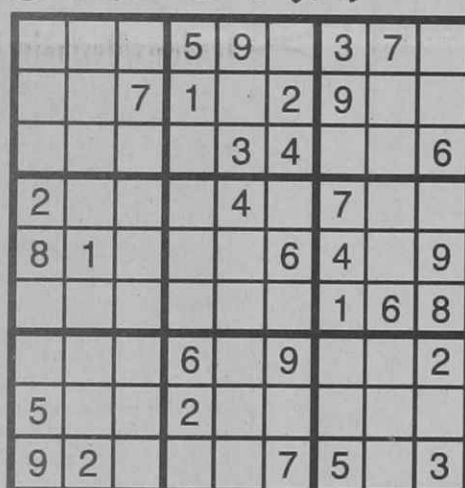
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- 17 Kind of bear
- 19 Lead, in the lab
- 20 Gloomy
- 21 Country parson
- 22 Opposite of supine
- 24 Tinkering
- 25 Pharaoh's god
- 26 Gives a ticket
- 27 Dart away
- 29 Baja Ms.
- 31 Depot info
- 33 Friendlier
- 37 Milk qtzs.
- 38 Misses a syllable
- 42 Scale note
- 44 Frat letter
- 45 Every one
- 50 "Thrilla in Manila" boxer
- 52 — de cologne
- 53 Son of Val and Aleta
- 55 Not C.O.D.

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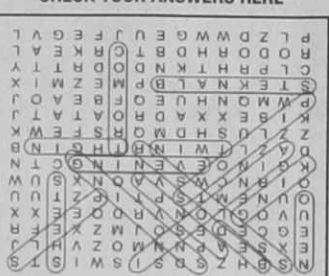
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West of Sheldon, btwn Warren & Joy Rd. <b>CANTON</b> Fox Meadows Subside Garage Sale - Thurs, May 20-Sat, May 22, 9am-4pm. E. of Canton Center, N. of Hanford	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>CANTON - MULTI SUBDIVISION GARAGE SALE</b> 3 Pheasant Run Golf Club Communities (700+ homes) - Pheasant View, Fairway Pines, and Fairways at Pheasant Run. Thurs-Sat, May 20-22, 9-5pm. Btwn Beck & Canton Center, just S. of Cherry Hill, N. of Geddes. <b>CANTON RAIN OR SHINE!</b> 1537 Beck Rd., btwn Ford & Saltz Rd. Giant tool sale plus bikes, camping, RV equipment, TV's, household goods, Something For Everyone! May 21 & May 22, 8am-?	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Huge 3 Family Sale.</b> May 20-22. Ridgeway St. off Beech Daly btwn Warren & Joy. <b>FARMINGTON</b> BOY SCOUT Eagle Project Fund Raiser - Sat., May 22, 9am-4pm. Drake & 9 Mile. Multi-Family, 100's of items! <b>FARMINGTON HILLS:</b> 2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE 5/21 & 5/22, 9-4 29153 & 29147 Shenandoah (off 13 btwn. Drake & Halsted). 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S. of Randolph, off Linden. 5/20 &amp; 5/21, 9-5.</b> Furniture, Barbie, dog kennel, trampoline; BOY & GIRL children's gear, clothes & toys. Lots more! <b>NORTHVILLE COLONY ESTATES</b> Gigantic Subdivision/Garage sale! Fri. & Sat., May 21 & 22 starting at 8:30am. 6 Mile, West of Haggerty. Great Buys & Bargains!	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>NORTHVILLE</b> Fri., May 21st, 8am-3pm. 17350 Rolling Woods Cir. HILLS of CRESTWOOD SUB. 6 Mile & Beck - MULTI-FAMILY Sale! <b>NORTHVILLE</b> May 20-23, 9-4. Hand & Power Tools. Garden equip. Knick-Knacks. 540 Orchard Dr. N. of 7, btwn. Sheldon & Griswold. <b>NORTHVILLE - Misc. household, clothing &amp; furniture.</b> 5/21-5/22, 9-3pm. 20559 Clement Rd, S. of 8 Mile, off Lexington, E. of Beck, W. of Taft. <b>NORTHVILLE RIDGE SUB</b> Thurs-Sat, May 20-22. Multi family sale & 500 home sub! SW corner of 6 Mi & Ridge Rd. Next to Ridgewood School. <b>NORTHVILLE - Steeplechase Sub Sale.</b> Thurs-Sat, May 20-22, 9-5pm. 1.5 miles W. of Beck, off 6/7 Mile. 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By Dale Buss

If I had a garage the size of Jay Leno's and could stuff it with, say, my Top Ten vehicles, the top-of-the-line Dodge Ram – the 3500 Laramie Crew Cab version – wouldn't be far down on my list or too far away from the front of the garage.

Sure, I probably would put some sort of Lexus crossover in the first spot, and maybe the Audi TT Roadster in the second. But I would put two Chrysler vehicles not too far behind them in my well-rounded fantasy garage: the Town & Country minivan, for its overall practicality, and the Dodge Ram 3500.

Only a limited number of types of owners could justify to themselves relying on a machine as expensive as the 3500 Laramie – with a list price of \$57,575 for the version I drove – as their primary vehicle. Clearly that list would include all manner of contractors and other small-business owners who like to treat themselves, and their crews and staffs, to stylish rides.

This cohort of consumers is important to the auto industry these days. There's lots of attention to new cars and crossovers, and to fuel-economic offerings that are increasing in availability. But sales of pickup

trucks such as the Ram, the Ford F-150 series and the Chevrolet Silverado offer perhaps one of the surest fingers on the pulse of the U.S. economy. And fortunately – though heavily subsidized by thousands of dollars of manufacturer and dealer incentives per vehicle – pickup truck sales are holding their own as one important pillar of a slow but steady recover in overall automotive sales.

Give Ram some credit, also, for helping keep Chrysler vital as the company overall awaits the launch of some revised versions of old standards – such as the new Jeep Grand Cherokee due this summer –and, over the next few years, some vehicles jointly developed with new owner Fiat. Besides the Town & Country and Grand Caravan minivan franchise, and a wobbly Jeep brand, the Ram franchise is crucial for the sustenance of Chrysler until it can get to that better future.

And besides construction contractors and others with obvious professional and ongoing need for a truck as fine as the Ram 3500, there are other people who find such a vehicle handy. I'm one of them – and that's one reason the Ram 3500 wouldn't be too far away from the



front in my garage of ideal vehicles.

There are many people like me who can make occasional ideal use of such a great vehicle because they're moving stuff, and people, short distances and far. In my case, each of my young-adult offspring have required moves of their worldly goods over some distances over the last six months. And I've been so glad to be able to use a 3500 to do it.

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Until you go inside the vehicle. The crew cab is an essential part of the attractiveness of the 3500 Laramie package. The second row is huge in width and depth, meaning that it both can hold two people comfortably, and three in a pinch, as well as turn into a second cargo compartment for overflow from the truck bed.

But just as important to the 3500's

The Dodge Ram 3500 Laramie Crew Cab upon its introduction last year.



The Cummins 6.7-diesel engine that powers the 3500 diesel version.

overall appeal is the fact that the experience for occupants is sublime. Sure, the ride is truck-like, but it's about as smooth as what such a large vehicle could supply. And the amenities are sublime including a media center with Sirius radio, a 506w Alpine Premium Sound System with nine speakers, a deeply reclining front passenger seat, a 10-way power driver's seat with memory, and a DVD screen in the rear.

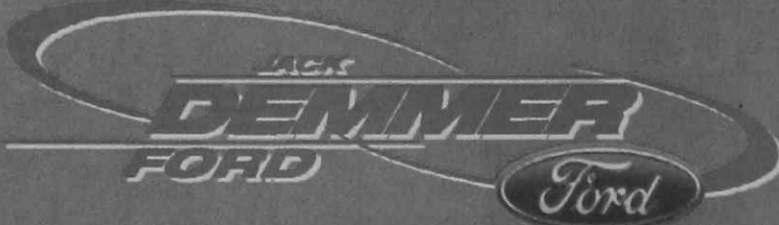
Sure, the 3500's mileage is rough, even with a Cummins 6.7-liter turbo diesel engine and a six-speed automatic transmission. But with a 35-gallon gasoline tank, you can drive a long, long way – with lots of stuff on board, and in comfort and style – before you have to worry about refueling the 3500.

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