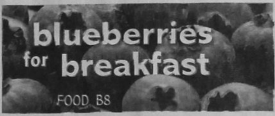

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Charity run

A coalition of local churches, including Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth and Resurrection Parish in Canton, help host "Run Some Mora" Saturday, Aug. 18, in Gallup Park in Ann Arbor.

The event includes a one-mile dash, followed by a 10K run and a 5K run/walk. The course is flat and fast and will be officially timed. Participants are encouraged to register in advance online at www.RunSomeMora.com or may register on site the morning of the race. Water and sports drinks will be provided on the course and food will be available at the finish line.

All the profits from the race will be donated to La Mora Medical Clinic in El Salvador.

'Team' effort helps incumbent trustees

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton Township trustee incumbents who fought off two challengers in Tuesday's primary say they benefitted after their separate campaigns evolved into a slate of candidates.

In the waning weeks of the township board race, GOP incumbents Pat Williams, John Anthony and Greg Demopoulos campaigned as an unofficial team with former Supervisor Tom Yack — a move they believe boosted their efforts.

"It evolved into a slate" along with

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PRIMARY RESULTS

The following are unofficial vote totals on how residents of Canton voted.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Trustee	
√Tom Yack	3,735
√Pat Williams	3,389
√John Anthony	3,500
√Greg Demopoulos	3,154
Deborah Whyman	2,404
Joe Cafarelli	1,858

Top four advance to November election

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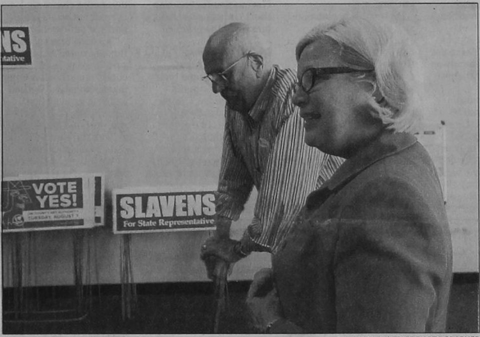
Canton Township Trustee John Anthony works the polls at St. John Neumann Parish.



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Longtime U.S. congressman John Dingell paid a visit to Democratic Headquarters in Canton to thank Dian Slavens' volunteers for their work on the campaign. Slavens won her primary race easily.

Price, Amar to face off for county seat

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

And then there were two.

After convincing victories in their respective primary races for the newly drawn Wayne County Commission 10th District, Republican Shannon Price and Democrat James Amar can now prepare for November's general election.

Area vote totals, A7.

Price, the longtime political consultant who now works for Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, carried all three communities — Canton Township, the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township —

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Slavens cruises to primary win

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Riding a tidal wave of Democratic support in Tuesday's primary, 21st District state Rep. Dian Slavens of Canton faces a Republican opponent in the Nov. 6 election whose views appear sharply opposed to hers on issues such as education.

After garnering tenfold the primary votes of Democratic challenger Kiz Ahamiojie of Belleville, Slavens now faces Republican nominee Joseph Barnabei, who bills himself as a longtime Van Buren Township resident who supports smaller government, less taxes and conservative values.

PRIMARY RESULTS

The following are unofficial vote totals on how area residents voted.

	Van Buren	Belleville	Canton
√Slavens	1,886	272	3,313
Ahamiojie	263	24	240

Slavens, seeking her third and final two-year stint due to term limits, has repeatedly

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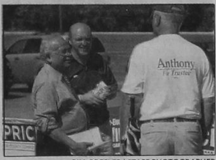

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Dr. Syed Taj, candidate for U.S. House, Wayne County Commission candidate Shannon Price and John Anthony, incumbent candidate for Canton Township board, waited for voters at St. John Neumann Parish. Price won the Republican nomination for the newly drawn 10th District seat.

Local Sikhs shocked by Wisconsin shooting

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Local Sikhs, shocked after a U.S. Army veteran killed six Sikhs inside a Wisconsin temple, say they are peaceful, religious people who love the United States and believe this country will stand up against domestic terrorism.

"We love America as much as anybody else," said TejKiran Singh, board member of the Canton-based Gurdwara Sahib Singh Sabha of Michigan on Canton Center Road. "We will do anything for America. We love it more than our life even. Nobody can change our love and pride for America."

Singh said Canton Police have assured the local Sikh community that patrols will be increased in the aftermath of the Wisconsin shootings by accused gunman Wade Michael Page, identified by police as a white supremacist.

On a day of worship, local Sikh leaders tried Sunday not to frighten a crowd that typically reaches the 300 mark inside the Canton Center gurdwara.

"We were really, really shocked to hear about the shootings," Singh said. "At first we heard that people had been shot

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Local doctor puts in Olympic effort

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

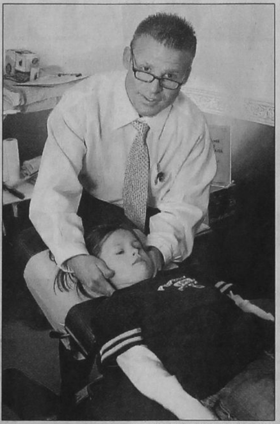
His patients will have to forgive Dr. Kenneth Stopa, a Northville chiropractor, for being a little bleary-eyed the last couple of weeks.

Stopa, a Canton resident who opened his practice in downtown Northville 13 years ago, has been staying up late nights, watching NBC's tape-delayed coverage of the 2012 Olympic Games from London.

Stopa has a higher interest level than most, having worked with many of the athletes during a two-week stint serving as a medical consultant at the U.S. Olympic training center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Stopa was invited to be part of the medical team after acquiring certification as a diplomate from the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians.

After applying for the spot through the program at his college, Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, Stopa was chosen to help treat Olympic athletes training in a variety of sports.



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Dr. Kenneth Stopa, a Canton resident who opened his chiropractic practice in Northville 13 years ago, is certified as a diplomate by the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians.

Everyone wins

"That's my way of serving my country," said Stopa, who had to leave his practice for the Jan. 25 to Feb. 8 stint in Colorado. "If I can get there and make a difference, that's what I want to do. (Athletes) do what they do, and (doctors) do what we do. If you can blend it all together, the USA wins."

To get certification Stopa, the only diplomate in the state, had to attend a minimum of 300 hours of postgraduate education. The instruction is specific to evaluating physical fitness and the assessment and treatment of injuries encountered in sports. There are also written and hands-on exams as part of the process.

While in Colorado Springs, Stopa said he worked with "all the athletes in all the sports," putting in 12- to 16-hour days as a norm. The doctors treated injuries and handled emergency situations, as well. He said most of the treatments were for injuries to joints such as shoulders, knees and hips.

He said his background as a board-certified sports physician and a chiropractor was attractive to Olympic organizers because "the paradigm has shifted" in terms of medical treatment. In fact, according to Stopa, the last two medical directors for the Olympic training centers have been chiropractors.

That's because, he said, while treatment may have formerly consisted of surgery, with the accompanying drug therapies, athletes nowadays are looking for less-invasive ways to stay in the pool, on the mat or on the court.

Busy doctors

"(Athletes) want the least-invasive procedures," Stopa said. "They don't want surgery and drugs that might affect their eligibility. The list of banned drugs is a long one. You can't even take cough syrup. If you are a medical doctor, and your treatment includes surgeries and drugs, you're going to get the athletes in trouble."

Chiropractic care, Stopa said, is "big" with Olympic athletes, who are looking for an edge over the competition. It keeps the doctors hopping.

"You work long hours, and you're not just standing around watching the athletes," Stopa said. "You take care of everything, and you have to be ready. I was working hard, because once they know you're doing adjustments, they're all coming around."

DOCTOR TO THE ATHLETES

Who: Dr. Ken Stopa
Where: Main Street Family Chiropractic Center, 109 W. Main in Northville
What: Spent two weeks (Jan. 25 to Feb. 8) working with Olympic athletes at the Olympic training center in Colorado Springs, Colo.
Contact: Reach Stopa by calling (248) 735-9800 or visit www.drstopa.com

The diplomate certification is also helping him with his practice, which draws patients from Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and surrounding areas. Stopa, who captained the Salem High School wrestling team (he graduated with the Class of 1990), is an athlete himself, having done karate as a youngster.

He treats amateur and professional athletes now, including some mixed martial arts fighters. His passion for treating sports injuries has helped him build the practice.

More training

"Being an athlete myself, I've found non-invasive treatments worked for me," Stopa said. "If I can be a part of that shift in the paradigm, I want to do that."

His patients are beginning to notice the certification, which is posted on his website (www.drstopa.com).

"People notice it on the website, and they mention it when they call," said Christine Gutierrez of Livonia, the assistant office manager who has been with Stopa 10 years. "It helps (patients) to know (Stopa) has that additional training."

Athletes he treated have spent the last two weeks winning medals of all colors. When the Olympics close Sunday, Stopa will have watched all he can, and done so with an intimate knowledge of what those athletes have gone through to get where they are, and a pride that he helped them in whatever way he could.

"You just feel proud (of them) because you know what they went through to get there," Stopa said. "They sacrificed everything. And to have helped them ... you're proud of that."

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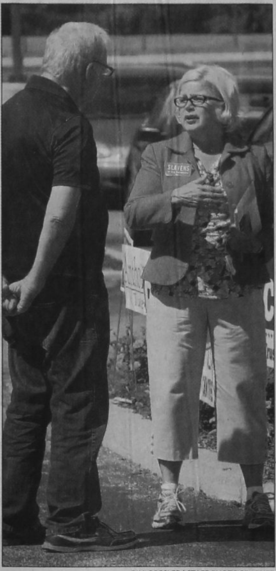
Dr. Kenneth Stopa spent two weeks this winter working with athletes at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.



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State Rep. Dian Slavens speaks with a voter at the polls located at St. John Neumann.

SLAVENS

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demanded that state leaders ratchet up their support for public education.

"We need to get school funding right," Slavens said Tuesday night. "The cuts to our schools are just unconscionable. We need to invest in education."

Barnabei, on his website, has said more money isn't the answer to the state's education woes.

"We must demand more education for the money, not more money for education," said Barnabei, who was unopposed in Tuesday's GOP primary.

Easy win

Slavens advanced to the Nov. 6 election after an overwhelming victory in Tuesday's primary. She garnered 5,471 votes compared to Ahamiojie's 527 in unofficial vote tallies from Canton and Van Buren townships and Belleville.

Slavens captured 93.1 percent of the Democratic vote in Canton and easily defeated Ahamiojie in Van Buren and Belleville. She attributed her decisive victory to a responsive legislative staff and a loyal voter base that has repeatedly supported her.

"The 21st District is just a great community," Slavens said. "I represent a lot of good people."

In all, 20 percent of Canton's 61,753 registered voters cast ballots in Tuesday's primary.

As she looks to the Nov. 6 contest, Slavens cited issues such as boosting education funding, adopting a package of ethics legislation in the aftermath of a failed Republican attempt to rig a state House race in Grand Rapids and convincing businesses to hire more employees to boost the state's economy.

Slavens said elimination of the former Michigan Business Tax has failed to create the jobs Republicans said it would.

Looking ahead

Barnabei, a former Ford Motor Co. assembly worker who now works in a staffing industry to help people with careers, has called for creating a business climate that provides incentives for entrepreneurs to start new companies.

Barnabei also has urged more incentives allowing businesses to compete with "cheap labor" overseas.

Slavens and Barnabei are at odds over abortion and women's reproductive rights.

Slavens supports a woman's right to choose and has opposed Republican legislation she has said could limit women's access to a wide range of medical services.

Barnabei couldn't be reached for comment, but he said on his website that he "will always vote in favor of life and will do everything I possibly can to be a voice for the unborn."

Slavens said she remains confident she will retain the high level of support she has enjoyed in the 21st District as the November election looms.

"I'm very honored by the community's support," she said.

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CORRECTION

A photo included with the *Observer*'s coverage of the Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township made reference to "Cadillac fins" being everywhere at the event. The caption should have pointed out the cars in the photo were all Chryslers.

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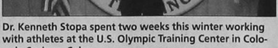

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and there might be hostages. We were scared to death."

Sikh leaders then learned six Sikhs and the gunman had been killed. Singh and others were in contact with other metro Detroit gurdwaras.

Singh said the Canton community sends a message to Wisconsin Sikhs that "we are with them."

The reaction was nearly identical at the Plymouth-based Gurdwara Sahib, which draws some 300 people from around the area to Sunday worship.

Mandeep Singh, a member at the Plymouth Sahib since 2003, said the shooting caught local Sikhs by surprise.

"It was completely unexpected," Mandeep Singh said. "Every religion teaches us to treat everybody equally, same as ours. We respect others and others are supposed to respect other religions."

Though he's never witnessed anything on this scale, Mandeep said other, smaller and, in some ways, more personal incidents have happened to him. Most of them, he indicated, are born out of ignorance.

"People will show you a finger, or they'll say, 'Hey, Taliban,'" Mandeep said. "They totally relate terrorism to the turban. We have been misidentified by a lot of (ignorance). ... We have been identified as if, 'They wear turbans, they are Al Qaeda.'"

Sapreet Kaur, executive director of the national Sikh Coalition, issued a statement saying Sikhs "want to thank Americans of all faiths and backgrounds for standing with the Sikh community in deploring this act of violence."

Kaur also asked for support for Sikhs "who are both grieving this great loss and fearful of similar hate aimed at their family members and places of worship."

Sikhs who worship at the Canton Center gurdwara have reached out to the larger community in the past by offering open houses and by becoming involved in activities such as a multi-denominational Interfaith Community Outreach health fair that offered free medical screenings.

Yet many Sikhs say they have struggled to be understood since they were mistakenly associated with the 9/11 terrorists. They say some people simply aren't aware of customs such as Sikh men wearing long hair, beards and turbans as religious attire.

Singh said Sikhs, though they are tolerant and peaceful, are often mistaken as members of the Taliban.

"We are entirely different," he said. "Our religion is entirely different. We have nothing in common. We have the same feeling about (the Taliban) as anyone else. We are a peaceful community."

Sikhism is a monotheistic faith founded in South Asia more than 500 years ago, and it has roughly 27 million followers worldwide. Most are in India, though an estimated 500,000 Sikhs live in the United States.

A typical service for Sikhs consists of meditation and singing in a prayer room, where worshippers remove their shoes and sit on the floor. They gather afterward for a community meal.

Numerous religious groups offered support this week for the Sikh community, including the Council on American-Islamic Relations, which issued a statement saying Muslims "condemn this senseless act of violence, pray for those who were killed or injured and offer sincere condolences to their loved ones."

Sikhs are often mistaken as Muslim because of their attire, though the two religions are different. Both have been the target of hate crimes, and one Sikh man was shot dead in Arizona not long after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Canton-based Sikhs have repeatedly reached out to the larger community in an effort to educate others about their faith. Singh said there are some people who refuse to learn because "they have their mind-set."

However, Singh said he is hopeful most people in Canton and across the country will understand that the Sikh community is peaceful and wants to live in harmony with others.

"This is not a country which will cave to terrorism," he said.

Staff writer Matt Jachman contributed to this report.

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Township welcomes local Olympian

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton will welcome home its own Olympic swimming star, multiple medal winner Allison Schmitt, during a celebration Tuesday in Heritage Park, township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

The free event honoring Schmitt and her achievements has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Heritage Park Amphitheater next to Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Barring an unexpected snag, LaJoy said, "she's going to be there."

Specific details were still being worked out Tuesday.

"It is going to be a big deal," LaJoy said. "The public is welcome."

If bad weather forces the celebration indoors, it will be held in Summit on the Park's gymnasium, LaJoy said.

Schmitt earned five Olympic medals — three of them gold — during the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

LaJoy had confirmed last week that a celebration would be scheduled.

"We're hoping to have a big celebration in the community to welcome home our Olympic star," he said.

Schmitt, a Canton High School graduate, has won accolades for her Olympic swimming skills.

Mosque offers free program

The Muslim Community of Western Suburbs has extended an offer to the public to attend a free program and dinner, or Iftār, that refers to an evening meal when Muslims break their fast during the month of Ramadan.

The MCWS Outreach Committee has set the event for 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Canton Mosque, 40440 Palmer Road at Lotz. The meal is scheduled for 8:34 p.m.

The invitation and ways to sign up can be found at www.breakfastatsunset.eventbrite.com. More information also is available by sending an e-mail to mcwsoutreach@gmail.com.

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Services set for Canton drowning victim

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Funeral services are scheduled this week for a Canton woman and a Westland man whose bodies were recovered Sunday from Belleville Lake after being reported missing the night before.

Heather Nicole Hill, 20, and Eric Wayne Rose, 28, of Westland have been identified by Van Buren Township police as the pair whose bodies were recovered Sunday by a dive team.

According to authorities, a third person who had accompanied Hill and Wayne told police they had been to the beach in the park and had walked along a sandbar before getting onto a boat anchored in the area.

Authorities believe Hill and Rose drowned after they became disoriented in the dark after leaving the boat and trying to walk back to the park. The third person contacted police after realizing his friends were in trouble, prompting a search.

Hill was the daughter of Dana Cowell and Paul Hill, Jr. She also is survived by a grandmother, Debbie Cowell, a grandfather, Roger Caldwell, aunts and cousins.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. today (Thursday) at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Road, in Westland.

Rose was the son of Ronald and Christine Rose. He also is survived by brothers Paul Rose, Marc Rose and Michael Rose and a grandmother, Wanda (Allen) Rose.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. today (Thursday) and noon to 8 p.m. Friday at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, 30895 W. Huron River Drive in Flat Rock.

Service is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Church.

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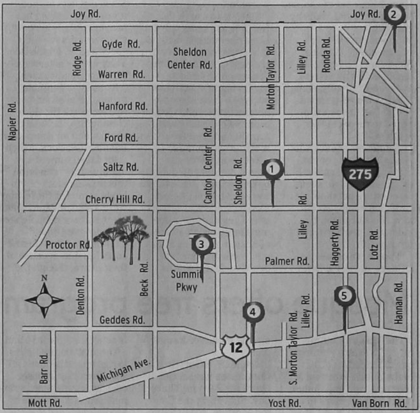

Salon break-in

1 The In-Style salon on Cherry Hill Road just east of Sheldon was broken into sometime prior to 8:45 a.m. Friday, a Canton police report said.

Police received a call of the incident and arrived to find the glass in the front door had been shattered, the report said. The owner had locked the door before leaving the store the previous evening.

An undisclosed amount of money was missing. Police found a cash register near an area where a Dumpster was housed.

Anyone who has information about the incident is asked to contact Canton Police at (734) 394-5400.

Home invasion

2 Police went to the Canton Crossings apartment complex southeast of Joy Road and I-275 after receiving a report that a 36-year-old man's residence had been the target of a home invasion sometime prior to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1.

According to a police report, the man came home and found his door wide open. It has been closed and locked before he went to work at 11 a.m., but he found it had been kicked in or pushed in.

The police report indicated that various electronics items had been stolen.

Stolen car returned

3 A 59-year-old Canton man got his stolen car back after Canton police issued a bulletin about the vehicle and Saline authorities spotted it, a police report said.

The man told police he noticed his 2008 silver Ford Edge with chrome wheels had been stolen from his home on Elmwood, southwest of Palmer and Canton Center, when he started to leave for work shortly before 5 a.m. Sunday.

The man said he had last seen the vehicle about 11 p.m. the previous night.

Canton police issued an alert for other law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout for the vehicle — then later received notification from Saline police that the car had been recovered in that community.

Authorities located two youngsters, ages 17 and 15, who allegedly had the vehicle.

The investigation was continuing. A police report indicated the car wasn't damaged.

Drug arrest

4 A Canton police officer on patrol noticed a white Cadillac Escalade changing lanes without signaling on eastbound Michigan Avenue near Sheldon, a police report said.

After the female driver looped around to head west on the avenue, police initiated a traffic stop and arrested the woman for possession of a controlled substance and a violation of driving with a restricted license.

The incident happened shortly before 3 a.m. Monday.

According to the police report, the woman had been convicted twice in the past for drug-related incidents in Ann Arbor. She told police she knew her license had been suspended, the report said.

The woman told police she was going home from a friend's house where she had watched a movie and had two glasses of wine. A police report said she refused a sobriety test, but police found pills on her with no proof of the prescription.

She was placed under arrest but later released with a $300 cash bond, the report said.

Wrong name

5 Canton police arrested a 24-year-old Westland man after stopping his motorcycle and being given a false name, a police report said.

The traffic stop occurred shortly after 10:30 p.m. Friday on northbound Haggerty Road just south of Michigan Avenue.

The police report indicated the man was stopped for not having a working headlight. He allegedly lied about his name and ended up with a citation for providing false information.

Police also learned the man had a warrant for his arrest out of Livonia for an unrelated incident.

Warrant pick-up

Canton police arranged to pick up a woman who had been arrested in Jackson County after receiving a call that she was wanted by the Western Wayne Narcotics Unit for outstanding warrants, a police report said.

Police received notification of the Belleville woman's arrest around 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

According to a police report, the woman had a felony warrant for possession of dangerous drugs in Romulus. She also was wanted in Ypsilanti for operating while impaired and possession of cocaine, the police report said.

The woman had a bench warrant out of Wayne for failing to appear in court for not having a valid driver's license.

Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Date/Time: Sunday-Thursday, Aug. 19-23, 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church hosts Vacation Bible School, including Adventures on Promise Island, where kids discover God's lifesaving love. There will be bible stories, crafts, snacks, games, music, skits, and more. For children 4 years old - 5th grade. Registration on or by Aug. 12 is $5 per child or $10 maximum per family. Registration after Aug. 12 is $8 per child or $15 maximum per family.

Contact: Call the church office at (734) 495-0035.

TINY TOTS

Location: The Salvation Army Plymouth, 9451 S. Main

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Contact: Sheila Johnson, preschool director, (734) 453-5464, Ext. 27, or email sheila_johnson@usc.salvationarmy.org

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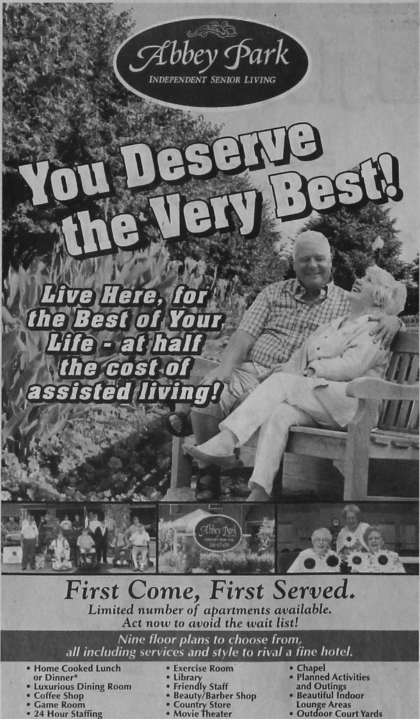

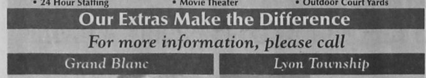

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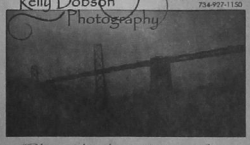

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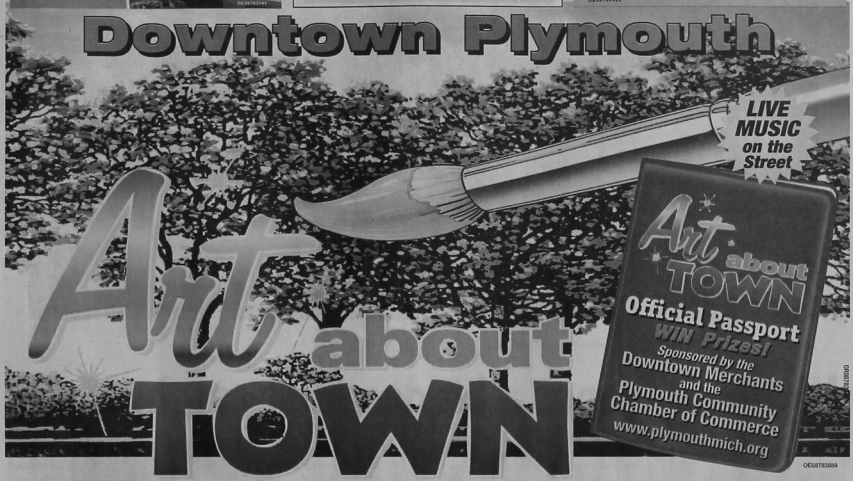

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John Tracy, of Wayne, tosses the hammer in the amateur competition.

Highland Games a hit despite heat, humidity

It was hot and humid Saturday, but that didn't stop an estimated 10,000 people from enjoying the Highland Games at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

"We had a good crowd out there. We were very pleased," chair Cathy Hasse said, adding the crowd was about the same size as in past years. "Things went really well despite the heat and high humidity."

The Highland Games have been presented by St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, the oldest benevolent organization in Michigan, for 163 years, the past 13 at Greenmead. The group was founded to help Scots new to the area assimilate.

The games include a bagpipe competition, tug-of-war, Highland dancing and heavy athletic contests like the popular caber toss and stone put.

The event raises about $20,000 annually. "It is a fund-raiser; all the money goes to charity," Hasse said, except for a small portion of seed money to fund the next year's event.

Money is given to national, Scottish and local charities. The group has a large scholarship program to promote the Scottish arts. Each month the organization takes on a special cause such as Toys for Tots, the Clothes Closet of Children's Hospital of Michigan and packing boxes for the American troops overseas.

Hasse said the attendees came in shorts and tank tops, but the bagpipers were "out there in full wool uniforms."

"They all made it through," she said.

The winner of the solo piping competition, Jacob Mack of Dearborn, even won again for the sixth year in a row. (Other winners are expected to be posted on the group's website, www.highlandgames.com)

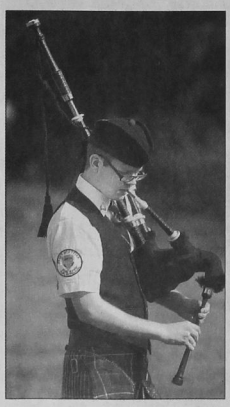
Hasse said the Highland Games will be back in Livonia again next year. "We like our venue in Livonia; we're pleased to be back there."

— By Karen Smith

Ethan Perry is from Redford.

The Parade of Clans.

Madelyn Schanz, of West Bloomfield, and Noel Nelson, of Harbor Springs, in the sword dance competition.



Graham MacMaster competes in the amateur piping competition. He is from Flint.

The massed bands take the field.

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Mindy Albright, of Farmington Hills, chaplain of the St. Andrew's Society, adjusts the hair and headpiece of granddaughter Haylie Perry, 6 years old, of Redford.

TRUSTEES

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Wayne County Commission 10th District Republican nominee Shannon Price, Williams said Tuesday night as a crowd gathered at his house.

Williams, Anthony, Demopoulos and top finisher Yack advanced to the Nov. 6 election by fending off a challenge by Deborah Whyman, a former state legislator, and political newcomer Joseph Cafarelli.

The four Republicans now face lone Democrat Steven Sneideman, former Plymouth-Canton school board president, for four part-time trustee seats at stake in the November race. The position carries a four-year term.

Late in their campaigns, the four GOP nominees had begun supporting one another along with Price, a Canton resident who clinched a decisive victory over Republican foe Richard Convertino.

Slate support

One campaign card showed check marks by the names of Yack, Williams, Anthony, Demopoulos and Price. Demopoulos, an appointed incumbent chosen last fall to replace former Trustee Todd Caccamo, said the team support helped his candidacy, which had been considered by some as potentially the most vulnerable among sitting trustees.

"I worked so hard," Demopoulos said. "The support (from the emerging slate) was phenomenal, because I'm a political novice."

Demopoulos had feared his campaign could be damaged by an 11th-hour robo-call that attempted to tarnish his candidacy by implying he was supported by Democratic Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

Demopoulos fought back as best he could by refuting the robo-call — made by an unknown source — on his campaign website.

As the Republican trustee nominees focus on the Nov. 6 election, they cited similar issues such as protecting Canton's budget, addressing Ford Road traffic congestion, preserving a top-notch public safety department and addressing long-term retiree costs.

On to November

Sneideman, meanwhile, has cited issues such as a balanced budget and spurring new development. He has said he hopes to earn a seat being vacated by the township board's lone Democrat, Dr. Syed Taj, who was triumphant Tuesday as his party's nominee for the 11th District Congressional race.

Yack described himself as "gratified" to earn the top slot in Tuesday's voting and said he hopes it means voters have confidence in him and the incumbents who shared his victory. He said he has been approached by many supporters since declaring himself a candidate.

"The feedback I got was great," he said.

Williams said the Republican winners ran "a very positive, clean campaign" by knocking on doors, erecting signs and tapping into social media. Williams said a political action group, Committee for a Better Future, ran 30-second spots on several national networks.

Anthony welcomed his solid finish in Tuesday's voting.

"I'm thrilled beyond belief," he said, gathering with Williams, Demopoulos and other supporters at Williams's house. Yack, too, made an appearance there.

After the November election, Yack said he hopes the newly seated board — whomever it may include — can engage in talks aimed at setting common goals that can be shared with the Canton community. He said he wasn't implying the current board hasn't done that.

"I always find that when a group has a set of common goals, you're more likely to stay on track," Yack said.

The winners of the Nov. 6 election will join three full-time township board holdovers who have been unopposed this election season: Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Clerk Terry Bennett and Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin.

COUNTY

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that make up the new district, outdistancing Canton attorney Rick Convertino.

Price beat Convertino 4,934 to 3,501. His largest margin came in Plymouth Township, where he won by nearly 1,200 votes.

"It was a team effort, and all the hard work paid off," Price said. "We knocked on more than 2,000 doors and made over 5,000 live calls. It wasn't just me, it was a lot of volunteers, my family and a lot of friends. We worked hard."

On the Democratic side, Amar's win over Matthew Fiems, a Wayne County employee, was just as easy. Amar, a Plymouth resident, bested Canton resident Fiems in his own hometown, 1,242 to 961, while also carrying both Plymouths.

"I'm pleased with the results, being my first time running for public office," Amar said. "I'm confident I'll be able to do well in the general election. I'm running against a tough opponent, and I'm prepared to give the voters in these three communities a choice as to who they want to represent them in that capacity."

Now Price and Amar get to turn their attention to the November general election. Price said his strategy for that race will be similar: Keep pushing the message that Wayne County needs more integrity.

"We've got to continue a positive campaign about cleaning up Wayne County and restoring honesty and accountability to the county," Price said. "There is also a block of voters who didn't vote for us, and we need to unite them to move the county forward. The county has a lot of problems, and we have to continue to deliver our message to the voters."

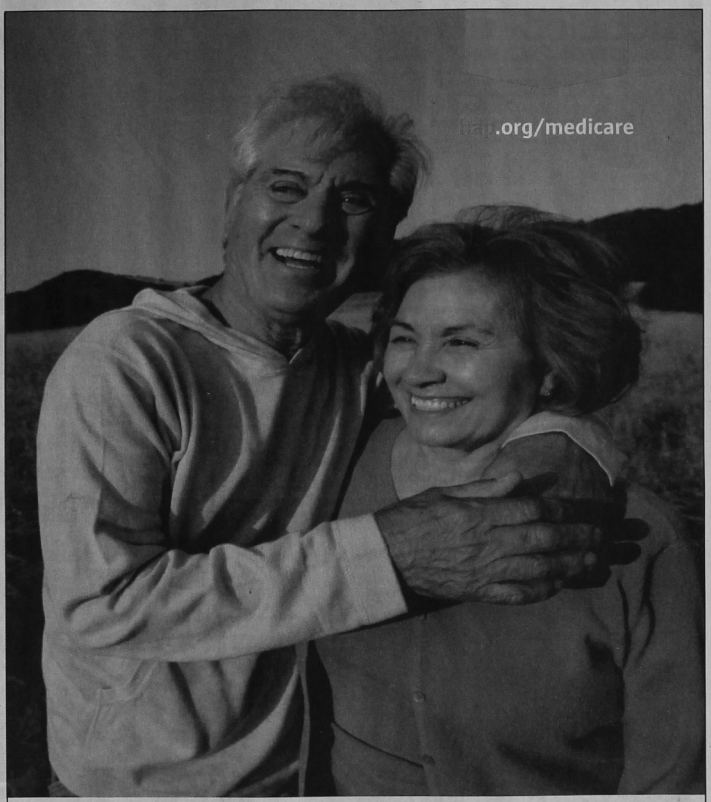
Amar said he plans to "stay focused on what I want to do" to bring jobs and growth to Wayne County. He said he'd like to do something about roads and parks, and to make sure to bring transparency to the county budget process, "not just for the public, but for the commissioners, as well."

Music to the ears of Plymouth-Canton residents might be Amar's pledge to fix the Ford Road/I-275 area. He said helping to get the TIGER grant, for a project to improve that interchange and for which Canton has been turned down three times, would be a priority.

PRIMARY RESULTS

The following are unofficial vote totals on how area residents voted.

	Canton	Plymouth	Plymouth Twp
Republicans			
✓Shannon Price	3,546	417	2,687
Rick Convertino	1,863	250	1,490
Democrats			
James Amar	1,940	338	728
Matt Fiems	1,667	203	562



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World of investing shares traits with Olympic training

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

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As I was watching the Olympics and saw the incredible talents of Michael Phelps, Gabby Douglas and Canton's own Allison Schmitt, it reminded me of the incredible amount of time and energy they spent to achieve their dreams. You can only imagine how many hours Michael Phelps spent training and the sacrifices he made in order to achieve his goals.

Even more incredible are the hundreds of athletes from throughout the United States and thousands throughout the world that trained and made sacrifices in Olympic sports that you and I have barely heard of. In looking at these incredible athletes, there is one common thread. The investment they made in themselves did not pay off over the short run. Their sacrifice and dedication only paid dividends over the long run.

Their dedication to their sport is somewhat analogous to investors. If Olympic athletes were like most investors, they never would have achieved their goals.

Our journey as investors, just like Olympic athletes, is not easy and has its fair share of twists, turns and rocky roads — that's just the way it is. Just as world-class athletes must not let short-term discomfort and emotions sway them from their path, the same thing can be said about investors. Too many investors let their short-term discomfort and emotions dictate how they invest their money.

Fear and greed are the two emotions that investors need to avoid. Yes, it's always nice when the market is moving forward and it is somewhat depressing when markets are in retreat. However, for as long as there have been and will be markets, they will always be a rollercoaster ride. That's just the way it is. The sooner we, as investors, accept that, the better we will be.

Everyone who participates in the Olympics can't win a medal and the same can be said about investing. You don't have to hit a home run to be a successful investor. Too many investors spend time trying to figure out what is the best stock or mutual fund to buy. Some people drive themselves crazy buying and selling in their attempt to hit the proverbial home run. Focusing on the overall game plan is a better strategy. Having the right game plan will lead to greater success than trying to pick the next Google.

Just like not all athletes are going to be as successful as Michael Phelps, not all investors are going to be as successful as Warren Buffet. However, you don't have to be Buffet to be a successful investor. Good luck!

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Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Great Pilates: My children are growing up here. Their activities and friends are here. Canton is a fantastic place to raise kids.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Great Pilates: It's the first ever streaming video online fitness studio. The Pilates videos are geared toward the individual's situation, not just their fitness level. For example, there are beginners who are five months pregnant, beginners who are recovering from injury, and beginners with limitations. They all need unique instruction. My four-level weight loss program is absolutely unique with cardio Pilates, meditation videos, and articles with motivation and the latest science on weight loss. All with no equipment or commercials.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Great Pilates: I added the weight loss program based on ongoing conversations with clients about their weight. Many people are going about dieting based on outdated science. My strong feelings of compassion for these people, certification in wellness coaching, and continued research gave me a good base to put it together. I am receiving venture coaching through Walsh College and the Blackstone LaunchPad program. Our coaches are successful business owners in the Metro area. I am developing my expertise with pregnancy and recovery to become nationally known for this service.

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

Great Pilates: My nine year old and I were in my office. I had just finished a Skype meeting with my webmaster, Kathleen. Then Christina says, "Mom, when I grow up, I want to have an online business." This was a landmark for me. I can see the influence I've had on my older kids as well. They are proud to tell their friends about what their mom does.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Great Pilates: It has been a plus. A difficult economy caused me to move my pilates studio out of Michigan and onto the web. Many can't afford the fitness membership they had. The cost and driving time, along with the added demands on those with good jobs make online fitness a smart new choice.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Great Pilates: Not really. But I can speak to starters: Don't borrow. It makes you become more creative. Stay in a state of feeling everything is well. Everything is. Don't worry about money. It stifles creativity. Think about where you want to be. You'll find yourself there. Read all the best business writers. You're not as smart as you think you are.

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

Great Pilates: I will keep adding value, especially for moms. I'm looking for the right obstetrician/gynecologist to become part of the Great Pilates Now brand as Health Advisor. Add trainers. Secure my webmaster full time and add an assistant for her.

CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Sales team

The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham announced the recent addition of Adrienne Utter to its sales team in the role of business travel sales manager. Tracy Fashing, The Townsend's director of sales and marketing, made the announcement.

As the business travel sales manager, Utter connects with local and national businesses to establish relationships and negotiate corporate rate structures. While providing an unparalleled level of service, she also creates a welcoming environment to all clients on a consistent basis.

Utter

In her five years spent with the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, Ill., prior to joining The Townsend team, Utter added the titles Assistant Front Office Manager, Assistant Executive Housekeeper and Front Office Manager to her resume. Throughout her time with Hyatt, she received two Manager of the Quarter awards (2009 & 2011) and Manager of the Year for 2011.

Utter, a Canton resident, graduated from Bowling Green University with a bachelor of science degree in Business Administration and a specialization in Hospitality Management.

School supply drive

Many children look forward to arriving on the first day of school with new notebooks, backpacks, and new writing supplies, but it's a different story for children whose families cannot afford these items. RealBARBQ of Canton wants to help raise awareness and help kids in the community who are in need, so they are offering an incentive for the community to donate.

Those who visit RealBarBQ through Aug. 17 and bring in school supplies valued at $5 or more and receive a complimentary dessert. Collected school supplies will then be given to the Salvation Army as part of their "Back to School Blitz" program - who will distribute to families in need.

RealBarBQ is located at 42452 Ford Road at Lilley. For more information, call (734) 667-3996 or visit www.realbarbq.com

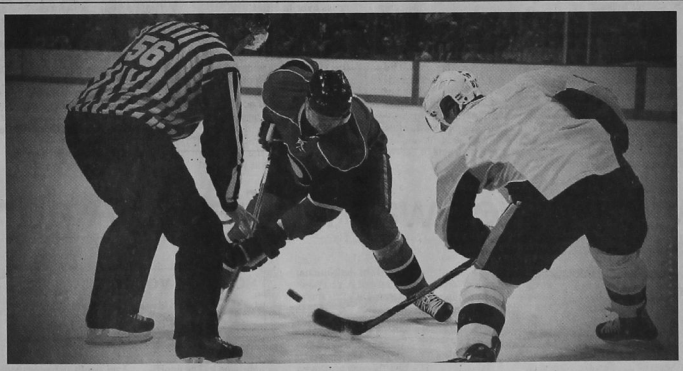
Relaxation day

August doesn't have many significant holidays or celebrations; however one week deserves national recognition: National Relaxation Week.

Indigo Spa, Salon and Boutique, located at 50545 Cherry Hill in Canton, is celebrating relaxation with three discounted offers. From Aug. 14-17 clients can contact Indigo to schedule their day of relaxation with either $5 off one service, $10 off two services, or $15 off three services (services must be a minimum of $25 each in order to qualify for discount). You must mention the National Relaxation Week discounts at the time of your booking.

A limited number of the discounted service packages are available and only valid with select technicians.

For an appointment or more information, call (734) 961-3245. Appointments may also be set through their website by clicking on the "Request Appointment" button at the bottom of the page. Indigo is open Monday through Saturday; check their website for times at www.indigosalonanddayspa.com



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NORTH AMERICA'S RAILROAD

Victorious Bentivolio faces another election next month

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

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11th Congressional Republican nominee winner Kerry Bentivolio celebrates his win against candidate Nancy Cassis on Tuesday night at The Sheraton Hotel in Novi.

Kerry Bentivolio's campaign for U.S. Congress took a huge step Tuesday with his win over write-in challenger and former state senator Nancy Cassis.

Now, the campaign faces another election in less than a month with a special primary on Sept. 5. Bentivolio, Cassis and three other Republican candidates (Ken Crider, Steve King and Carolyn Cavanagh) will face off with the winner advancing to the general election Nov. 6. The winner of that election will fill the unexpired term of Thaddeus McCotter through the end of the year.

That election is taking place in the current 11th District. On Tuesday, Bentivolio won in the newly redistricted 11th District to advance as the Republican nominee in the general election on Nov. 6.

Bentivolio, a 60-year-old war veteran of Iraq and Vietnam, former teacher and a reindeer farmer in Milford, smiled broadly Tuesday night, greeted by cheers of "Kerry, Kerry, Kerry" at his election party in the primary election at the Novi Sheraton.

Bentivolio shook hands, and hugged and kissed supporters as it became apparent he had a sizable lead in the 11th Congressional District race, successfully fending off a write-in challenge from Cassis and Canton resident Drexel Morton.

'supporters' victory'

"Together we won for the grass-roots and showed that principles matter," Bentivolio said.

"This victory is your victory," he told supporters at the election party, some of the 10,000 volunteers who knocked on doors. "You know freedom stands for prosperity. Some politicians try to convince us to give up freedom," he said. "They want government to run our businesses, to get between us and our doctors. They want to take our money and spend less on ourselves. It is a Congressman's No. 1 job to protect our freedom, not to take it away."

Bentivolio said he wanted to reduce taxes through tax reform and repeal the Affordable Health Care Act.

Bentivolio congratulated Cassis for her campaign, and asked Cassis for her support.

Shortly before noon Wednesday, Cassis congratulated Bentivolio. "I thank him for his service to our country on the battlefield and I wish him well in his upcoming campaign," Cassis said.

HOW THEY VOTED

The following are unofficial vote totals on how local residents voted.

	Canton	Plymouth	Ply Twp
*Bentivolio	3,490	504	2,481
Write-in	1,785	261	1.486

In the prepared statement Cassis said she and her husband Victor knew they were undertaking a monumental task.

"No Republican candidate has ever waged a successful write-in campaign to win a primary nomination in electoral history," Cassis said. "We fought the good fight, but in the end we were unable to overcome this fundamental challenge."

Cassis, who greeted her campaign volunteers in Novi Tuesday night, said that night that the campaign hinged on how successfully her campaign educated voters "that they had a choice." Cassis hit precincts from Troy to Livonia with hopes of winning.

"We tried to motivate them to vote for a write-in," Cassis said. Cassis had hoped the endorsements of several high-profile Republicans would carry her through as a write-in with a strong conservative track record.

Cassis' campaign manager David Mroz said Tuesday night before election results were available that voters had name recognition of Cassis before entering the polls. "I felt we did what we were supposed to do to mount a write-in campaign," Mroz said. "We got up to speed very quickly."

Cassis acknowledged that the $500,000 spent by Liberty for All Political Action Committee late in the election for Bentivolio was difficult to counter. "It's sad when an outside organization comes in and buys an election," Cassis said.

She was greeted by longtime supporter Cindy Uglow of Novi, who met Cassis 25 years ago when Cassis was a grade school counselor and Uglow's children were in grade school. "She is just the energy we need and the honesty we deserve in Congress," Uglow said. "She has integrity beyond belief."

'working man'

At Bentivolio's party, the crowd relished the moment to see their candidate win the primary and prepare to tackle the next phase of the campaign.

Alexander Stewart of Livonia said he met Bentivolio three years ago during Bentivolio's run for state Senate against Mike Kowall. Steward is the former chairman of the Schoolcraft College Republicans and now is the chairman of the University of Michigan Dearborn College Republicans.

"He's an everyday working man," Steward said. "He's experienced what the working people have experienced, He is adamant about fiscal responsibility. He's worried about his grandchildren's future and as a young person, I am worried about the future.

"We need to keep our politicians honest and quit spending money we don't have. I think that is the most important thing I heard from him."

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Taj says message sets him apart from GOP candidate

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Syed Taj is looking forward to the general election against Republican Kerry Bentivolio after he received the nod from voters in the 11th Congressional District as the Democratic candidate in the Nov. 6 general election.

Taj, a 65-year-old physician and Canton trustee, defeated Lyndon LaRouche supporter Bill Roberts in the primary Tuesday. Taj was humbled by the support and grateful to continue his campaign, Taj said.

Taj said his message of investing in job creation, strengthening and protecting Social Security and Medicare, enhancing benefits for veterans, and conserving the environment while promoting energy independence has been met with overwhelming support.

"The people of the 11th district will have a choice: more Republican obstruction and gridlock or a forward- thinking physician with a proven track record of success," Taj said. "I'm looking forward to the next few months."

Taj

Taj expects a spirited campaign. "We have a great slate of Democratic candidates, starting with the president and including our dear friend Senator Stabenow, and we work not only for our success but also for their success," Taj said. "We will win together and then set about the hard work the voters entrusted us to accomplish."

Cut-and-dried choice

On Wednesday, Taj said he believes the election will be cut-and-dried for voters. "He's a Tea Party guy," Taj said of Bentivolio. "He follows their views, far from the mainstream. I'm for health, education, Social Security and health care and he wants to get rid of health care."

HOW THEY VOTED

The following are unofficial vote totals on how local residents voted.

	Canton	Plymouth	Ply Twp
*Taj	3,105	518	1,076
Roberts	1,612	185	576

Taj wasn't concerned about the Liberty for All Super Political Action Committee funds that supported Bentivolio in the primary. "I have people power," Taj said. "The voters in the 11th District are affluent and educated. The moderate Republicans will cross over in cities like Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Troy and will come out to support me."

Taj doesn't buy the idea that the 11th Congressional District is a strong Republican district.

Taj and his staff added the vote totals from the 2008 presidential election and found that President Barack Obama would have won the new 11th District, which was redistricted after the 2010 U.S. Census. U.S. Sen. Carl Levin also would have won the district, Taj said. "Democrats have won in this district," Taj said.

Taj said voters were looking for leadership in the district. "For the last 10 years, people have been fed up," Taj said. Taj pointed out that he was already challenging Thaddeus McCotter, a five-term Congressman, before McCotter resigned after signatures on his nominating petition were found to be invalid. "I will talk to the voters and tell them what I will do," Taj said.

Taj said he will tell voters that he works in a bipartisan fashion and that he would bring in bills for money to go to roads and bridges. "We all use the same roads; we all use the same bridges," Taj said. "I would also work with Republicans to bring more jobs to businesses through tax breaks and through tax credits."

On Tuesday, Taj thanked his campaign manager Natalie Mosher and Chet Hodges for their efforts. "I could not have done this without her," Taj said. Her experience from running in the 11th District two years ago against McCotter was vital to organizing Taj's campaign this year, Taj said.

R. Karl Burnett, president of the Livonia Democratic Club, said he worked the polls at Webster Elementary School all day. "The reception for him has been very positive," Burnett said.

Taj expects his campaign will take a short break this week before concentrating on strategy for the Nov. 6 general election.

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Vote paves way for free DIA admission

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth and Canton residents now have free admission to the Detroit Institute of Arts with proof of residency.

And, if they hurry, they'll get to see one of only 35 Johannes Vermeer paintings in the world. The 17th century Dutch artist's masterpiece *Woman Holding a Balance* is on display through Sept. 2, on loan from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. It is the first time since the 1940s the DIA has had a Vermeer on exhibit.

Voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties Tuesday approved a 0.2-mill tax for the next 10 years to fund the museum. The tax will cost the owner of a $150,000 home about $15 annually.

The proposal was approved by 68 percent of voters in Wayne, 64 percent in Oakland and 51 percent in Macomb, according to unofficial vote tallies. In Livonia, 65 percent of voters approved it. The unofficial Livonia tally is 10,863 yes votes and 5,731 no votes.

HOW THEY VOTED

The following are unofficial vote totals on how local residents voted.

	Ply Twp	Plymouth	Canton
*Yes	4,238	1,235	7,143
No	2,693	500	4,375

Annmarie Erickson, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the DIA, said it was a great night for the museum and a great night for tri-county voters.

"We got the message out to the residents and they heard it and they supported it," she said. "I think we would all like to thank them for making this investment in the museum and reassure them they will see value."

She said the musuem will continue to be an important part of voters' communities through its popular Inside Out program, which brings copies of DIA artwork out into the suburbs, as well as other programs. She said the DIA will be asking communities what the DIA can do for them.

She encouraged tri-county residents to visit the museum for free, which some were already doing Wednesday morning.

The tax will generate approximately $23 million per year — $10 million in Oakland, $8 million in Wayne and $5 million in Macomb. The DIA's operating budget is $25 million.

The tax was needed to cover the shortfall for museum operating expenses caused by the loss of funding from the state and city of Detroit, Erickson said. The museum has been relying on the private sector for operations, a model that was not sustainable, Erickson said.

Each county will have an art authority to oversee how the money is spent. The art authority members will be appointed by the commissioners and executives in each county, which will also have contracts with the DIA.

The DIA will continue to be governed by its board of directors under an operating agreement with the city of Detroit.

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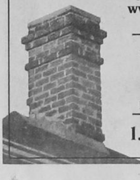

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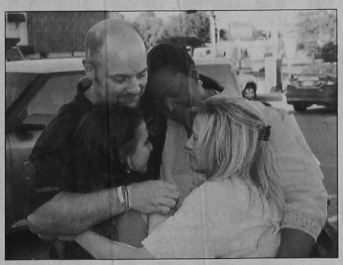
Parents of 'abused' preschoolers want trust restored, lost year made up

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer



Parents of special-needs preschoolers allegedly abused at Webster Elementary gather for a group hug outside the Livonia school board office Monday after speaking to the board. From left are Lauren Gohl, Jim Davenport, Rosalyn Peterman and Terri Roeder.

A group of parents of special-needs preschoolers who were allegedly abused by a teacher and parapro at Webster Elementary asked the Livonia school board Monday to restore their trust by holding those responsible accountable and giving back students the instruction they missed.

Attorneys James L. Spagnuolo Jr. of Southfield and Jeffrey T. Stewart of Farmington Hills have been retained by two of the parents. They attended the school board meeting, but did not address the board.

Spagnuolo said a decision on a lawsuit has not been made. "At this point we're doing an investigation," he said.

In June, the board fired the parapro and recommended the state tenure commission terminate the employment of the teacher, Sharon Turbiak. Neither one has been charged with a crime and both deny any wrongdoing.

Parent Lauren Gohl of Plymouth asked the board when those who witnessed the alleged abuse will be terminated for not reporting it to the Michigan Department of Human Services, as required by law. "What recourse do the parents have if (Superintendent) Randy Liepa decides that only certain individuals receive a disciplinary action for their part in this absolutely unacceptable cover up?" she asked.

State law mandates that school personnel immediately report to DHS, not just their supervisor, any suspected abuse even if they have not witnessed it.

A social worker alledgedly witnessed Turbiak on March 5 grab her son by the top of his head, jerk it back "quite aggressively," yell at him and continue to jerk his chin upward while pushing the top of his head back. The boy, 4, was born with hydrocephalus and has a brain shunt. Any injury to his head can be life-threatening, she said.

Reporting law violated?

Gohl said the incident wasn't reported to DHS until after April 23, when Mark Schultz, a former police officer who serves as the district's administrator of public safety, began an internal investigation into the classroom environment and called the Livonia Police Department the following day.

Several school district employees, including administrators, are identified as witnesses on a heavily redacted 75-page police report.

Parent Terri Roeder of Ypsilanti said parents of the 12 special-needs children ages 3-5 who were in the classroom have been in contact with each other. "I can assure you that there are many of us who will not rest until across-the-board justice has been administered," she told the board.

The class was part of a Wayne RESA center program serving students from multiple districts. All of the children are cognitively impaired and some also have physical impairments.

Parent Rosalyn Peterman of Wayne told the board she has heard and read about terrible things happening to children around the country, but she never thought her son, Cameron Williams, would be in the same predicament. "I'm here to show support for my child and the other children and to ensure that you hold yourself accountable for what has happened and to make the necessary changes and implement the necessary precautions that will help our children to feel safe so they can learn and also somehow restore our trust in the educators to do right by our children," she said.

'Lost' school year

Jim Davenport of Garden City, who said his daughter McKenna had her chair pulled out from under her and was laughed at when she fell to the floor, said McKenna spent "1,040 hours in an environment of fear and bullying at the hands of Sharon Turbiak" and the parapro.

He said the program was designed to give the children a head start so they could have a chance at a normal school life. He said he feels it is the board's responsibility to make up for that lost time.

The Livonia Police Department investigated the abuse complaints, but the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office decided there was insufficient evidence to bring charges against anyone.

"We did not have a case that we could prove beyond a reasonable doubt in court," Maria Miller, assistant prosecuting attorney and director of communications, said in an interview July 26.

Stewart, who specializes in representing students whose rights have been violated by teachers and their supervisors, said the prosecutor's decision was "not a decision we welcomed."

However, he said, the burden of proof in a criminal case is "exceedingly high" compared with a civil case and prosecutors have "enormous discretion" in deciding which cases to pursue.

He said if the accounts in the police report are true, he believes the children were abused.

He said child abuse, like pornography, is hard to define, but quoting U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart's famous characterization of pornography in a 1964 case, he said, "I know it when I see it."

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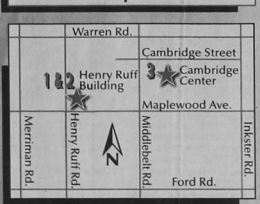

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Dispose of hazardous waste at county collection

On Saturday, Aug. 25, the Wayne County Department of Public Service will hold the third of four annual household hazardous waste collections. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., county residents can bring household waste not suitable for disposal through their normal weekly trash pickups to the collection site in the lot behind JC Penney's at the Westland Shopping Center.

The hazardous waste collection is a responsible alternative to depositing toxic, flammable or corrosive items in landfills. It's a chance to do something good for our environment and prevent further contamination of our water supply and ground.

Years ago, little thought was given to disposing of paint and stain, pesticides and household cleaning products in the garbage, dumping used motor oil down the sewer or discarding unwanted items in vacant fields. We have since learned there's a price to clean up those messes.

A variety of incidents has taught us to be stewards of our environment. Now we have become communities that recycle and reuse, cutting down on the amount of trash we send to landfills each year, and the cardboard, plastic and paper that once went out with the trash have found new uses through recycling.

We also have been addressing past mistakes. A good example is the Friends of the Rouge, an organization that has spent 25 years cleaning up the Rouge River watershed. The annual Rouge Rescue began in 1986 with volunteers removing large quantities of trash from the river. Those efforts improved public perception of the river, shifting it away from the thought that the river was an open sewer and a place to dump trash. Today the rescue focuses on river restoration.

And the fruits of their labor became abundantly clear earlier this year when the Friends' annual spring bug hunt found two branches of the Rouge improving. The bug hunt collects information on the health of Rouge streams and one of the two streams that improved was the Middle Branch that follows Hines Drive from Northville through Westland to Ford Road in Dearborn.

What kind of world we leave our children will be dependent on what we do today to help it. Let's get started on a legacy of a clean and healthy planet by disposing of hazardous waste items the right way at the Wayne County collection Aug. 25. A complete list of acceptable items can be found on the Wayne County Department of Public Service page at www.waynecounty.com.

Webster allegations need more extensive report

The Livonia school board should conduct its own investigation regarding abuse allegations of preschoolers at Webster Elementary School.

The classroom is part of a Wayne RESA center program serving students from multiple districts, including a number of Plymouth-Canton special education students.

The Livonia Police Department closed its case against a teacher and parapro accused of physically abusing special-needs preschoolers after the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office concluded there was insufficient evidence to bring charges.

However, too many questions remain unanswered. Plymouth mother Lauren Gohl, whose 4-year-old son Jayden was at the center of the incidents, is especially entitled to know all the details.

Her questions include:

- What exactly did happen?
- Who knew what happened, when did they know it and did they take the appropriate action?
- Did administrators act soon enough?
- Who needs to be held accountable?

The Livonia school board acted in June to fire the teacher and the parapro, who had been on administrative leave since April. Both the teacher and the parapro have denied acting unprofessionally.

The 12 preschoolers who were in the classroom, ages 3-5, are all cognitively impaired and some also have physical impairments.

Livonia Superintendent Randy Liepa has said "child abuse" means different things to different people, but there was no question the school board believed children had been mistreated.

He said the district is working with the prosecutor's office in reviewing its processes before the start of the school year.

He agreed with parents who said people need to be held accountable for what went on last school year.

A more extensive investigation would help identify who those people are.

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What would you say to Canton swimming star Allison Schmitt for the Olympic medals she won?

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"Great job! You represented us well."
Henna Krishana
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"Congratulations on a wonderful Olympics."
Nicole Jackson
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"Good job for swimming."
James Jackson
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"We're so proud of you, and thanks for inspiring my daughter (Lizzy) and son (James)."
Marcia Buckie
Canton

LETTERS

Rove ad deceives

A Karl Rove-Crossroads GPS ad currently running in this market predictably begins with this false premise and goes downhill from there: "This is the worst economic recovery in America's history," as stated in a clip by CBS News anchor Scott Pelley (shame on Pelley for offering his opinion as "news").

With American-based corporations experiencing the highest profits ever as a percentage of GDP and GDP, growing for 12 consecutive quarters, how could this be considered the worst recovery ever? According to Politifact.com, when considering unemployment levels as the determinant, "Depending on the yardstick used, it's either the third worst or the fifth worst recovery since World War II." And it goes without saying that this recovery is nowhere near as slow as the recovery following the Great Depression.

The ad goes on to suggest some sort of cause-and-effect relationship between unemployment, spending and long-term debt that in reality doesn't exist, all in an effort to scare people, lay blame and confuse the issues. We are told to tell Obama, "for job growth, stop spending and cut the debt." Bad advice, since the unemployment we are experiencing has nothing to do with government spending or debt, but is the direct result of the collapse of a huge housing "asset bubble" that caused trillions in working-class wealth to disappear almost overnight.

This "home-equity" wealth supported a consumption binge during the "oughts" in two ways. Tapping home equity allowed consumers a chance to augment stagnant incomes and finance the "good life" by using one's house like an ATM. Secondly, accumulated and unused equity gave consumers the confidence to make more and bigger purchases with their monthly incomes and save less, assuming that they had a permanent "nest egg" of wealth waiting in the wings for college, retirement or for that rainy day. When the housing market collapsed, with it went that wealth, nearly $2 trillion in annual consumer demand and the 8 million jobs it supported, according to Paul Krugman.

Although the ad tries to make spending a villain, nothing could be further from the truth. With unemployment at 8.25 percent, working-class folks pinching every penny and businesses reluctant to hire due to reduced consumer demand, the government is the only entity capable of getting the ball rolling with another round of spending for job creation. Even Romney made a Freudian slip recently, stating that he wouldn't cut spending for at least his first year if elected.

Additional tax cuts for the wealthy that Romney supports won't do. If tax cuts for the wealthy created jobs, we would be awash with them after the Bush tax-cutting orgy.

What about cutting the debt? Given that you were able to make the payments either way, would you double up on mortgage payments to eliminate debt when you were having your hours cut or when you were working overtime? Answering that easy question should take care of prioritizing the timing of U.S. debt repayment and complete the knock-out punch on the legitimacy of Karl Rove's deceptive ad.

Mitch Smith
Canton

STAFF COLUMN

East staffer and my friend: A 'teacher for all ages'

By Julie Brown
Observer Staff Writer

Elaine Bain was a born teacher, and I was honored to call her my friend.

Elaine lost her battle with cancer recently, dying at home with family at her side. The longtime Plymouth Township resident and East Middle School teacher was 67.

Friends, family and former students gathered Saturday at Vermeulen Funeral Home to say goodbye and share memories of how much Elaine had meant to us. The room was packed, with more people out in the hallway, a testament to how many lives Elaine had touched with her teaching, community work and all around friendship.

Julie Brown

Our friendship had inauspicious beginnings. I was a 20-something newly minted features editor on a mission to modernize the section. Elaine, known for her persistence, called to tell me we would cover the annual used book sale of the local American Association of University Women — and we did.

That rocky start didn't prevent us from becoming good friends. My husband and I often visited Elaine and her husband Don at their home. They were proud Penn State alumni, and often attended college football games in State College, Ann Arbor and elsewhere.

Elaine would later earn degrees from Madonna University and Eastern Michigan University. She was focused on the couple's children, Elizabeth, Bruce and Alex, when they were younger, and found time to serve as president of the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

A lifelong Girl Scout, Elaine earned the Curved Bar, then the highest honor in Girl Scouting. Her mom Helen was also a Girl Scout, as was daughter Liz.

Elaine's children spoke at her memorial service, noting they have among them a juris doctorate (Liz) and two M.B.A.s, and no felonies to speak of.

Don Bain, a Ford retiree, did an admirable job delivering his late wife's eulogy. He was shaken, but still shared with us the story of her life.

Elaine, raised Catholic, didn't hesitate to challenge the teachings of the nuns at her school. The local public librarian saw Elaine's inquisitiveness and great potential, and set her on the path to lifelong learning through books.

Don told us Elaine usually had four to 10 books going at a time, having started by reading the entire religion aisle at the Plymouth District Library. Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes followed, as did parapsychology and mysteries, especially Clive Cussler.

Respect and responsibility mattered most in her classroom. If a student misbehaved, he or she was told to call a parent at work. When the parent complained of being interrupted on the job, Elaine would point out the child was interrupting her workday. There were few such calls after that.

Many fellow cast members of the Plymouth-Canton AAUW children's play attended the memorial. Elaine had been in the annual scholarship benefit for years, with such memorable roles as the Giant in *Jack and the Beanstalk*, the Wizard in *The Wizard of Oz* and a frumpy stepsister in *Cinderella*. Elaine served as an usher this year, being too ill to appear on stage. She treasured her ongoing involvement.

Several AAUW women visited Elaine at home when she was in hospice care. They declared it "Elaine Bain Day," complete with costumes and a banner. That meant so much to Elaine.

A dinner after the memorial brought together many who had been enriched by knowing Elaine. Talking to Elaine's former students made me realize her legacy will live on.

My husband and I were privileged to meet Elaine's mom, Helen Rugienius. I can see where Elaine got her spine of steel, having spoken to her former probation officer mother. Helen's loss hadn't really sunk in, and my heart goes out to her and all who've buried a child.

The eulogy passed out prior to Elaine's service was headlined "A teacher for all times, places, ages." I'm glad to have been Elaine Bain's friend. Judging from the turnout and words spoken at her service, it's evident Elaine was truly a born teacher.

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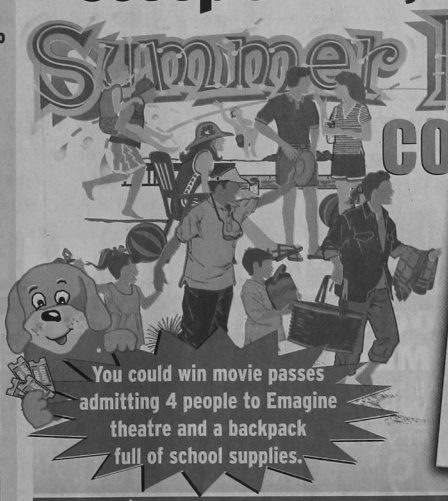

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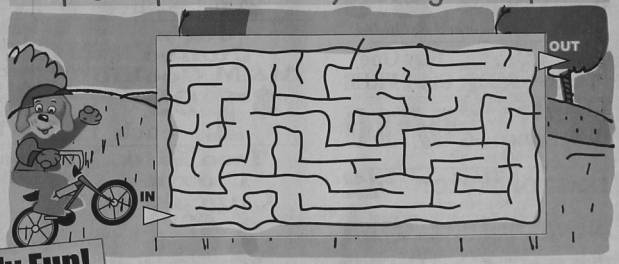

July 4th Family Fun!

Jack of Royal Oak spent the Fourth of July with this family at their family cottage for their annual Kid's Day. The day was filled with fun, games and competition including sack races, limbo contests, eggs toss, tug of war, wheel barrel racing, water balloons and more. This year Jack won the sack race.

Jack Armstrong – Royal Oak

Hope enjoyed the day with her proud dad while he snapped photos of her participating in the Milford July 4th parade.

Hope Drogmiller – Novi

A day with Dad!

Meaghan from Livonia and her Dad on a carousel at Greenfield Village. "We all had a fabulous time. Meaghan really liked the rides in the old cars around the village, however she always enjoys a carousel ride".

Meaghan Dick - Livonia

Elizabeth from Farmington and her dad kayaking on the a pond on the Huron River. "It's still a beautiful autumn Saturday to go kayaking with my dad: It's our own father-daughter time"

Elizabeth Ho - Farmington

Grace from Farmington and her dad at the Grand Prix. "Dad made me a pine-wood Derby car and I won first place this year. I brought home a trophy because my dad made me a terrific car. Thank you Dad and I love you!"

Grace Ho – Farmington

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Prep gridders get into shape before first day

By Dan O'Meara
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Priorities have changed with the times for the official start of high school football practice.

With tech classes, summer passing leagues and more emphasis on personal fitness, conditioning is no longer the focus of early drills.

It's not necessary to spend valuable time whipping athletes into playing shape anymore.

Instead, the Harrison and Farmington teams got right to the business of running their offenses and defenses Monday.

"We don't have to worry about conditioning; we're into the football stuff," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "Kids today show up in pretty good shape.

"We still do conditioning at the end of practice, but it's not the emphasis. Years ago, you never thought about football until after Labor Day, and then you had to condition.

"I think most teams are (doing offense and defense right away). It's not like the old days when the three days without pads were for conditioning. Everybody has their kids in shape."

Like most schools do now, Farmington has off-season and summer conditioning programs, which enable it to begin actual practice at an advanced stage.

"Conditioning is not a factor right now," Falcons coach John Bechtel said. "We want kids going through drills at full speed, and that's our conditioning.

"The emphasis is on trying to perfect technique and doing it with great pace. I thought we did that; it was a really good first day for us."

Bechtel added all the Farmington drills were specific to its offensive and defensive schemes.

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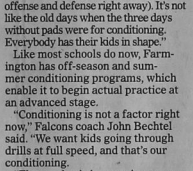

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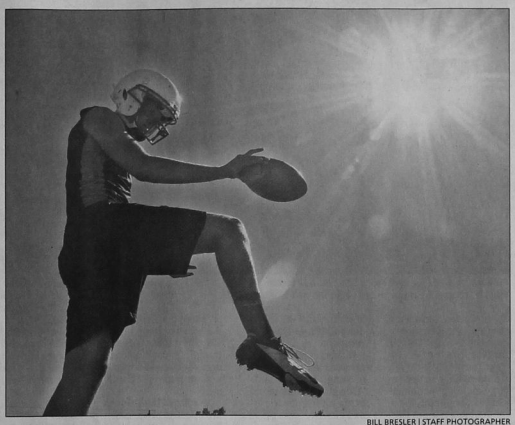
John Herrington begins his 43rd season as Harrison's only head coach.



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Canton sophomore Greg Williams practices his punting form during Monday's opening day of official team practices.

Rites of August

Opening practices signal fresh start for area football teams

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The countdown to the 2012 prep football season started Monday morning with Observerland teams participating in two-a-day sessions.

And nothing could be better as far as Canton senior offensive guard Michael Ditzler and junior center Ken Wooley were concerned — except perhaps for the start of full-contact drills today. For the first three days of practice, all Michigan high school players cannot wear shoulder pads.

Both players were enthusiastic about the arrival of football season, with Monday's perfect weather (sunshine and low humidity, anyone?) quite the bonus.

"A day like this it just shows you that God loves football," Ditzler said as he left the practice field. "Today, it felt like 75 (degrees). It's a wonderful day for football."

For Wooley, Monday was perfect for another reason. With the completion of each practice day, he is closer to realizing his goal of making the varsity. Canton opens Thursday, Aug. 23, against Midland.

"It's crazy, I've been dreaming about being varsity for a long time and it's finally coming true," said Wooley, a junior varsity player in 2011. "To be in a starting position is very amazing. It's a great feeling."

Special message

Across Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Plymouth Wildcats were starting team practices with a special visitor in tow. Somebody who can relate to how "amazing" varsity football can be — 2012 Plymouth graduate and football standout Donte Fox — stopped by.

Fox said he wanted to catch the first day there before leaving for football practice at Grand Valley State University as well as offer encouragement to current players.

"I just wanted to say goodbye and tell everybody to cherish the moment" of playing high school football, Fox said.

He was a key player on the 2010 team that played in the Division 1 state championship game.

Meanwhile, nobody knows how the 2012 season will unfold, but that 2010 Plymouth team started the year the very same way — with two-a-days in the August sun.

"I'll take this (weather) every day," Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk said. "After it's been so hot in the summer, I was a little leery of how hot it was going to be out here."

Playing it smart

On Monday, the weather wasn't oppressively hot (which wasn't the case much of the summer).

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Cope wins PDL honor

Kevin Cope of Canton, a member of the Michigan Bucks soccer team, has been named the 2012 Defender of the Year in the Premier Development League.

Cope, a former Salem High School standout who is captain of the Michigan State team, is the third Bucks player to earn the award, following in the footsteps of Stew Givens (2011) and Kevin Taylor (2005).

Cope, who has played three seasons in the PDL, was with the Chicago Fire last year before returning to the Bucks.

"It was a hard decision for me to leave last year, and I knew it might have some negative repercussions from the Bucks organization," Cope said. "They supported my decision last year and welcomed me back this year with open arms. There aren't many clubs that would do that, given the rivalry between the two teams.

"Needless to say, I was highly motivated the three times we played the Fire, and I can't put into words what it meant to play and defeat the MLS side.

"The Bucks helped me get in a week of training with Sporting KC this summer, and now I am rewarded with this great honor. I am extremely grateful to the owners and coaches for their support."

The Bucks took four of five individual awards for the first time in league history.

Adam Grinwis was named Goalkeeper of the Year and Rookie of the Year, while Gary Parsons is the first coach in PDL history to win consecutive Coach of the Year honors.

A long shot for golf ace

It wasn't just your average hole-in-one that Westland resident Jeremy Alt recorded July 21, if such a feat is ever average.

The 37-year-old Alt had one of the most impressive aces ever recorded when he hit the ball 358 yards for a double eagle on the par-4 No. 3 hole at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township.

Hitting from the blue tees, Alt used a driver to notch his first hole-in-one in the 25 years he has played golf.

• Also recently scoring a hole-in-one was 13-year-old Jackson Sartian of Canton, who July 25 sank his tee shot at the 141-yard No. 3 hole at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth. He used an 8-iron for his shot, which sparked Jackson to a nine-hole score of 39.

Schmitt wins fifth Olympic gold medal

Canton swimmer anchors U.S. victory in women's medley relay

By Jo-Ann Barnas
Gannett News Service

LONDON — When Jessica Hardy qualified for the final of the 50-meter freestyle, Allison Schmitt knew there was a chance she would be considered to swim the freestyle leg on the U.S. 400-meter medley relay.

Schmitt, the 22-year-old from Canton, though, still was surprised when she was called into duty Saturday morning on the final day of the swimming competition at the Olympics.

"I told the girls in the relay room, 'I'm so excited to be here!'" she said.

All Schmitt managed to do was replicate what she had done the past week in London: She captured another Olympic medal, her fifth of the Summer Games, tying her with Missy Franklin for most on the U.S. women's team.

But this time, she got what she wanted: She anchored the 400 medley

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Members of the U.S. women's 400-meter relay team celebrate after winning gold on Saturday. From left are Dana Vollmer, Rebecca Soni, Canton's Allison Schmitt and Missy Franklin.

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Cougars ready to get cracking

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

For as much as Garden City varsity football players relish being back on the gridiron this week, the best is yet to come.

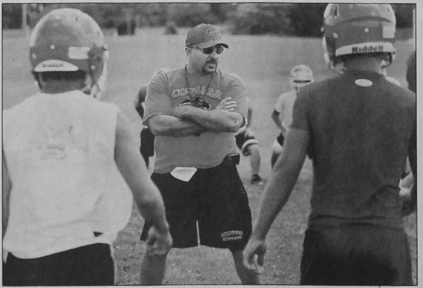
After three days of no-pads workouts, the Cougars will get cracking for real on Thursday — the first day full equipment can be worn by Michigan prep players.

In two weeks or so, it's game time.

"I just can't wait for the season to start," senior lineman Justin Steffen said, during a Tuesday evening practice at Garden City High School. "I'm looking forward to game time, we're ready as a team. We're faster and stronger than we were last year."

After taking a quick swig of water, Steffen smiled and summed it all up. "I can't wait to hit people."

Steffen's teammates certainly are thinking the same thing and Cougars third-year varsity coach



Garden City head football coach Scott Murray (center), shown in this file photo, says his team is "chomping at the bit" to begin full-pad workouts.

Scott Murray senses that the Cougars are more than ready to get back in the trenches.

On Tuesday, players were working on upper body tackling technique and long-snapping the football to a punter. But all of that merely is filling time until the shoulder pads make their return.

"I think we're ready for pads and that type of thing," Murray said. "Our kids are chomping at the bit to get after it and actually start playing some real football.

"We're out here and we get to tighten up our plays and that type of thing, It's just kind of a dress rehearsal if you will for pads on Thursday."

As for getting through the opening practices, Murray said players were ready to go regardless of weather conditions (which were surprisingly comfortable).

"Our kids have been pretty much acclimated because they've been doing speed training and lifting all summer," he continued. "We've been through all the heat and humidity and that type of thing.

"Obviously, they're adjusting to helmets which is always interesting for the first couple days. But other than that, I think we're right where we need to be. As far as the heat and humidity, bring it on. I think our kids are ready for it."

Zebras' new era

Over at Wayne Memorial, the coaching regime of Lee Grizzell got off to a good start on Monday with a total of about 90 players including varsity, JV and freshmen.

Grizzell — who left his position as offensive coordinator at Dearborn Edsel Ford to take over the Zebras from Kevin Weber — said the first day of practice focused on a little bit of everything ahead of Thursday's full-pad sessions.

"Most of it today was about individual skills at each of the positions, making sure kids understand the systems so that when it comes time for impact no one gets hurt," Grizzell noted.

The Zebras also dabbled in group drills, "a little bit of the kicking game and just a little bit of 7-on-7s but not much," he added.

According to Grizzell, one difference for him from recent years is that he will be calling defensive plays this season. The last time he did so was about 11 years ago.

"I'm going to be doing a lot of new things this year, I guess," he said.

Wayne Memorial opens with a home game 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, against Waterford Mott.

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Farmington coach John Bechtel is pictured with senior running back Connor Mohr.

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"We want the quarterbacks doing drop drills and foot work; the backs are doing running back drills," he said. "We put in eight running plays and most of the passing game. The kids should know a lot of it. The whole idea is to get stuff in quick and, over the next two to three weeks, refine it."

A temperature in the low 80s for the first day of practice was a welcome change "compared to what we went through this summer," Herrington said, adding the heat was not really a concern Monday. "We've been conditioning in 98-degree weather. This seems cold."

Hydration is always a matter of concern during any summer workouts, however. Unlike years ago, players are encouraged to drink water during practices and given ample access to it.

"Even on a day in the 80s, you still have to be careful," Bechtel said. "Our kids weigh in and out of every practice. If they have more than a three-percent weight loss, they can't participate in the next practice (unless they've re-hydrated).

"We want our kids to take 15 swallows of water every 20 minutes. That's the minimum, and it's certainly going to help our kids. The water cart is there, and they can get a drink any time."

Thursday is always a highlight of the first week of practice. It's the first day in pads and for full contact.

"We've got so many new players," Herrington said. "We're not sure we have them in the right positions. Once the pads go on, hopefully, we can sort things out. We'll find out who steps up and who might step back a little bit."

Bechtel and his coaches also were looking forward to Thursday "from the standpoint of having some equipment on prevents injuries," he said.

"You always worry about a helmet hitting a knee, thigh or hip without those pads on. You try to control the tempo but, at the same time, you want the kids to go hard."

A similar scene as this was played out on practice fields all over Observerland on Monday. Here, Canton's Jack McAllister (center) runs 3 on 1 drills with Brandon LaMontagne, Corey Folkes and Blaine Golles. In the background is coach Craig Hnatuk.

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But the importance of drinking tons of water regardless was something coaches and athletic trainers at PCEP could not stress enough. (The third campus team, Salem, was at Adrian College to open the first week of practices.)

"They're drinking lots of water, bringing their water bottles with them to practice," said Susan Butcher, athletic trainer for the Chiefs.

Butcher added that the fact players have been staying well-hydrated throughout individual workouts during the summer should pay dividends as they get acclimated to team practices.

Concurring was Joe Durocher, athletic trainer at Plymouth High School, who formerly held that role at Redford Union.

"Just a normal athlete needs to drink about 100 ounces of water a day, and then if they work out they need to replace what they lose by weight," Durocher said. "So a lot of these kids, just doing a light workout, will need 120, 140 ounces of water during a typical day.

"And if it's a hot one, it can get to be more. That's a lot of water when you think about it."

Water for thought

But Monday's respite from recent hot weather, although a welcome one, did not mean frequent water breaks could be erased from the daily agenda.

The berm located to the south of the practice field was lined with various water jugs. And a new-fangled drinking fountain — where six players at a time could gulp from pressurized hoses — gave them another option.

"When they're hydrated they're able to work out harder, they're able to be more efficient during their workouts," Durocher said. "Their thought processes are better, they're able to make better decisions. It's all-around better for them when they're doing that."

During the first day of practice, Durocher sat in a golf cart on the sidelines waiting for any players who might need assistance.

"The kids have been doing well," Durocher said, adding with a chuckle that for Monday's workouts at least "basically my only job is making sure the helmets fit."

Trojans have running start in football

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

Clarenceville football coach Ken Fry told his players last spring to be ready to run when practice started Monday. Not all heeded his warning, however.

"We started off with a mile run, which they didn't believe I was going to make them run," Fry said. "The linemen had to be under seven minutes, or they were going to run it again.

"We'll run it all the way up to when school starts. It was the same thing for the backs and receivers. Only six (of them) made the six-minute mile. We'll be back at it tomorrow.

"That's how we started practice. Instead of so much conditioning, we worked on special teams, where everybody runs and participates, and a lot of up tempo stuff."

Fry added it's essential for players to be in shape when practice starts, because teams had just three days until they donned full equipment and started hitting today.

"It gets tougher then," he said. "If you're not in condition when you come back, you really won't be until the first game or two; so you put yourself at a disadvantage."

While it wasn't as hot as recent days, the Trojans still made a priority of water breaks Monday.

"We really hydrate," Fry said. "We're really cautious about what we do. The trainer is always looking at me and telling me to hydrate. She's my conscience."

The first day in pads is a big event for every team, and the Trojans, who begin their third season with Fry at the helm, were looking forward to it.

"Everybody likes to see who's the tough guy," Fry said. "We have a lot of young guys coming up, so we'll be able to check them out and see who the big man on the block is, so to speak."

Much of the Clarenceville practices were devoted to offensive and defensive drills, both in position groups and as whole units.

"Basically, we walked through blocking technique and tackling," Fry said. "The kids get to hold pads and everybody gets a little excited, because they get to hit something. We have to reel 'em in a little bit. We didn't have any twisted ankles or anything on the first day, so everything is good."

Fry started with 32 varsity players and was hoping to add to that number. After nine months away, it was good to be back on the practice field, he added.

"Football is football, so it's nice to be back with the kids," Fry said. "It's been a long summer. It's nice to start doing some things."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Charity bowl

The seyenth annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue will take place 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

All proceeds benefit the Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

Whether you bowl or not, you can help animals in need by becoming a sponsor, making a donation, donating an auction item or by getting pledges (donations).

The event has raised nearly $100,000, and organizers are hoping to surpass that figure this year. Participants can earn V.I.B. (Very Important Bowler) status by raising $300.

The event includes bowling, food, music, auctions, raffles, karaoke and more. For more information, email michelle@yourbowlingcoach.com or call (248) 615-9060.

FHS girls swim

The Farmington High School girls swim and dive team is looking for interested girls to join the team. There are no tryouts, and everyone will get a chance to compete. Practice began Wednesday, Aug. 8. For more information, contact coach Driska McCullough at (248) 561-2090.

Thirst for Life Run

The Thirst For Life 5K Walk/Run will take place Saturday, Sept. 8, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia to benefit Team World Vision.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m., the race at 9. Bicentennial Park is on the north side of 7 Mile Road, between Gill and Newburgh roads.

All of the money raised will be used to fund water and sanitation projects in the villages of Mayo and Hamandu in Zambia, Africa.

For more information and to acquire a registration form, go to www.ThirstForLifeSk.org. World Vision is a Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children, families and communities worldwide.

12-13U baseball

Tryouts for the 2013 13-and-under and 12-and-under Motor City Riversharks travel baseball teams will be held Saturday and Sunday at Walz Quadraplex, which is located on Forest Road (between Venoy and Hubbard) in Wayne.

The 12U tryouts will be noon to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The 13U tryouts are set for 1:30-3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

All players are encouraged to sign in 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the tryout.

Players are not required to attend all three tryouts.

Players must be willing to commit to 40 to 50 games, including weekend tournament play, from April through July.

For more information and to pre-register for tryouts, send an e-mail to motorcityrivershark s@gmail.com.

GC boys tennis

Tryouts for the Garden City High School boys tennis team will be 9-11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at the school's tennis courts.

For more information, contact head coach Ron Pummill at pummilr@gardencityschools.com.

RU boys soccer

Open practices for the 2012 Redford Union boys soccer teams will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 13-15 at McGowan Elementary School in Redford.

Any RU student interested in playing varsity or junior varsity soccer should attend. Players are encouraged to bring water bottles.

For more information, contact head coach Jim Gibbs at onemeancamino@yahoo.com.

GC volleyball

Tryouts for the Garden City High School volleyball teams will be held Aug. 6-10 in the school gymnasium.

Sign-ups and measuring will take place on Monday (5 p.m. for varsity and 6 p.m. for junior varsity); conditioning will be Tuesday and official tryouts Wednesday through Friday (JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.)

For more information, contact head coach John Pace at gardencityVB@yahoo.com.

Bulldogs tryouts

The Michigan Bulldogs will have tryouts for their 9U, 10U and 11U travel baseball teams 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, and Sunday, Aug. 12, at Bicentennial Park, Field No. 2.

The park is at 7 Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia. For more information, contact Mike Heard at (734) 834-6950 or mikeheard34@yahoo.com.

Meet the teams

• Livonia Stevenson High School will have a Meet the Team Night for athletes, parents and coaches involved in a fall sport 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, in the school auditorium.

Freshman and sophomore athletes and their parents should attend an introductory meeting 7-7:45 p.m. Junior and senior athletes and parents should attend 7:45-9 p.m.

The introductory meeting at 7 p.m. in the auditorium is optional for junior and senior athletes and parents, but their attendance is encouraged.

• Livonia Churchill High athletics will stage a Meet the Team Night at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the Carli Auditorium.

All Churchill athletes from all three seasons, along with their parents, are urged to attend. For more information, call (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

12-U baseball

• Open travel baseball tryouts for the 12-and-under Dearborn Heights Knights will be 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Canfield Arena/Central Park, located south of Ford between Beech Daly and Inkster roads.

Interested players must be 12 years old prior to May 1, 2013 and only need to attend one of the two tryout sessions.

For more information, call coach Brad Ebben at (248) 924-0489; or email bebben1.att.net.

Hockey camp

Plymouth High School hockey players interested in trying out for the varsity team this fall are encouraged to participate in a mini-camp 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at Canton Arctic Edge Arena.

The mini-camp is a series of on-ice sessions and off-ice workouts for three weeks. For more information, call coach Gerry Vento at (313) 215-3394 or visit the team website: www.hockey.plymouthwildcats.com.

Hawks girls hoops

Free tryouts for the Livonia Junior Athletic League Hawks, a sixth-grade girls basketball team, will be 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, and Thursday, Aug. 23, both at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (Main Gym No. 2). Tryouts are open to anyone who reside in the Livonia Public School district regardless of school.

For more information, contact coach Jennifer Sopko at jennifer_sopko@hotmail.com; or call (248) 854-4207; or coach Doug Freed at um24osu12@hotmail.com; or call (734) 634-5134.

SCHMITT

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relay to a world record — and gave the Americans their first team gold in the event since the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

The Americans won handily, beating silver medalists Australia by nearly 2 seconds, with a time of 3:52.05. Japan took the bronze.

"Diving in with the lead, I'm speechless right now to get a world record tonight," Schmitt said. "I knew the three other girls (Franklin, Rebecca Soni and Dana Vollmer) already had their world records, and I wanted to join the club.

"On the last 50, I was actually thinking about it. I could see it in my head."

Bob Bowman, her coach at the North Baltimore Aquatic Club, was impressed with Schmitt's 53.25 closing effort, particularly her 25.68 opening 50.

"Fantastic split," Bowman said. "I'm so proud of her. She came through and did exactly what we wanted. And what more can you ask of somebody? Three gold medals, a silver and a bronze — that's a big improvement in four years."

Schmitt's medal haul: Gold in the 200 free, 800 free relay and 400 medley relay; silver in the 400 free; and bronze in the 400 free relay. She swam anchor in all three relays.

"I have never had so much confidence in someone as I do with Allison being on the end of the relay," Vollmer said. "There's nobody that I would want on the end of the relay more than her, knowing that she fights so hard."

The U.S. women's team finished with an impressive Olympics overall: 13 medals, including eight gold. The eight golds were the most they had won the past two Olympics combined. The 13 overall is the most they had won since 16 in Sydney.

Olympian makes cut

JOHN DAVID MERCER | USA TODAY

Allison Schmitt isn't the only Olympian from Canton making noise at the London Summer Olympics. On Tuesday, Jeff Porter (above) advanced to Wednesday's semifinals in the men's 110-meter hurdles by finishing third in his heat with a time of 13.53 seconds. Porter, an athlete at the University of Michigan, was among 24 hurdlers in the event to make the cut. Meanwhile, Porter's wife Tiffany also was competing in the Olympics in the women's 100-meter hurdles, but did not advance — finishing in 12.79.

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Rams start 2-0 in national tourney

The Michigan Rams had a terrific start earlier this week in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

They defeated a pair of perennial powers in their first two games, including a come-from-behind, 12-7 win Tuesday over heavily favored Baltimore.

The Rams had the lead until the seventh inning when Baltimore pushed across four runs and moved in front, 7-6.

Coach Rick Berryman's Michigan team also staged a four-run rally in the eighth and added two insurance runs in the ninth to win the game.

Rams closer Justin Hicks held the mighty Baltimore lineup scoreless over the final two innings.

Rams right fielder Zack Zott provided a pair of defensive highlights during the game, throwing two runners out at the plate.

Garrett Gordon and Trent Drumheller sparked the Rams offensively with three hits apiece.

Gordon went 3-for-5, drove in five runs and scored twice; Drumheller had a 3-for-6 game and accounted for three runs.

JP Maracani was 2-for-2 with one RBI and two runs scored, and Miles Sorise and Dominic Jamett were 1-for-3 with three RBI each.

Baltimore was considered the tournament favorite, having won eight of the last nine national titles.

Livonia's Evan Piechota pitched seven-plus solid innings Monday as the Rams opened with a 6-1 victory over New Orleans.

Piechota, a Stevenson High School product who plays for Madonna University, allowed one run on just three hits.

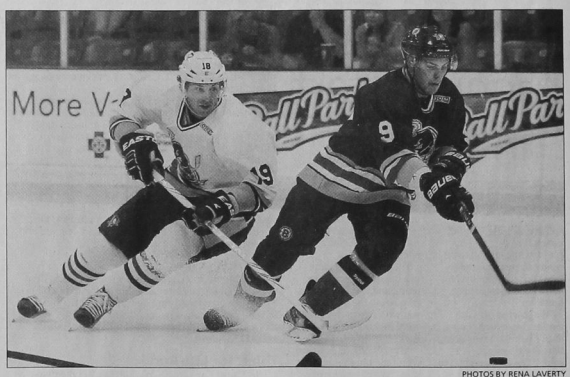
He posted nine strikeouts and walked two batters in 7.1 innings before giving way to reliever Donnie Eaton, who struck out four in the final 1.2 innings.

In addition to the outstanding pitching, the Rams also played strong defense (two double plays and no errors) and had timely hitting, according to Berryman.

The Rams scored twice in the bottom of the fourth inning for a 2-0 lead. New Orleans got its only run in the fifth. The Michiganders added a pair in both the seventh and eighth innings to clinch the victory.

Zott went 3-for-4 with two RBI. Matt Priebe hit a two-run homer, and Maracani also knocked in two runs with a hit.

Sorise was 2-for-4 and scored twice; Brandon Katta and Eaton accounted for the other runs.



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During Saturday's Plymouth Whalers alumni game for Gleaners, James Neal (left) chases puck-carrying Tyler Seguin (No. 9), a current star with the NHL's Boston Bruins.

Whaler alums score to fight hunger

There were a lot of goals scored during Saturday's Plymouth Whalers Alumni Game, played at Compuware Arena for the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

But there were more smiles than goals in the event — from the players who put on a fun show, to the fans who appreciated the efforts of the players. After the game, the fans gave the players a standing ovation. In return, the players stood as a group at center ice and saluted the fans.

During a special event billed as the "Champions for a Hunger Free Summer," Team White defeated Team Blue, 11-8. The scrimmage ran two, 25-minute periods while the Blues came back to win 4-2 in the subsequent shootout.

Hockey is back in business in Plymouth for 2012-13 and hungry people benefited.

Jesse Boulerice — a late addition to the game after finding a flight Friday from North Carolina — scored the hat trick to lead the Whites. James Neal and Mark Cadotte scored two each as the Whites raced to an 8-2 lead after the first period.

Chris Terry scored the hat trick to the Blues, who stormed back in the second period to make the game interesting.

Duane Harmer, James Sheehan, Chris Terry and J.D. Eaton lit the lamp in the shootout for the Blues. Mike Morrone and Mark Cadotte replied in the shootout for the Whites.

Members of the Plymouth Whalers' alumni Blue Team share a moment waiting for their next turn on the ice Saturday. From left are Ryan Hayes, Chris Terry and Tyler Seguin.

Autograph session

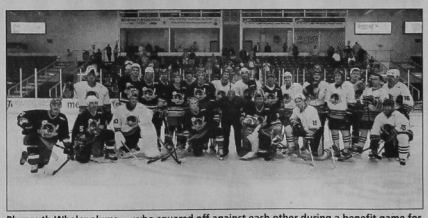
The players participated with fans in an autograph session before the game. Jason Carriere of Cleveland, Ohio drove with his son to see the game and mix with the players in the session.

"My son is six years old and just started playing hockey last year," Carriere said. "He likes Tyler Seguin and the Bruins. My parents live in Plymouth, so we catch three or four games a year.

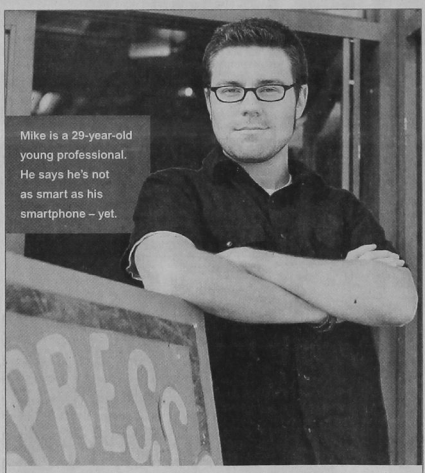
"This is the first time we've ever come to an alumni game. We love hockey and this (the Whalers) is a great organization. A lot of players here get drafted, the team makes the playoffs and it's very exciting hockey."

Plymouth starts the 2012-13 season with training camp in late August, with the first preseason game set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1 against Windsor at Yack Arena in Wyandotte.

— Pete Krupsky, Plymouth Whalers



Plymouth Whaler alums — who squared off against each other during a benefit game for Gleaners — pose for this group shot Saturday at Compuware Arena.



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Hoops program

Triple Threat Training is hosting a developmental club for young basketball players at High Velocity Sports in Canton, running Sept. 9 through Oct. 22. The six-week club is for boys and girls of all ages

The club ($250) is designed for those entering grades 3-8 who are interested in taking their game to the next level. Training will focus on improving individual skills, basketball IQ, strength, conditioning, speed and agility.

In addition to age-appropriate workouts will be instructional scrimmages with referees on Sundays from 3-6 p.m. A jersey will be included.

Call (734) 341-1336 or e-mail Troy Coleman at tcoleman@tttsports.net for more details.

Run, bike, golf

Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and 9-hole scramble golf event will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The cost is $65 (through Sept. 15) or $75 (through race day). Included in the cost is a free golf clinic conducted by PGA professional Tami Bealert at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 at Hickory Creek. Tami's Tri includes gift pack, prizes and lunch included. Space is limited to 144 golfers.

Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization Growth Works, Inc. of Canton and Plymouth.

To RSVP, e-mail TrainWithTami@yahoo.com. For more information, call (734) 731-0238; or visit www.TrainWithTami.com.

Franklin cheers

The Livonia Franklin varsity cheerleaders will host a pair of skills clinics 6-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, and Wednesday, Aug. 29, in the school's cheer room.

The camp is for ages 4-13. The fee is $30 and includes a T-shirt, pizza party and game performance. Participants will cheer at the home football game 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30.

Registration will be 5:30-6 p.m. Aug. 27. For more information, send an email to bizybizyb@yahoo.com.

GCYBSA tryouts

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association will be hosting several tryouts for travel and competitive teams in the coming weeks.

All of the tryouts will be held on Saturdays at Canton High School's varsity field and a $10 fee will be required.

The tryout schedule is as follows: Aug. 11: 9-10U (noon-2 p.m.), 11U (2:15-3:35 p.m.); Aug. 25: 9-14U players will take part in a makeup session between 9 a.m. and noon. Times will be assigned.

Pre-registration is strongly suggested and info can be found at www.gcybsa.com. For more information contact dankrafft@hotmail.com or cott@cantonmi.org.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

August

CLOTHING BANK
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, Canton
Details: Free clothing available to anyone in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

MASS, CARDS
Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18
Location: St. Valentine Church, 14841 Beech Daly, Redford
Details: After Mass, participants will enjoy light refreshments in the school meeting room, along with cards and socializing. Sign up to bring food items such as veggie tray, dip, chips, salad, cheese and crackers. Drop off your dish by 4 p.m. at the school meeting room. RSVP by Aug. 10
Contact: Ann Marie at (248) 477-6167, Donna at (734) 420-0461 or Laura at (734) 942-3866.

RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12
Location: St. Sabina Church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights
Details: Includes craft and bake sale. Donate items at gym door #10. Craft table rental costs $20 for parishioners and $25 for non-parishioners. Sponsor tables are $50
Contact: maryloujaniga@yahoo.com

SEEKING CRAFTERS
Time/Date: Show is Oct. 6
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia
Details: An 8- by 10-feet space can be rented for $30. Tables are available for $5 and electricity for $5. Crafts must be handmade; no resale. Profits will go to mission work in the community
Contact: (248) 478-4708 or e-mail jsinc2436@yahoo.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 13-17
Location: Plymouth Church of the Nazerene, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Classes are aimed at children, age 4-6th grade, and will include Bible stories, crafts, music, snacks, recreation and prizes.
Contact: (734) 453-1525

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Time/Date: 6:30-8:45 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Aug. 19-23
Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton
Details: "Adventures on Promise Island," is designed for children, 4 years-5th grade and will include Bible stories, crafts, snacks, games, music, skits, and more. Registration on or before Aug. 12 is $5 per child or $10 maximum per family; after Aug. 12 is $8 per child or $15 maximum per family
Contact: (734) 495-0035

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City
Details: "Rocky Point Lighthouse" is designed for children, 5-11 or in K-5th grade. It will include stories about Jesus, crafts, music, games, snacks, lunch and more. $5 donation per child. Sponsorships are available to families in need
Contact: Register at (734) 427-3660

September

BIBLE STUDY
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Nov. 13
Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville
Details: W.O.W. Ladies Bible Study focuses on the Book of Proverbs in these interdenominational sessions. Fee is $15. Free children's program for children, 5 and under
Contact: (248) 348-7600

Ongoing

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

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer
Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

CLOTHING BANK
Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

FOOD BANK
New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Church to welcome new music minister

Andrew Lenhart has accepted a position as music minister at Praise Baptist Church in Plymouth.

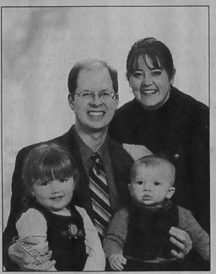
Lenhart, who holds a Doctor of Music degree from The Julliard School in New York, will begin serving the church on Aug. 28.

He and his wife, Sarah, along with their two children, Rachel and Jonathon, plan to move to Plymouth from New York, where Lenhart was the music minister at Ridgeway Alliance Church in White Plains for the past seven years.

He studied piano performance and accompanying at The Cleveland Institute of Music and The University of Michigan, in addition to Julliard. His D.M.A. degree is in collaborative piano.

Lenhart has performed at Alice Tully Hall in the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York, N.Y., the Chicago Cultural Center and on the Music in the Loft Concert Series in Chicago, among other venues. He has taught in the school of music at Wheaton College and Nyack College.

Praise Baptist Church is located at 45000 N. Territorial Road.



Andrew and Sarah Lenhart and their children, Rachel and Jonathan, this month will become members of Praise Baptist Church in Plymouth. Lenhart has accepted a minister of music position at the church.

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KUYKENDALL, MARTHA

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McWATT, CHRISTINE H.

Age 61 of Plymouth, passed away on August 5, 2012. Born in Baltimore, Maryland to parents Frederick and Ruth Hoeprich. Survived by her loving and devoted husband Robert. Dearest stepmother of Stephanie Smith, Maggie McWatt and Derek (Cammi) McWatt. Proud grandmother of Madison, Aubrey and Abigail. Also, survived by her mother in law Ruth McWatt. Dear sister of Susan (Lawrence) McGee and F. Michael (Carolyn J.) Hoeprich Jr. Christine received her B.S. from Western Michigan University and Masters of Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University. Christine was devoted to her faith and had a passion for teaching. She was a longtime Art Teacher for the Plymouth/Canton Community Schools. She also had the opportunity to teach in Japan. Chris was a member of the Great Lakes Beadworker's Guild, and she enjoyed traveling around the world. She was extremely devoted to her family. A memorial gathering will be held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home this Friday August 10th from 2 - 9pm. The Funeral Service will be held (also at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home) on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 3:00pm, located at 280 South Main St, Plymouth, MI. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI. Share memories at Schrader-Howell.com.

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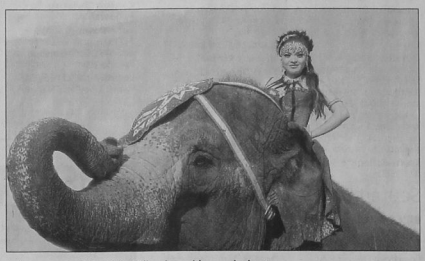
Civic groups in Redford, Plymouth bring circus to towns

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer



Delayna Fusco of the Kelly Miller circus rides an elephant.

Fridman Torales performs his Rola Bola act with the Kelly Miller Circus.

Doreen Arwood loves the circus, but it's the show just outside the "big top" that never fails to entertain her.

"My favorite thing is watching the big rigs come down Five Mile and watching them come in and set up," said Arwood, president of the Redford Jaycees, one of several Metro Detroit civic groups that will sponsor circus shows next week. "Monday morning between 6-7 a.m. they'll be in. They start setting up as soon as they have everything in. At about 8:30 a.m., the elephants raise the tent.

"I'm amazed how the circus people work together to raise it."

Arwood said the public may watch the set up between 8:30-9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13. She hopes families will return later that day to watch the Kelly Miller Circus perform in the tent at Bell Creek Park, located at Five Mile and Inkster. Shows are set for 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are $10 for adults and $6 for children 2-11; Pre-sale tickets are available for cash only at Keg & Wine Party Store, 15590 Beech Daly; Cardinal Barbers, 27309 Five Mile; and the Redford Chamber of Commerce, 26050 Five Mile and with PayPal online through the Jaycees website, www.redfordjaycees.org. Circus day admission is $15 for adults and $7 for children at the circus box office.

The organization will get a percentage of ticket sales.

"We'd love to make a lot of money," said Arwood, adding that the event is designed to "help make people smile" no matter how much the Jaycees raise. "The money we raise goes back to the community projects we run, like Angels Night and Christmas Shopping Tour."

Youngsters trick or treat at local businesses on Angels Night and residents in need of a helping hand are treated to shopping during the Christmas Tour.

Steve Copeland and Ryan Combs will present new comedy routines when the Kelly Miller Circus visits Redford and Plymouth next week.

In Plymouth

Proceeds from performances on Tuesday, Aug. 14 in Plymouth also will fund local projects in that community.

"The Lions in general, their focus is on Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Michigan Eye Bank, Paws with a Cause," said Ross Taksony, a board member of the Plymouth Lions Club. "We also do community work, scholarships for Plymouth and Canton students. We've donated money to youth groups, the Miracle League. The money from the circus generally helps on a local level."

The Plymouth Lions Club will bring the Kelly Miller Circus to Central Middle School, 650 Church. Shows are at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 14. Admission price is the same as the Redford show and advance tickets are available in Plymouth at Kroger, 44525 Ann Arbor Road; Dairy King, 232 S. Main; and Wiltse's Community Pharmacy, 330 S. Main.

"We do really well. We usually almost fill both shows," Taksony said. "We draw basically from Plymouth, Canton and Northville. Some from Livonia."

The circus is a biennial fundraiser for the Plymouth Lions Club, which also solicits donations through annual White Cane Day and Candy Cane Day collections.

"The circus is probably one of the most effective ways to draw people in. It's a win win because they get something they enjoy and the money goes to a good cause."

Taksony said the public also may watch the circus set up in Plymouth. As the main poles are raised bystanders are directed to watch from inside the tent.

"It's free and they will give you a tour to see what is going on at 8 or 8:30 in the morning," he said. "The kids who see that are really pumped up."

New acts

The circus, based in Oklahoma, tours 38 weeks every year and will make other stops in Michigan. Shows are set for Saturday, Aug. 11 at Atwood Park in Wayne, and Friday, Aug. 17 at Atchison Park in South Lyon, among other communities.

Jim Royal, Kelly Miller general manager, said new circus acts this year include the Duo Delara, a thrilling aerial performance; camels in routines with a zebra; a revamped tiger show; and a pirate-themed production with aerial ballet, performing dogs and knife juggling.

Rebecca Ostroff, who did stunt work on the movie, *Water for Elephants*, performs on trapeze.

"She does an iron jaw act ... she hangs by her teeth and spins," Royal said. "We have all new clown routines this year. We try to freshen it up each year."

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Contact: (248) 473-1800

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission
Exhibits: Patti Smith: Camera Solo, shows performer Patti Smith's photographs, through Sept. 2; Five Spanish Masterpieces features works by Picasso, Goya, Velazquez, El Greco and Dali, through Aug. 19; Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE
Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Aug. 25
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "Thoughts With Thread" exhibit features art quilts, woven tapestries, embroidery, paper, baskets, felted wool and figurative work
Contact: (248) 344-0497

Comedy

ANDIAMO NOVI
Time/Date: 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18
Location: 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi
Details: "Comedy Held Hostage" tour with Chillian Thomas, Jarred Kreger and Susan Coletti. Tickets are $10, available at the Andiamo Novi Theatre ab
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Dance

Sarah Reich is among the professional dancers who will perform in Masters of Tap, Saturday, Aug. 18 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB
Time/Date: 7:30-10:30 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights
Details: Singles an couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is $7 for members and $8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments
Contact: Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

MASTERS OF TAP
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18
Location: Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Details: The show caps the three-day 5th Motor City Tap Fest and features its faculty in performance. Dancers include Gregg Russell, Sarah Reich of "So You Think You Can Dance?," Avi Miller and Ofer Ben, Dr. Harold "Stumpy" Cromer, Robert Reed, Karen Callaway and many others. Tickets are $25-$35
Contact: www.motorcitytapfest.com

MOON DUSTERS
Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.
Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost $6; dance and lessons are $11; dance only is $7 for guests, $6.50 for associates and $6 for Moon Dusters members
Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

STARS OF RUSSIAN BALLET
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18
Location: Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor
Details: Stars of the Russian Ballet gala performance features dancers from Mariinsky Theatre, National Ballet of Ukraine, the Bolshoi Ballet and other international companies Tickets are $48-$68 available from the Michigan Union Ticket office
Contact: (734) 763-8587

Film

COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN
Time/Date: Gates open at 7:30 and movies start at dusk; open nightly through Sept. 2
Location: 14900 Beck, Plymouth
Details: Listen to the film through a battery-operated FM radio or your car radio. Tickets are $9 for adults, $6 for ages 4-12 and free for age 3 and under. Students with ID pay $7 Sunday-Thursday
Contact: (734) 453-8300

PENN THEATRE
Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "Men in Black 3," $3
Coming up: "Snow White and the Huntsman," 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 17-18 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19; "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted," 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 25-26
Summer Cinema: All shows screen at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. "Batteries Not Included," Thursday, Aug. 16; "Wallace & Gromit The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," Thursday, Aug. 23; and "Muppets from Space," Thursday, Aug. 30. Tickets cost $3
Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 10 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 11
Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit
Details: Abbott & Costello double feature, "Buck Privates," and "Abbott & Costello meet the Killer," $5
Coming up: "North by Northwest," 8 p.m. Aug. 24 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 25
Contact: (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday
Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit
Details: Regular museum admission is $8 for adults, 13-61; and $5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free.
Exhibits: "The Chris Webber Collection: Exceptional People During Extraordinary Times, 1755-Present," includes rare artifacts collected by Detroit native Chris Webber, through September; "Witness: The Art of Jerry Pinkney," through Sept. 9
Contact: (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday through Nov. 7
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies" is the new exhibit, featuring 14 reproduction inaugural gowns. Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for students, 6-17
Contact: (734) 455-8940

Music

THE ARK
Time/Date: The Appleseed Collective, Aug. 9; Candye Kane, Aug. 11; JJ Grey & Mofro, Aug. 12; MilkDrive, Aug. 14; Katie Geddes, Aug. 15; The Claire Lynch Band, Aug. 16; Stewart Francke, Aug. 17; American Mars & The Thornbills, Aug. 18; Wayward Roots, Aug. 19; Scythian, Aug. 20; Yarn, Aug. 21; Lindsay Lou & The Flatbellys & Red Tail Ring, Aug. 22; Anders Osborne, Aug. 23; Mustard's Retreat, Aug. 24; Mark O'Connor & The Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 25; Blue Highway, Aug. 26; Goitse, Aug. 27, Take a Chance Tuesday featuring Daniel Champagne, Aug. 28; Studebaker John & the Hawks, Aug. 29; Brendan James, Aug. 30; Bill Kirchen, Aug. 31
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JAZZ AT THE ELKS
Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: There is a $10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz at the Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans
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Kreger

Comedians combine improv, stand-up at Novi show

Chillian Thomas and Jarred Kreger, both of Westland, along with Susan Coletti of Harrison Township, also known as "Comedy Held Hostage," will perform Saturday, Aug. 18 at Andiamo, Novi Theatre.

The show blends improv, stand-up and theater, a one-of-a-kind show that caught the eye of documentary filmmaker Greg Harnos who has followed the trio performing and behind-the-scenes for the past three years. The Andiamo engagement will be the final show filmed for the documentary before final editing is complete. The film is expected to be shown at festivals in 2013.

The show will start at 9 p.m. at the theatre, located at 42705 Grand River Ave. Doors will open at 8 p.m.

In addition to touring with Kreger and Coletti, Thomas has opened for comedian Mark Curry and has performed in Tony and Tina's Wedding, in addition to working in film, theater and improv.

Coletti was a familiar voice as the on-air intern for the legendary Dick Purtan morning radio show on WOMC 104.3FM. By night, she finessed her stand-up routine at various open mic nights at Mark Ridley's in Royal Oak, before moving to Los Angeles, Calif. She continued performing on the West Coast, where her first major gig was a comedy spoof shown on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*. Since then she has opened for HBO's/Comedy Central Butch Bradley, Kyle Grooms and Def Comedy Jam Sheng.

A relatively new face in comedy, Kreger has opened for Hal Sparks at U of M Dearborn, performed at the Farmington Civic Theatre with Chili Chalice, and came in second place at the Joey's Comedy Club "Jump Start Your Career Contest."

Tickets are $10 and available at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office or by phone at (248) 348-4448. They're also sold through Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000 and online at www.ticketmaster.com.

For more information call the box office at (248) 348-4448 or visit www.andiamonovitheatre.com.

Thomas

View the night sky, movie debut at EMU

Eastern Michigan University's (EMU) planetarium will debut the movie, *Stars*, with showtimes at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18. Space at the event is limited to 40 people per show.

The planetarium, located in the new Mark Jefferson Science Complex on the EMU campus, features a 28 foot-diameter futuristic-looking sphere suspended four stories above the ground. The space is used as a classroom serving more than 450 students studying astronomy each semester.

During the movie debut, astronomy fans will learn how the sun works, how planets are born, and how chemical elements are made.

Norbert Vance, professor of astronomy and observatory director at Eastern, accompanied by members of EMU's astronomy club, will be on hand to answer questions about the movie, the planetarium and all its features.

He'll also lead a guided tour at 10 p.m. of the historic observatory located in Sherzer Hall. Stargazers will be able to observe "real" stars through the large apochromatic refractor telescope on the rooftop of the building.

Vance said sky viewers should be able to see Saturn's rings, various star clusters, binary stars, dying stars and constellations of the summer sky.

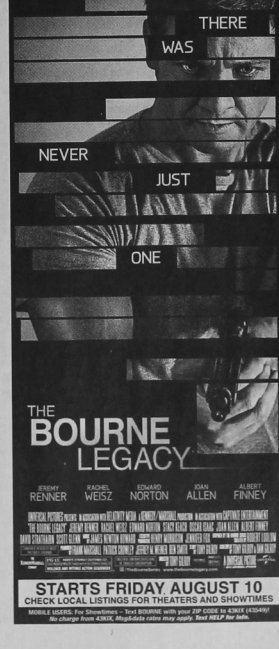
"We've been accused of putting a fake image at the end of the tube when it comes to Saturn... but we assure people that it's the real deal," Vance stated in a press release. "The most difficult idea to convey is the sense of distance and size. It can take a couple hours for the light we see to reach us even within the solar system. And it takes years for our spacecraft to reach places like Saturn even moving at tremendous speeds. Yet the folks at NASA that design and execute these missions almost make the effort look easy."

The planetarium opened in January 2011 with a state-of-the-art facility for educating students in astronomy as part of the University's major renovation of the Mark Jefferson Science Complex. Through projections of the night sky, scenes of stars, planets, comets and other celestial objects can be made to appear and move realistically to simulate the complex motions of the universe.

The scenes are produced using computer and fish-eye projection technologies. The sophisticated system can display the sky at any point in time, deep into the past or well into the future, as it would appear from any point on Earth or even from many of the moons and planets of the solar system.

For more information on the EMU astronomy program, visit www.emich.edu/physics.

The Stars debut and observatory viewing are among many events featured during the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 17-19. For a complete list of events, go to www.ypsilantiheritagefestival.com.



FOOD

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BLUEBERRY TIPS

How to buy: Look for firm, plump, dry berries with smooth skins and a silvery sheen. Size doesn't matter, but color does--reddish berries aren't ripe, but can be used in cooking. Containers with juice stains indicate that the fruit may be bruised.

How to store: Refrigerate fresh blueberries as soon as you get them home, in their original plastic pack or in a covered bowl or storage container. Wash berries just before use. Use within 10 days of purchase.

How to freeze: The secret to successful freezing is to use berries that are unwashed and completely dry. Discard berries that look bruised or shriveled. Place the berries, still in their original plastic pack, in a resealable plastic bag. Or, transfer berries to freezer containers or resealable freezer bags. The berries will freeze individually and you can remove just the portion you need. Remember to rinse them before using.

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Blueberry-stuffed French Toast

Yield: 4 to 6 portions

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6 eggs
1 teaspoon grated orange peel
¼ cup orange juice
3 tablespoons sugar, divide
Pinch salt, optional
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries (thawed and drained, if frozen)
8 slices (1-¼ inches thick) Italian bread
¼ cup sliced almonds
Blueberry Orange Sauce (recipe follows)

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray a large baking sheet with cooking spray. In a medium bowl beat eggs, peel, juice, 2 tablespoons of the sugar and the salt until well blended. Pour into a 13- by 9- by 2-inch baking pan; set aside. In a small bowl combine blueberries and the remaining 1 tablespoon sugar; set aside. With the tip of a sharp knife, cut a 1-½-inch wide pocket in the side of each bread slice. Fill pockets with reserved blueberry mixture, dividing evenly. Place filled slices in egg mixture. Let stand, turning once, until egg mixture is absorbed, about 5 minutes on each side. Arrange bread on prepared baking sheet; sprinkle with almonds. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes, turning slices after 10 minutes. Serve with Blueberry Orange Sauce.

Blueberry Orange Sauce

Yield: 2 cups

3 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
¼ teaspoon salt, optional
¼ cup orange juice
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
1 cup orange sections (about 2 oranges)

In a cup combine sugar, cornstarch and salt. Set aside. In a small saucepan bring orange juice and ¼ cup water to a boil. Add blueberries and orange sections. Return to a boil. Cook until liquid is released from fruit, about 2 minutes. Stir in sugar mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens, 1 to 2 minutes.

Blueberry Mini-Muffins

Yield: 24 mini-muffins

2 cups self-rising flour
⅓ cup sugar
⅓ cup milk
1 large egg, lightly beaten
¼ cup butter, melted
1½ cups fresh blueberries

Preheat oven to 425°F. Lightly grease 24 (1-inch) mini-muffin pan cups. In a medium-sized bowl, combine flour and sugar. Make a well in the center; add milk, egg and butter. Stir gently until mixture begins to form a soft dough; fold in berries; spoon into mini-muffin cups, dividing evenly. Bake until tops are golden, 12 to 15 minutes. Serve warm.

Per muffin: 83 calories, 13 g carbohydrate, 2.6 g total fat, 1.5 g saturated fat

Blueberry-Topped Rice Cakes

Yield: 4 portions

½ cup ricotta or cottage cheese
2 teaspoons apricot preserves
4 apple-cinnamon flavored rice cakes
1 cup thinly-sliced fresh fruit (such as apple, pear, nectarine or peach)
1 cup fresh blueberries

In a small bowl, stir together ricotta and preserves. Spoon an equal amount on each of the rice cakes almost to the edge. Arrange fruit slices in circles on top of the ricotta mixture. Top each with ¼ cup of the blueberries; serve immediately.

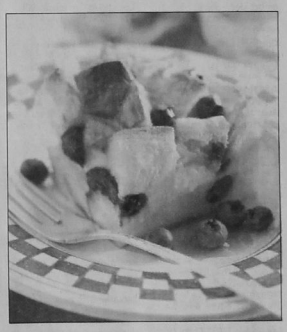
Per Portion: 149 calories, 5 g protein, 24 g carbohydrate, 4 g fat, 39 mg sodium, 16 mg cholesterol

Blueberry Breakfast Bake

Yield: 9 portions

1 loaf (14 ounces) sliced, firm textured white bread, crusts removed, divided
2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, divided
4 ounces light cream cheese (from an 8-ounce package), cut in ½-inch cubes
8 eggs, beaten
1½ cups lowfat milk
½ cup maple syrup
½ cup melted butter

Preheat oven to 350°F. Remove crusts from bread. Cut in 1-inch cubes (makes about 10 cups). Cut cream cheese in small cubes (makes about 1 cup). Grease a 9-by 9-by- 2-inch baking dish. Place half of the bread cubes in the dish. Scatter cream cheese cubes and 1 cup of blueberries over the bread. Top with remaining bread cubes and blueberries. In a bowl, combine eggs, milk, maple syrup and butter. Carefully pour over bread mixture. Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, about 1 hour, covering with aluminum foil if edges brown too much. To serve, cut in squares. Accompany with additional maple syrup, if desired.



Blueberry Pumpkin Bread

Serves 8

1 cup canned solid-pack pumpkin
½ cup sugar
½ cup orange juice
2 large eggs
½ cup vegetable oil
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries, not thawed
White icing, optional (recipe follows)

Preheat oven to 350° F. Butter an 8½- by 4½-inch loaf pan. In large bowl with electric mixer, beat pumpkin, sugar, orange juice, eggs and oil until smooth, about 1 minute. In small bowl, stir flour, baking powder, salt and pumpkin pie spice; add to pumpkin mixture; stir just until combined. Spoon ⅓ of batter into pan; spread evenly. Stir blueberries into remaining batter in bowl and spoon over batter in pan, spread evenly. Bake until a wooden skewer or toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 60 to 65 minutes. Cool in pan on a rack for 10 minutes; turn out onto rack; cool completely. May be wrapped and refrigerated for up to 4 days, or frozen for up to 1 month. If desired, drizzle with icing.

White Icing

Yield: ½ cup

1 cup sifted confectioners sugar
2 tablespoons softened butter.
1½ to 2 tablespoons milk
½-teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar and butter in a bowl. Add the milk and vanilla and beat until smooth. Drizzle over cake.

Blueberry Breakfast Salad

Serves 8

2 pounds mixed, torn salad greens
Blueberry Vinaigrette (recipe follows)
4 cups fresh blueberries
4 cups fresh orange sections or canned mandarin oranges, drained
2 cups granola

Toss salad greens with 1½ cups of the Blueberry Vinaigrette. Divide the dressed greens among eight large plates. Arrange ½ cup orange sections and ½ cup blueberries on top of each salad. Sprinkle each salad with ¼ cup granola. Drizzle remaining dressing on top. Serve immediately.

Blueberry Vinaigrette

Yield: 2 cups

1 cup olive oil
1 cup frozen thawed blueberries
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 teaspoons minced shallot
½ teaspoon kosher salt
½ teaspoon ground white pepper
½ teaspoon paprika

Combine ingredients in food processor container. Process until mixture is smooth. Chill at least 30 minutes to blend flavors.

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Five rules for buying a foreclosure or short sale with confidence

Buyers are still clamoring for real estate deals in this turbulent market. Foreclosures and short sales offer some of the best bargains, but also have a higher risk level. Still, more than four in five adults think foreclosures and short sales can be good deals, according to a recent American Society of Home Inspectors survey.

Some analysts say the rebound has begun and home prices may rise by the end of 2012. This means now may be buyers' last chance to take advantage of affordable properties and low interest rates. If you want to score a bargain before the housing market recovers, you'll need to follow a few rules to invest with certainty.

Make a wise investment by adhering to these five rules while shopping distressed properties:

• Rule 1: Position yourself for success

Before starting your search, get preapproved for a mortgage so when a good deal presents itself, you're positioned to submit a bid right away to be the first offer on the bank's desk. Work with an experienced real estate agent who can help guide you through the daunting sea of foreclosures and short sales. Bidding can be complicated and time-consuming, especially when working with a home sale needing bank approval. A good agent will know how to navigate through the paperwork and red tape.

• Rule 2: Do your research

A real estate agent can help you with research, but it's wise to do some on your own. Are there any undisclosed liens on the property? Is the seller behind on his property taxes? What permit records does the city have on file? This information will be critical during decision-making. Work with your agent to ensure the contract requires any delinquent taxes, liens or assessments will be paid prior to you taking ownership of the property.

• Rule 3: Always get a home inspection

Eighty-four percent of adults surveyed by ASHI said they would be more likely to purchase a distressed property after a home inspection has determined its condition.

A home inspection gives you the confidence to move forward with your purchase because you'll have as much knowledge as possible about the condition of the property. An inspector will visually examine the condition of the home's roof, attic and insulation, foundation, basement and structural components, as well as interior plumbing and electrical systems. Be sure to find an ASHI-Certified Inspector to ensure your inspector is experienced, as many states have minimal licensing requirements. To find a local ACI, use ASHI's "Find an Inspector" tool on www.ASHI.org.

• Rule 4: Budget for repairs

When looking at short sales and foreclosures, remember price is only one aspect to consider. A home will almost always require some type of repair. After receiving your inspection report, you can estimate costs associated with necessary repairs, maintenance or energy-efficient improvements.

• Rule 5: Assess the neighborhood

Location should be a top consideration when purchasing real estate, and in a tough housing market, it's even more important. A home has limited worth if it's located in a less desirable neighborhood. High foreclosure rates can turn a once-desirable neighborhood into one many might likely avoid. These locations are likely to see a slower recovery than more populated or favorable areas less affected by the economy. Make location as important as price when making a purchase decision.

Protect yourself with knowledge and expert advice to make a confident, smart decision about your largest investment.

— Courtesy ARA

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of April 23-27, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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1800 Bridgewater Ct $277,000
8156 Chatham Ct $610,000
44765 Danbury Rd $240,000
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1275 E Crystal Cir $201,000
49628 Great Falls Rd $280,000
48042 Inveraray Rd $390,000
47195 Labana Dr $219,000
45486 Muirfield Dr $310,000
1725 Orchard Dr $30,000
43608 Ryegate St $134,000
45916 S Stonewood Rd $225,000
44437 Savery Dr $25,000
2051 Vanderbilt Rd $130,000
44649 Westminister Way $173,000
41688 White Tail Ln $128,000
GARDEN CITY
402 Clair St $64,000
31031 Dawson St $74,000
33364 Florence St $52,000
6188 Lathers St $82,000
30934 Sheridan St $20,000
LIVONIA
15640 Alpine Dr $155,000
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15015 Ellen Dr $128,000
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8592 Berwick Dr $40,000
547 N Byfield St $75,000
32366 Parkwood St $56,000
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These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of April 9-13, 2012 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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535 Fox Hills Dr N $47,000
1190 Glenpointe Ct $170,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
1078 Greentree Rd $570,000
1168 Hillpointe Cir $177,000
245 Hupp Cross Rd $450,000
2765 Indian Mound S $995,000
5099 Tootmoor Rd $500,000
801 W Long Lake Rd $62,000
335 Waddington St $685,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
6036 Breckway St $90,000
5751 Coralwood Ct $190,000
4254 Marcello Dr $145,000
5934 Strawberry Cir $339,000
FARMINGTON
23835 Drake Rd $330,000
MILFORD
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1177 General Motors Rd $100,000
2720 S Milford Rd $79,000
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3395 Silver Stone Dr $115,000
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50609 Billenca Dr $580,000
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26535 Glenwood Dr $547,000
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Restricting dogs by breed

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am wondering whether our condominium association can lawfully restrict certain breeds of dogs. We don't think that the size and weight limitations are reasonable, but we do want to keep certain dogs out. What do you think?

Robert Meisner

A: While there are not any specific cases in Michigan on that point, it would appear that breed discrimination is reasonable particularly in light of various cases which have found, by way of example, that pit bulls and cross breed pit bulls are inherently dangerous. In Michigan, there is strict liability for a dog bite. I would prefer to have breed discrimination as opposed to limitations on the size and weight of an animal which may have no reasonable bearing to the propensity of the animal to cause a problem and the Michigan Court of Appeals in an unpublished decision has so held. As always, it is best to get an opinion from a knowledgeable community association attorney.

Q: I understand that Fannie Mae may have recently issued an opinion on private transfer fee covenants. Do you have any information?

A: As of March 16, 2012, the Federal Housing Finance Agency issued a final rule and directive which prohibits Fannie Mae from purchasing or investing in any mortgages on properties encumbered by certain private transfer fee covenants, securities backed by such mortgages, or securities backed by the income stream from such covenants, unless they are expected transfer fee covenants, as defined in the final rule (the "Regulation"). However, the final rule excludes private transfer fees paid to homeowner association, condominiums, cooperatives, and certain tax-exempt organizations that use private transfer fee proceeds to benefit the property. You should determine whether in fact your particular property comes within any exemptions to the regulation.

Q: Our association has a situation where some of the residents have established a Facebook group in order to have residents be able to send notices of missing pets, ask to borrow tools, offer babysitting and pet sitting services and, otherwise connect with each other. However, they are using the name of the Association in their Facebook page title. Is there anything we can do about it?

A: Generally speaking, the association lawyer will be probably be concerned about having the association's name in the Facebook group's title causing confusion between the association's own Facebook page and the group's Facebook page. There is also concern about whether the residents' Facebook page will provide information which is inaccurate and will not give the association itself an opportunity to monitor what goes on the page and take down any negative posts which could adversely affect real estate values. This of course could result in litigation, but hopefully it can be resolved amicably.

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

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Estate Sales

Another Bernard Davis Estate Sale 313-837-1993
Aug. 10-11, 9-4pm.
622 Snowmass, Rochester Hills, 48309. For more info
estatesales.net
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DEARBORN: Antiques, French Provicial furniture, tools & household items. Thurs-Fri. 8-3. Sat. 8-1. 137 N. Melborn. 5 blks. W/Telegraph, 1st. blk N. of Cherry Hill.

LIVONIA ESTATE SALE: 36894 Sunnydale. Fri-Sat, 8-5pm. www.ournextsale.net

LIVONIA ESTATE SALE:
Antiques, furniture, clocks & clock parts, jewelry, Royal Dalton Tobeys, clothing - men's 2 & 3X, women and teen's clothing, kitchen items, books, bikes, collectible paper items, china sets including friendly village pattern, linens, collectible bats, front loading dryer, lamps & electrified kerosene ceiling lights. Lots of old and unusual items. Thurs-Sat, Aug. 9-11, 9am-6pm. 36457 Ann Arbor Trail, btwn Wayne Rd & Newburgh.

PLYMOUTH- 623 JENER
Aug 9 & 10th, 9-4pm. W of Main, btwn Ann Arbor Trail & Ann Arbor Rd. Selling entire contents of home. Some vintage and mid-century furniture, secretary desk, recliners, bike, dining table, tools. All priced to sell!

WESTLAND: Estate Sale. Sat. Aug 11, 9-6. 1516 Lillian St. Btwn. Barrington & Parkwood, off Merriman. Furniture, Armoire, Collectibles, etc.

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BEVERLY HILLS-
Scaling down sale
22751 N Knottingham. S off 14, W of Lahser. Bedroom, dining room, hutch, Woodard patio furniture. Classics & collectibles! 8/9-8/11, 10-4pm.

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BEVERLY HILLS- 5 families. Furniture, household, toys & much more! 17870 Locherbie, Fri., Aug 10th 9-5pm. Sat., Aug 11th 9-3pm.

BIRMINGHAM- Fri only! Aug 10th, 10-4pm. Furniture, designer jeans, rugs & kitchenware. 1776 Winthrop at Chesterfield & Maple

CANTON Moving Sale - Home furnishings, furniture, art work, etc. 631 Sorel Dr. Aug. 9-11, 9am-5pm.

CANTON-Downsizing Sale! Sat., Aug. 11, 9am-5pm. 480 Sylvan Dr., in Canton. Sports bar items: dart board, neon signs, framed sports pictures, football, baseball and hockey items along with race car memorabilia such as flags, race jackets, fenders and slicks. Must see! Also gently used house hold items, chairs, couch, black baby grand piano, dining room table, Longaberger Baskets, framed pictures and decorative items - much more! Cash only please!

DEARBORN HEIGHTS CANFIELD CENTER
Over 150 vendors!
Free Parking
8th annual garage sale.
Sat., Aug 11th. 9-4pm.
1801 N Beech Daly
Btwn Ford Rd & Cherry Hill

Farmington Hills: Garage Sale. Aug. 10-11, 10-4pm. 29984 Mayfair. Off of 13 Mile, btwn. Farmington & Drake. Kids toys & clothes.

FARMINGTON HILLS: Moving Sale. Aug. 9-11, 9-5. Misc. items, sofa, good stuff. 21355 Parklane St. Off 9 Mile, btwn. Halsted & Drake.

GARDEN CITY GARAGE SALE:
August 10-12, 10-4pm.
33070 Rosslyn Ave, close to Ford Rd. & Venoy.
Large holiday collection!

GARDEN CITY- 4 family sale! Clothing, electronics, tools & more! 8/9, 8/10 & 8/11, 9-5pm. 212 Deering; N of Cherry Hill. Some antiques.

GARDEN CITY: 33551 Leona St. Fri. 9-4 & Sat. 9-2. Watches, Tools, Bumper Pool Table, Decorator Items.

LIVONIA Multi-Family Garage Sale - Aug. 9 &10, 9am-4pm. 8/11, 9am-12noon. 18774 Renwick, S.of 7 Mile, W. of Levan.

LIVONIA
Multiple-Family Garage Sale Furniture, household items, small appliances. 19320 Milburn, Livonia. Thurs. & Fri.

LIVONIA- 15395 Fairlane, W of Farmington, N of 5 Mile. Household items, tools, toys, books, sewing accessories, etc. 8/9-8/11; 10-6pm.

LIVONIA- Multi-family yard sale! Baby/kid/adult clothes, home goods, toys, furniture, hollow doors. Sat, Aug 11, only. 15461 Merriman, Livonia, near 5 mi.

LIVONIA-2 Family Garage Sale Thursday, Friday, August 9-10, 9am-5pm. 14306 Houghton. Housewares, furniture, books, teaching supplies, toddler bed, misc.

LIVONIA: 10th ANNUAL QUAKERTOWN SUB SALE
25+ families participating (off 6 Mile, btwn. 275 & Haggerty). Aug 10th & 11th, 9am-4pm.

LIVONIA: 5 Family. Aug. 9-11, 9-5. 14967 Sunbury. S. of 5, E. of Middlebelt. Antiques, 90's boy toys collectibles, yard equip., furniture. You name it!

LIVONIA: HUGE SALE! Aug. 11-12, 9-5pm. 18496 Brentwood St., E of Middlebelt btwn 6 & 7 Mile, off Pickford. Variety of items, too much too list!

LIVONIA: Misc. furniture, household items & tools. Aug. 9 & 10, 9-4. 15034 Bainbridge. 1 blk. E. of Merriman, S. of 5 Mile.

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MILFORD: Misc., household items, garage items, baby stuff, crafts, etc. Thurs-Sat. 9am-7pm, Milford Memories Weekend. 1950 South Hill Rd.

NORTHVILLE 18328 Clairmont Circle E. 48167. Multi-Family Garage Sale! Aug. 9 & 10, 9am-4pm. Art work and household items.

NOVI: Fri. & Sat. 8/10-8/11, 8am-4pm. 41272 Llewelyn. 8 Mile and Meadowbrook. Vintage, electronics, crafting, books, household, kids, etc.

PLYMOUTH This Friday, 8/10, 12062 Amherst Ct., Plymouth. 8AM-4PM. Baby items, preschool toys, new scrapbook supplies and more!!!

PLYMOUTH- Household, home decor, table & chairs, silk plants, baseball cards & men's shirts. 8/11 9-6pm, 8/12, 10-5pm. 14925 Farmbrook, 5 Mile btwn Haggerty & Northville Rd.

PLYMOUTH: Huge Moving Sale! Furniture, antiques, sporting goods, lots of household. Aug. 10-11, 9-3pm. 50114 E. Fellows Creek Ct. Ann Arbor Rd & Ridge.

ROCHESTER HILLS
Garage Sale - Part 2! More stuff! Furniture, kitchen, vintage, collectibles, Christmas, household. August 9-11, 9am-4pm. 2424 Bevington Rd.

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SOUTH LYON- HUGE GARAGE SALE! Aug 9-11, 13836 Monarch, South Lyon 9-4 Tons of household, books, clothing & more, great prices

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SOUTHFIELD MEGA-HUGE HILTON STREET GARAGE SALE - FRI-SAT-SUN, Aug. 9-10, 9am- 6pm; Aug 11, 9am-5am. 1 Block N of 10 mile, 2 Blocks E of Southfield Rd. Household Items, Jewelry, Clothing (Women's Size 6-3X), Women's Shoes (Size 5-9), Antique & Contemporary Furniture, Generator, Linens, Curtains, Bikes, Fabric, Golf Clubs, Electronics, Exercise Equipment, Tools, Books, etc. 248-252-6911

WEST BLOOMFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GARAGE SALE
4100 Walnut Lake Rd. Aug. 9, 9-7, Aug. 10, 9-5, Aug. 11, 9-noon. **248-851-2330**

WESTLAND
WESTLAND MEADOWS
Large community sale with 30 plus homes participating! Van Born & Merriman (maps are available of participating homes at Guard House at entrance). Aug. 11-12, 10am-5pm. Lots of everything!

WESTLAND: Neighborhood Yard Sale! Aug. 9-11, 9-4. 2758 Ackley to 1818 Stieber, located btwn Palmer & Glenwood, just W/ Wayne Rd.

WIXOM- Multi family sale! Fri., 8/10 & Sat., 8/11, 9-5pm. 686 Chestnut Dr., Beck & Maple. Furn. (armoire, antique rocker), kitchen, collectibles.

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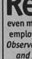
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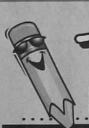

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ACROSS

1 Tiny bottle
5 Wordy Webster
9 Rome wrecker
12 Merchandise
13 Brand for Bowser
14 — Hagen of "The Other"
15 Pitfall
16 — du jour
17 Golly!
18 Prenuptial bashes (2 wds.)
21 Oahu welcome
22 Harbor vessel
23 Domino dot
26 Switch positions
28 Blues street in Memphis
32 Competed for
34 Moo goo — pan
36 Shallow container
37 Havana export
39 — -med student
41 "Simpsons" bartender
42 Toshiba rival
44 PC key
46 Heavy-rain results (2 wds)
51 Laugh syllable
52 Prefix for "trillion"
53 Breezy greeting
55 Dune buggy kin
56 Fifty-fifty
57 Pledge
58 Crow kin
59 Became a redhead
60 Stein fillers

DOWN

1 German "bugs"
2 Fleming and Woosnam
3 Smell — —
4 Copier setting
5 Taking a snooze
6 Earthen jar
7 By itself
8 Spa amenity (2 wds.)
9 Very large
10 Comanche neighbors
11 No, to a lassie
19 Earth, in combos
20 — — the picture!
23 Newer pipes
24 Sequel's sequel
25 Identify, slangily
27 Maple-tree product
29 Tentacle
30 Thai language
31 Stare at
33 — Elcar of "MacGyver"
35 Limerick locale
38 Took ten
40 That, in Sonora
43 Ford alternative
45 Winter warmer
46 Goat cheese
47 Seize by judicial order
48 Without cost
49 Analog watch part
50 Overindulge
51 Mecca pilgrimage
54 Cries at a circus

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	A	N	■	P	O	U	R	■	S	P	A	T
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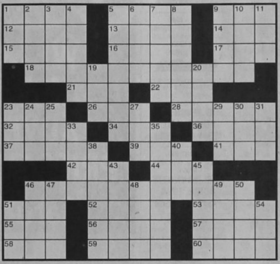

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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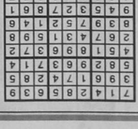

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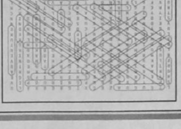

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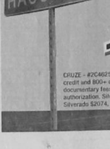

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