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Board meets

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the board meeting room at the E.J. McClendon Education Center on Harvey Street.

Tops on the agenda is the expected passage of the 2012-13 school-year budget. Administrators have been working for several months to eliminate what was originally projected as a nearly \$6 million deficit. The budget must be passed by June 30.

Also on the agenda is discussion of the potential bidding out of the district's custodial services to a private vendor.

Also, the E.J. McClendon building will have new office hours for the public beginning Monday, June 25, and running through Friday, Aug. 17.

Summer hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For the first time, according to school officials, the building will open from 7:30 a.m. to noon each Friday.

Lunch & Learn

The Canton Community Foundation continues its Lunch & Learn series with a session explaining the ins and outs of maintaining tax-exempt status for nonprofit organizations from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, at the foundation's office, 50430 School House Road, northwest of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

To register, send an email to info@canton-foundation.org or call (734) 495-1200.

Auto hall

The Automotive Hall of Fame will present its annual induction and awards ceremony on Thursday, July 26, as one of the weeklong Concours d'Elegance of America events at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

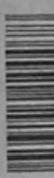
This year's Automotive Hall of Fame inductees include James Couzens, the business brains behind Henry Ford's early successes; Tom Gale, whose designs injected renewed energy and style into the domestic design scene; Chuck Jordan, the legendary GM designer whose motto was "no dull cars"; and Albert Kahn, the foremost American industrial architect of his day.

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Fourth time not the charm for TIGER grant

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

For a bruising fourth time, Canton learned Friday it has lost its fight to secure an \$18 million federal transportation grant for road improvements to ease congestion along Ford Road near I-275, billed as Michigan's most accident-prone corridor.

"Obviously, I'm disappointed because we worked hard on trying to get it and we didn't," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Friday.

He remains hopeful the Michigan Department of Transportation will identify a solution and find the money to pay for it, barring a new round of federal dollars.

MDOT already has initiated a new traffic and environmental

study in Canton. MDOT project manager Gorette Yung has indicated a phased-in solution to traffic woes could come by early next year, though preliminary proposals could be identified even earlier.

U.S. Department of Transportation spokesman Bill Adams confirmed that Friday's announcement

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Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas (from left), Supervisor Phil LaJoy and state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, have all fought for the TIGER grant, but their requests have thus far fallen on deaf federal ears.



John Spencer, retiring from his job with Canton Township, is the familiar face conducting Canton's Memorial Day ceremony in Heritage Park.

One of the good people Retirement beckons for Canton veteran

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

After they met on a blind date, John and Nancy Spencer fell in love and became engaged before the Vietnam War pulled him away from her and his job packing hot dogs for a family meat-manufacturing company his grandfather had started in 1917.

The couple married nearly 45 years ago after he returned from his one-year Vietnam stint as a longshoreman and payroll clerk.

"My high school typing skills got me off of the ships and into the office," Spencer, 67, recalls.

On the day he retired as a 27-year Canton Township employee, Spencer reflected humbly Thursday on a life he has devoted to his wife, his career, war veterans and charity

work. He sat in his third-floor office of Canton's administration building, poring over stacks of boxes and papers to leave behind and gathering personal belongings to take home.

"I'll miss the social interaction here and the people," he said. "There are a lot of good people here — a lot of good people."

A good one

His supporters say Spencer, a 26-year Canton resident, is one of the good people:

- For 37 years, he and his wife have helped raise money for Christmas gifts for needy children, first in Livonia and since 1985 for the Canton Goodfellows.
- "It's part of our Christian service to others," Spencer said.

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Canton couple scores win for dog lovers

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton couple who had one dog too many for the township's three-pooch limit appears to have convinced local officials to ease the dogged rule.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees has reached a consensus to allow a household to have as many as five dogs, though certain permits, fees and inspections could potentially apply once officials formally adopt an ordinance in coming weeks.

That means Jennie and Alexander Yee and their 8-month-old son Jacob won't face the potential heart-wrenching decision to get rid of one of their four friendly

cocker spaniel mix pets.

"That's fabulous. I'm delighted to hear that," Jennie Yee said. "I'm just excited that maybe I helped make changes for other people as well. Our dogs are our family."


Carrying pictures of family dogs Bentley, Shelby, Beamer and Edge — named after cars — the Yees approached the township board in late March after an anonymous complaint prompted an ordinance officer to visit their home.

The family had recently moved to Canton and was unaware of the three-dog limit, and Jennie Yee told local officials she couldn't imagine losing pets she

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Jennie Yee is happy Canton is loosening its restrictions on the number of dogs one household can have.



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TIGER

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of some \$500 million in road projects marks the end of funding this year through a program dubbed TIGER, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery.

"This is the announcement for 2012," he said.

MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said more TIGER grants still are possible for next year.

"Hopefully by this time in 2013, we'll be celebrating," he said.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said he was "deeply disappointed" Canton was snubbed yet again, considering the Ford Road area has been identified as Michigan's highest-crash area.

Like LaJoy, Faas said he is hopeful MDOT's new study could eventually usher in a solution. MDOT has widened the scope of its traffic study to an area bordered by Warren to the north, Cherry Hill to the south, Sheldon to the west and

Lotz to the east.

Once the study is done and solutions are identified, Faas said, "at least we'd be ready to go" if funding becomes available, whether from the state or federal government.

Studies have indicated that during the last six years, more than 2,378 crashes have occurred along Ford Road between I-275 and Canton Center. Officials such as state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, have said they fear traffic bottlenecks could begin to take a toll on the corridor's economic health unless a solution to gridlock is found.

One possible solution has been to reshape the I-275/Ford interchange to divert traffic away from Ford Road, by adding new ramps directly to Haggerty Road and a service drive along the east side of the interstate from Cherry Hill to south of Ford Road.

The latest round of TIGER grants included money for two Michigan projects:

- A so-called Link Detroit project won a

\$10 million grant toward a \$25 million plan to improve pedestrian and bicyclist connections between downtown Detroit and places such as the Riverwalk, Eastern Market, Midtown and Hamtramck.

- Muskegon is to receive \$1.3 million for a rural bus service to reach areas lacking service, the U.S. Department of Transportation said.

"It's hard to imagine how those projects would be more important than the funding for the Ford Road/275 area with all the accidents and crashes," LaJoy said.

Over the years, Canton has received support from communities such as Westland, the Plymouths and Livonia for efforts to improve the I-275/Ford Road area. Officials consider the traffic problems regional in scope.

This summer, Ford Road congestion has even worsened due to local projects such as the closing of the Warren Road bridge over I-275 for repairs.

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Plymouth swimmer heads to Olympic trials

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Miranda Tucker has always dreamed of being an Olympic swimmer.

This week, the Plymouth-Canton Cruiser will find out whether she gets the chance to reach that dream.

Tucker, a Plymouth resident and the daughter of Jay and Diane Tucker, is in Omaha, Neb., this week, where she will swim both the 100- and 200-meter breast stroke events at the Olympic trials.

Finish in the top two, she heads to the Olympics. If not, she comes home.

"I've always dreamed of it, and when I made it my goal the past year, I was really happy," said Tucker, who qualified for the trials at a meet at Oakland University last weekend. "I was ecstatic when I found out I got my cuts."

Tucker swims in preliminary events starting Tuesday. She isn't sure, but figures "maybe 150" other swimmers will be there. She's got to finish in the top 16 to reach the semifinals, and then the best eight of those reach the finals.

The top two go on to become members of the Olympic team.

Diane Tucker won't be surprised if her daughter is one of them.

"She has worked really hard to earn this, and she deserves it," Diane Tucker said. "She's done everything possible to make this dream happen for herself. I'm extremely proud and happy for



Miranda Tucker (center) with Plymouth-Canton Cruisers coaches Josh and Z Morgan.

her."

"Everything possible" includes twice-daily training, including getting up often at 4 a.m. She does dry-land training at Barwis Methods — "It helps me with my strength and balance," she said — and avoids junk food.

It's Tucker's willingness to train hard that helps make her such a successful swimmer, according to her coach.

"What separates Miranda is her consistency, she's done that better than most other people I've ever coached," Josh Morgan said. "She's gone through hard work, and easy weeks, hard weeks, illnesses and injuries, and all sorts of different things, but she's maybe had two practices in the last 10 months she missed for being too sick or been gone."

"She's grown quite a bit

in the last year," he added. "She's had a growth spurt. She's probably 5-10 to 5-11 now."

Tucker qualified for the trip to Omaha by swimming the 100 breast stroke in 1:11.75 (qualifying time is 1:12.19), and clocked a 2:35.0 in the 200 breast stroke (qualifying time is 2:35.99).

"I was pretty surprised to see my times, and to see how much I beat (qualifying times) by," she said.

No one else on the Cruisers qualified, but Tucker said there are "a couple" of Michigan swimmers going. Since there's no telling what kind of times she'll need to qualify, Tucker is just concentrating on taking it all in and doing the best she can.

"I just want to go for the experience and see how I do," said Tucker, who qualified for the tri-

als at a meet at Oakland University last weekend. "You never know what's going to happen. The Olympic trials is one of those meets where you can go your exact time, and go up 50 places or down 50 places in the rankings."

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Peddler problem brings review of ordinances

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton's policies on door-to-door solicitors are under review amid complaints of late-night peddlers and court rulings that have eased restrictions on religious, charitable, political, philanthropic and other nonprofit entities.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees is expected to adopt ordinance revisions after Township Attorney Kristin Kolb fine-tunes the changes following public talks that began Tuesday during a study session.

Already, peddlers and solicitors aren't allowed to knock on neighborhood doors prior to 9 a.m., but local officials appear to have reached a consensus to scale back the 9 p.m. cutoff by one hour to 8 p.m.

"Eight o'clock seems reasonable," Kolb told the board. "Nine o'clock, some residents feel, is a little too late."

Kolb said courts have ruled against communities that have sought to impose a 6 p.m. cutoff.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said 8 p.m. seems reasonable to him. Moreover, he said, residents who don't want to be bothered by solicitors "don't have to open their door, either."

While nonprofit groups don't need a permit to knock on doors, commercial solicitors do need township permission or they could face misdemeanor penalties ranging up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Peddlers attempting to make sales also are subject to background checks and may not misrepresent their purposes for going into neighborhoods. Those who fail to disclose arrests and convictions other than minor traffic citations can be denied a permit.

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Scholarship winners (from left) Jason Eller, Bryan Ren, Allison Raylean, Caroline Wall and Dakota Borensik.

Rotary club names Sagear scholars

Sandra Sagear was a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived every day with Polio.

To recognize others with those same traits, the Rotary Club of Plymouth along with Vonnice Bench, Tim Sagear and their families, put together a scholarship program named for Sagear.

And this year, they handed out five scholarships to honor such students.

"We look for students who have displayed cour-

age, perseverance, spirit and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier," said Deb Madonna, the A.M. Rotarian who administers the program. "They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community."

Funding for the Sagear Scholarship came from Vonnice and Jimmy Bench and family, Tim and Donna Sagear, Dave Kugler of Critter Catchers and proceeds from the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. bowling event.

Winners of the three Sagear scholarships are Bryan Ren, Allison Raylean and Caroline Wall.

Also part of the program is the club's Career Tech Scholarship, which went this year to Jason Eller and Dakota Borensik.

The scholarship is given to students who will be going on to achieve an associates degree or certificate in careers such as Nursing, Culinary, Auto, Computers, etc. Funding for this scholarship came from the proceeds from the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. bowling event.

Student-run credit unions wrap up year of banking

The 33 local, student-run credit unions, supported by Community Financial Credit Union, recently finished another successful school year of banking, helping students not only learn to save, but also valuable skills for the future.

The student-run credit unions served over 1,900 students during the 2011-2012 academic year, and over 800 student volunteers helped their peers learn the to save money. In June, the students had nearly \$870,000 in total on deposit.

Operated in partnership with local elementary, middle and high schools in Plymouth, Canton, Novi, Northville, Gaylord, Hillman and Lewiston, the credit unions



Fifth-grade student-run credit union volunteers from Allen Elementary in Plymouth were among those participating in the Community Financial program.

provide students with a hands-on credit union experience emphasizing the importance of saving money and financial responsibility, as well as career skills.

Throughout the year,

dedicated Community Financial staff has been assisting with interviews and tours to cement these concepts with students. Staffers call it a successful team effort.

"The students involved in the program are learning valuable skills which will help them in life outside of the school buildings and we thank the school administrators for partnering with us and this program," said Natalie McLaughlin, Community Financial education partnership coordinator. "Contributing to the community, particularly through education, is part of our mission and we are proud of all of the students for all of their hard work throughout the year."

Kellogg Foundation names Teaching Fellows

Today, a fighter pilot, a pastor, a biologist, a sea kayak instructor and others from a variety of backgrounds are rising to meet the challenge of improving the effectiveness of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) teaching in the state of Michigan.

The 2012 class of W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Woodrow Wilson Michigan Teaching Fellows includes a diverse group of both recent college graduates and career-changers with strong backgrounds in the STEM fields. In fact, all of the 2012 Fellows majored in a STEM discipline.

The class includes Cory Chavis of Canton, attending Central Michigan University.

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Because improving teacher effectiveness is essential to raising the level of learning for all students, the Kellogg Foundation launched the statewide program in 2009 with \$18 million in support, further reflecting its dedication to innovative education practices. Speirn joined Gov. Rick Snyder and Arthur Levine, president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, to announce the 2012 class of Fellows, who were selected from a highly competitive pool of more than 2,000 applicants.



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W.K. Kellogg Foundation President and CEO Sterling Speirn (left center), Michigan Governor Rick Snyder (center) and Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation President Arthur Levine (right center) pose for a group photo with members of the 2012 class of W.K. Kellogg Foundation-Woodrow Wilson Michigan Teaching Fellows, including Cory Chavis of Canton (left), attending Eastern Michigan University.

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Pros: Weigh options carefully on pension buyout

By Valerie Olander
Correspondent

Financial advisers are urging area salaried retirees from General Motors and Ford Motor Co. to consult an expert before making a pension buyout decision. What is good for one retiree may not be the best decision for another.

Retirees need to consider all assets, tax liabilities, current spending habits, as well as age and health before making the irreversible decision.

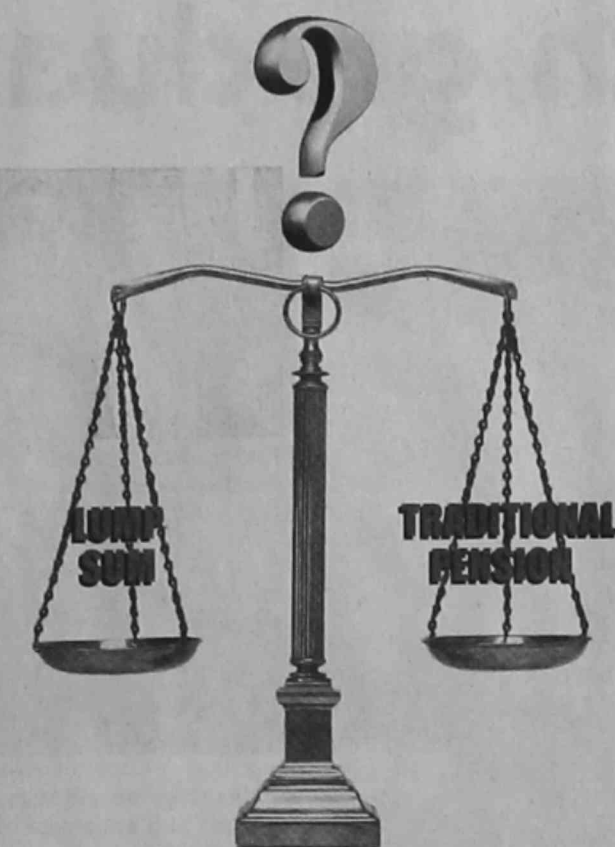
"I think we'll have some people who will blindly ignore (a buyout) and hopefully that won't be to their detriment. Others may have a lottery mentality and take the lump sum," said Mike Klassa, a certified financial planner from Klassa, Swagerty and Associates, a practice of Ameriprise Financial Services in Livonia.

Remember that this money must last over your lifetime, he said. Making the right decision is crucial, he said.

Paul Benson of the Raymond James & Associates office on Main Street in downtown Plymouth agreed noting that whatever a retiree decides — the decision is irrevocable.

"It is so important to make the right decision," said Benson, a certified financial planner and branch manager of the Plymouth office. "Sometimes it makes sense and sometimes it doesn't. It depends on the client's age, health and other factors such as personal resources," said Benson, who has already counseled several GM retirees. "Some took the buyout and others did not based on their personal situations."

"Every situation is



unique," said Benson, who encouraged retirees to seek "unbiased advice from a competent financial planner" before making a decision.

GM announcement

GM announced a plan June 1 for salaried workers who retired between October 1997 and December 2011. They have until July 20 to make a decision to forgo monthly pension checks in exchange for the lump-sum payment. Prudential Insurance will be taking over the pension plan.

A third option allows retirees to choose a new form of monthly pension based on the lump sum evaluation and marital status. Retirees who already decided on a single annuity or married with joint or survivor benefits can change that option, although it may require a former spouse

to sign off.

Approximately 42,000 of GM's salaried retirees and surviving spouses are eligible.

Ford was first to announce a pension buyout plan affecting its 98,000 retirees in the U.S. on April 28, but has yet to send financial information. The packets will be sent out based on the last two digits of Social Security numbers later this year and into 2013.

Robert Hardies, a certified financial planner at Financial and Portfolio Advisors in Livonia, said there seems to be mass confusion from GM retirees.

"They have to make a decision by July 20 and they just received the packet June 1. That's a short time frame and they need to be running to a financial adviser to do some calculations so they can make a deci-

sion," Hardies said.

Every retiree will have to make an independent decision because of so many variables, Klassa said.

"When (the retirees) get their numbers, they're going to be looking at numbers in the \$700,000 to \$800,000 range and maybe even up to \$1 million in some cases," Klassa said. "They're going to think it's a wind-fall right away. A lot are thinking about new cars, a cottage. But, wait, this is the same income stream needed to last for your entire life expectancy."

Phil Putney, an accountant and professional financial specialist at Advanced Financial Solutions in Farmington, said some will think they can make better investments and multiply their nest egg.

"While having control over your own money has its benefits, there's no guarantee. You're personally taking on all the risk," he said.

His advice is for GM and Ford retirees to not fall victim to sales agents pushing investment products without having a long-term strategy, he said.

"(Retirees) need a plan first and then exercise your options," he said.

A true picture for retirement financial security is looking at all assets and whether the decision will be tax efficient.

"They should be looking at their overall retirement needs. You need a guaranteed income of 'x' to pay for housing, clothing, utilities. The income stream needs to be similar to the pension they're currently receiving," Putney said.

Even those who don't

see the benefit of the lump-sum buyout need to run the numbers, he said. Determine if an investment product can offer a similar income stream. "If you can, then it's a wise decision," he said.

In other cases, Social Security combined with a pension may be more than what a retiree needs to live on. Tucking some away for tax reasons might be a wise investment, Putney said.

Renato Jamett of Raymond James & Associates in Birmingham said the challenge will be "fast-forwarding 20 years to realize the cash flow will have a different set of problems, such as health care costs, rising prices of utilities, gas and other common expenditures."

"Taking the dartboard approach that worked in the 1990s is not going to work here," he said.

Expert advice

Charlotte Bowersdorff, vice president of annuities at M and O marketing in Southfield, will be hosting a number of workshops in the near future to help GM and Ford retirees make sound decisions. The company is an umbrella organization for independent agents, providing training and product analyses.

"I've been advising people to get two or three opinions before deciding on what to do," she said.

One of those independent financial advisers, Vince Gauci of VFG Associates in Livonia, said the first thing a retiree needs to do is to get a complete needs' analyses. It's the first action he takes with a new client, gathering information to set goals and objectives for their financial future.

"The buyout itself is not for everyone and that's why it's important to go to a financial planner that has been in business for a while," he said. "What's good for one person is not for another."

One longtime client who was offered a \$400,000 pay out wanted to pay off a \$120,000 mortgage. But that only leaves less than \$300,000 to invest and use over a lifetime, Gauci said.

In addition, the money withdrawn and spent from the buyout will be taxed.

"A lot of them are really getting impressed when they see the lump sum and they are getting excited about it. They're going to have to watch their spending habits in the beginning," he said.

Gauci suggests retirees use three types of accounts, he calls buckets, for their nest egg. The first is liquid assets to pay for living expenses. The second is long-term investments or a bucket where money can be accessed within five-10 days if needed in an emergency and the third is a qualified asset account for longer-term investments such as 401(k)s and IRAs.

Retirees not yet collecting Social Security benefits will have that supplemental income when it kicks in at age 62. Also, some retirees may be draining savings accounts now to supplement their current income.

Add up the cash in savings in the estate and at a 4 percent withdrawal rate the money should last a lifetime, Gauci said.

"It gets back to goals and objectives to make sure you don't outlive the assets," he said.

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Cap and gown: Burger East celebrates with graduation

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Cap and gowns, the sounds of the *Trumpet Voluntary* and the applause of family and friends ... it was graduation at its best as five students received their certificates of completion during a commencement ceremony at Burger East Center for Students with Autism.

One by one, Gregory Coleman of Inkster; Brian Corrigan of Garden City; Carmela Dean of Dearborn Heights; Michah Kebschull of Canton; and Jasmine Knighten of Detroit stepped forward to receive their certificates, signaling their "move on to new opportunities."

"Thank you for this," said Corrigan, who had prepared a speech to read to the crowd. "It has been a privilege and honor to be at Burger East. It's been fun being a student and to be able to use what I have learned along the way in the future."

"This was a surprise, he didn't even tell us about," Kathy Corrigan said of her son's acceptance speech. "He's been talking about graduating for ages."

"I've never done that before," Corrigan said during a reception following the ceremony. "I was very excited."

Corrigan has been at Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City for 13 years and is the "eyes and ears of the program," according to teacher Leslie Suchy Kuclo.

"Brian gives me dai-



Jasmine Knighten (from left) of Detroit, Michah Kebschull of Canton, Brian Corrigan of Garden City and Carmela Dean of Dearborn Heights wait to enter the gym at the Cambridge Center for the Burger East commencement ceremony.

ly reports on the status of the hallways and what building activities are on the day's agenda," she said. "He's well-mannered and friendly. I'm proud of him."

During his time with the program, he has worked at Barson's Greenhouses in Westland, Viscount Pools, Goody's Pet Store and Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. He now is working with Michigan Rehabilitative Services.

Also sharing his views was Knighten, who told the audience that he had come to Burger "as a little boy."

"Many teachers helped me along the way and now I'm ready to conquer the world — that's my teacher Miss (Suzan) Samaan's words," he said. "I want to thank the

people who have helped me accomplish my goals."

In introducing Knighten, Joseph Valdivia, assistant director, described him as smart and motivated, adding that "it will be difficult to replace him on the Burger East basketball team. It's going to be hard to replace our power forward."

Like Corrigan, Knighten has worked at a number of places, including the Social Security office, IHOP and Marshall's. He also will receive more assistance through Michigan Rehabilitative Services.

"The skills he has developed will assist him in his search for future employment after graduation," Samaan said.

Dean has been a student at Burger since 1990.

She's known for her smile and enjoys wearing her hair in different styles and wearing fancy sunglasses.

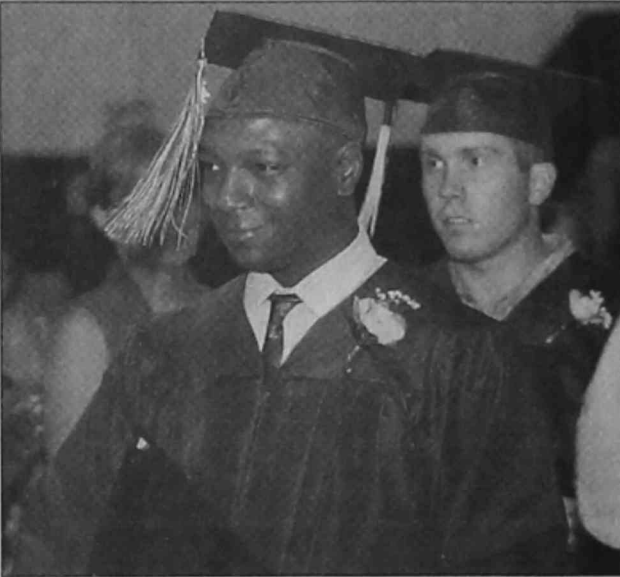
"She's known as the movie star of Burger East," Valdivia said in presenting her with her certificate.

Coleman has been at Burger since 2002 and is known for having "a great smile and for his charm."

"He can smooth out the day with his charm," Valdivia said, adding that he enjoys singing, especially Motown songs, "even if it's off-key."

According to teacher Stan Bialach, Kebschull is his "go-to guy."

"Michah is very helpful in class and with the students and staff," Bialach said. "He's an excellent visual learner and enjoys



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Jasmine Knighten and Michah Kebschull walk out of the ceremony to the applause of their teachers, family and fellow students.

staying busy. Thanks to Michah, Burger East is a greener campus. He's very organized and works independently, sorting items for recycling and shredding."

For the parents, the graduation was a milestone for their children. For the students, it was a learning experience. According to Kuclo, the Burger East students put everything together.

"They set up the tables, put out the decorations ... we make everything a learning experience for them," she said. "We teach them all the social skills."

Kuclo, along with Lee Ann Dye and Madonna Bernard, organizes the graduation ceremony each year. Bialach coordinated the music and handled a video presentation about the graduates. The Burger Choir also performed two songs, *Stand*

By Me and On My Way, for the graduates.

"This is a celebration meant for the parents as much as it is for the students," Dye said. "This is a milestone for our parents."

In addition to the five graduates, 13 other students are leaving the program. Many are returning to their home district or going to less restrictive environments. And many are going on to high school, Valdivia said.

Also acknowledged during the ceremony were Storm Mann, Jacob McCorry, Tami Terry, Vincent Webb, Geoffrey Trudeau, Jason Cadotte, John Henderson, Julian Lanning, Jadon Mills, Chris Skowronek, Travis Stacey, Allan Moe and Christina Wallace.

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Bill would send road money to townships

Plymouth, Northville and Canton townships would receive their fair share of state road money for road improvements and maintenance under legislation proposed today by Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth. House Bill 5758 would redirect each township's share of its Act 51 road funding from Wayne

County to the townships if they formed a local road authority.

"In my discussions with residents, the condition and maintenance of our township roads has been a major issue," Heise said. "Frankly, I'm frustrated by Plymouth, Canton and Northville being donor communities to the coun-

ty with little in return for our roads. I know that our townships can spend state road monies far more responsibly."

A lack of snow plowing in recent years, and lack of maintenance and lighting along many existing township and county roads, is disrupting local quality of life, Heise said.

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• As the only president of the Canton Veterans Memorial Association, formed in 1991, he and other veterans raised much of the money for the memorial in Heritage Park — the site of many tearful ceremonies remembering those who lost their lives in service to their country.

• For 20 years, Spencer has spearheaded Canton Township's blood drives to help the American Red Cross save lives.

• The Spencers have been involved in Canton's Friends of the Library for 15 years, with John Spencer serving as secretary since 1999.

"They have been involved in all aspects of the community and have really done a terrific job," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "Just think about the work John has done with the veterans, spreading the American spirit and patriotism and support of our troops and veterans to keep that whole message alive."

Getting started

Spencer started his Canton career as finance director and has served in positions such as chief



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John Spencer is perhaps best known for his work with veterans, leading Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy to say, "Just think about the work John has done with the veterans, spreading the American spirit and patriotism and support of our troops and veterans to keep that whole message alive."

finance officer, budget and water billing manager and, most recently, information technology manager. He had earned his bachelor's degree in business accounting from Lawrence Technological University after the Vietnam War.

Spencer helped with 14 Canton bond issues, everything from water-sewer projects to library improvements. He recalled fighting Detroit nearly three decades ago to secure Canton a 25-cent water rate decrease. He has been tenacious.

"He will be missed," LaJoy said. "He made

a big difference. We're very glad that John Spencer got involved in Canton and became a Canton employee."

Spencer and other library supporters have helped that facility with materials and amenities it otherwise couldn't have afforded, especially during tough economic times.

"John and Nancy have done innumerable things for the library and have been a steady presence on the Friends board to make sure we have the things we need to keep going," said Laurie Golden, the library's market-

ing and communications director.

Spencer was the oldest of three children born in Detroit to his stay-at-home mother Joan and his father Ted, general manager of Spencer, Inc., the family meat-manufacturing company that closed in 1973. The values Spencer learned early in life have carried him far.

Staying involved

He remains involved in the VFW Mayflower Lt. Gamble Post 6695 of Plymouth and the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528. His efforts for the veterans memorial earned him an award in 1994 from Keep Michigan Beautiful.

Even in retirement, Spencer hopes to remain involved in his work for veterans and charity. He had considered leaving his job at year's end, but Nancy Spencer found herself battling a newly diagnosed autoimmune neuromuscular disorder called myasthenia gravis.

She came first, this long-ago blind date who captured his heart. She always has.

"Nancy is my closest friend," he said.

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DOGS

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said mostly play quietly when they're outside in a fenced-in yard.

During a study session Tuesday, the seven-member township board reached a consensus on a five-dog limit, though officials still are exploring potential permits, fees and inspection rules for households with more than three licensed dogs.

"Let's try to get this right and make sure it works," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

Owners who have more than five dogs still would need to have a kennel's license and two acres of land, Clerk Terry Bennett said, though two commercial kennels already are protected by grandfather clauses and special land-use provisions.

Township officials said dog owners still would have to make sure their pets — regardless of their number — don't disturb their neighbors. Otherwise, they could receive citations.

Trustee Pat Williams said he supports allowing five well-behaved dogs.

"There are people out there who maintain their pets very well and who

are good neighbors," he said, "and we're contrasting that against protecting the community from hoarders and neighbors who don't control their animals."

Dog owners who refuse to obey the rules could potentially lose their pets.

"Could we force them to get rid of their dogs?" Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin asked Tuesday, adding that some families consider their dogs as their children.

Township Attorney Kristin Kolb responded that, in rare situations when owners of unruly dogs refuse to comply with township rules, "I think we can confiscate them."

That certainly doesn't appear likely for dog lovers like the Yee couple and son Jacob, who simply didn't want to choose among which of their pets had to go.

"Jacob loves playing with all of the doggies," Jennie Yee said. "When he holds a ball, they playfully bark at him. Jacob thinks it's very funny teasing them and gets a big belly laugh. So cute. I love the family that we have started here in Canton."

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Recent history suggests keeping custodians

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is expected to consider privatizing some 73 custodial worker jobs when it meets Tuesday to approve the district's 2012-13 budget.

Administrators said the move could save the district as much as \$1 million and help erase the final \$3 million-plus of what was originally nearly a \$6 million deficit, and most observers are expecting them to make the move.

The custodians whose jobs are on the line, and a surprising number of non-



Brad Kadrich

custodian staffers, have been pleading for their jobs for weeks now, and organized an informational picket of the board meeting two weeks ago to make their point. They've been saying things like, "We're all part of a family," and "these workers all know and love the kids" and "You shouldn't be balancing the budget on the backs of the employees."

But I can give the board two words that should make them think twice before outsourcing 73 jobs to the private sector: Recent history.

Before the 2011-12 school year, the board outsourced some 125 bus drivers to Michigan Educational Transportation System. Plymouth-Canton driv-

ers were supposed to get first crack at the jobs, and a lot of them did. But some didn't, and METS has had so much trouble fulfilling the contract they've had to sub-contract with two other companies.

And they've had so much trouble keeping drivers, detractors say, that there have been three job fairs in about a year trying to find more drivers. And the drivers they have used are having trouble meeting the schedule. Early on, particularly, there were troubles covering routes for special-needs students.

But even if the transition to a private custodial firm came with a rock-solid guarantee of efficiency and service, should the district make the change? Every-

one agrees it's not necessary to qualify for Gov. Rick Snyder's diminishing shared-services money; the policy requires districts only to consider bids, not take them.

And consider what these folks do. They clean the bathrooms and the floors. If a kid gets sick, the custodian cleans it up. Someone paints on the walls, the call goes out to the janitor. And they do all that for an average of some \$16 an hour.

Now, I must say I have no recollection of knowing any of the custodians at Macomb Park Elementary School (Go Roadrunners!) when I was growing up. Maybe it was a different time.

These days, they are so much more than custodians. Teachers told stories of custodians who helped with classroom projects (on

their own time, I might add) and with directing traffic and other safety issues at individual buildings.

They're a recognizable face, and when you're in a district that has 19,000 students and a lot of strange faces, a recognizable one is a comfort, an anchor in an educational world that sees too much change as it is.

High school teacher Beth Savalox made a great point two weeks ago when she pointed out that kids see enough shifting, what with new teachers and new administrators caused by buildings being closed and boundaries being reworked.

It's comforting to know that at least one familiar face will be there, Savalox said.

"The teachers change, the principal changes," she told the board. "I don't want

the custodian to change, too."

The deficit is large, and the money is going to have to come from somewhere. They've got enough in the fund balance to cover it, though that's not always the financially wise decision. In a district with a \$151 million budget, it seems like there should be \$1 million somewhere.

All you have to do is look at the problems METS has had since the bus drivers were privatized, and remember this tried-but-true adage:

Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

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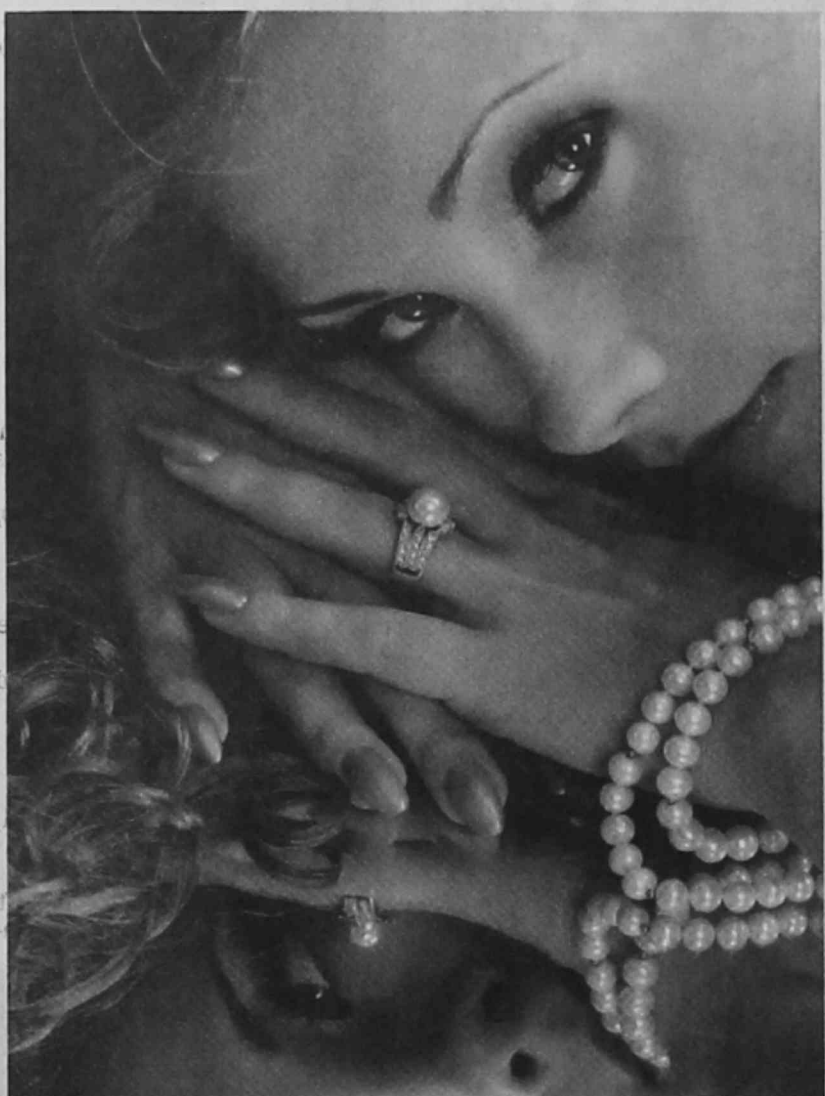
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Anti-Obama comments draw criticism from Democrat opponent

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Two candidates on the Democratic ticket who are running for U.S. Congress in the 11th District criticized one another this week.

On Thursday, Dr. Syed Taj called for his opponent Bill Roberts, a supporter of Lyndon LaRouche, to disavow Roberts's promise to



Bill Roberts



Dr. Syed Taj

impeach President Barack Obama. Roberts criticized Taj for calling him "an imposter."

Taj and Roberts are candidates in the primary election on the Democratic side of the ballot. Republican Kerry Bentivolio of Milford is the sole listed Republican on the ballot, while former state Sen. Nancy Cassis of Novi is running a write-in campaign.

"There is no room in this race for Bill Roberts's bizarre belief in conspiracy theories and I am asking him to disavow his promise to impeach President Obama," Taj of Canton said in a prepared statement.

As reported May 31 in *The Detroit News*, Roberts stated on his campaign blog, "Given his many repeated violations of the Constitution, President Obama is probably over-qualified for impeachment and should therefore also be removed using section 4 of the 25th Amendment."

Roberts has continued to demand Obama's impeachment at campaign events and even has printed campaign material featuring Obama with a Hitler-style moustache, Taj said.

Roberts believes Obama should be impeached for what Roberts called Obama's assassination of Samir Khan and others who were alleged to be connected to al-Qaida and for the National Defense Authorization Act, which allows the detention of American citizens indefinitely.

"You have a complete suspension of due process," Roberts said.

Roberts's campaign website highlights seven counts in which Obama should be impeached, including violations of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments, conspiracy to commit crimes against humanity, conspiracy to violate the separation of powers in the U.S. Constitution, conspiracy to commit the United States to an international genocide policy and conspiracy to destroy the sovereignty of the United States.

Earlier, Taj called Roberts an "imposter" running as a Democrat who wants to impeach President Barack Obama. "Don't be fooled by fake Democrats," reads Taj's campaign literature.

Roberts responds that Taj's comments are "cultish."

"The idea that you have to take a loyalty oath to a president no matter what happens and what heinous crimes he commits, it's cultish," Roberts said. He added: "The idea that you have to be an Obama supporter to be a Democrat is ridiculous."

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Alexander Zonjic plays July 20 at Centre Village at Kroger as part of the Canton summer jazz series.

New artists highlight summer jazz series

The Canton Downtown Development Authority, in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, presents the seventh season of the popular Canton Color Tour Summer Jazz Series.

This eight-week summer jazz concert series will be held 7-9 p.m. Fridays, July 6 through Aug. 24.

These free concerts take place in the parking lots of various shopping centers located in the color blocks on Ford Road in Canton. To find the locations, just look for the colored banners on the decorative street lamps on Canton's Ford Road. The banners are color coded by blocks and numbered.

"Over 500 people come out each Friday of the series to enjoy great live music," said Kathleen Salla, Canton Downtown Development coordinator. "Since the Canton Live! Stage moves each week to a new location, the concerts help introduce concert-goers to the wide variety of shopping and restaurants located along Can-

ton's Ford Road."

Each week, a commemorative gift is offered to the first 25 people who turn in receipts for a minimum of \$25 from a Canton merchant. Plus, be sure to look for the Shop Canton bags containing coupons and special offers at the Shop Canton Gazebo each week at the Jazz Concert.

Additionally, many restaurants offer carry-out specials so you can grab dinner and enjoy the concert.

"The Canton Color Tour Summer Jazz Series is the perfect end to a work week," said Mark Waldbauer, vice chair of the Canton DDA. "Bring a comfortable chair and a carry-out meal and enjoy two hours of unbeatable relaxing entertainment. We have assembled eight individual concerts each containing high caliber talent and each with an individual flair within the Jazz idiom. People will not want to miss a single event this year."

Four new artists are included on the schedule this year. This year's artists include:

- July 6 — Penny Wells, New Towne Plaza at Kohl's, located in the Purple Block at Ford and Sheldon.
- July 13 — Nate Harasim, Sam's Club, located in the Orange Block at Ford and Lotz.
- July 20 — Alexander Zonjic, Centre Village at Kroger, located in the Yellow Block at Ford and Canton Center.
- July 27 — Demetrius "Krayon" Nabors, Lowe's, located in the Green Block on Ford between Sheldon and Morton Taylor.
- Aug. 3 — John E. Lawrence, Willow Creek Shopping Center, located in the Blue Block on Ford between Lilley and Haggerty.
- Aug. 10 — Kimmie Horne, Super Bowl, located in the Purple Block on Ford Road between Canton Center and Sheldon.
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GM pension offer requires careful consideration

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I read a couple of articles that you've written about the General Motors buyout. I also went to the General Motors seminar and I'm still confused. I am a widower and between my deceased spouse's pension and my Social Security, it



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

more than covers my living expenses. I haven't been using the money I receive from my GM pension. I have been putting the money in the bank and getting a nothing rate of return. From your previous article it would appear that you would be in favor of me taking the lump sum. The one thing that is holding me back is my family has a long life expectancy. My parents both lived into their late 90s and I know that when General Motors did its calculation it based it upon a shorter life expectancy. Do you think the fact that my family has a long life expectancy should cause me to take the pension?

A: What's nice is that you are in excellent financial shape and no matter what decision you make, you'll be in good shape. The fact that at the present time you don't need the General Motors pension, and are saving that money, shows that no matter what decision you make you will not have any financial issues down the road. However, even though your family does have a long life expectancy, I still like the idea of you taking the lump sum.

I recognize that when GM did the calculations, the company factored a much lower life expectancy than your family's history. However, one thing to keep in mind is that there is no inflationary adjustment in these pensions. In other words, whatever amount you receive you'll be receiving that for the rest of your life. Therefore, the pension today that looks like a lot of money will not be that much 10-20 years down the road. The fact that you are saving the money and that you can let the money grow tax-deferred until you are required to withdraw it leads me to favor taking the lump-sum option.

One key ingredient that people need to factor into the equation is the fact that if you do take the lump-sum dis-

tribution, that money will be directly transferred into an IRA. That is not a taxable event. You can allow that money to grow tax-deferred until you are required to start withdrawing at 70½. When you receive your monthly pension, that money is subject to current income taxes. Therefore, since you do not need the money from the General Motors pension, and you can afford to let it grow tax-deferred, it will provide you with some additional savings.

You may also want to consider investing the money differently than just putting it into the bank. We all know the low rates of return banks are paying and that doesn't appear to be changing anytime soon. Although you consider yourself a conservative investor, that doesn't mean that you should not have some stock mutual funds in your portfolio.

Most people think that when you add stocks into the portfolio it automatically makes the portfolio more aggressive; that is not the case. In fact, what it does is manage your risk more. After all, money in the bank that is hardly getting any return has purchasing power risk, something that I've addressed many times in the past. Remember, our costs go up much more than the stated inflation rate.

Based upon all the factors in your particular case, I recommend that you take the lump-sum distribution. It will allow you to have more money down the road and that may allow you to do different things and have more options. Whether you take the buyout from Ford or General Motors, it is one of the most important financial decisions you can make. In other to help you make the right decision, the *Observer & Eccentric* and I are sponsoring a free educational seminar on the buyouts. This seminar will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 12, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. For more information, you can either contact my office at (248) 932-5200 or email to seminars@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Good luck!

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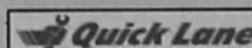
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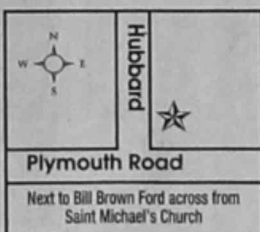
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Schoolcraft College, UM-Dearborn agree to reverse transfer program

Schoolcraft College and University of Michigan-Dearborn have forged a formal agreement to help students complete a "reverse transfer" associate degree while working on a bachelor's degree.

The new reverse transfer agreement creates a process that allows students who transfer from Schoolcraft College to UM-Dearborn to be awarded an associate degree that the student is most qualified for, with the help of credits earned at the university. Qualifying students must have already earned 40 credits at Schoolcraft College prior to transfer. Most associate degrees require 60 or more credits for completion. Cur-

rent estimates suggest that approximately 180 former Schoolcraft students currently studying at UM-Dearborn will meet the initial selection criteria for participation in this program.

"Essentially, if a student leaves Schoolcraft College with 40 or more credits and transfers to University of Michigan-Dearborn, UM-Dearborn will send the student a letter inviting them to participate in the reverse transfer program," said Laurie Kattuah-Snyder, assistant director of student services of Schoolcraft College. "Once the student signs off on the agreement, the UM-Dearborn transcript is mailed back to us and we will

verify the credits can be applied and an associate of arts or general studies degree is awarded."

The agreement marks a well-established partnership between Schoolcraft College and UM-Dearborn.

As directed by the State of Michigan in Public Act 62, other Michigan community colleges and universities have recently signed similar agreements to provide a seamless transfer experience and increase student retention and degree completion at both levels. This reverse transfer agreement between Schoolcraft College and UM-Dearborn is the first of its kind in southeast Michigan.

Fireworks will draw thousands tonight

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Livonia Spree 62 will conclude tonight with a grand finale fireworks show.

Mayor Jack Kirksey expects more than 100,000 spectators to visit the show, put on by American Fireworks of Hudson, Ohio.

The fireworks will begin at approximately 10:15 p.m. at Ford Field, located at Farmington and Lyndon, between Schoolcraft and Five Mile roads, weather-permitting. If it rains, the fireworks will be cancelled. There is no rain date.

"There is limited parking at Ford Field, so we encourage everyone to come out early to get to their favorite spot," Kirksey said. Spectators can

park for free at the Livonia Civic Center parking lot near Five Mile and Farmington roads and take the shuttle to Ford Field.

For a donation to the athletic department, spectators can also park at Madonna University at the corner of Levan and I-96. Public restrooms will be available.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, located adjacent to Ford Field, is also offering its parking lot for a suggested donation of \$3 per vehicle. The church will donate proceeds to the Meals on Wheels program. Parking there will be available after 1 p.m. Sunday.

Road closings

Farmington Road will be closed between Schoolcraft and Lyndon at "approximately 8 p.m.," according to Sgt. John Gibbs of the Livonia Police Department traffic bureau. "That depends when the parking fills up," he said of Ford Field. Once it is filled, that stretch of Farmington will be closed.

Stark Road will be closed north of Schoolcraft once the parking lot at Frost Middle School is full, Gibbs said. At that time, Schoolcraft Road from Farmington

to Stark will be closed. After the show, those above-mentioned roads will be reopened, but traffic on westbound Schoolcraft west of Farmington will be directed onto I-96, Gibbs said.

Alcohol is not permitted on city or school property, or rights of way, Gibbs said, and on Spree grounds, those drinking beverages purchased from the Spree booths must remain in the food court.

Deputy Police Chief Ben McDermott said spectators need to expect that traffic will be heavy to and from the fireworks. "Exercise patience and understanding with a large crowd," he said. "It's always the few people who are drinking who are the ones who create problems."

"There will be delays, so just plan accordingly."

Kirksey said the fireworks are a highlight of Spree and he appreciates the work of the Spree Committee to bring another year of them to Livonia. Kirksey said there will be a strong police presence to help ensure a safe event.

"The fireworks are a great draw. The Spree Committee puts a lot of planning into it," Kirksey said.

The Spree Carnival opens at noon today after the annual Ed McNamara Pancake Breakfast, scheduled 8:30-11 a.m. at Eddie Edgar Arena. Worship services for Catholics at 8:30 a.m. and Protestants at 11 a.m. are scheduled.

The Spree Run is set for 8:30 a.m.

Other events scheduled today are a Classic Car Show, Hot Dog Pig Racing, Whispering Pines Mobile Zoo and the musical acts of Jane Doe and Steve King & the Ditties.

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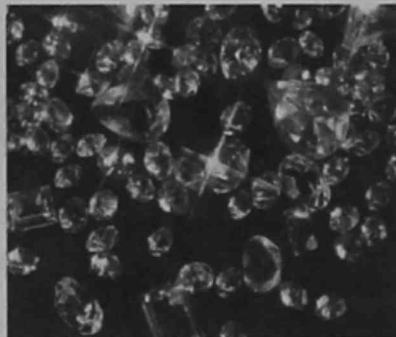


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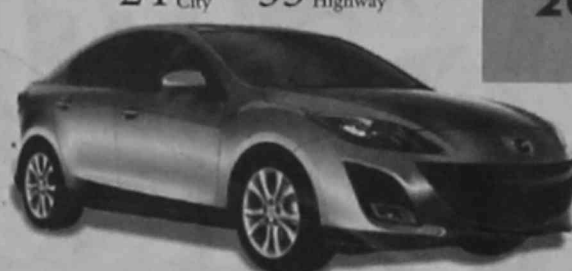
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P-CEP stars set to shine at Comerica

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

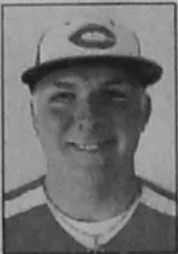
The bright lights of Comerica Park will shine down Tuesday night on 36 of Michigan's best young baseball players.

That big-league environment awaits top high school seniors who just graduated in the annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association's East-West All-Star Game.

Local products amped up for the opportunity (7 p.m. Tuesday) include catcher Rich Guglielmi and third baseman-pitcher Ryan Bazner — recent grads of Plymouth and Canton, respectively. Both will suit up for the East team.



Guglielmi



Bazner

Other area players in the game include: West players Zach Leimbach (Walled Lake Central), Logan Regnier (Novi), Matt Stojkov (Northville); East players John Balicki (Birmingham Groves), Gabe Ber- man (Bloomfield Hills Andover), Tommy Eng (Troy Athens)

and Randy Kuzdak (Dearborn Divine Child).

"Everyone I have talked to that has been involved in the MHSBCA All-Star Game have said it is an experience of a lifetime," Guglielmi said. "I am really looking forward to the opportunity to meet some new ballplayers, coaches and other people over the two-day event."

"Being able to step in the same batter's box (used by) Miguel Cabrera is a nice perk too."

Festivities actually begin with Monday night's MHSBCA Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony at Zuccaro's Country House in Chesterfield Township.

Among six to be inducted is longtime Salem varsity baseball

coach Dale Rumberger. That program begins at 6:30 p.m.

A lofty honor

According to Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd, each coach belonging to the association can nominate one senior for the all-star game.

Coaches then select from the pool of candidates, representing all four divisions.

"A nomination to participate in the all-star game is one of the highest honors a coach can give to a player," Boyd said. "This nomination not only represents talent and success on the diamond, but also the hard work

Please see **COMERICA, B2**

Bucks set 2 team records

Tommy Catalano had a goal and three assists as the Michigan Bucks set two more team records Thursday night with a 5-0 Premier Development League victory over the Cincinnati Kings at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

The win gives the Bucks their best season start in the PDL with an 8-0-1 record (25 points) in the Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

It was also their record sixth consecutive shutout.

Other Bucks goal scorers included Justin Sass, Kevin Cope (Salem/Michigan State), Nermin Crnkic and Nate Boyden.

Goalkeeper Sean Teepen recorded his third shutout in five starts.

"We have had some great teams here and some incredible runs, but we have never started a season undefeated after nine games so that is something these guys should all be very proud of," said Bucks team owner and Livonia native Dan Duggan. "I reminded them all that they don't hand out trophies in June. We have a ton of work to do in the next six weeks to achieve all of our team goals for the season."

The first-place Bucks begin a three-match road trip with a 7:30 p.m. start Tuesday in Chicago against the host Fire at Toyota Park.



Caroline Arakelian, who recently graduated from Livonia Stevenson High, will compete in the 200 individual medley on Wednesday and the 200 backstroke on Saturday at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb.

SPEEDY SIBLINGS

Livonia's Arakelians stroke toward Olympic berths

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It might be a bit premature to compare themselves with the Michael Phelps, Ryan Lochtes, Natalie Coughlins and Allison Schmitts of the swim world, but Caroline and Nick Arakelian could be names to remember in the future.

The sister and brother duo from Livonia have already established themselves as two of the top age-group swimmers nationally and are just getting their feet wet when it comes to going head-to-head against some of the world's best.

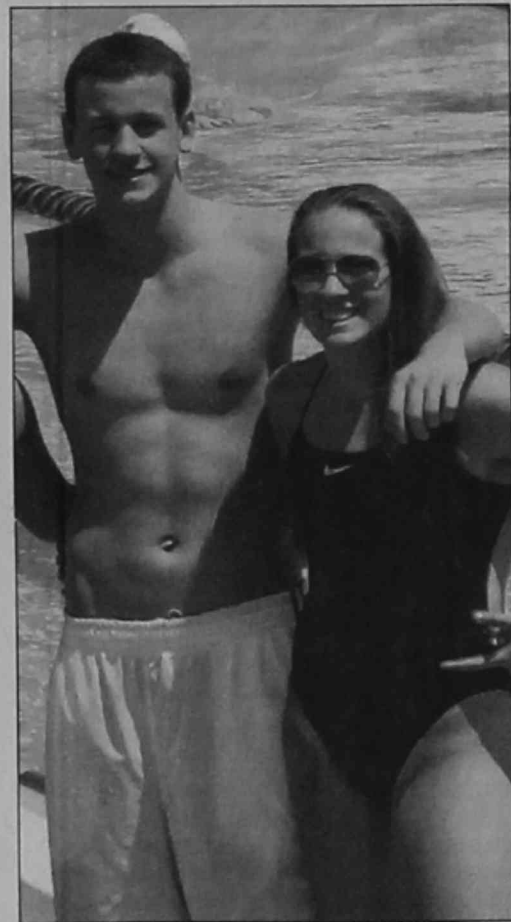
Caroline, 17, who recently graduated from Stevenson High and is headed on a full-ride scholarship to Queens University (Charlotte, N.C.), will compete this week in the U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb.

Meanwhile, 16-year-old Nick, who just completed his sophomore year at Stevenson, has also qualified in two events and has long-range aspirations as well.

Caroline earned a spot in the 200-meter backstroke where she is seeded 55th with a entry time of 2:15.73. She also will compete in the 200 individual medley where she ranks 85th with a clocking of 2:18.68.

"I think personally to drop time would be a big achievement, maybe even a semifinal (heat) would be nice," said Caroline, who trains under coach Brad Brockway at Kingfish Aquatic Club in Waterford. "I'm feeling really good in the water right now, I'm hitting all my times and my coach is happy. The 200 backstroke is my higher ranking and

Please see **SWIMMERS, B3**



The Livonia brother and sister combination of Nick and Caroline Arakelian, who will compete in this week's U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials, stand tall nationally among age-group swimmers.

In the Cards

Ex-Falcon Mitchem signs with St. Louis

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

Any disappointment Burny Mitchem felt at not being drafted by a Major League baseball team quickly disappeared when he got a call from the St. Louis Cardinals.

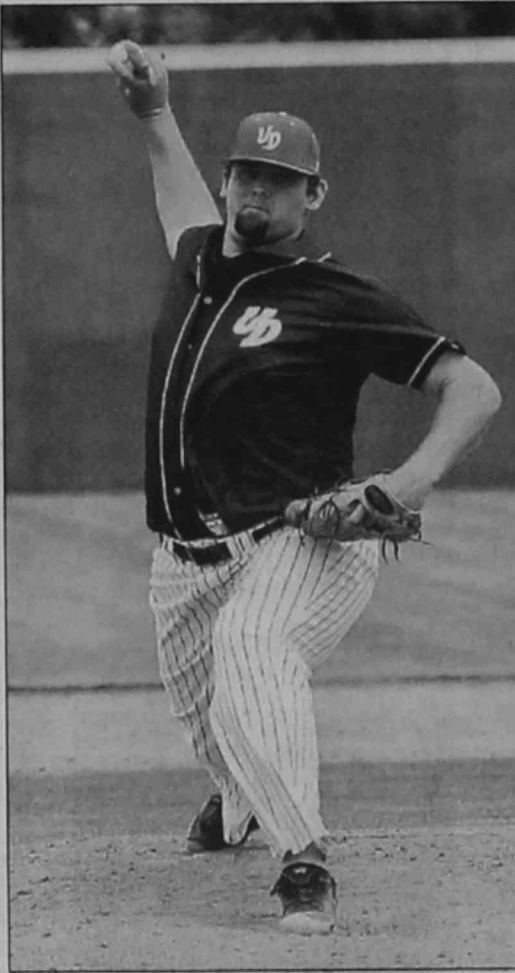
The right-handed pitcher from Farmington and the University of Dayton signed a free-agent contract with the National League ball-club just over a week ago.

"I did (expect to be drafted), but it's just one of those things," Mitchem said. "Getting into the organization is the hardest part about pro ball."

"Getting that call on the day I got picked up was just like being drafted. I'm super excited and pumped to continue playing the game I love."

There were only 40 rounds in the draft — 10 less than past years, which contributed to Mitchem not being drafted. The Cardinals and Texas Rangers had shown the most inter-

Please see **MITCHEM, B2**



JOHN CASTINE

Burny Mitchem pitches against the University of Massachusetts on Senior Day at Dayton. He retired the side in the top of the 10th to finish a shutout relief appearance.

Vardar wins Premier Cup

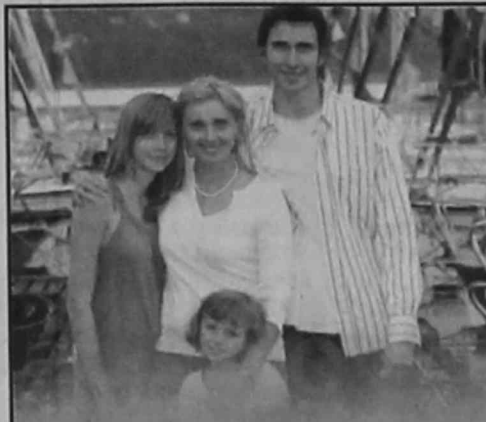
The Vardar Soccer Club will represent the U.S. in the 2012 World Final of the Manchester United Premier Cup, July 20-23, in Shanghai, China, after going 6-0-1 in the MUPC qualifier, May 26-28, in Beaverton, Ore.

Jimmy Todd (Clarkston) tallied the game-winning goal in the 1-0 championship victory over Real So Cal.

Vardar, coached by Morris Lupenec and Eric Pogue, also scored elimination round wins over the Fullerton Rangers, 2-1, on a pair of goals by Golden Boot winner Nash Popovic of Rochester Hills, and the Nomads of Southern California, 2-0, on goals by Livonia's Jake Rosen and Royal Oak's Tommy Dokho.

Other wins came against the San Diego Surf, 2-1 (both goals by Travis Harrington of Macomb Township) and St. Louis Scott-Gallagher, 3-0 (on two goals by Popovic and one by Todd).

Goalkeeper Jake Townsley (Sterling Heights) posted four shutouts and gave up only one goal in five games.



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FIRST-TEAM SINGLES

Winnie Karoub, Mercy: Karoub compiled a 21-9 record while playing No. 1 singles for the Marlins, who tied for fourth place at the Division 2 state meet. The freshman won the Grand Blanc and Grosse Pointe tournament titles, and she was the Catholic League runner-up. Karoub was a regional finalist and state semifinalist.

"Winnie has great skills and is a tremendous athlete," coach Joe Stafford said, adding Karoub is a national USTA and all-state player. "She won a lot of games for a freshman. She's very, very experienced."

"Winnie is committed to taking her game to the next level. She's going to be a force to be reckoned with when we move up to Division 1 next year."

Aimee Moccia, Stevenson: The sophomore finished with a 24-7 record and earned her first state qualifying berth while reaching the round of 16 after finishing runner-up in the Division 1 regional.

The first-team all-stater was also runner-up in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association 'A' tournament and was the outstanding player at the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational. She also took Howell Invitational title and placed third in the highly competitive Grosse Pointe South Invitational.

"Aimee has been a pleasure to coach in her second year at Stevenson," coach Don McCathney said of his No. 1 singles player. "For a young player, she has an outstanding skill set, which gives her great potential in the next two years. She is very focused and motivated to improve and become the best player she can, which includes fitness, diet and private instruction."

Erica Ley, Ladywood: The senior captain finished with a 16-6 record at No. 1 singles including first-place finishes at the Howell Quad and Monroe Classic.

Ley, who plans to attend Michigan State, also took third in the Catholic League and Division 3 regional tournaments.

"Erica was very respected as a great team leader and was very respected in the Catholic League," coach Linda Brennan said.

Akanksha Vaishnav, N. Farmington: Vaishnav played No. 1 singles for the second



Winnie Karoub
Mercy



Aimee Moccia
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straight year and had a 12-11 record while facing tough competition in the OAA White Division. She was the division runner-up, and her only loss in the OAA White was to Rochester Adams all-stater Halle Hyman.

"Akanksha did a phenomenal job of leading our team at (the first sin-

gles) position while also playing varsity soccer for North Farmington, starting in nearly every game," coach Whitney Wasielewski said. "She managed to do all of this and still earn a 4.0 GPA."

Carolyn McCullen, Franklin: The sophomore finished 23-4 overall while earning a trip

to the Division 1 state finals (losing 6-4, 6-4 to Northville's Erin Doud) after capturing the Woodhaven regional title.

McCullen won a total of four tournaments including the KLAA 'B' Tournament title at No. 1 singles.

"She was really peaking at the end of season and was playing her best tennis at 'states,'" coach Rick Clack said of the honorable mention all-stater. "Carolyn has a tremendous arsenal of shots including power on both sides, coupled with the ability to slice effectively. Opponents have a hard time against a player like that."

Carmen Gaddis, Harrison: Gaddis made the all-area first team for the second straight year after posting a 13-5 record at No. 1 singles. She finished third in the OAA White Division tournament and was a Division 2 regional semifinalist. Gaddis had major wins over Groves, Athens and West Bloomfield.

"Every year we've seen improvement," coach Janice Maxey said. "Her game continues to mature. She's very consistent; she sees the court very well. She's able to use a wide repertoire of shots, depending on the situation."

"She still has her senior year to grow, so we're really looking forward to next year. She's extremely focused and works incredibly hard to get better and better."

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES

Jessie Guindi, Margaux Kabodian, Mercy: Kabodian and Guindi posted a 25-3 record as Mercy's top doubles team. That included wins over the divisions 1 and 4 state champions from Clarkston and Sacred Heart, respectively. The Marlins were Catholic League finalists, regional champions and Division 2 state semifinalists.

"They represent what we want Mercy doubles to be like," Stafford said. "They always play with a lot of energy and heart. I couldn't be more proud of those two. They represent Mercy with class, dignity and honor. They played together; they supported each other and played the right the way."

Anna Hinrichs, Christy Snyder, Mercy: The Marlins were Division 2 state runners-up, finishing the season with a 25-3 record. Hinrichs and Snyder were seeded No. 2 at the state meet and lost to the Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern duo in the final, 6-3, 7-5. They won the Catholic League championship and took second place in the regional.

"They had a tremendous year," Stafford said. They were powerful together. Pretty much every coach (whose team opposed Mercy) said: 'That's a No. 1 doubles team playing No. 2 without a doubt.' Both have big serves and are real athletic. They play very offensive tennis."

"We're so proud of



Sarah Tobin
N. Farmington

them. They fell just short of a state championship. They were close. They want to win it next year. Their resolve is great and they're hungry to win it. We're counting on them big for next year."

Sarah Tobin, Maria Vicini, N. Farmington: The Raiders had a 17-6 record at the top doubles flight and won the OAA White Division championship. Tobin and Vicini had big wins over Adams, Lahser, Athens and West Bloomfield. They lost a three-set, super tiebreaker to Birmingham Seaholm's all-state team, and they also had two close matches with all-staters Kabodian and Guindi from Mercy.

"Sarah and Maria were a great No. 1 doubles team for North Farmington," Wasielewski said. "They had an outstanding record, and all of their losses were to very good teams. They were consistently an aggressive and dominant team. Their success at No. 1 doubles was definitely a huge asset to the team."

MITCHEM

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est in him beforehand.

The hard-throwing Mitchem got the call from the Cards on the afternoon of June 15, and he was on a plane at 7:30 the next morning for Jupiter, Fla.

He was expected to make his first mound appearance Saturday for the St. Louis rookie team in the Gulf Coast League.

"We're only three games in; we just started," Mitchem said. "Because I was a college guy, they're trying to give me a little rest. They've been easing us into it. I've just been throwing bullpens and long tosses, getting ready."

Mitchem said the minor league experience has been different than he thought it would be thus far.

"It's going back to the basics of learning the game," he said, adding his team is split evenly between players who speak English and Spanish. "They're treating us well. We're living at a hotel for the summer."

"It's definitely going to be fun. There are a lot of good players. You can tell everybody deserves to be here."

Mitchem ended his college



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Burny Mitchem is pictured with his parents, Robert and Teresa Mitchem, and brother, Clay, before his final game at Dayton.

career in late May by leading Dayton to its first Atlantic 10 Conference championship and being named the Most Outstanding Player in the tournament.

Mitchem had a win and two saves in three games on consecutive days as the Flyers defeated St. Joseph in 13 innings, 4-3, and Richmond twice, 9-5 and 3-0.

"Coming back for a fifth year, that was a huge goal and the way I wanted to be remembered at my school," he said. "I had an opportunity to throw all three days — back-to-back-to-back, which is kinda unheard of."

"The first night I threw close to 70 pitches in an extra-inning

game, which was probably the most important game because, if you lose the first one, you're fighting from behind the whole time."

"I looked at the opportunity (of the three appearances) like, 'It's my senior year and I'm not going to hold anything back from us winning these games.' It was awesome to accomplish something the school had never done."

The 6-foot-6, 260-pound Mitchem is Dayton's all-time strikeout king with 320. He broke Cam Hobson's record of 256 back in April. He ended his career with just 95 walks by comparison, a 24-19 record, 14 saves and 3.56 ERA. Mitchem is second in career wins and innings pitched (324).

"I've always been a strikeout guy, even in high school," Mitchem said. "Striking people out is one of my favorite parts of pitching. It's something that can save you when you're about to give up a big inning, and it can help to intimidate the other team."

"It's definitely something I'm proud of. I passed a lot of good people on the way to the record — some of whom are in the Major Leagues now — and put in a lot of good innings at Dayton."

Mitchem's best year was 2011

when he posted an 8-2 record with three saves, 88 strikeouts and 23 walks in 104 innings. He was 6-8 the past season with seven saves, 72 strikeouts and 32 walks.

"It would have been hard to match last year," he said. "I had a slow start. Once I got settled in for the year, I had close to 28 scoreless innings; that really helped me out."

"I was battling every day just to give my team a chance to win. We had a slow start as a team. We really picked it up as a team and I did myself when the conference (schedule) started."

Mitchem was an all-stater and helped Farmington High reach the final game of the Division 1 state tournament in 2007. He earned a degree in criminal justice at Dayton and has begun work on a masters in public administration.

"Right now, I'm just looking forward to throwing the way I've been taught and know I can," he said, adding he hopes to move up in the Cardinals organization as quickly as he can and one day be on a Major League roster.

"It feels good to come from Farmington and to keep the Falcons spirit alive. We have a pretty strong tradition at Farmington of playing good baseball."

COMERICA

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that goes into being successful.

"To be nominated, someone must be a leader, coachable, and a good teammate. Rich is all of those things."

"We are very honored at Plymouth that he has been chosen to represent our school and our program."

Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said he nominated Bazner for his consistent excellence over his prep career, which included a 19-3 pitching record and strong junior season when he batted over .500.

"Much of Ryan success as a player was also attributed to the success of our team," Blomshield added, "which in his four years accumulated 100 wins and 39 losses in which he played a major role and was a big contributor."

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A Garden City Red Sox player takes a serious cut at a let-ers-high fast ball Wednesday night.



A Garden City Pirates player (left) is greeted by a joyful teammate after scoring a fourth-inning run Wednesday night.

BOYS OF SUMMER

GC's Moeller Park offers perfect setting for national pastime

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

The five-foot-high cyclone fence that separated the outfield grass from "Home Run Land" on Moeller Park's field 7 Wednesday night didn't stand a chance against the bomb that exploded off the bat of Garden City Pirates player Brad Russell.

With his team entrenched in a tight Garden City Youth Athletic Association Bronco League playoff game against the Wayne Diamondbacks, 12-year-old Russell sent a third-inning blast way over the left-center field fence, sparking an eruption of applause from the fans who were lined up tightly along the third-base line.

"It felt good," Russell reflected, a few minutes after the Pirates' 13-7 setback. "I just tried to act like I'd hit one before. I

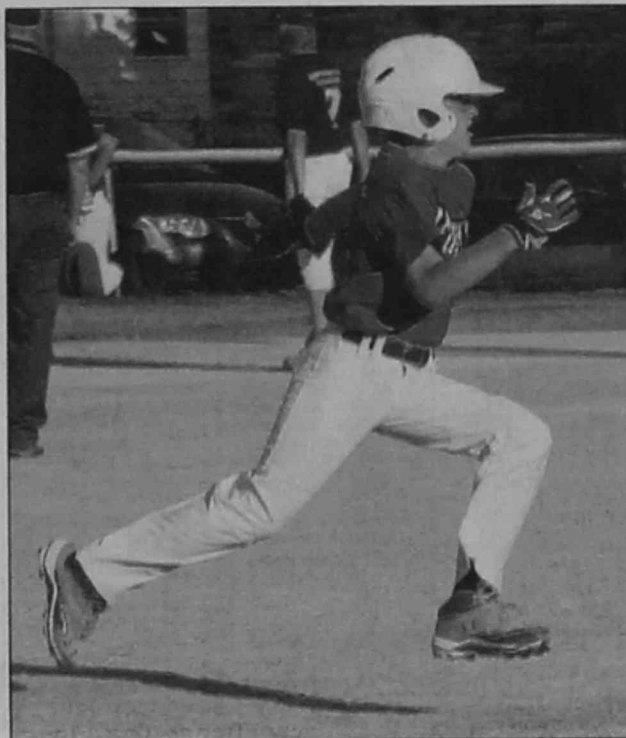
figured I could celebrate it after the game."

The often-intense, always-fun Pirates-Diamondbacks clash was just one of several games unfolding on the Garden City acreage that sits just north of Ford Rd. and a couple blocks west of Merriman.

Despite a furnace-like heat wave that put a premium on shade, umbrellas and ice-soaked water bottles, fans were abundant at Moeller — creating a down-home atmosphere that would have made Abner Doubleday proud.

"It's such a positive experience out here," said Diamondbacks coach Kerry Johnson, who's team improved to 19-0 with Wednesday's come-from-behind triumph. "All the parents are great — on all the teams; there's nothing negative."

"The leagues are set up really well. The commis-



Wayne Diamondbacks player Michael Beckert cruises around the bases to score a run during the fifth inning of Wednesday's 13-7 victory over the Garden City Pirates.

sioners do a really good job of putting the teams

together so that it's competitive. And the kids



Hundreds of youth-baseball fans braved scorching heat to watch their favorite players' games at Moeller Park Wednesday night.

love playing under the lights when they get an 8 o'clock game."

Although the games are played with traditional baseball guidelines, the GCYAA Bronco League is unique in that it includes teams from Garden City, Dearborn Heights, Wayne and other nearby communities.

"Most of our players are from Garden City," said Pirates head coach Dan Santhony, "but we also have kids from St. Clair Shores, Westland and Wayne. Even though our season ended tonight, it's been a great experience, getting to know all the kids and teaching them how to play ball."

With Wednesday's victory, the 19-0 Diamondbacks advanced to Monday's semifinal round of the GCYAA playoffs. They earned a No. 1 seed by cruising through the regular season with a 13-0 record.

"I love the rules — they're just like the big leagues," said Diamondbacks catcher/pitcher Justin Johnson, who will be a seventh-grader at Wayne's Benjamin Franklin Middle School in the fall. "This is a lot of fun. The pitchers throw fast, so it gives us a challenge."

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SWIMMERS

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that's always been my stronger stroke."

Caroline will swim Wednesday in the 200 IM and Saturday in the 200 backstroke.

"I'm really excited," she said. "It's different than any of the other meets because this is it, it's like the biggest meet ever."

Meanwhile, Nick Arakelian goes Monday in the 400 IM where he ranks 51st overall with a time of 4:26.25 and competes again Friday in the 200 IM where he is seeded 103rd (2:06.12).

In a March meet in Indianapolis, Nick narrowly missed by two-hundredths of a second from qualifying in the 1,500 freestyle (15:53.59).

Expectations

"I'm definitely expecting to drop time and there are a few other 16-year-olds that I'd like to compete against," said Arakelian, who is the third seeded among ten 16-year-olds who have qualified for the Trials in the 400 IM. "There aren't many going to the Olympic Trials, but there are still a few I'd still like to beat, guys who I have competed against at nationals."

Nick has set 36 individual state records dating back to his 11-12 age group days. He has also achieved 57 national top ten age-group rankings throughout the years with 18 of those times ranking him No. 1 nationally.

He also ranked first nationally as a 14-year-old in the IM Xtreme Challenge and has been invited to attend USA Swimming's Zone, National and Open Water select camps.

Nick has an eye on making the Junior National team, which follows in early August with a national qualifying meet in Indianapolis.

Standing 6 feet, 4 inches tall, Nick may be mistaken for being

a basketball player when he walks the halls of Stevenson High.

Ironically, he tried hoops as a youth, but quickly switched to swimming where he has opted out of competing for his high school team in favor of sticking with the same coach and same club 12 months a year.

"People are generally surprised before they figure out that we're nationally ranked and going to the Olympic Trials, and all this stuff," Nick said. "There's a lot more advantages training with the same coach all year-round and just a little more consistent with me."

Caroline blazed the trail in the pool for the Arakelian family, which also includes two younger sisters who are accomplished swimmers as well.

Swim family

Maria, 10, who is home schooled, set an age-group state title in the 400 freestyle in 4:54.36 (shattering the previous mark of 5:07), while Rebecca, 14, who will be a sophomore this fall at Stevenson, was a state age-group champion in the 200 breaststroke and 400 IM.

"We're very competitive with each other, Nick and I especially, and really all four of us are competitive," Caroline said. "Even if we're doing stuff as a family — family games, like outside — we always have to have some competitive game going on."

Like all young girls starting out, Caroline was first exposed to soccer.

"I could see she was not the aggressive type of girl," mother Carol Arakelian said. "She took her first swim lessons at the Livonia Y and she enjoyed it, and like competing."

Caroline, who now stands 5-11, quickly developed as competitive swimmer and has never looked back.

In 2010, she was a top eight finisher at the USA Swimming Short Course Junior National

Championships. That same year Arakelian was the Speedo Sectional Championships high-point winner and repeated her performance the following year in Indianapolis, Ind.

Arakelian's efforts in the pool earned her invitations to the USA Swimming's Zone Select Camp in May 2009 and the USA Swimming's National Select Camp in October 2010.

The standout swimmer, who turned down an offer from Ohio State to take advantage of a smaller school atmosphere, has performed just as well in the classroom earning Cum Laude recognition upon graduation. She was named Stevenson Student of the Month twice along with earning a spot in the National Honor Society. She plans to major in nursing at Queens.

Dedication

In 2007, Mike and Carol Arakelian decided to make the ultimate sacrifice for their children after Brockway took a new coaching position with Kingfish Aquatic, which is based out of Mott High School in Waterford.

During the past five years, the Arakelians drive 40 minutes each way for practices during the school year. And during the summers, it's double sessions, back-and-forth twice (including Sundays).

"I said as long as you give 100 percent and be the best you can, I'll make the commitment, but I made it clear it was their choice and their sacrifice, too," said Carol, who estimates the family's Toyota Prius has hit the 90,000-mile mark already. "By the time they leave the door and come back it's five hours a day, and in the summer it's nine hours."

After the Olympic Trials, Caroline said she'll be taking "a little break" before heading down to North Carolina where she'll continue her swimming career.

Among her long-range goals are to win an NCAA (Division II)

individual title and set her sights on the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

But a good showing in this year's Trials could be a springboard.

"My coach (Brad Brockway) kind of had the whole year structured differently," Caroline said of her 2012 training. "We went harder at the beginning of the year and now we're tapering down for Trials when usually in summers past we start our heavy training now for nationals in August."

That left little social time for Nick and Caroline.

"At the end of the day it's still worth it," Caroline said. "I still love the sport."

And Nick would also concur.

Busy schedule

"Pretty much any free time I get is spent trying to maintain a social life, hang out with friends that I really don't get to see that much because of swimming," he said.

Nick, an honor roll student at Stevenson, plans to continue his swim career in college after he graduates from high school in 2014.

"I really have to figure out my major before I lean toward a specific school," said Nick, whose favorite subjects are history and science. "There are a few schools down south or out west that I'm interested in. None of them can talk to me until July of my junior year."

Brockway, who has been coaching club swimming for 33 years, said swimming on the same stage as Phelps, Lochte, Schmitt and Coughlin can only be a benefit in the long run for the Arakelians.

"We're really looking forward to it," the Kingfish Aquatic coach said. "The kids have worked really hard to achieve at this level and it's really an honor to be able to participate in such a meet at this to be able to compete on a world stage, a

world-class meet that they'll be competing in.

"We have reasonable expectations. To make the Olympic team you pretty much have to be able to set a world record. Both of them are 18-and-under, so we're looking more toward the Junior National team.

There is a trip to Hawaii for the top two 18-and-unders to place at this meet. And at the end of the summer there's two other meets where they can qualify for Junior Nationals team membership and some other upcoming trips, so we're realistic in our approach. If we can get a second swim or a semifinal swim, that would be great. But to make the finals is going to be pretty, pretty tough."

Nick Arakelian believes he is also peaking at the right time and gives Brockway all the credit.

"It's a good relationship," Nick said. "You've got to really trust your coach, especially when you're tapering, you're not doing as many yards as you're used to... more technique and sprint work, and pace. So you've really got to have that trust relationship with your coach."

Brockway, who began coaching club swimming in 1979, said the Arakelians are a special breed.

"The main thing is their dedication to the sport," he said. "They really carve time out of their day to make sure they get they get their workouts in all the time. They watch their diet to make sure and all their extracurricular activities are all taken care of. They have real good time management skills. They came in did the work every day, day-after-day on a consistent basis. That's what is really key to the sport being consistent and establishing good habits all the time on a daily basis."

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Walk-off homer sinks Michigan Rams, 5-4

Chris Webberly belted a walk-off homer in the bottom of the ninth Wednesday night to give the Red Sox a 5-4 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League win over Michigan Rams in a game played at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

Webberly's blast came off Rams reliever Jake Baldwin, who entered the ninth with one out after taking over for Keith Paslean.

The Red Sox improved to 5-6 in league play, while the Rams fall to 8-6-1.

Jake Baldwin, who pitched three scoreless innings in relief of starter Chris Renaud, picked up the victory. Baldwin allowed just one hit and struck out three.

Renaud worked the first six innings, allowing four runs on five hits. He

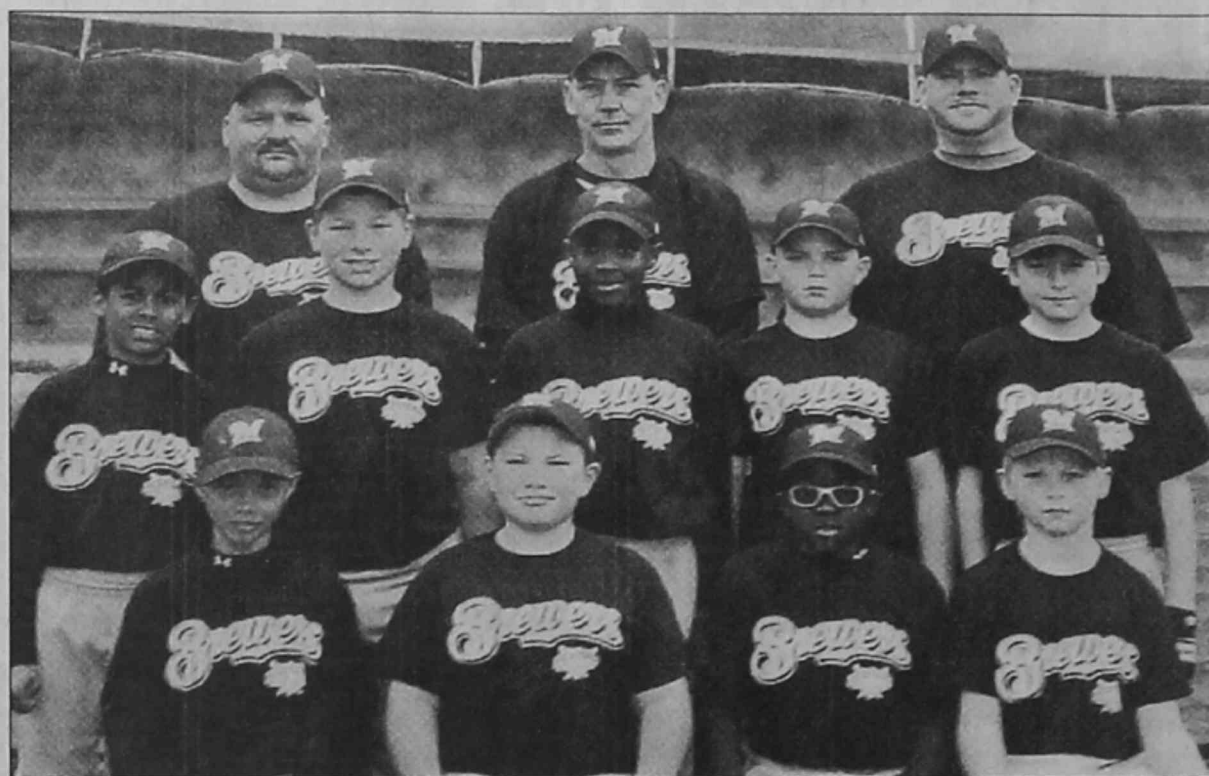
struck out four, walked one and hit two batters.

Jeff Sorenson (Livonia Stevenson/Wayne State) pitched the first 4.1 innings for the Rams. He gave up three earned runs on five hits and a walk while striking out eight before handing it over to Paslean, who was not charged with a run in three innings.

Brook Vosler went 3-for-4 with an RBI to lead the Red Sox nine-hit attack. Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill/Madonna University) added a solo homer, while Nolan Nunez also contributed two hits.

Trent Drumheller went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while J.P. Maracani also knocked in two runs for the Rams, who have dropped five of their last six games.

Brewin' up a title



The 10-and-under Redford Brewers recently finished off a 17-0 championship season in the Redford Little League. Pictured are (top row from left) manager Jason Cantrell, assistant coach Eric Thompson, assistant coach Steve Rakowski, (middle row from left) Domenik, Shane, Alstone, Jason, Owen, (bottom row from left) Ronald, Justin, L.J. and Jordan.

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WAITSTAFF

Pompon performers set to thrill the British

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

A Farmington Hills-based team will bring the sport of pompon to the world stage next month at the international "Big Dance" festival in London, England.

Mid American Pompon All Star Team is one of four U.S. groups invited to perform at the biennial festival that consists of more than 12,000 dance events and performances.

It's also likely to be the only pompon team that will participate in Big Dance, which is a part of pre-Olympic Game hoop-la this year.

"All of the other groups that will be there are dancers. We are traditional pom, which is very specific to Michigan. What we do is unique," said Julie Hobbs-Julian, a Northville resident and the team director. "They've asked us to do additional performances."

An invitation

Kidance produces performance events, including Big Dance, around the world. A staff member had seen the All Stars perform in conjunction with the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Ga., and invited the group to the international festival.

"It's the first international performance we've done and one of the largest," said Karen Blazaitis, who founded the All Stars 26 years ago. "Typically we perform at a bowl game, a parade and then we're done. But this is multiple performances over a week. I hope it will gain more exposure for the



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Jumps are a part of the group's routine, as are high kicks and precision dance moves.

sport of pompon and put a positive spin on how hard they work and on the beauty of their performances."

The 68 All Stars who will head to England on July 7 practiced their high kick routine, set to Coldplay's *Viva la Vida*, and their pompon number, backed by Adele's *Rolling in the Deep*, repeatedly last Monday as Hobbs-Julian and her staff watched and tweaked. It was the last of several six-hour rehearsals before both summer camp and the overseas trip.

Girls who hope to remain an All Star — or become a member — must audition for the troupe each summer at a Mid American Pompon

camp. They also must maintain membership on their high school's pompon team.

Enthusiastic response

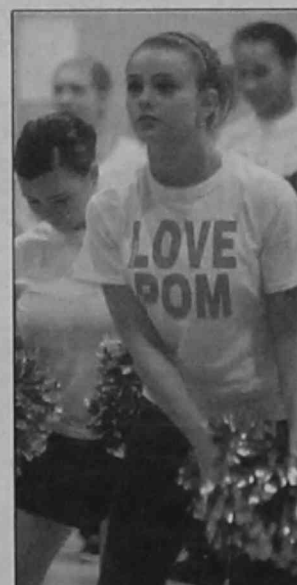
The All Star Team has approximately 200 members from across the state. Hobbs-Julian hoped at least 30 girls would be interested in the trip to England, which costs \$3,800 per participant. She was surprised and elated when 68 girls responded.

The group includes students from as far away as Midland and Bay City and as near as Plymouth, Livonia and Farmington Hills.

Please see POMPON, B7



Abby Dillatha, 16, of Plymouth rehearses a pom routine with the Mid American Pompon All Star Team.



Megan Crawford of Livonia rehearses a routine that Mid American Pom Pon All Star Team will perform next month in London, England.

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Bad operators: Do appliance rip-offs still occur?

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

I recently watched a television replay of a crook operating in Atlanta, Ga., and surrounding counties and it sure reminded me of the way it used to be in Michigan.

An appliance repair technician working under three different business names has ripped off six different customers and is suspected in many other cases. His name is Jonathan Davis, 37, who went to the home of Jennifer Cialella to repair her dishwasher. He had to order a part and needed the money up front to proceed with repairs. He collected \$240 and never returned to finish the repairs. At Claudia Morace's home he collected \$500 for the ordered part to repair her expensive kitchen range. Some days later he had the nerve to return and

ask for another \$124.00 to order another part. Claudia paid this amount as well and never heard from the service technician again.

Cases like this are coming out of the woodwork in the area and Mr. Davis is wanted by the law. He goes under the names of Apex Appliance, Atlanta Appliance and Triple Crown Movers. I'm sure he won't be coming to the State of Michigan because we have a law to protect us. It's called The Appliance Repair Act signed into law in 2002.

The above reminds me of years ago beginning in 1985 which seems so long ago. At that time the Attorney General

was receiving many complaints from homeowners who felt they were ripped off by service companies. A major newspaper wrote front page news stories on the subject with four full pages relating fraud cases perpetrated on consumers. These were horrible tales which absolutely killed the image of the appliance repair industry. On top of this, the local television industry jumped on this interesting subject and you would see the hidden camera scenario catching some crooks in the act.

For the following 15 years I was kept quite busy being the consumer advocate and helping with all the technical advice necessary to get the job done. It was exciting, nerve racking and dangerous, but I stayed the course until we had the law signed to help protect consumers from being ripped off.

Although long ago those days are still fresh in my mind. I remember my first meeting with Fred Hofferer who was then the right hand of Frank Kelly the Attorney General. He wanted me to act as a witness in a court case filed against a service company. He informed me that the AG's office suspected this company was part of organized crime. That was enough to make any consumer advocate a nervous appliance repairman.

Then came my first stand up meeting with former state Rep. Lyn Bankes' committee on a new proposed law in draft form. I stood in front of several state legislatures with cameras rolling and told of what average people were going through when they had appliances repaired. I was filled with emotion and my eyes welled and I prayed that a tear wouldn't roll down my

checks. My knees seemed to be weak and the change in my pocket was jingling all by itself. I went through many more meetings with different committees and each time I was less nervous. It took 17 years of gathering information and evidence to prove the facts and in 2002, John Engler signed the Appliance Repair Act.

Someday when my granddaughters answer to inquiries of their own children on the history of their great grandfather, I'm sure they will advise them to use the computer and look up The Joe Gagnon Appliance Repair Act. It will give them a description of why I stayed the course. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twm1.r.com.

School marks 40 years with events

In celebration of its 40th anniversary, New Morning School in Plymouth will offer special programs over the next 12 months, beginning with "brain-friendly" learning activities in July.

Brain-friendly learning was established by Jean Piaget, a Swiss developmental biologist, and is the cornerstone of New Morning School's preschool through 8th grade educational curriculum.

The goal of brain-friendly learning is to ensure sense and meaning in what children are learning so that information and educational activities are more likely to be stored in long-term memo-

ry and applied over one's lifetime.

Brain-friendly learning activities for children, along with information for parents, are free and open to the public. Sessions are 7:45 p.m. July 9 at the Novi Library, 45255 10 Mile, Novi; 7 p.m. July 10 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia; and 2 p.m. July 19 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.

New Morning School has taught 1,548 students over 40 years. An anniversary reunion for alumni, family and friends is planned for spring 2013.

REUNIONS

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CLASS OF 1957

55-year reunion, Sept. 21-22, at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, I-94 and Belleville Road. Informal gathering starts at 6 p.m., Friday. Social time, followed by dinner, starts at 5 p.m. For more information call Donna (Watkins) Gotts at (734) 331-9180 or e-mail to donnagotts@aol.com for more details.

CENTERLINE

CLASS OF 1977

35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. \$25 per person. E-mail to clhs1977@hotmail.com.

DEARBORN FORDSON

CLASS OF 1948

The January and June classes will hold a 64-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Listwan Kopelkin at (734) 421-1485.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS

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For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS

ROBICHAUD

CLASS OF 1962

A 50th class reunion is set for Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Send names, contact info and questions to robichaud62@yahoo.com. Invitations will be sent soon.

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.

1950S, 1960S

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DETROIT MUMFORD

CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion, 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Make reservations at www.mumford62.com.

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CLASS OF 1962

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POMPON

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Kristen Walczak, 16, of Farmington Hills, a Farmington High School junior, auditioned for the All Star Team after hearing about the trip. She has taken pom and dance classes since she was 8 years old, and joined her high school's pom team as a freshman.

"I thought it was an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experience and oh, I'm so excited about it," she said. "I love this because it's a huge dance festival happening just before the Olympics. But London, I'm really excited to go there."

Lauren Johnson, 17, a Southfield resident and a student at Birmingham Groves, said she cried when she heard about the trip.

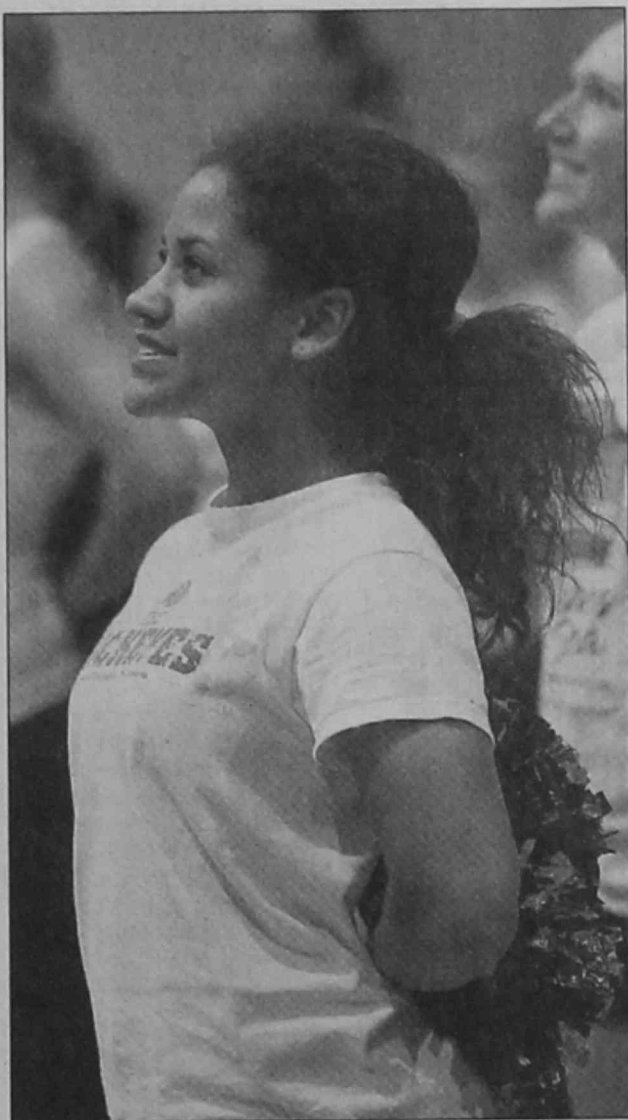
"I was really excited. They told us at the beginning of camp we had the opportunity to make All Stars and that they were going to be very selective," she recalled.

Lauren enjoys the parades, games and other performance opportunities that come with All Star Team membership.

Big events

The group has performed at the Thanksgiving Day parade in Detroit for several years. Its resume includes the Citrus Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Pistons victory parades, Detroit Tiger's pre-game show, Epcot Center and Sea World, as well as on Carnival cruises and other venues.

"When you come onto the Mid American Team there are a lot more people," said Megan Crawford, who will start her fourth year on the pompon team at Livonia Franklin in the fall. She has been an All Star for



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Leah Sheffield of Plymouth strikes a pose.

two years.

"All of these girls from a lot of different teams come together and it's great to see how when we're at (school) competitions we're against each other, but when we come here we're one big team," Megan said. We all come together nicely and we're all here because we love pom."

Callie Lehr, 18, of Plymouth, loves pom so much that she plans to join a collegiate level team this fall when she begins classes at Schoolcraft College.

"When you are performing you get this adrenaline rush," she said,

adding "Doing routines over and over builds your stamina."

The All Star Team will combine high kick and pompon routines into one six-minute number for Big Dance. They'll perform the piece at several locations. They also will be part of a mass dance routine promoting Olympic sports at Trafalgar Square and involved in dance workshops with the London Ballet Theatre.

"I think if we do our job and do it well, KI will remember us," Hobbs-Julian said. "If people are impressed, I think it absolutely will open other doors for us."

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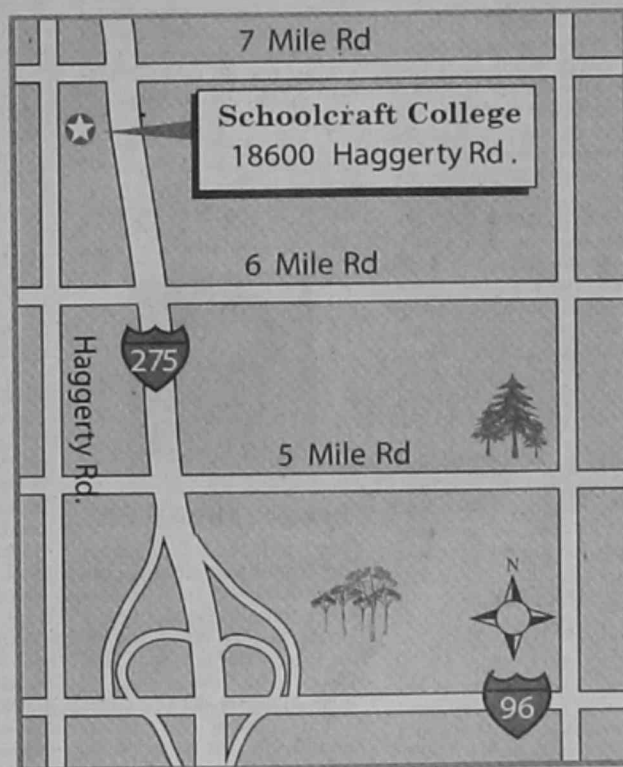
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Pianist to perform at Schoolcraft

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She'll play music by Beethoven, Kirchner, Liszt and Chopin.

Siciliano recently was invited by the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra and Andrews University Symphony Orchestra to perform as a solo artist. She has won many local and international piano competitions including the National MTNA Competition, Heida Hermanns International Competition, Iowa International Competition, Eastman Concerto Competition, and Uni-



Siciliano

versity of Michigan Concerto Competition. Active as a chamber musician, Siciliano was invited to perform with ensembles in the 2009 Fischhoff International Chamber Music Competition, and won prizes in the International Altenberg Piano Trio Competition.

She recently performed on WFMT classical radio station in Chicago, Ill., as soloist, and as chamber musician along with Eric Owens, a bass-baritone with Metropolitan Opera, Barbara Haffner, assistant principal cello of the Chicago Lyric Opera, and Yuan-Qing Yu, associate principal violin of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Trailwood Garden Walk

"Flowers are Forever Garden Walk" sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club in Plymouth runs noon-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 26. Cost is \$8 before the walk; \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets for children, 12 and under are half off. Strollers will not be permitted in the gardens. Buy tickets at Saxton's Garden Center, 587 Ann Arbor Trail, Backyard Birds,

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627 S. Main, and from Darlene Rinke, (734) 455-6867.

Country Garden Club The 19th Annual Garden Walk, sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 11. The tour includes six gardens. Other unique attractions include a garden market, live music, and refreshments at historic Mill Race Village. Proceeds from the event support charitable contributions to local and national horticultural causes. Tickets are \$10 at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main, Northville; (248) 380-8881. Limited tickets will be sold the day of the event and will cost \$12 at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Ave., Northville. Visit the Country Garden Club

of Northville website at <http://cgcnv.org>

English Gardens

• See free in-store presentations about growing perennials at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, at all stores except Ann Arbor and Brighton locations and 10 a.m., Saturday, June 30, at all stores.

• Learn to create a water garden at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 7.

• Learn how to care for your summer garden at a free presentation 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 and 10 a.m., Saturday, July 14.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

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ANTHONY, Ph.D.
JAMES L.

Age 65, passed away May 21, 2012 at his home in Northville, MI. He maintained his private practice of clinical psychology for 31 years in Canton, MI. Dr. Anthony is survived by his wife of 43 years Marilee, by three children and their spouses, Jason (Teresa) Anthony, Jessica (Ryan) Tye, Aimee (Lucas) Simpson and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Leah. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th at 11:00am with visitation to follow, at Concordia University Chapel of the Holy Trinity, 4090 Geddes Road in Ann Arbor. Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church of Trenton, MI or the National Leiomyosarcoma Foundation.

CORWIN,
WILLARD MILO
"BILL"

Age 76 of Coldwater MI died Friday June 15, 2012 in Coldwater. Bill was born August 20, 1935 in Plymouth MI to Lester and Mary (Mauck) Corwin. A Memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m.-Wed. June 21, 2012 at the Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater, MI. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Branch Co. MI. Visit www.gillespiefh.com to leave a message or condolences to the family.

DEKROUB,
JOSEPH CASSEM

Passed away June 17th surrounded by his large, loving family. Born June 25th 1918 in Highland Park, Michigan, Joe graduated from Plymouth high school in 1936 and received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Texas Chiropractic College in 1938. He served in the United States Air Force during WWII, as a pilot trainer. After the war he worked for Ford Motor Company until 1976 when he retired and resumed his chiropractic practice. A generous and devoted family man, Joe was also a terrific dancer, an enthusiastic golfer and an avid hunter and fisherman. Preceded in death by his parents Cassem Solomon DeKroub and Agnes Mandry DeKroub, sister Dorothy Sala, and first wife, Francis Dunn, he is survived by his wife Sheila DeKroub, daughters Paula Marie (Smith), Michele Ann (Monson), Linda June (Darwish), Lori Ann (Karides), and son Joseph Cassem DeKroub, Jr., as well as nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Donations to Henry Ford Hospice would be gratefully accepted. Services will be private.

DREWS,
THOMAS M.

June 16, 2012, Age 66 of Plymouth. Beloved son of the late George and Georgia Drews. Dear brother of Gerald (Phillips), Dennis (Patricia), Steven (Carrie) Drews and the late Gloria (Terry) Johnson. At Mr. Drew's request, cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation or services. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

GELDER,
MARTHA JOANN
(SKIP)

Age 78; of Bingham Farms, Michigan died June 17, 2012. She was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan on December 18, 1933 to Helen (Price) and Joseph Kindleberger. She was predeceased in death by her husband of 58 years, John W. Gelder. Surviving are her children William (Josephine), Mark (Carol Ann), Carolyn (Kevin), Cathryn, Kirsten - Denmark, Jan - Belgium; grandchildren are Adam, Matthew, Angela, John, Andrew, James, Matthew, Jacob, Amanda, Jessica, James (Bo); great-grandchildren are Mya, Addison, Briana, Nolan, DeLaney. Mrs. Gelder was a long-time member of the DAR, Michigan Performing Arts and the Birmingham Musicales. She devoted her life, love and gifts to her husband, children of all ages and needs and senior citizens. Skip loved to sing, garden, travel and spend time at Dream's End. Visitation and funeral services will be held at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple & Big Beaver). Visitation is Wednesday (June 20) at 4-8 p.m. Funeral Service is Thursday (June 21) at 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to Birmingham Musicales - Music Therapy Award, 3106 Harvard, Royal Oak, MI 48073 or First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills, 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

HADY, CARL J.

Of Leslie, MI; passed away June 19, 2012 age 70. Survived by his wife of 24 years, Gwen; one daughter, Michelle Hady; two granddaughters, Krista and Samantha; his mother, Marjorie Hady; one sister, Carole (Peter) Rochon; two nieces, Amanda and Jennifer; brother-in-law, Michael LaLonde. Carl served in the U.S. Coast Guard, worked for the Livonia Police Department and retired from Ford Motor Company. Per his wishes cremation has taken place and a memorial gathering will be held at the Holiday Inn of Jackson (2696 Bob McClain Dr., Jackson, MI) Saturday, June 30, 2012 from 4-7 P.M. Arrangements by Patience-Montgomery Funeral Home, 406 First St., Jackson, MI. www.patience-montgomery.com



HORDE, EDWARD C.

Age 91 June 21, 2012 of Garden City. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth. Loving father of Troy (Rose), Boice (Deborah), the late Edward, the late Wayne and the late Knute. Dear brother of Bob Walker and Roy Walker. Visitation Monday 12 Noon until 5 PM Funeral Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh (between Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Interment Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorials to the Disabled American Veterans would be appreciated.

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HENDERSON,
SCOTT PHILLIP

Aug 28, 1946 - Jun 16, 2012 Scott Phillip Henderson was born in Detroit, MI to Francis (Bill) Phillip and Mary Jane Henderson; and went to be with his Heavenly Father at the age of 65. He enjoyed his childhood with his parents and grandparents in Birmingham, MI. Scott attended grade school in Birmingham and graduated from Seaholm High School in 1965. After High School, Scott attended Michigan State University (he remained a true Spartan fan, wishing to be cremated in his Spartan jersey) and Oakland Community College, where he majored in Broadcasting. He started his Broadcasting career at the age of 22. If you lived in the Midwest you may have heard his amazing radio voice. He retired in 2011 after 43 years in the broadcasting business. Scott's great loves were his dogs: Red, Sweetie, and Pepper, model railroading, trains ("the real kind"), and music, playing his guitars, piano, and keyboards. Also singing and his car. Scott was a champion for sheltered animals and volunteered many hours helping to get animals adopted. He was also active in politics as a citizen, always writing and be-friending politicians to help make the county, state, or nation a better place. He also volunteered at the Union Pacific Museum. He leaves behind to remember him, his daughter Angela Wirbiec; his "heart" sister, Deb Swenson, her husband Bob, their daughters, Rachael Mitchell, and Kati Christensen, and their families; and some very special friends. A MEMORIAL GATHERING will be held Wednesday, June 20, at 11:30am in Scott's backyard at 16318 Josephine Street. Dress casually and bring a lawn chair. Lunch will be provided. Memorials can be made to Scott Henderson to help defray his medical expenses.

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JURGENSEN,
CHRISTINE

Age 89, of Farmington Hills, recently of East Lansing, died June 16, 2012, surrounded by her family. She was born on July 11, 1922 in Winchester, IL, the daughter of Albert and Mary Elizabeth Hosking. She was the beloved wife of the late Thor Jurgensen; loving mother of Karen (Robert Parks) Jurgensen, Karla (Shirdel Welsh) Jurgensen, and Lisa Jurgensen (Eric) Herman; devoted grandmother of Thor (Kerry) Sandell, Kierstin (Nicholas) Drzal, and Kelsi Herman; proud great-grandmother of Annika Drzal, Allison Drzal, and Ross Thor Sandell; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Other survivors include a sister, Clara (Gordon) Mathie, brother, William Hosking, brother-in-law, Robert Wade, and two sisters-in-law, Gerd Allor and Elsie Mercer. She was preceded in death by two of her sisters, Alberta (Robert) Wade and Mary (Gene) Kress. Christine made many dear friends as an active member of the Nordkap Lodge of the Sons of Norway, Scandinavian Women's Society, Swedish Club, Finnish Center Association, Scandinavian Symphony, League of Women Voters, Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, and numerous committees in the Farmington Village Cooperative. She was a former employee in the Trust Department of Comerica Bank. She graduated at age 65 with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. There will be a gathering of family members at her daughter's home. As Christine wished, no funeral services are planned.

NESBITT,
CAROLYN KIRK

June 17, 2012, age 86. Loving wife of the late Keith for 60 years. Devoted mother of Stephen, Teresa and the late Suzanne and David. Cherished grandmother of Robin. Funeral Wednesday 11a.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Tuesday 4-7p.m. Memorial tributes to Multiple Sclerosis Society or the American Diabetes Association.

View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com



PEMBER, DOROTHY

Of Portage, MI. Dorothy Pember, age 93, formerly of Birmingham died on Friday, April 20, 2012. Members of her family include her daughter, Karen Doubleday of Portage; 2 grandchildren and a great grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Pember. Graveside service was held on May 11 at the Acacia Park Cemetery. Funeral services will be held at 4 pm on Saturday, June 30, 2012 at the Life Story Funeral Home, Betzler-Kalamazoo, 6080 Stadium Dr. (800-822-7594). Please visit Dorothy's personal web page at www.lifestorynet.com, where you can leave a favorite memory or photo and sign online guestbook.



SCHADE
RUTH E.

Age 83 of Farmington Hills. Died June 19, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Robert C. for 54 years. Loving mother of Robert II (Laura), Peter (Geraldyn), and Stephen (Debbie) Schade. Cherished grandmother of Kathryn, Brittany, Sarah, Raymond, and Samantha. Dear sister of Margaret Connor. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, June 26th at 11:00 a.m. (in state 10:30) at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Visitation Monday 1-9 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave., (1blk W. of Farmington Rd.) downtown Farmington. Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society. www.thayer-rock.com

In memory of

IN MEMORY OF
JOHN R. HENSLEY
JUNE 16, 2009

John, Three years have passed without you. No one to share my thoughts, morning papers and coffee with. Now our son will be with you. I pray that there is life after death so I can join you and await our family reunion. Take care of each other. My love always, Joan

Milestones



Madeline Raine Noechel

Madeline Raine Noechel was born April 21, 2012 at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

She joins her parents, Jeffrey and Maryn Noechel, and siblings, Zoe, 6, and Ellie, 3, at home in South Lyon.

Grandparents are Bob and DJ Noechel of Livonia and George Emmert of Atlanta, Ga. Great-grandparents are Elly June Eaton of Flowermound, Texas and Marilyn Schrotenboer of Lake Placid, Fla.



Nuccitelli-Sanker

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nuccitelli of Farmington Hills happily announce the marriage of their daughter, Dana Noelle, to Kevin Sanker, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Sanker of Northville.

Dana graduated from Farmington High School in 2005 and from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business in 2009. She is employed by Ally Financial in Detroit as a senior financial analyst.

Kevin graduated from Brother Rice High School in 2004 and from Michigan State's Board College of Business in 2008. Kevin is employed by Quicken Loans in Detroit as an underwriter.

Their wedding is planned for August 2012 at St. Hugo's of the Hills Catholic Church, followed by a reception at Meadowbrook Country Club.



Repoz-Osdras

Kelly Jeanne Repoz and Stanley Robert Osdras announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Larry and Nancy Repoz of Livonia, graduated in 2003 from Livonia Stevenson High School and in 2007 from Michigan State University. She is employed by The Bank of Holland.

Her fiancé, son of Stanley T. and Cathie Osdras of Brighton, graduated in 2003 from Hartland High School and in 2007 from Grand Valley State University. He is employed by Enterprise Rent A Car.

An August 2012 wedding will be held in Grand Rapids.

May peace be
with you in this
time of sorrow.

Survey says: Adults name top four child health concerns

Obesity and bullying are among adults' top child health concerns, according to a national poll taken by the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

In a survey of more than 2,100 adults, participants selected the single most important child health issue from a list of 24 common child health concerns. Overall, they said they want presidential candidates to address childhood obesity, bullying, drug abuse and child abuse and neglect.

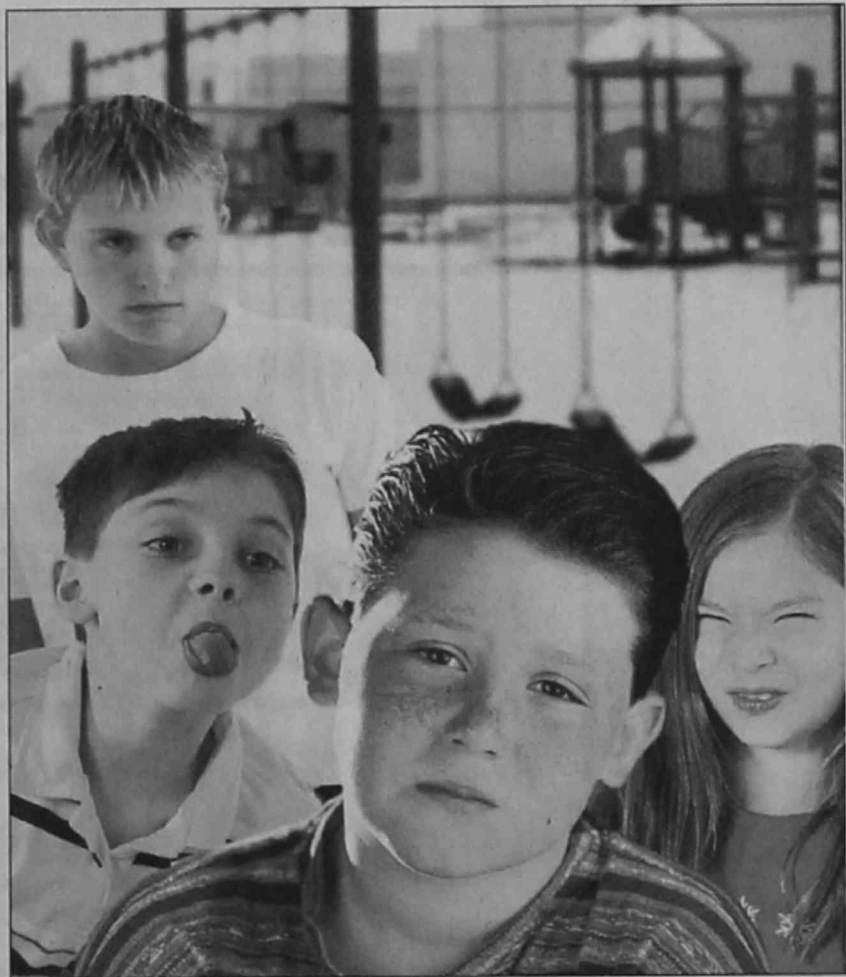
In the poll, about one in six adults — 17 percent — ranked childhood obesity first, and one in 7 — 15 percent — identified bullying as the top concern. Drug abuse was ranked highest by 11 percent and 8 percent chose child abuse and neglect. Together, these four priorities were the choice of over half of the adults polled.

Answers did not differ based on the respondents' political party affiliation or race/ethnicity.

"Healthcare reform is a major topic during this election season, but much of that focuses on uninsured adults and the costs of healthcare. The health of children usually is not the focus of the political talk," said Dr. Matthew M. Davis, director of the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health. But many serious health problems for adults stem from behaviors and patterns that begin in childhood, such as obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and depression, reinforcing the need for policies of early intervention, Davis said.

"By asking about children's health and health policy, we hope to bring the public's voice to the policymakers. We found that no matter their politics or race/ethnicity, adults in the US agree on these top child health priorities."

Davis is an associate professor in the Child Health Evaluation and Research Unit and the Divi-



sion of General Medicine at the U-M Medical School, and associate professor of Public Policy at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy.

He said the high ranking of childhood obesity is consistent with previous poll results and other national data, and reinforces the need for policies to help children and parents.

"The federal government is currently responsible for many programs that may have an impact on childhood obesity, like school lunches, encouragement of physical activity and subsidies for specific food items. But the pub-

lic is aware that more may be needed, and seems eager to hear from presidential candidates that they've made this a priority."

He said the public also recognizes that bullying, whether on the playground, at school or even online, also can lead to both immediate and lasting health problems for children.

"These are common issues that we can agree on, no matter your choice of presidential candidates. These four issues — childhood obesity, bullying, drug abuse and child abuse and neglect — were the choice of more than half of the adults that we polled.

Hospital offers recipe from health fair

What's so good about beans?

Visitors to the Senior Health & Fitness Fair last weekend at St. Mary Mercy Hospital learned about healthful ingredients — like beans — during a cooking demonstration.

Hussein Ammar, manager, food and nutrition services, showed seniors how to make Cumin-Lime Black Bean and Avocado Salad, a meal high in fiber and low in fat and salt.

"Nutrition at any age is important, but for seniors, healthy eating is the first step in preventative medicine and reversing the onset of ailments that comes with aging," said Mary Cuevas, a registered dietitian at the hospital.

She said individuals tend to lose muscle mass as they age, which is why the bean and avocado salad is a healthful choice for seniors. Beans contain protein that helps maintain muscle mass.

Nutrition was just one of many topics that physicians, experts and exhibitors explored with seniors at the fair. The event on Saturday, June 16 drew approximately 200 individuals.

Cuevas said the Cumin-Lime Black Bean and Avocado Salad is "packed with flavor and nutritional value."

Here's Ammar's recipe:

Cumin-Lime Black Bean and Avocado Salad

Servings: 4

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 0 minutes

Level of difficulty: Easy

Ingredients:

½ small uncooked red onion, thinly sliced
¼ cup fresh lime juice

1 tablespoon olive oil

½ teaspoon table salt

½ teaspoon cumin seeds

15 ounces canned black beans (rinsed and drained)

1 medium avocado, diced

1 cup grape tomatoes, halved

8 cups lettuce, green leaf, roughly torn

12 items baked low-fat tortilla chips, very coarsely crumbled

Instructions:

In a large bowl, combine onion, lime juice, oil, salt and cumin seeds; let stand 10 minutes, tossing occasionally, until onion starts to wilt.

Add beans, avocado and tomatoes to bowl; gently toss to mix and coat.

Line each of 4 plates with 2 cups of lettuce; top each with

¼ cup of bean salad and 3 crumbled chips.

Yields 1 salad per serving. Nutrition

Facts per serving: 215

calories, 11 g fat, 16

g carbohydrates, 320

mg sodium, 8g fiber, 6

g protein.



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Healthcare Jobs Are Growing Fastest

With an aging population and new innovations in medical diagnosis and treatment, healthcare jobs are growing faster than in any other field. An aging population needs more health services while healthcare innovations increase the use of medications and the demand for treatment facilities.

Even though healthcare provides job opportunities both to health services professionals and others such as accountants, personnel officers, buyers, computer programmers and food service personnel, the emphasis in this article is on health services professionals.

Health Services Professionals

Health services require both professionals with advanced training and technicians with different kinds of operational skills. We look at the range of healthcare jobs in this market. This is more an indicative list rather than an exhaustive one.

~ Physicians, dentists, chiropractors, optometrists and veterinarians are professionals who require varying levels of training

~ Technologists and technicians in clinical laboratory, EEG, EKG, nuclear medicine, radiology and surgical work

~ Health technicians like dental hygienists, dispensing opticians and emergency medicine technicians

~ Dietitians and nutritionists, occupational, physical, recreational and respiratory therapists and

speech pathologists

~ Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians

~ Registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nursing aides and psychiatric aides

~ Home care nurse, health aides, medical assistants and social workers

~ Medical billing specialist, coding specialist, patient account representative and insurance claims/reimbursement specialists

~ Medical records technicians

~ Medical transcriptionists

As would be immediately evident, the field is quite extensive, and could extend further with new innovations in diagnosis and treatment.

Healthcare Jobs Information Resources

Each of the healthcare jobs requires specialized training, certification and licensing. Being a matter of life and death, unlicensed practitioners are not allowed to work in healthcare fields. Licenses are granted by different states in the USA, and each state has its own licensing regulations.

There are many sources for information on healthcare jobs.

The US Department of Labor publishes projected demands for different kinds of labor. Similar projections might be published by the healthcare industry also. These projections can help you select a healthcare job that is in line with your



inclinations and also promises a growing demand.

Then there are numerous career centers, on the ground and on the Web, which will provide you information about each job. You can get information on:

What the job involves. A description of the work that the job involves.

Qualifications needed to be hired, and details of education and training needed to acquire the qualifications

Training institutions and admissions procedure

The formalities regarding certifications and licensing, such as the need

for internship

Career progression paths indicating the potential for growth in job satisfaction and earnings

Current earnings levels in each healthcare job

Associations of healthcare professionals and technicians

These career centers also interview persons engaged in each occupation and publish the interview details. These published interviews portray life in each profession, the kind of satisfaction it can provide, and give you a more realistic picture of what to expect if you choose it.

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Tamarack Camps is looking for a year round Community Nurse! 3 days/week in W. Bloomfield during school year, and full time at Camp Maas in Ortonville during the summer. RN required, exp in public health, comm. health, school or pediatric nursing preferred. For more information, visit jvsdet.org. Please e-mail resumes to Melissa Morof: mmorof@jvsdet.org.



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- Administrative Assistant to the Foundation
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- 8 Pear-shaped fruits
- 12 Team cheer
- 13 Yaks and gaurs
- 14 Romantic deity
- 15 Scrap
- 17 NASCAR broadcaster
- 18 Galaxy shape
- 19 Joined together
- 21 MS polishers
- 22 Flip-chart stands
- 26 Brawl
- 29 Subzero comment
- 30 Encyclopedia bk.
- 31 Joie de vivre
- 32 Squad car driver
- 33 Art —
- 34 Frat letter
- 35 Yo!
- 36 Hawk's refuge
- 37 Foresight

- 39 Season opener
- 40 Assembled as a group
- 41 Luxury fur
- 45 Catherine — Jones
- 48 Suspended the hearing
- 50 Psyched up
- 51 Sorrowful cry of despair
- 52 Fail to keep up
- 53 No longer present
- 54 Clump of fluff
- 55 Goodall subject

DOWN

- 1 Kennel sounds
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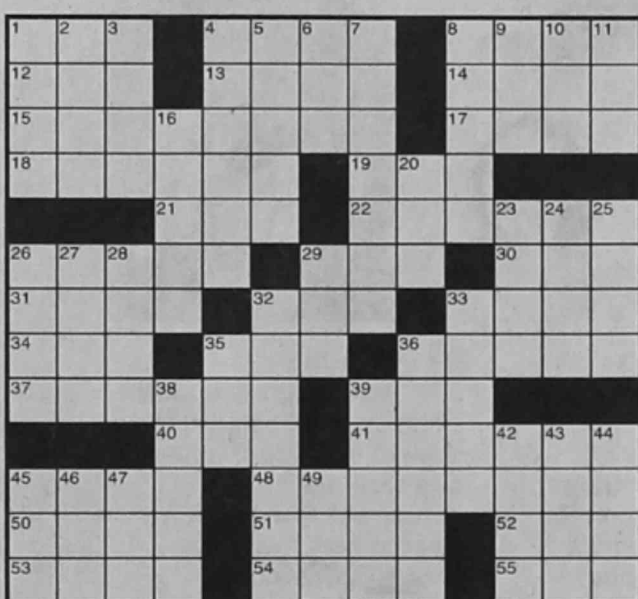
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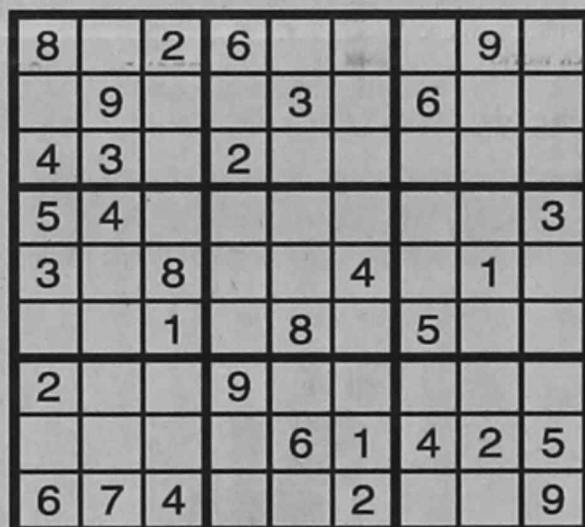
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- 32 Like some air-conditioning
- 33 Judges
- 35 Weed whacker
- 36 Citizen's —
- 38 Mind's picture
- 39 Praline nut
- 42 Cuba, to Castro
- 43 Third-quarter tide
- 44 Move inch by inch
- 45 Opposite of zig
- 46 It may be fragile
- 47 Freight weight
- 49 Yale athlete



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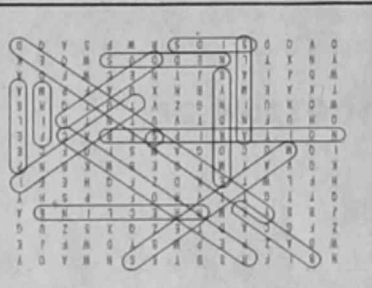
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Sateen Gray, 10K, LT &
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Blue Haze, LT, ABS, and
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Van burgundy cloth, great
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AVENGER 2008 SXT Very
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Auto, Full Power, Only 27K
Miles. 12T9419A. \$11,988

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Hemi, V8 Gray, Very clean-
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NITRO SXT 4WD
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Fully Inspected w/warranty.
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cruise, CD, anti-lock brakes,
pw, 1 owner, ps, am-fm
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FLEX LTD AWD 2009
12T8021A, Auto, AC, Leather,
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FOCUS 2012
12C8490A, Certified Auto, Air,
Full Power, Only 10,000
Miles. \$18,988

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FOCUS SE 2010
12C8691A, Certified Auto,
Air, Full Power, Only 6,000
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Gray, 83K, Nice Car \$9,395

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NEW 2012 Ford F150 SuperCab 4X4 24 Month Lease



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VIN 1FDGA37125

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\$18,988*

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