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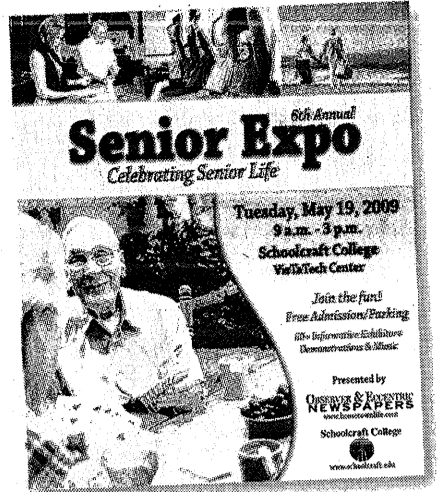
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## PIPELINE



KEITH KOLODSICK

Plymouth resident Marie Beaghan (second from right) was honored last week for giving 4,000 hours of service as an Angela Hospice volunteer. She is pictured with the hospice's executive director Mary Beth Moning, fellow volunteer Jane Neu, and volunteer coordinators Lisa Delgado and Syndie Best.

## Volunteer honors

With more than 500 volunteers supporting its programs for patients and their families, Angela Hospice has a lot to be grateful for when it comes to the dedication of its unsung heroes. The hospice took the opportunity to say "Thank You" recently during National Volunteer Week at a dinner/awards ceremony at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland, where awards were presented to volunteers who had reached milestones for each five years or 500 hours of service. Ninety-one volunteers received pins for these achievements.

Plymouth residents who were recognized include Marie Beaghan (4,000 hours); Pete Havstad (500 hours); Elizabeth Hayes (five years); Bernadette O'Neill (500 hours); Georgia Scappaticci (3,000 hours); Sue Scappaticci (five years and 500 hours); and Stella Smith (3,000 hours).

## Tees for Tots

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. hosts its 12th annual Golf Classic June 2 at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

The annual event raises money to assist children with autism and other challenges. It also funds efforts of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. to "improve the lives and futures" of children in the community through support of Tanger School and its Sandra Sagar Scholarship.

Golfers get a chance to meet former Detroit Tiger first baseman Dave Bergman, a member of the 1984 World Series winners.

The cost is \$165 per golfer (\$600 per foursome) and includes registration and breakfast at 8 a.m., an 18-hole scramble which starts at 9 a.m. sharp, golf cart, lunch, banquet dinner, awards and prizes.

For tickets and sponsorship information, contact Dick Schmidt at (734) 454-7335.

# Postal food drive fills pantry shelves

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

Last year's drive — which didn't

include Belleville — garnered nearly 38,500 pounds of food.

"That's just phenomenal, unbelievable," said Maj. Jim Irvine, the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps officer. "I think what we're seeing is the fact everyone is so in tune with the hurt that is out there. To the best of my knowledge, nobody gave huge donations. Everybody just pitched in. This incredible outpouring is nothing short of a miracle."

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

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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

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

up from 19,678 a year ago.

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

Dan Marek of Plymouth, a letter carrier from the Plymouth Township post office on Clipper off of Beck, said he talked to carriers who told him it

was "probably one of the most generous years from the customers on their routes."

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

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

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The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce presented Showcase Plymouth Monday at St. John's.

# Expo excellence



Elizabeth Skinner spins the Genisys Credit Union wheel for a chance to win a \$100 flex certificate of deposit or other prizes. Jeff McGowan and Lon Bone man the booth.

## Despite recession, business Showcase booms

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For local businesses, Monday's Showcase and Taste of Plymouth may have been a silver lining in the cloud of recession hovering over southeastern Michigan.

More than 700 people attended the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce event, held at the Inn at St. John's, giving nearly 100 exhibitors good public exposure.

The Inn's atrium and adjacent rooms were crowded throughout the evening, with, not surprisingly, the 20-some Taste of Plymouth contestants' booths proving the most popular.

Independence Village, a retirement and assisted living community, won the Taste title this year for its crabcakes,

with the Rusty Bucket a close second.

Ron Koch and Christine O'Bryan, who know a few things about surviving a downturn, were pleased with the response to the display for their Plymouth business, Working Dog Signs & Graphics.

"This has probably been our most successful year," said Koch of the Showcase, the third for Working Dog.

The husband-and-wife team of Koch and O'Bryan designs and manufactures all kinds of graphics, from menus to monument signs, and has done work for the Green Street Fair, Bear Claw Coffee Co. and the Deer Street Professional Building.

Koch said they began the business a few years ago after "we both got downsized from

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# New signs to restore theater's original look

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They took down its neon marquee sign and the distinctive letters atop its crown, but the Penn is mightier than the wrecking crew.

The 68-year-old Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth underwent the first steps of a signage renovation Monday and Tuesday, as workers from the Wagner Electric Sign Co. of Elyria, Ohio, used a crane to remove the two-sided marquee sign and the 5-foot-high capital letters, spelling PENN, on top of the building.

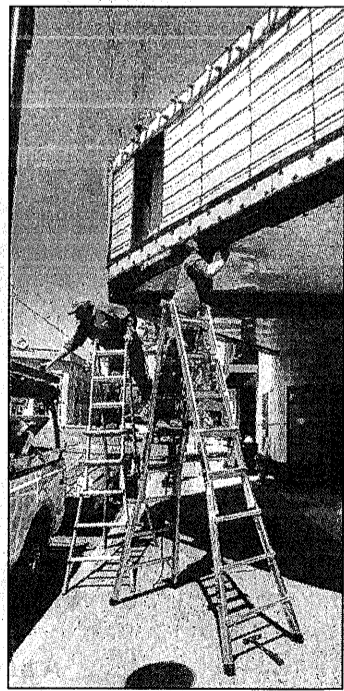
The theater is open for busi-

ness, with movies Thursday through Sunday, during the project, which is expected to be completed in about a month.

The marquee is to get new signs with a look — neon and flashing lights to highlight the shows being advertised — that matches its appearance when the Penn opened in 1941. Likewise, the letters that graced the top of the facade will be replaced with replicas; sign workers will use the originals as templates. Like the originals, the new lettering will also have neon.

"We're trying to go as close to

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Larry Ester and Jeff Squires of Wagner Electric Sign begin taking down the Penn Theater's marquee.

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# Students among those recovering from swine flu

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

According to health officials, two of the cases had known contact with individuals who traveled to Mexico, where the so-called swine flu originated. The other two cases had no known travel or contact history concerning the H1N1 flu.

It was the case of the 16-year-old high school student that was brought to the attention of Plymouth-Canton school officials on May 1. After consulting with Centers for Disease Control and Wayne County health officials, the district shut down the entire district May 4-5. After new recommendations announced by the CDC which allowed schools to stay open unless there was an outbreak of the novel influenza A, classes resumed May 6.

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

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

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

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

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

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Potter Leslie Greeneisen of Canton returns to Plymouth's ArtFeast this weekend.

# Spring 'Feast'

## Plymouth ready to show off artists' work

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jill Andra Young knows there's one thing to do when you've organized a successful fair for a few years now.

Make it bigger and better.

That's why this weekend's ArtFeast will include more businesses, new events and new ideas when it kicks off with the opening reception 6 p.m. Friday, May 15. The fair runs 6-9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

"We're just making it bigger and better," said Young, who said she's been getting a huge amount of calls from inquisitive people. "People want to know where to get maps, what's going on."

Plymouth ArtFeast is a Gallery Walk through downtown Plymouth, as well as a number of off-site locations. Artists will



PHOTOS BY JILL ANDRA YOUNG

be present Friday evening during the Gala Openings. More than 30 participating locations will be available in and around the downtown area.

Featured art will include pottery, paintings, sculpture, glasswork, mixed media, fiber works, jewelry and many surprise art finds, featuring the work of more than 30 artists.

During the Friday evening opening, a trolley will deliver patrons to the outer areas not within walking distance of downtown. Musicians will perform in the open air, including skits involving actors from Plymouth's only production company, Barefoot Productions.

Other ArtFeast activities include Sidewalk Chalk Murals, open chalk, face paintings, balloon art and, of course, the art. Spectators who visit at least 12 of the art stops and have their

passport stamped get a chance to win pieces of art.

In addition to chalk artists, the event will feature "open chalking" in front of Parkside Gallery, with eight-10 buckets of chalk available to chalk "artists" of all ages.

This event is free. See participating stores for details.

"Everyone seems to like this kind of event, because we don't close the streets, there's plenty of parking and people can come and go and are able to get to all the businesses," Young said. "People can get into all the businesses, including some they might not go to on a regular basis. You get to see the artists in their 'natural habitat,' so to speak."

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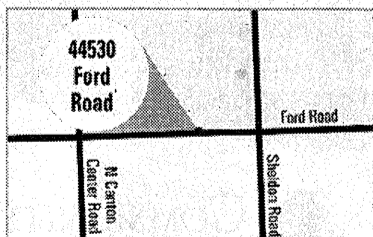
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**PENN**  
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the original look as possible," said Joe Elliott, renovations manager for the Friends of the Penn, as he watched workers remove the signage Tuesday morning.

Elliott said parts of the sign have been damaged and replaced over the years, so that the marquee looked different from the way it did in 1941. The red letters on top of the building were rusted out and discolored, and a neon lighting tube had fallen from the second "n."

The project will cost Friends of the Penn an estimated \$90,000, and possibly more depending on the amount of structural restoration the marquee — the signage support that hangs over the sidewalk in front of the theater — needs.

"It'll be brighter, cleaner," said Ellen Elliott, executive director of the nonprofit Friends of the Penn and Joe Elliott's wife. "It'll just look better all the way around."

Downtown pedestrians enjoying the sunshine stopped outside the Penn Tuesday to watch the workers, some asking if the theater was closing. One woman, upon hearing of the renovations, thanked Joe Elliott for his efforts. A young man in a suit, cell phone at his left ear, strode by close to the crane, apparently oblivious to the barricades and the potential danger.

Friends of the Penn plans a relighting ceremony for the evening of Thursday, June 25. The Plymouth Community Band will perform in nearby Kellogg Park, and, after a showing of the 1962 musical *The Music Man*, a fanfare from the musicians will signal the official relighting of the new neon.

Friends of the Penn, which leases the theater for a dollar a year, has in recent years taken on several other renovation projects: a new concession area, roof work and a new air-handling system.

"The seats and auditorium improvements will probably be our next big project," Joe Elliott said. The Penn has 405 seats.

"It's such a treasure. I'm glad people saw enough value in it to support it," Ellen Elliot said.

Movies at the Penn continue this week with "Pal Joey," a 1957 musical with Frank Sinatra and Rita Hayworth, at 7 p.m. Thursday. Clint Eastwood's "Gran Torino" is the weekend feature, with shows at 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 5 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Sunday. All tickets are \$3 each. For more on the theater, visit [www.penn-theatre.com](http://www.penn-theatre.com).



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On Tuesday a large part of the marquee is removed along with the letters that spell "Penn." The supports for the letters get a fresh coat of paint.

**SHOWCASE**

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corporate jobs about the same time." The name Working Dog, he said, comes from their love of working breeds, such as retrievers and shepherds.

"If we survive the current economy, we'll come out a lot stronger on the other side," Koch said.

The banking industry, which if anything has fared worse in the recession than the real-estate market, was

well-represented Monday. But Kris Mayer wanted visitors to know that New Liberty Bank in Plymouth Township is not your typical corporate bank.

"We pride ourselves on being involved in the community," said Mayer, a bank vice president. Employees are members of community groups, board members must live locally and New Liberty invests only in a local three-county area, Mayer said. Customers can pick up the phone and, instead of a getting call center, talk to

Mayer directly.

It was the first Showcase for Heritage Embroidery Services, a custom decorator of clothing and marketing giveaways such as pens and mugs. Gary Cummins, one of the partners, said he's seen a business fall-off, especially in high-volume corporate orders, during the recession.

"So far, we've been able to break even. We're holding our own," said Cummins.

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**Historic theaters**

The Plymouth District Library will host "Detroit's Historic Theaters" 7 p.m. Monday, May 18.

Presented by Preservation Wayne, attendees will enjoy anecdotes, artifacts, photographs and discussion covering 20th Century Detroit theaters such as the Fillmore, Fox, Century, Michigan and Gem. This will be a sit-down presentation of the four-and-a-half hour walking tour fund-raiser held annually in August.

**VVA car wash**

Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528 host a car wash 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at Main Street Car Wash in Plymouth.

All cash this day goes to Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528. Main Street Car Wash is located at 1191 S. Main ST. in Plymouth. The owner does this once a year and the members of 528 do the work. The money raised goes to help all veterans of all wars and conflicts.

The VVA Car Shows start 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695. Chapter 528 of the Vietnam Veterans welcomes all the hot rods, muscle cars, antiques, unusual, and unique cars to come by. There is no charge to register.

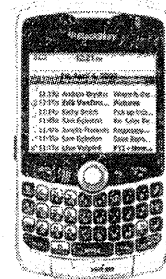
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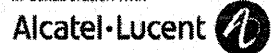
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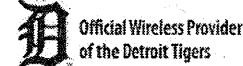
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## Facing police search, man tosses suspected pot in creek

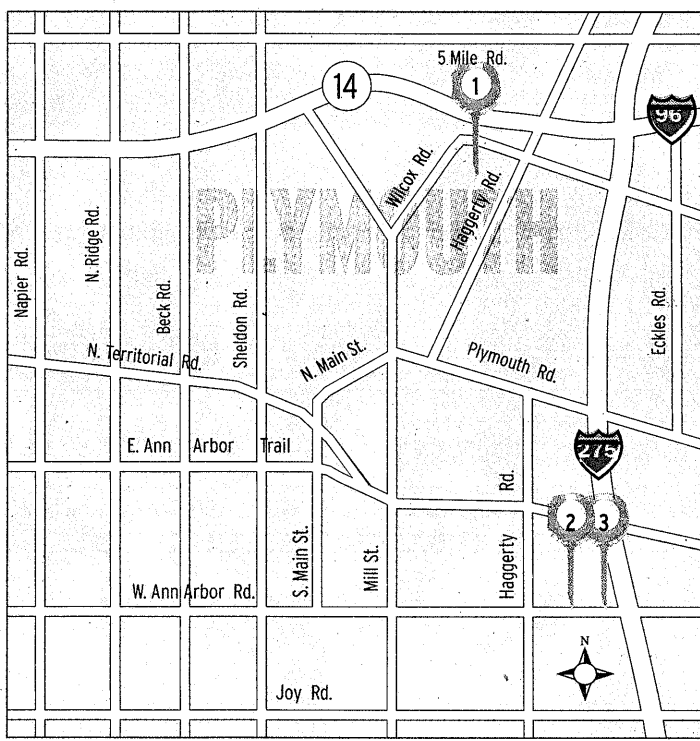
A 20-year-old Plymouth man was arrested on a charge of destroying evidence after tossing a plastic bag of suspected marijuana into the Middle Rouge as a police officer prepared to search him Friday afternoon.

The incident occurred just after 2 p.m. near a railroad bridge in the area of Hines Drive and Gunsolly Drive, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

The man and his female companion had attracted the attention of police, the report said, because they were seen leaving a Ford Explorer, which the man had parked in a turnaround, and walk toward the railroad bridge, police said. Police also smelled burned marijuana nearby, the report said.

Two officers approached the pair from different directions, the report said, and one saw the man grasping a plastic bag in his right hand and smelled marijuana on his person. About to pat him down, the officer grabbed his right arm, and he responded by tossing the plastic bag, which, the officer's report said, was about one-third filled with a "green leafy substance."

The man was told that he was under arrest. Police also sought a charge of hindering police. The Explorer was impounded.



POLICE BRIEFS

### Car break-in

**2** A Livonia woman reported losing her purse and a coat after her car was broken into in a parking lot at Bally's Total Fitness on Ann Arbor Road on May 6.

Police said the left rear window had been shattered. The woman told police she parked the SUV at Bally's shortly before 9 p.m. and left the fitness center about 10:15 p.m. to discover the break-in.

### Vandalism

**3** A car in a parking lot at Bally's was vandalized as its owner worked out there Monday evening.

The victim, a Ypsilanti Township man, told police he parked his 2008 Dodge Avenger shortly before 6 p.m. and returned from his workout at about 7 p.m. to find two large scratches on the left rear door.

By Matt Jachman

## Police offer tips to safeguard the home

The Plymouth Township Police Department, courtesy the township's Web site, offers the following tips for protecting a home from burglar.

These tips, and others, can be found on the township's Web site at [www.plymouthtwp.org](http://www.plymouthtwp.org):

### Outside the home

• **Landscaping:** Look around. Are large trees near the house? Prune lower limbs that could help a thief climb in second floor windows. Trim trees and bushes so a burglar cannot use them for cover. High wooden fences also allow a burglar to work unnoticed. Remember to lock up ladders and tools. Ask your neighbors to do the same. Trellises look great, but place them where they cannot be used as ladders to the second floor.

• **Lighting:** Criminals avoid the spotlight. Porches, yards, and all entrances to your home and garage should be well lit.

• **Your House Number:** Make sure law enforcement or fire agencies can locate your house in an emergency. Your house number should be clearly visible from the street day and night. Use numbers that are 6 inches high and made of reflective materials or black numerals against a white background. Avoid script numbers - they can be confusing. If your house is some distance from the road, post the number at the driveway entrance. If you live on a corner, make sure the number faces the street named in your address.

• **Windows:** An easy, inexpensive way to secure double-hung windows is to use a nail. Drill an angled hole through the top frame of the lower window partially into the frame of the upper window. Then insert a nail or an eyebolt. The window cannot be opened until you remove the nail. Make a second set of holes with windows partially open so you can have ventilation without inviting

intruders. For sliding windows, try the preventative tips suggested for sliding doors.

• **Doors:** Entry doors should be solid core wood (at least 1-3/4 inches thick) or metal. Most hollow core doors can be easily broken through. They offer little protection, no matter what locks you use. Your door should fit its frame tightly - with no more than 1/8-inch clearance between the door and frame. If the gap is too large, replace the door. If that is too expensive, bolt a sturdy metal strip to the door edge.

You boost your protection and save energy. Any hardware dealer can show you the kind of strip to use. Doors with decorative glass panels or windows are an easy mark. It takes only seconds to break the glass and unlock the door. If you do not want to replace the door, install a break-resistant plastic panel or decorative grill over the glass. Attach the grills with non-removable screws. Most door hinges are on the inside, safe from a burglar's tools. If hinges are on the outside, the hinge pins can be easily removed and the door taken out of the frame. To protect such doors, replace hinges with new ones with non-removable pins.

• **Sliding glass doors:** Burglars look for sliding glass doors because they are easy to open. Several types of locks are made especially for these glass doors. The existing lock can be bolstered by placing a solid strip of wood in the track of the closed door. That helps block the door even if the lock is broken. Determined thieves may lift the door off its tracks. Use these preventative tips:

• Adjust rollers so the door cannot be pushed up enough to lift it off the track.

• Insert screws along the upper track of the door. Leave enough room for the door to slide, but not enough space to lift the door out.

• Drill a hole and insert a nail through the inside frame and

part way through the metal door frame. You can remove the nail, but a burglar cannot.

• **Locks:** A deadbolt lock can provide good protection. When you turn the key, the lock mechanism slides a strong metal bolt from the door into the frame. When you buy a deadbolt lock, make sure:

• The bolt extends at least 1 inch from the edge of the door (has a 1-inch thro).

• The connecting screws that hold the lock together are on the inside of the door.

• The strike plate is attached to the door frame with screws that measure at least 3 inches.

• The cylinder has a steel guard - a ring around the key section. The cylinder guard should be tapered or rotated around the key to prevent wrenching if twisted.

The Plymouth Township Police and Fire departments do not recommend Double-Cylinder Deadbolt locks for safety reasons. In case of an emergency, we want the resident to get out of the house quickly.

Padlocks are typically used for garages, sheds, and workshops. Look for a sturdy padlock that does not release the key until the padlock is locked. Be sure the padlock is case-hardened with a 3/8-inch shackle so it can resist bolt cutters. A double-locking design can prevent the shackle being pried away from its case. Remember that a padlock is only as good as the hasp on which it is mounted. The hasp should be secured with bolts that are concealed when the padlock is locked.

All the hardware in the world will not protect you if you open your door without checking who is on the other side. Buy an inexpensive viewer. Tell your children and their babysitters not to open the door to strangers.

Remember, always use your locks. Even a five-minute trip to the store is long enough for a burglar to enter your home.

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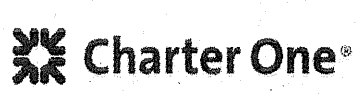
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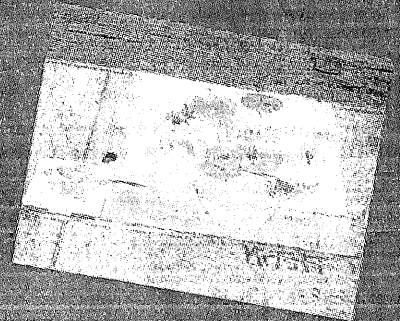
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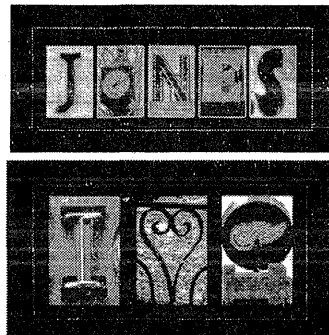


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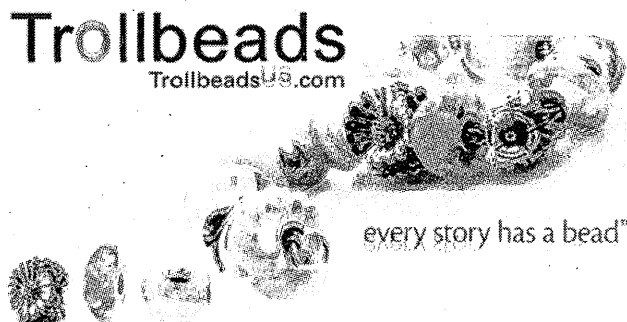
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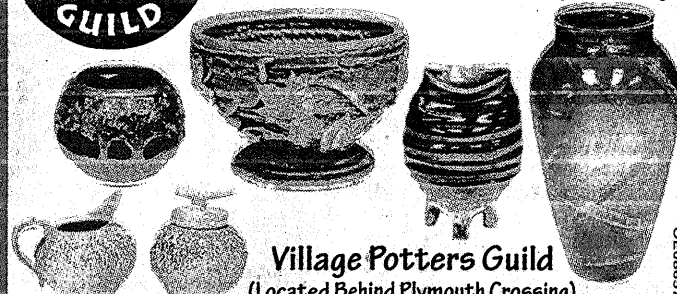


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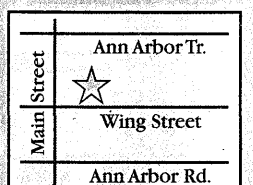
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# Senior spellers get final word

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The event included lunch, raffle gifts and prizes.

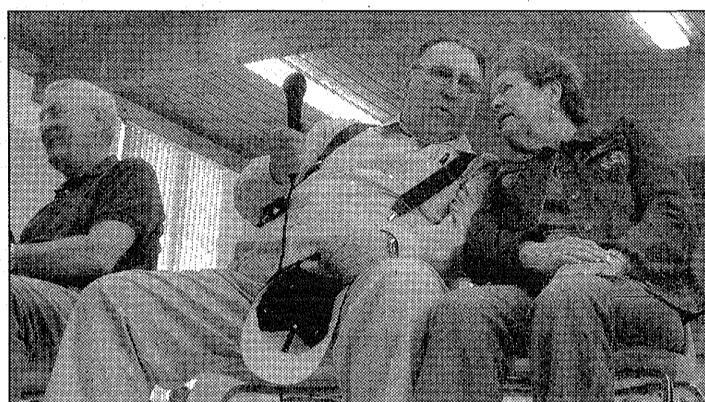
Plymouth City Commissioner Dave Workman and 35th District Court Judge Jim Plakas served as the judges for the event.



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



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



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

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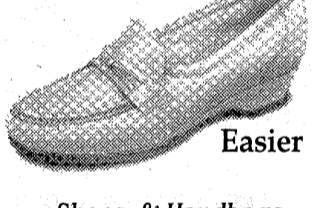


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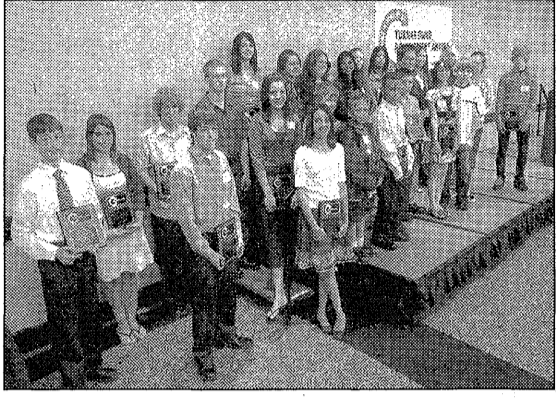
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## Awards show that there's always hope

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

We couldn't agree with her more.

At the 13th annual Turnaround Achievement ceremony last week, the accomplishments of 25 Plymouth-Canton students, all of whom have overcome some sort of adversity in either their academic or personal lives. Some have battled illness, others bad attitudes, still others had to learn they were hanging out with the wrong crowd.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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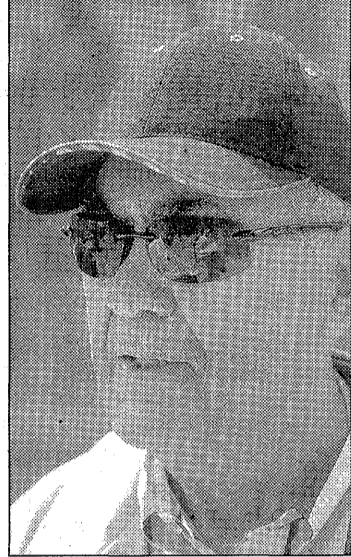
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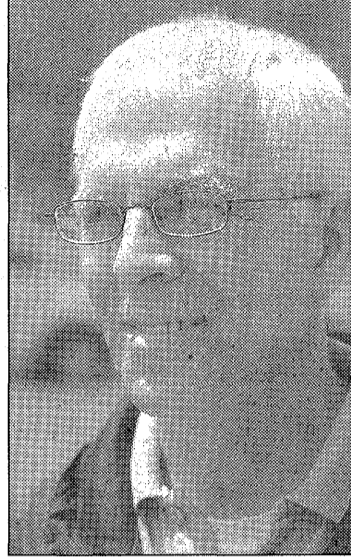
Will the economy affect your vacation plans this summer, and do you plan to travel in Michigan?  
We asked these questions outside the U.S. post office in downtown Plymouth.



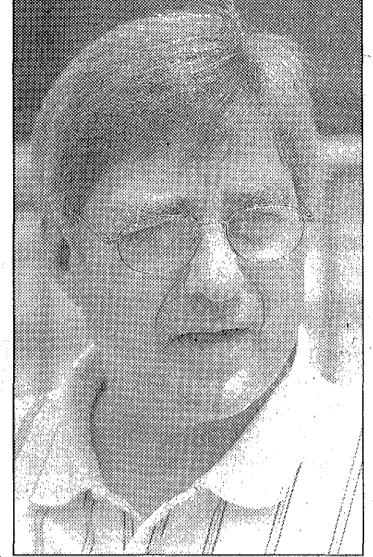
"Absolutely we'll travel in Michigan. We'll keep our dollars in Michigan. My husband and I have always been cautious spenders ... so we are really not changing anything."  
Karen Ellen  
Plymouth



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



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



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

## LETTERS

### Big 3 run deep

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

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

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

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

Jim Drozdowski  
Canton

### Promote the diversity

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

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

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

Tanja Ganguly  
Canton

### Lions say thanks

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



### What do you think?

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

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

The Canton Lions Club has 49 members and meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The meeting is held at the Cherry Hill School House located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Canton Lions Club, please contact me at (734) 254-9404, or govbill1@comcast.net.

Bill Van Winkle  
president, Canton Lions Club

### The 1st 100 days

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

which clueless conservative ideology had grounded it.

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

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

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

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## MALLS & MAINSTREETS

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



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

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



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

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



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## Go Glam or Go Home

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

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

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# Poetry in motion: Reading lets students show off their stanzas

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

David Grant admits he was pretty nervous, although he apparently fooled his mom.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

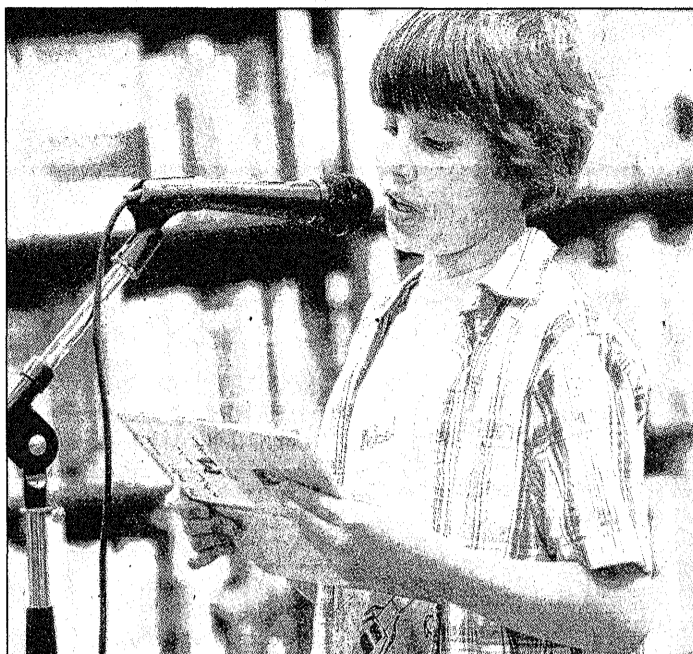
Michael Wischer, 10, wants to be a musician. His enthusiasm for the project grew with a tip from his father.

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

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

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

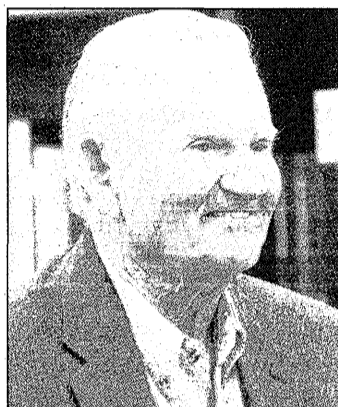
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Dodson Elementary School fourth-grader Michael Wischer, who wants to be a musician, reads a Haiku he wrote for his class poetry project.



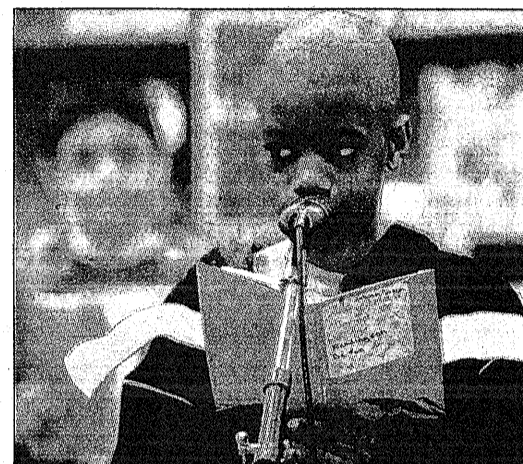
Cathy Tyler is the Dodson Elementary teacher who taught her students to appreciate poetry and to write their own verse.



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



Alex Mashni reads his work.



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

# Reverse mortgage may help some struggling seniors

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

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

difficult financial times is a reverse mortgage.

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

The mortgage, including

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

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



Money Matters

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primary mortgages, home equity loans or other types of debt. Reverse mortgages are also effective in providing money to cover living expenses. I generally don't recommend reverse mortgages for such things as vacations, long-term investing or any frivolous expenditure. Reverse mortgages can be costly. Even though the government has capped origination fees, there are other fees

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

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

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

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## Mustangs nip Rocks in key KLAA Central duel

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The only thing better than the weather during Tuesday afternoon's Northville-Salem baseball game was the leather. Playing under 70-degree, sun-drenched skies, the Mustangs turned their 2-1 victory over the Rocks into a glove story. With senior pitcher David Uberti throwing almost nothing but strikes, the Mustangs pulled off a pair of defensive gems to preserve their pivotal one-run win. Northville improved to 21-1 overall and 9-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. Salem slipped to 15-8 and 10-3, respectively. With the victory, the Mustangs avenged a 19-5 setback at home to the Rocks in

### PREP BASEBALL

April. "I didn't have to say a lot to them before the game," said Northville coach John Kostrewa. "We had to chew on that loss for a long time. It wasn't that we lost that left a bad taste in our mouth, but that it was an embarrassing loss and that it was at home." The first Sportscenter highlight-caliber play came in Salem's half of the fifth with the score knotted at 1-1 and Uberti deadlocked in a pitchers' duel with Rock senior southpaw Sam Ott. Lead-off batter Heath Parling opened the frame for the hosts by reaching on an error. The next batter, Dave Loos, bunted toward third baseman Dan Mills, who

fired Loos out at first. With third base unattended, Parling took off for third, but he was gunned down by Northville first baseman Bobby Thomas, whose across-the-diamond strike to hustling, on-the-move shortstop Kyle Breault capped the rare 5-3-6 double-play. "That was a great athletic play by Kyle to get over there as fast as he did," said Kostrewa. "That's an instinct play that you don't even work on in practice." Salem's next batter, Ott, then flied out deep to right field. Northville's second big defensive effort came in the bottom of the sixth when Salem's Chris Kordick ripped a line shot to right field that Kevin Fisher fielded on one hop before unleashing a rope to Thomas at first to nip Kordick on the 9-3 putout.

"We actually work on that play and we've tried it quite a few times this season, but today was the first time we got anybody out," said Kostrewa. "It worked because of a combination of things. First of all the ball was hit hard. Secondly, their outfield is hard so the ball got to Kevin fast. And third, Kevin has a great arm." Salem's Kyle Powell sliced a two-out double in the bottom of the seventh, but Uberti extinguished the fire by getting Parling to ground out to second. Uberti and Ott's brilliant performances were mirror images of each other as they both yielded four hits. Uberti notched two K's and Ott whiffed one. Both hurlers walked just one batter; Uberti's was intentional.

Please see **BASEBALL, B2**

## GAME WRAPS

### Salem kickers edged by Stevenson, 1-0

Renee Boudreau's goal at the 25-minute mark was the difference Monday as Livonia Stevenson (7-7, 6-2) earned a KLAA Central Division win over the host Rocks (4-4-3, 2-4-2). After getting fouled about 40 yards out from Salem's goal, Taleen Mergian chipped the ball into Salem's box where Kayla Kimble flicked it with her head past some defenders to Boudreau. Off a hop, Boudreau volleyed the ball up and over Salem's keeper into the back of the net. Stevenson coach Chris Pinta praised the defensive play of Ashley Welch. "That was as good as I've seen her defend all season," he said. "The rest of the back line was solid tonight and very busy including Mergian, Samantha Kliman, Brittany Hoots, and Kimble at times. Shannon Merritt was great tonight in the attack, she held the ball well for us and really worked her tail off."

Plymouth Christian track and field

The Plymouth Christian Academy track-and-field team competed in the 17-team Lutheran Westland Invitational on Saturday. The Eagles' boys team was paced by Jordan Allen, who placed second in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 8 inches. Riley Groenewoud was sixth in the long jump with a 17-8 effort. PCA's 1,600-meter relay team of Allen, Groenewoud, Chapman and Kramer placed fifth in 4:02. The PCA girls' contingent was led by Jessica Soblesky, who placed sixth in the 100-meter dash with a personal-best clocking of 13.87 seconds. She also placed fifth in the 200 dash (28.2) along with helping the 1,600-meter relay team finish with a time of 5:35. The team is coached by Jennifer Lemieux.

### Detroit Ignition camps

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

The camps are designed for kids between the ages of 6 and 14 years old. They will be run by Ignition players and coaches. Camps will be held at Canton's High Velocity Sports (June 22-26 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for youngsters between the ages of 2 and 5); at Novi's ITC Sports Park (June 22-26); at Canton's Independence Park (July 7-10 from 9 a.m. to noon); and at Plymouth's Hines Park (July 13-17). More than 1,400 youngsters participated in last summer's camps. For more information, visit [camps.detroitignition.com](http://camps.detroitignition.com) or call (888) 436-4625.

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## Salem softball team clears 2 big hurdles

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's softball team is one victory away from punching its ticket to the Kensington Lakes Activities Association conference championship game. The Rocks are on the doorstep to their second-straight title game appearance thanks to back-to-back wins over Northville (5-0 on Tuesday) and Novi, which fell to Salem, 3-1, on Monday.

"We still have a lot of games and a lot of goals to meet as a team," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "This is the time when the girls must stay focused. If they do that, they will accomplish some great things." The Rocks stifled the Mustangs thanks in large part to a 1-hit gem by sophomore right-handed pitcher Briana Lee, who struck out 16 batters and did not issue one walk.

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

Salem scored all five of its runs in the third inning when it laced six of its eight hits. Alexis Powell led the winners' plate surge with a bases-loaded, bases-clearing double and a single.

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

Lee sparkled as well in the Rocks' low-scoring victory over the Wildcats on Monday. The hard-throwing righty yielded just three hits and two walks while fanning 11. Salem compiled 12 hits and two walks.

"We hit the ball well and Novi made some great catches," said Southerland, explaining the Rocks' 13 stranded base runners. Christina Parsons spearheaded the Rocks' offense with three hits and an RBI. Heidi Schmidt, Lee and Lizzy Mazorowicz each collected two hits. Pitcole added an RBI double while Cox also drove in a run.

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

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

## Watch out for the 'Cats

### Plymouth soccer team posting best season ever

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Look no further than its past two games if you want to find out why the Plymouth girls soccer team is enjoying its most-successful season in school history. The Wildcats' 5-0 victory over Westland John Glenn on Monday and their scoreless draw with state power Livonia Churchill on Tuesday proved to be microcosms of a season that has been highlighted by great defense, incredible goalkeeping and timely offense.

The win and tie left coach Jeff Neschich's squad with an 8-3-1 overall record and a 5-3-1 mark in the competitive Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. Churchill is now 9-1-3 and 6-1-2, respectively. "The kids played great tonight; they really stepped up against a very good team," said Neschich, following Tuesday's "Senior Night" tie with the Chargers. "Plymouth keeper Marissa Williams made at least a half-dozen big saves in the second half. She came up huge."

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

### DISTRICT PAIRINGS REVEALED

All three P-CEP girls soccer teams will be competing in the District 6-1 tournament being hosted by Northville beginning May 26. Following are the pairings for the ultra-competitive tournament: Tuesday, May 26: (Game A) Farmington at Livonia Stevenson; (Game B) Salem at Redford Union; (Game C) Plymouth at Northville. Thursday, May 28: (all games at Northville High School) Winner of Game A will play winner of Game B; winner of Game C will play Canton. Saturday, May 30: Championship game, noon, at Northville High School.

Krajewski, Emilie Guglielmo, Jessica Heck and Jenna Livingston. Offensively, Kelly Dobbs was able to penetrate the Chargers' defense on a number of occasions, but was thwarted by sensational Churchill goalie Stefanie Turner, who turned away a penalty kick.

Like Plymouth, the Chargers played air-tight defense, but were unable to find the back of the net. "It was like the rest of our games," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

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

Monday's lopsided victory over the Rockets was led by freshman Megan Peplinski, who netted three goals. The Wildcats led 1-0 at the break. "We played just well enough to get by," said Neschich.

Dobbs and McKenzie Hengesh scored single goals for the winners. **CANTON 2, SALEM 0:** On Saturday, the Chiefs triumphed in the annual "Senior Day" game for both teams.

Chief senior Tracy Rymph had a huge day, assisting on Lisa Pierce's ice-breaking goal before netting an insurance net-finder off an assist from Lindsay Winters. The shutout was the eighth of the season for Canton junior keeper Sam McPartlin. "That was the best performance I've ever seen by a senior class in the Canton-Salem senior rivalry game," said Canton coach George Tomasso, whose team improved to 8-1-1. "On top of that, the underclassmen played extremely hard, too, for the seniors."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mustangs are battling with Novi for the KLAAs Central Division title.

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

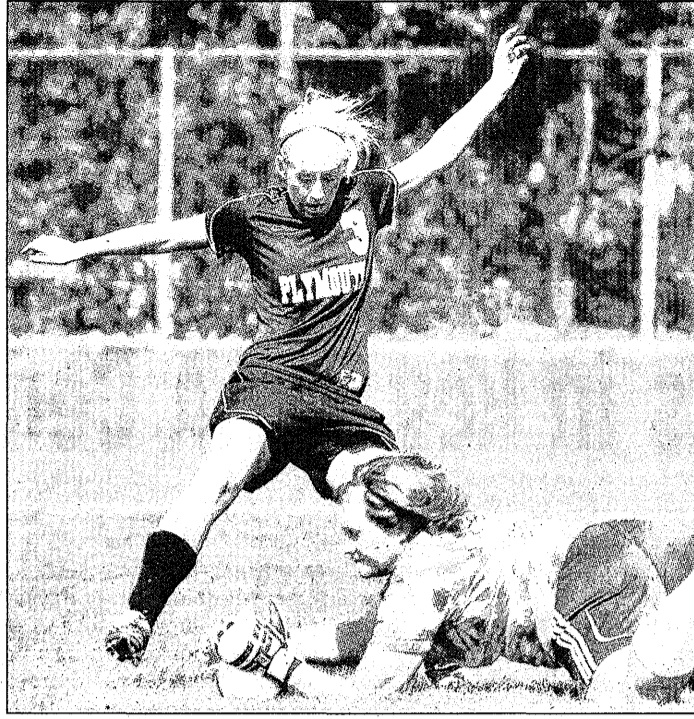
"We played well in back-to-back games (Salem lost 1-0 to Livonia Stevenson on Monday) for the first time this year and we finished our chances," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "The team is moving in the right direction as we get closer to the playoffs."

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

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

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

"After the Stevenson game, we talked about how every



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

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

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

**Late rally lifts Patriots over Chiefs in KLAAs**

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP BASEBALL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

McRobb went all seven innings, allowing seven hits and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

**You are entitled to the lie your stroke gave you**

By Jeanne Myers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

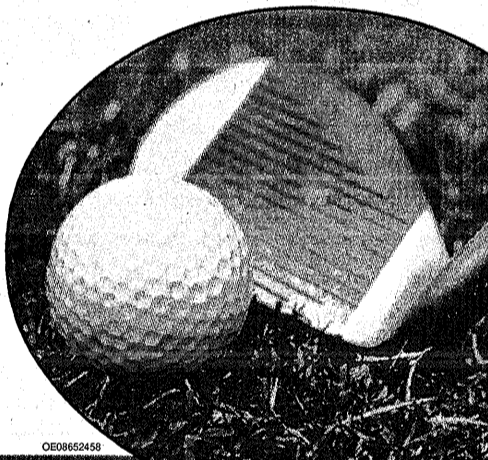
The principle may also be applied when a player's area of intended stance is affected by another player's stroke. For example, if another player removes a huge divot when playing his ball, and that divot hole now affects your stance, in equity, you may restore that area as nearly as possible without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

This equity principle also applies if

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

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

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**BASEBALL**

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

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

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

right-center field fence.

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

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

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

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

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South Lyon at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.  
PCA at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
- PREP SOFTBALL**  
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Salem vs. Canton (DH) at Massey Field, 5:30 p.m.  
South Lyon at Plymouth (DH), 3:30 p.m.  
PCA at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 16**  
Canton, Salem, Plymouth at Madonna Invite, TBA  
PCA at Tritium Academy (DH), 10 a.m.
- Sunday, May 17**  
Canton, Salem, Plymouth at Madonna Invite, TBA
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- BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
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Canton at John Glenn at Woodlands G.C., 3 p.m.  
Salem at South Lyon East at Links of Novi, 3 p.m.
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# Salem girls track team doubles up South Lyon

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We tried some new things in our lineup to prepare for region-als and were very happy," he said.

"For example, we asked Ashly (Butkowski) to try the 3,200 relay and still come back with her other events and she responded very well.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other individual winners included: T.J. Arancibia (John Glenn), discus, 146-6; Joe Marlow (Churchill), pole vault, 11-1; Renaldo Powell (Wayne), 110 hurdles, 14.23; Frank Griffith (Northville), 1,600, 4:30.57; Warren Buzzard (Plymouth), 800, 1:59.91; Alisaghar Arastu (Northville), 300 hurdles, 37.78; and Mike Blaszczyk (Novi), 3,200, 9:51.45.

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

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## BOYS TRACK RESULTS

### KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS TRACK MEET

May 9 at South Lyon East  
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 116.333 points; 2. Salem, 103; 3. Northville, 99; 4. Livonia Churchill, 66; 5. Livonia Franklin, 64; 6. Canton, 59; 7. Novi, 52; 8. Westland John Glenn, 39; 9. Plymouth, 31.83; 10. Wayne Memorial, 19.33; 11. South Lyon; 12. South Lyon East, 6.5.

### FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Dana Baltazar (Salem), 49 feet, 4 inches; 2. Ed Mehr (Salem), 49-1; 3. Deon Clemens (LC), 48-5.5; 4. David Fortin (LC), 47-5.5; 5. Nate Coleman (LC), 46-10; 6. Jon Aneed (LS), 45-3; 7. Jordan Birman (P), 44-8.25; 8. Jay Woolfork (LC), 44-0.5.

Discus: 1. T.J. Arancibia (WJG), 146-6; 2. Sean McAuliffe (LF), 144-4; 3. Baltazar (Salem), 141-0; 4. Gaultum Muthusamy (Novi), 135-5; 5. Courtney Frazier (Salem), 130-2; 6. Aneed (LS), 129-5; 7. Kyle Hnatuk (Nville), 127-3; 8. Jason Foster (Canton), 126-0.

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

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

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

110-meter hurdles: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 14.23; 2. Arastu (Nville), 3. Derik Peterman (LC), 15.12; 4. Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 15.2; 5. Burek (LS), 15.32; 6. Cameron Wludyka (LF), 15.45; 7. Scott O'Connor (Salem), 15.67; 8. Evan VanBuhler (Novi), 15.75.

300 hurdles: 1. Arastu (Nville), 37.78; 2. Powell (WM), 39.5; 3. Hassanien (Canton), 40.41; 4. O'Connor (Salem), 40.55; 5. Burek (LS), 41.85; 6. VanBuhler (Novi), 42.12; 7. Ian Guerin (LC), 43.11; 8. Winston Roberts (Canton), 43.34.

100 dash: 1. Nick Anagnostou (LS), 10.68; 2. Devon Easterling (LC), 10.81; 3. Paul Voegel (LF), 10.96; 4. Isaac Cadet (LF), 11.03; 5. Mike Baumgardner (LF), 11.05; 6. Jeremy Langford (WJG), 11.06; 7. Tony Frezzell (LC), 11.07; 8. Parish Clayborn (WM), 11.51.

200: 1. Dominique Williams (Salem), 22.36; 2. Langford (WJG), 22.55; 3. Easterling (LC), 22.79; 4. Patrick Patin (Salem), 22.84; 5. Ian Herman (SL), 22.95; 6. Richard Duncan (LF), 23.01; 7. Austin White (LS), 23.34; 8. Frezzell (LC), 23.48.

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

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

800: 1. Warren Buzzard (P), 1:59.91; 2. Eric Plisko (LS), 2:00.75; 3. Josh Hurst (Canton), 2:01.06; 4. Jonathan Dalton (Nville), 2:01.26; 5. Dan Egner (Novi), 2:02.56; 6. Keith Zech (Canton), 2:02.76; 7. Mark Waterbury (LC), 2:04.04; 8. James Smith (SLE), 2:06.26.

1,600: 1. Frank Griffith (Nville), 4:35.69; 2. Matt Devy (Salem), 4:31.45; 3. Hurst (Canton), 4:32.03; 4. Shawn Howse (LS), 4:34.38; 5. Buzzard (P), 4:35.69; 6. T.J. Butler (Novi), 4:36.15; 7. Daniel Martin (Salem), 4:37.04; 8. Jeffrey Girbach (Nville), 4:38.13.

3,200: 1. Mike Blaszczyk (Novi), 9:42.72; 2. Devy (Salem), 9:44.05; 3. Griffith (Nville), 9:51.45; 4. Howse (LS), 9:55.58; 5. Derek Lax (P), 10:02.23; 6. Jason Smith (Salem), 10:05.36; 7. Girbach (Nville), 10:07.77; 8. Robert Swain (SL), 10:13.57.

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Frezzell, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomez, Easterling), 43.62; 2. Stevenson, 43.69; 3. Franklin, 44.33; 4. Salem, 44.94; 5. John Glenn, 45.6; 6. Novi, 45.62; 7. South Lyon, 46.62; 8. S.L. East, 47.18.

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

1,600 relay: 1. Northville, 3:27.86; 2. Stevenson, 3:33.25; 3. Canton, 3:33.98; 4. Plymouth, 3:35.07; 5. Novi, 3:37.75; 6. Churchill, 3:38.02; 7. Franklin, 3:38.34; 8. S.L. East, 3:42.59.

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

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 73 CANTON 64 Tuesday at PCEP Stadium

Shot put: 1. Clemons (LC), 49 feet, 1 inch; 2. Chateau (LC), 40-4.75; 3. Bartig (LC), 39-9.

Discus: 1. Jason Foster (C), 129-0; 2. Dave (LC), 125-7; 3. Atkins (LC), 117-2.

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

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

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

3,200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Keith Zech, Paul Rakovitis, Zach Spreitzer, Josh Hurst), 8:39.1.

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

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

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

Canton, 1:35.4.

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

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

400 dash: 1. Schmidt (LC), 52.8; 2. Jordan Wisniewski (C), 52.9; 3. Denapoli (LC), 54.4.

300 hurdles: 1. Sherif Hassanien (C), 40.3; 2. Hayatt Ali (C), 41.4; 3. Winston Roberts (C), 43.3.

800 run: 1. Josh Hurst (C), 2:01.8; 2. Keith Zech (C), 2:05.2; 3. Paul Rakovitis (C), 2:07.4.

200 dash: 1. Tomez (LC), 23.2; 2. Ryan Randall (C), 23.7; 3. Schmidt (LC), 23.9.

3,200 run: 1. Windle (LC), 10:36.0; 2. Josh Osinski (C), 10:36.9; 3. Osogood (LC), 10:40.0.

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Jordan Wisniewski, Keith Zech, Ryan Randall, Sherif Hassanien), 3:33.7; 2. Churchill, 3:39.3.

CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 2-4 overall; 2-3 in KLAA South.

### LIVONIA FRANKLIN 76 PLYMOUTH 61 May 11 at Franklin

Shot put: 1. David Fortin (LF), 48 feet, 8 inches; 2. Nate Coleman (LF), 47-3.5; 3. Sean McAuliffe (LF), 46-6.5.

Discus: 1. McAuliffe (LF), 138-3; 2. Coleman (LF), 133-3; 3. Kyle Brindza (P), 128-1.

High jump: 1. Kevin Beadle (LF), 6-1; 2. Hudson Cadet (LF), 5-11; 3. Pawan Dhalwal (P), 5-9.

Long jump: 1. Isaac Cadet (LF), 20-2; 2. Matthew Robertson (P), 19-4.5; 3. Dante Fox (P), 19-3.5.

Pole vault: 1. Beadle (LF), 11-0; 2. Mike Kaplan (LF), 10-6; 3. Grant Senkbeil (P), 10-0.

300 hurdles: 1. Cameron Wludyka (LF), 42-7.2; 2. Brandon Tower (LF), 34-19; 3. Lomske (P), 43-97.

100 dash: 1. Paul Voegel (LF), 11.03; 2. Mike Baumgardner (LF), 11.13; 3. Tino Benavides (LF), 11.78.

200: 1. I. Cadet (LF), 23.14; 2. Voegel (LF), 23.17; 3. Richard Duncan (P), 23.57.

400: 1. Warren Buzzard (P), 52.54; 2. Woolridge (P), 53.05; 3. Mike Beasley (LF), 53.39.

800: 1. Matt Neumann (P), 2:06.02; 2. Just Heck (P), 2:06.29; 3. Buzzard (P), 2:06.64.

1,600: 1. Buzzard (P), 4:46.4; 2. Joe Porcari (P), 4:46.64; 3. Neumann (P), 4:46.93.

3,200: 1. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:48.12; 2. Porcari (P), 10:49.17; 3. Derek Lax (P), 10:54.02.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Duncan, I. Cadet, Baumgardner, Voegel), 45.02; 2. Plymouth, 48.1; 800: 1. Plymouth, 1:37.4; 2. Franklin, disqualified; 1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth, 3:41.0; 2. Franklin, 3:59.43; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth, 8:36.78; 2. Franklin, 8:44.38.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLAA South.

## GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

### KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TRACK MEET

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

### FINAL EVENT RESULTS

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

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

High jump: 1. Beth Roach (Nville), 5-1; 2. Liz Holloway (LF), 4-11; 3. Lindsay Lipa (Canton), 4-9; Heather Armiak (Novi), 4-9; 5. Cierra Yettes (LC), 4-7; 6. (tie) Senclair McDonnell (LC) and Shannon Lohman (NVL), 4-7 each; 8. (tie) Ashley Kretschmer (Salem), Merideth Tarrant (Novi) and Alyssa Amriak (Novi), 4-5 each.

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

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

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

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

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

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

200: 1. Scott (WJG), 25.72; 2. Brianna Pieprzak (Novi), 26.82; 3. Chloe Taylor (LC), 26.96; 4. Brittany Davis (Novi), 27.23; 5. D'Maya Davis (Novi), 27.65; 6. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 27.82; 7. Yekaterina Belikov (Salem), 28.3; 8. Ashley Banks (Canton), 28.37.

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

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

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# First-place Franklin earns Taylor-made win over Chiefs

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## PREP SOFTBALL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

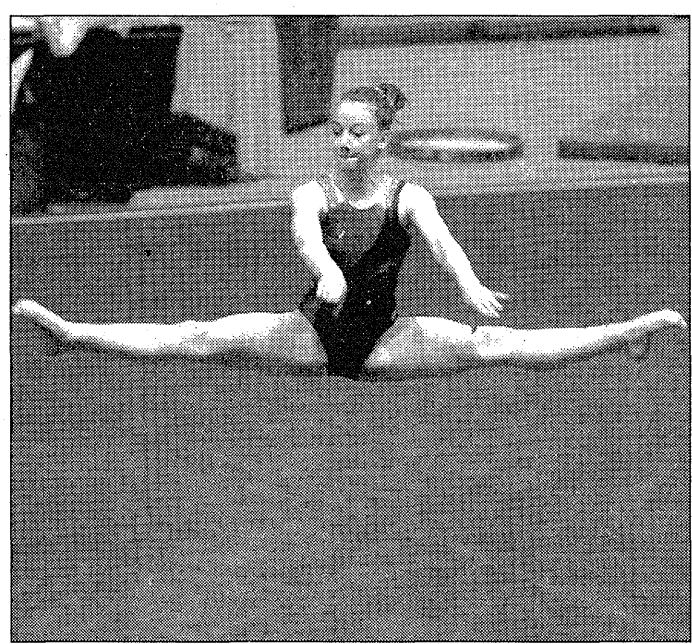
The loss virtually eliminates Canton from division contention.

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

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

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

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## An all-around great gymnast

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



## Gifted runner headed to Siena Heights

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

## GOLF RESULTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## TENNIS RESULTS

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

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

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

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

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

## Clinic offers new concept in veterinary medicine

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

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

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

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

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

Economic euthanasia is a lose/lose situation. The pet owner is devastated and the

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Your name: Dr. Eric R. Larsen, co-owner; Dr. Dennis G. Elmer, co-owner

Your hometown: Dr. Larsen - Canton; Dr. Elmer - Plymouth

Business opened when?: October 2008

Number of employees: Two doctors and three veterinary technicians, plus one referral services representative to visit clinics

Your business specialty: Veterinary diagnostics, surgery and other treatments that can be difficult to offer in general practice.

Business hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (though we work until all procedures completed and often will be available for urgent needs that extend our hours)

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veterinary staff that has created a bond with that owner is also very unhappy that more couldn't be done to help the owner and patient. We hope to offer an option that clinics can reach for when the situation is appropriate.

**Observer:** Why did you choose Canton?

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

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

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

**Observer:** How has it changed since you opened?

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

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

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

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

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

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

**Observer:** Any advice for other business owners?

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

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

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

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

## The bar is high: Local lawyer advocates for her clients

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

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

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

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

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

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

**Observer:** Why did you choose Plymouth?

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

**Observer:** How has the business changed since it opened?

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

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

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

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

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

### LEAH STEMPKY, ATTORNEY AT LAW

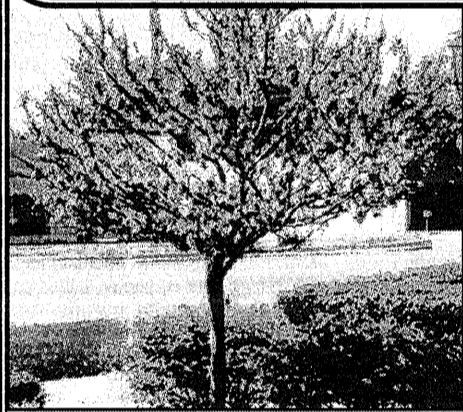
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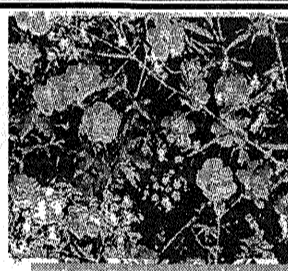
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MAY

Sharing made simple

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

Clothing donations wanted

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

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

Help available

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

Caring help available

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

Weekend refuge for women

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

Celebration

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

King's Brass concert

Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass will be appearing in concert 7 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at St. Michael Please see CALENDAR, B7

Volunteers make a difference in Nicaraguan children's lives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

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

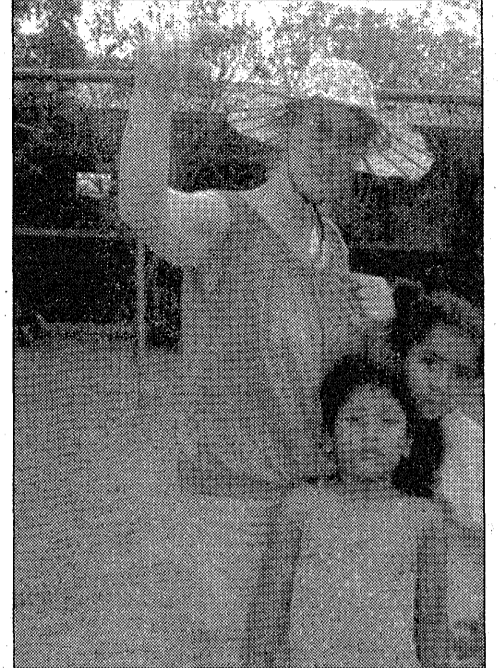
"At the orphanage they grabbed onto me," said Pennington. "They knew we were coming. We played and played. They walked around so proud that we could be their moms and dads. They had somebody to spend time with. It was like Christmas. I didn't tell them stories about religion and God, just held them and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

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

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

"I was hiding away in a cubicle and needed something to inspire my life," said Pennington. "I wanted to be helpful. They just loved the attention. They thought we just brought the world when we brought flour. They only get a drop of water a day. A man there goes 8 miles every day for water. They give him money and buy some water." A dry hole in the ground shows the desperation of villagers who were only able to dig down about 100 feet.

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



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

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

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

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

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

"I wrote all the plays. Tom Sheet rewrote them in Spanish. We worked on it all year and practiced it with everybody," said Pennington. "We performed it in 95 degree heat, put costumes on over our clothes. It was a unique experience. They had no bathrooms. They have to go out and dig a hole. "This is the worst economy but I'm so positive coming back from there. There's so much opportunity here, I have a caring family. I have so much going for me."

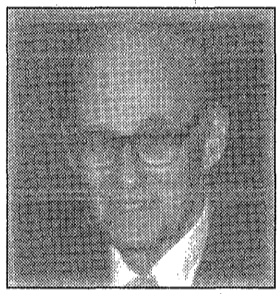
To help the church help the Nicaraguan residents, contact Rev. Dick Bont at (248) 374-5933 or Dick.Bont@WardChurch.org.

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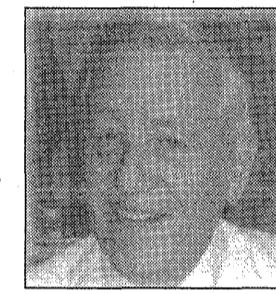
TOM SPENCER COREY

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



JACK A. RIESS

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



BENEDICT J. SMITH

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

GERTRUDE B. LINDEN

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

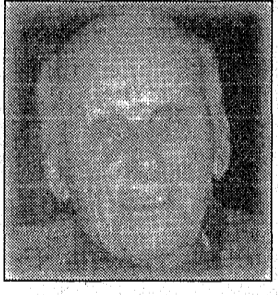
JAY RICHARD MacNIELL

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

CARL EDWARD NARU

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

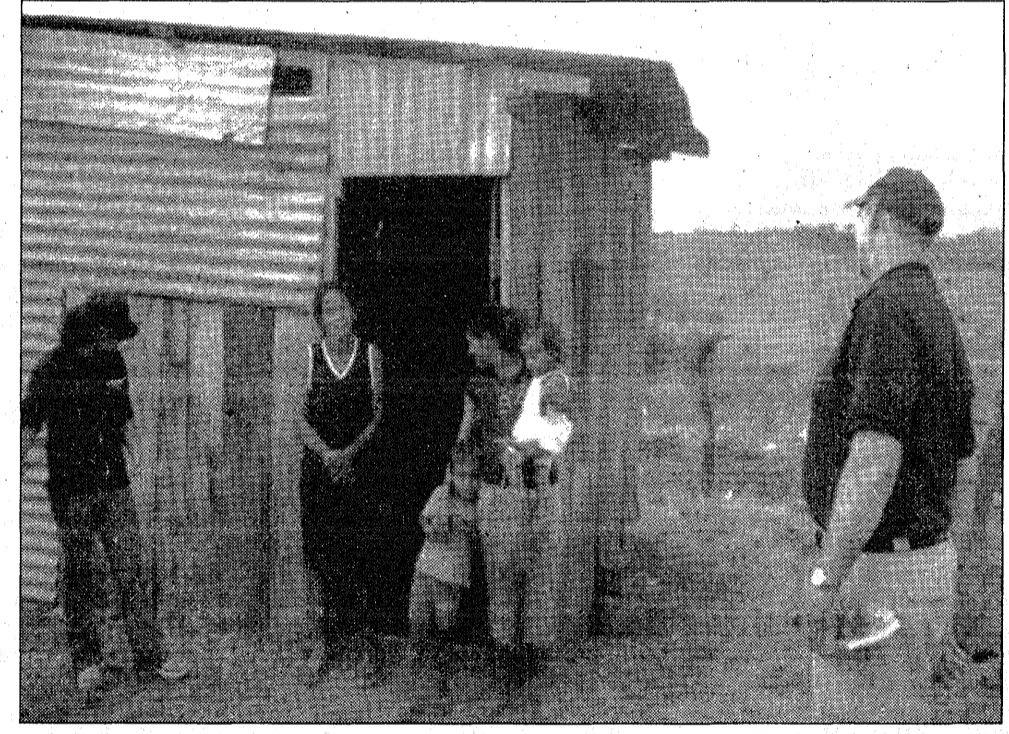
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RICHARD T. "DICK" STERLING

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

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



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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



CALENDAR

FROM PAGE B6

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

God and country event

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

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

Saturday night live

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

Music at St. John's

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

Garage sale

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

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

Clothing bank

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

Band competition fund-raiser

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

Michigan Missions is nonprofit organization that brings youth, host churches and homeowners together to serve God by serving others.

Yard sale

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

UPCOMING

Landscape project

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

Acoustic concert

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

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

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cha cha dance lesson 7 p.m., free with paid admission, lessons will be suspended until this fall. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information (734) 261-5716.

Free concert with Air Margaritaville 7 p.m. Friday, June 12, at Kellogg Park, 761 Penniman and Main, Plymouth. Bring a chair, your favorite refreshment and a laid back attitude. Be there by 6:30 p.m. Call Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. Separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy M. (734) 513-9479.

A Day at the Races 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at Pinnacle Race Track, 18000 Vining Rd., between Sibley and West Rd., New Boston (Exit 13 off I-275). Buffet at 11 a.m. For details, call Robin (734) 676-4515.

Celebrating 45 years of memories

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

Crocaille dock

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

Bethany suburban west

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

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Parkview Baptist Church Presents: God & Country Sunday To honor all those who have served Sunday May 17, 2009 at 10:30AM (Luncheon to follow) Speaker: Sergeant Viril Stalaker U.S. Army 9355 Stark Rd. Livonia, MI (734) 261-6180 - www.pbc-livonia.com

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

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

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

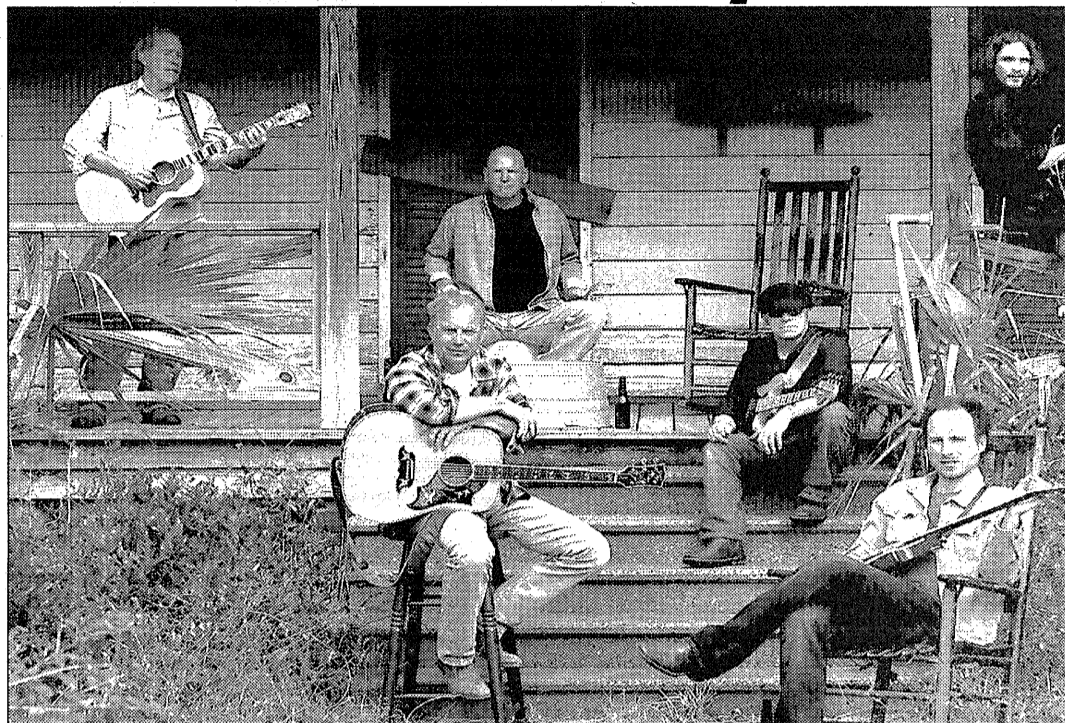
The 2009 99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown will also welcome movie star and celebrity Kevin Costner as he performs with his band Modern West on the main stage on Friday, May 17.

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

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

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

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



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

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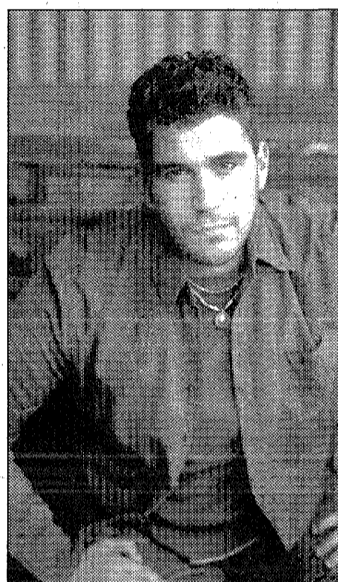
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Willie Nelson is among many acts that will perform free shows during WYCD's Downtown Hoedown May 15-17. See him at 9:15 p.m. Sunday on the Upper Stage.



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

### Band battle raises money for mission

Over 15 bands playing all genres of music are scheduled to play at the Second Annual Battle of the Bands, noon-9 p.m. May 23, in the large pavilion at the Garden City Park. The event, which will take place rain or shine, also includes face painting and other entertainment. The music is free, with proceeds from concession and T-shirt sales going to Michigan Missions, a nonprofit organization that helps unemployed, disabled, elderly and low-income persons with home repairs at no cost to them. Jo Anne Pooley, executive director of Michigan

Missions, is optimistic about this year's fund raiser. "We hope the funds raised will be enough to give Michigan Missions the ability to help even more of those in need and share God's love with everybody," she said. Garden City Park is located on the northeast corner of Merriman and Cherry Hill Road. Call (734) 793-1850. Michigan Missions is a nonprofit organization that brings youth, host churches and homeowners together to serve God by serving others.

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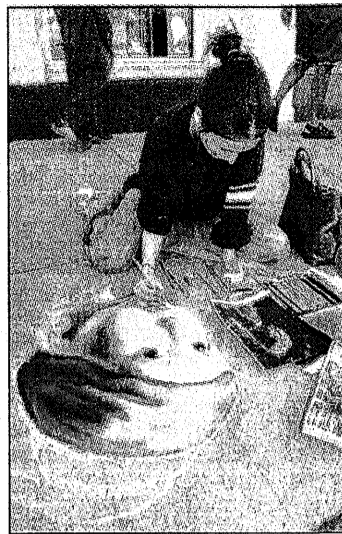
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# FOOD & WINE



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



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

## No. VI Chop House set to relocate to Crowne Plaza

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Feast on art at Plymouth's premiere event

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

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

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

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

Other ArtFeast activities

### PLYMOUTH ARTFEAST

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

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

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Artist demonstrations are among the highlights of Plymouth's premiere art walk, May 15-16.



### Trekker at Comic Con

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

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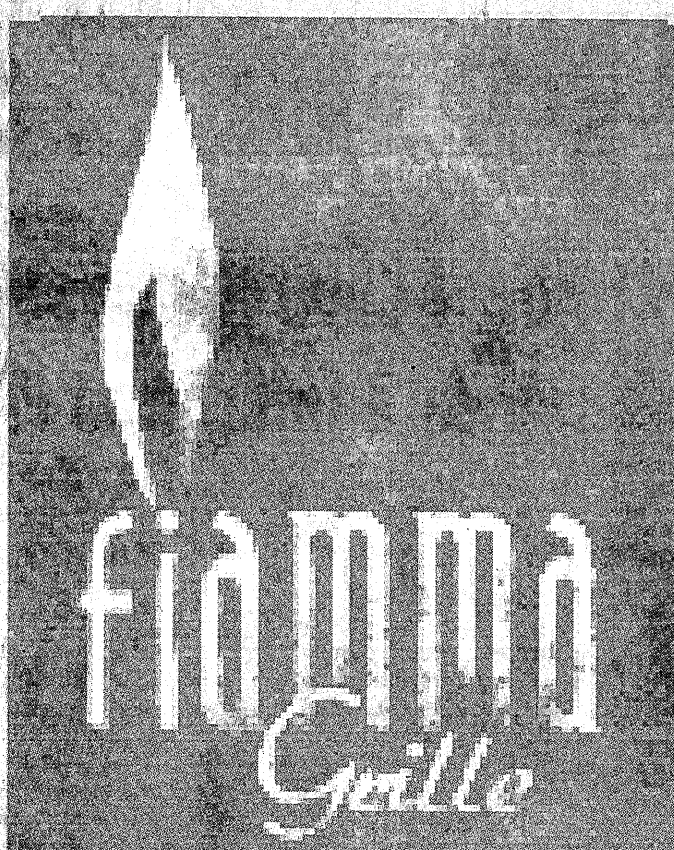
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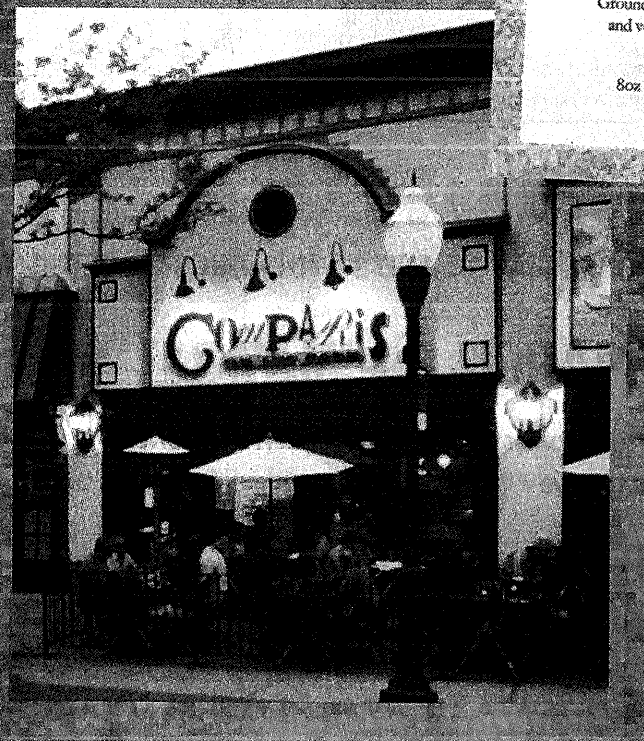
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# Realtors and friends flock to charity event

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

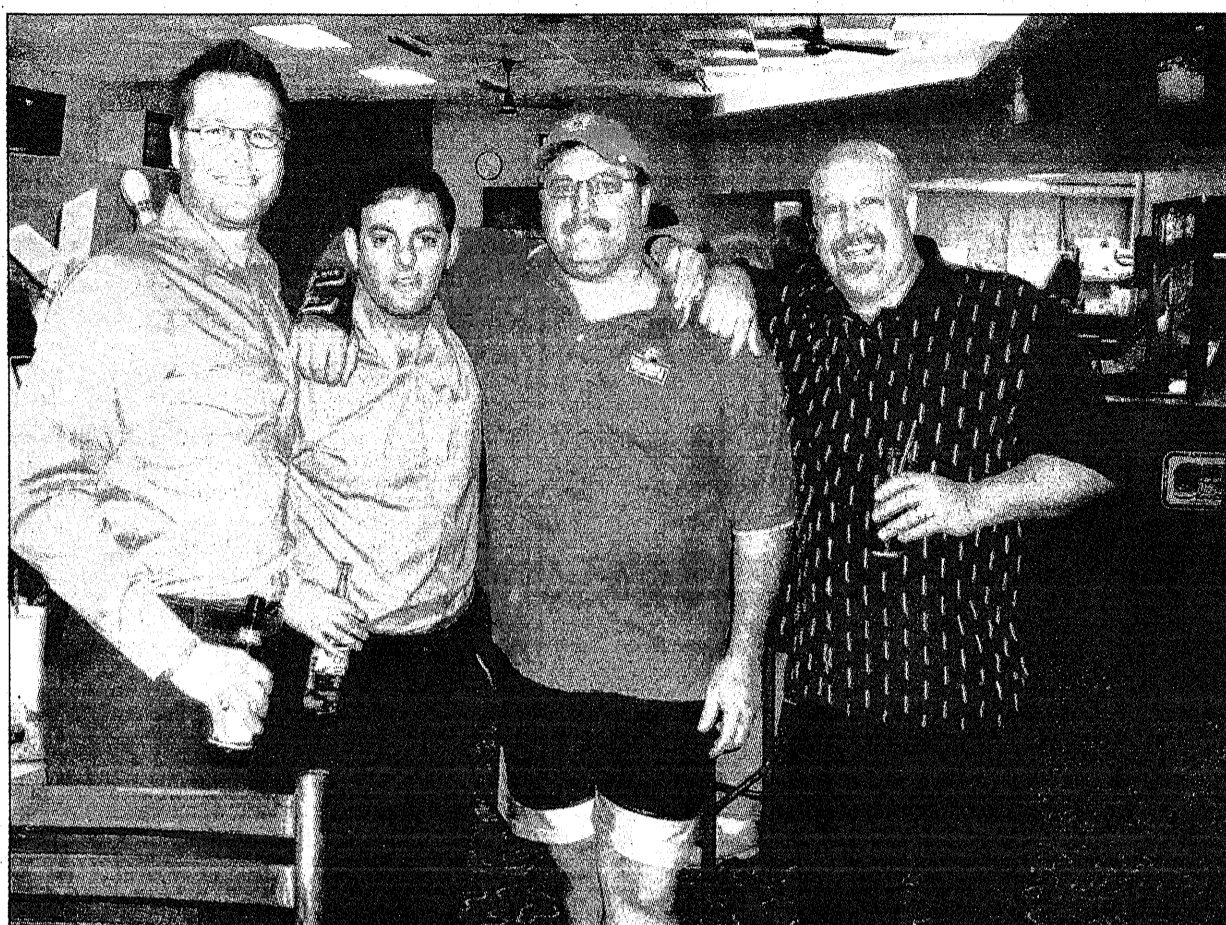
She noted participants enjoyed the \$25 three-game, 9-pin no tap event, including pizza and pop. "It's a great place for them to network," Murrah said.

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

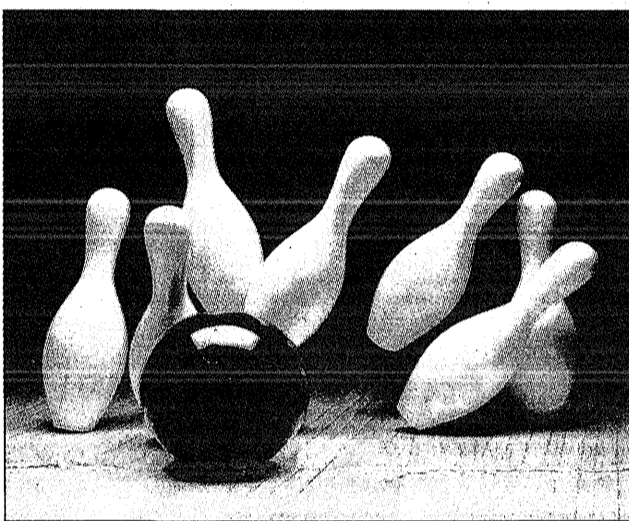
Lane sponsors contribute to the cause and are appreciated, getting their company name and phone on signs, so people "hopefully jot that down for future reference," she said.

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

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



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



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

# Steering Committee needs sound advice

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

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



Robert Meisner

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

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

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

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

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

## BRIEFS

### Weir Manuel

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

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

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

Its award-winning Web site, which includes live assistance, is at [www.weirmanuel.com](http://www.weirmanuel.com).

### Home tour

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

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

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

Tour information and tickets are available by visiting [www.narismich.org](http://www.narismich.org) or by calling (866) 934-4094.

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

### BIA

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

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of

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

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

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

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

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

Apartment Association of

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

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

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

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

## HOMES SOLD

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

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

44675 Joy Rd	\$150,000
812 Wildwood Ln	\$202,000
Farmington	
23715 Ely Ct	\$138,000
30757 Shiawassee Rd	\$35,000
Farmington Hills	
37645 Amber Dr	\$173,000
24665 Farmington Rd	\$218,000
36101 Paddleford Rd	\$175,000
21470 Riverwalk Ct	\$353,000
30118 S Stockton Dr	\$147,000
30601 Sudbury Ct	\$261,000
27248 Winterset Cir	\$252,000
Garden City	
31919 Donnelly St	\$95,000
31529 James St	\$60,000

6473 Lathers St	\$33,000
Livonia	
9245 Houghton St	\$155,000
18151 Mayfield St	\$150,000
29893 McIntyre St	\$128,000
Milford	
612 Knollside Ct	\$150,000
1309 Wixom Trl	\$105,000
Northville	
852 Andover Dr	\$385,000
101 Baseline Rd	\$170,000
42144 Roscommon St	\$90,000
41941 Sutters Ln	\$262,000
Plymouth	
11997 Deer Creek Ct	\$350,000
10127 Eckles Rd	\$141,000

13158 Karl Dr	\$385,000
40116 Newport Dr	\$73,000
9320 Saddlebrook Crk	\$220,000
50459 W Fellows Creek Ct	\$435,000
Redford	
9451 Jerome	\$81,000
17737 Olympia	\$75,000
South Lyon	
61821 Fairland Dr	\$150,000
Westland	
34091 Avondale St	\$196,000
30415 Ledgeciff Ave	\$85,000
37668 S Butler Cir	\$180,000

# Thursday

## PUZZLE CORNER

Challenging fun for ALL ages

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- "Bali —"
  - Long ridge of gravel
  - Fisherman's fly
  - Tall vases
  - Follow-up subj.
  - Vast region
  - Fugue composer
  - Tunnel
  - Sports "zebras"
  - Quit
  - Peevish
  - Wks. and wks.
  - Accomplished
  - Rafter
  - Skin softener
  - Gonzalez's gold
  - Free of
  - Hail, to Caesar
  - Gray or beige
  - Check endorser
  - Mecca pilgrimage
  - Cloudy
  - Stranger's query
- DOWN**
- Center
  - Graceful steed
  - Pizarro foe
  - Waits patiently
  - Bone-dry
  - Old cloth
  - Texas border town
  - Consumes
  - Falling out
  - No sweat
  - Wedges
  - Thanks a —!

#### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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### SUDOKU

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4	1		5					6
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	8		7				1	
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### SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

- |               |                 |               |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>BASIC</b>  | <b>INTERPOL</b> | <b>ROM</b>    |
| <b>CD-ROM</b> | <b>LASER</b>    | <b>SCUBA</b>  |
| <b>DOS</b>    | <b>NASCAR</b>   | <b>SONAR</b>  |
| <b>HUD</b>    | <b>RADAR</b>    | <b>YUPPIE</b> |

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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U	S	C	U	B	B	A	R	A	D
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P	T	H	U	D	L	A	Z	E	A
I	N	T	E	R	P	O	L	R	B
E	H	I	D	O	C	R	A	V	U
C	D	R	O	M	B	A	S	I	C
D	A	S	D	D	F	D	E	G	S
R	H	J	S	O	N	A	R	K	L
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**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

**SUDOKU**

2	7	9	7	6	8	9	3	1
1	8	8	9	6	9	7	2	2
3	9	7	2	1	4	9	8	6
8	9	8	1	2	7	6	7	4
7	1	2	9	7	9	8	6	5
6	7	5	4	8	3	2	1	9
9	2	6	8	5	7	1	4	8
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**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

**SEEK AND FIND**

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**BIRMINGHAM** Too many items to list! May 14-16, 9 am - 4 pm. 1350 Lakeside Dr. 1 block west of Woodward, 1 block south of 16 Mile.

**BIRMINGHAM** Huge Garage Sale! 345 Shirley Road, Birmingham. Children's bikes, games, household items, mens and women's clothes and MORE! Saturday, 9am-4pm.

**BRIGHTON-MOVING/ESTATE** Former decorator, May 14-16, 9-3. Antiques, collectibles & tons more! Dealers welcome. For list: jbeeb@comcast.net. (810) 227-7293

**CANTON - MULTI FAMILY!** May 14-16, 9-4pm. Glengarry Sub, 44484 Fenwick at Palmer & Canton Center. Kid's, household, 700+ books & more!

**CANTON** CARRIAGE HILLS SUB SALE, Thurs-Sat, May 14-16, N of Ford Rd., S of Warren btwn Canton Center & Lilley Rds.

**CANTON** Holiday Park Sub Sale! Off Joy Rd., btwn. Hix & Haggerty, May 14-17.

**CANTON HOLIDAY PARK** SUB WIDE GARAGE SALE South of Joy, E of I-275. May 14th-17th, 8-6pm.

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**CANTON MAYFAIR VILLAGE** SUB-WIDE SALE! Thurs-Sun, May 14-17, 9am-5pm. S. of Joy, E. of Sheldon. Too much to list!

**CANTON MULTI SUBS:** Oakvale, Stonegate & Cherry Hill Orchards. N/ Palmer, S/ Cherry Hill. E. & W. of Lilley. May 14-17. Look for signs

**CANTON-Forest Trails Sub** Thursday-Saturday, May 14-16, 9 am-5 pm. Off Sheldon, between Warren & Joy Roads.

**CANTON-SUNFLOWER SUB** Thurs. May 14-Sat. May 16, 9am-7 W. of Canton Center and N. & S. of Warren. Look for signs and yellow balloons.

**CLAWSON HUGE GARAGE SALE!** MULTIPLE FAMILIES!! 812 Elmford, Clawson, MI. Friday and Saturday, May 15 & 16, 8am-5pm. Tools, Clothes, Household Items, Furniture, much, much more!!

**CLAWSON-BLOCK SALE** Highland (14 1/2 & Crooks, enter on Elmwood). Sat., May 16, 9-4pm. Furniture, kitchen, toys, household items.

**DAVISBURG** COMMUNITY WIDE SALE May 15-16, 9:30am-3:30pm Millpond park (In downtown Davisburg)

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**FARMINGTON** Church-Wide Yard Sale! - Sat., May 16, 8am-5pm. Proceeds benefit youth group trip to Appalachia. 36836 Brittany Hills, Farmington, 48335

**FARMINGTON GARAGE SALE** May 15-16, 9-5pm. Tools, jewelry, electronics, Red Hat items, household items & antiques. 22612 Floral St, E. of Orchard Lk, N of Grand River.

**FARMINGTON HILLS - HUGE SALE.** Mon 5/11 - Sun 5/24, 9-4pm. 25471 Livingston Circle, Independence Commons.

**FARMINGTON HILLS** Barrington Green Sub, W of Drake, N of 12 Mile Rd. May 14-16. Signs are at 2 entrances on Drake and 1 is on 12.

**FARMINGTON HILLS** Forest Park Subdivision Garage Sale - 20+ Homes. May 14-16, 9am-5pm. S. of 9 Mile, W. of Inkster, E. of Middlebelt.

**FARMINGTON HILLS** HUGE 20+ HOME SUB SALE 9AM-5PM, Thurs-Sat., May 14-16. N. of 9 Mile, W. of Halstead. 248-426-9037

**FARMINGTON HILLS** Huge 3 Family! May 14-17, 9-7pm, May 18, 9-12pm. 29444 Mingwood Ln., off Middlebelt, S. of 13 Mile.

**FARMINGTON HILLS** Huge! Antiques, furniture & household items. 31600 Treastin, S of 11, off Orchard Lake. Thurs-Sat., 9-5pm. No Early Sales!

**FARMINGTON HILLS** Moving/Garage Sale Everything Must Go! Household, Lawn/Garden, Tools. May 15, 16, 17, 8:00AM. 28067 New Bedford Dr., Inkster/12 Mile.

**FARMINGTON HILLS** Multi-Family Sales! 10 Mile & Middlebelt area. Toys, furniture, home deco, Christmas, & clothes. May 14-16, 9-5pm.

**FARMINGTON HILLS** Remainder of our estate sale. Vintage crystal, china, lamps, furniture, paintings & more. Part of Woodbrook Sub Wide Garage Sale. May 15-16, 10-4. 35741 Springval, 13 & Drake.

**FARMINGTON HILLS** WESTBROOK MANOR Homeowner's Association Annual Garage Sale Fri. & Sat., May 15 & 16, 8am-5pm, South of 13 Mile, West of Orchard Lake Rd.

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**FERNDALE** 1278 Leroy St., S/9 Mile, W/Pinecrest. Household items, furniture, electronics, men's clothing, May 16, 10am-6pm, May 17, 10-4pm.

**Garage Sale 5/15-16, 9-3** 47623 Norton Ct Plymouth (Beck/Joy area) Sporting Items, Nordic Trac, Books, Baskets, Clothes, Toys, Misc. Household, Much more!

**GARDEN CITY** 6600 Burnly, Warren & Middlebelt. May 15-17, Fri-Sat 10am-7pm. Sun 12-5pm. Clothes, toys, furniture.

**LIVONIA** Plants, Pottery, & Misc. 7550 Mayfield-6 Mile & Farmington Rd. May 15-16, 9-5pm.

**LIVONIA** - 30126 Bentley, btwn Middlebelt & Henry Ruff, Lyndon & I-96. May 14-16, 9-5pm. Household items, some clothes & much more!

**LIVONIA** - Furniture, collectibles, costume jewelry, household items, tools & holiday decor. May 15-17, 9-5pm. 37423 Ann Arbor Trail, Ann Arbor Trail & Newburgh.

**LIVONIA - HUGE SALE** 37545 Munger, S of 6 Mile, W of Newburgh. Mini flea market, clothes, small-plus sizes. May 14-16, 9-5pm.

**LIVONIA** Huge Kids Sale - May 14-17, 9-5pm. Toys, clothes, ride-on vehicles, strollers, household goods. 14475 Woodside Dr., (off Levan btwn 5 & Schoolcraft).

**LIVONIA SALE 2** Family - 18263 Wayne Rd., N of 6, W of Farmington. May 15-16, 9am-4pm. A little of everything!

**LIVONIA YARD SALE!** May 14-16, 9-4pm. 9650 Deering - S. of Plymouth btwn. Middlebelt & Inkster. Pool, rugs, toys, books. Multi-Family.

**LIVONIA - Burton** Hollow Subdivision Garage Sale OVER 60 HOMES! Sat. & Sun., May 16 & 17, 9am-5pm. S. of 6 Mile, W. of Farmington Rd.

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**LYON TWP.** 21180 Laser Lane, off 8 Mile, 1/4 mile West of Pontiac Trail. May 15-16th, 9-4pm. Variety of items!

**NORTHVILLE** COLONY ESTATES Gigantic Subdivision/Garage sale! Fri. & Sat., May 15th & 16th, starting at 8:30am. 6 Mile, West of Haggerty. Great Buys & Bargains!

**NORTHVILLE** WHISPER WOOD SUB SALE Fri. May 15 - Sat. May 16, 9am-3pm. N. of 5 Mile Rd, E. of Northville Rd. off Bradner.

**NORTHVILLE** - Steeplechase sub sale. Thurs-Sat. May 14-16, 9-5pm. 1.5 miles W. of Beck off 6 or 7 mile. Furniture, household, toys, baby clothes.

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**NORTHVILLE** Huge Sub Sale Arcadia Ridge - S. of 6 Mile, W. of Beck Rd. Thurs-Sat., May 14-16, 9-4pm. Baby/kids toys & clothes, furniture, art.

**NORTHVILLE-Colony** Estates Friday, May 15 & Saturday, May 16. Open all day!

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**NOVI** Friday, May 15th, 9am to 5pm only! 24063 Wintergreen Circle, South off 10 Mile, between Taft and Beck Roads.

**NOVI** Garage Sale, Orchard Hills Sub May 15-16, 9-4. Meadowbrook & 10 Mile.

**NOVI HUGE MULTI-FAMILY** May 14-15, 9am-5pm. 47159 Sunnybrook Lane, 9 Mile & Beck. Household, teacher supplies, misc.

**NOVI SUB SALE GREENWOOD OAKS** N. of 10 Mile, W. of Beck. May 14-16, 9am-3pm.

**NOVI-DUAL SUB SALE** Chase Farms & Riverbridge May 15-16, 9 am - 4 pm. Off 8 or 9 Mile, E of Novi Rd. Maps: www.chasefarms.com

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**Attention Automobile**

# Tundra Keeps Toyota Relevant in Scrappy Pickup Segment

Advertising Feature

## CAReport



By Dale Buss

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

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

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

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

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

year with the new 4.6-liter engine.

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

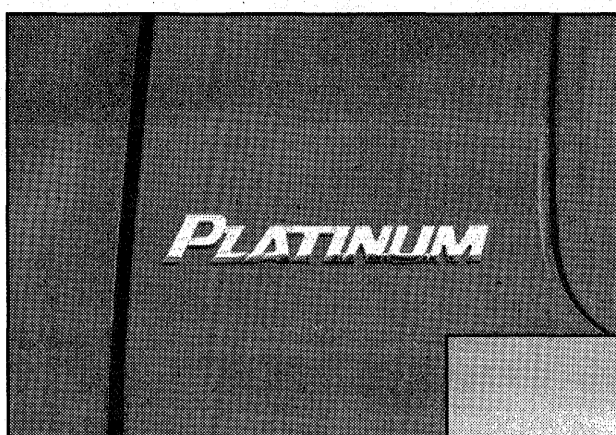
Tundra is a huge vehicle, weighing in at about 5,400 pounds. The old 4.7-liter engine did alright moving the metal, but it never generated the right levels of driver confidence on the highway – especially compared with its monster sibling, Toyota's 5.7-liter V8. The new 4.6-liter engine has the best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

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

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

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

Naturally, such a breathtaking shortfall



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



The popular Double Cab version of the Toyota Tundra.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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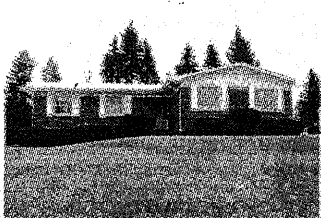


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Sharp Ranch At This Price In Novi 1100 sq ft: 3 bdrm, 2ba, open floor plan, full bsmt. Inviting kit. Nice size bdms. Spac great rm w/hdwd flrs. Priv wooded lot. Close to schools. Move-in ready. (29057422) \$154,900



**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
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**Walled Lake 248-437-3800**  
Just Listed! Upper ranch carriage house. Replacement laminate in living rm & dining area, replacement windows. Some moldings replaced. Kitchen cabinets have been refinished. (29059991) \$56,900



**Canton 734-455-7000**  
WELL-MAINTAINED 4 BEDRM COLONIAL! Corner lot w/side garage, 2-story hrdwd foyer, kitchen w/bkfst nook. Fam rm w/FP, formal dining/living rms, fin bsmt. Exterior painted in 08. Priced to sell! (29011426) \$204,999



**Green Oak 248-437-3800**  
Waterfront Luxury Living! In prestigious Hidden Lake. Unbelievable opportunity to buy a custom, quality, pristine home w/100' lakefront. Circular drive paves the way to an impressive hm. (29059560) \$925,000



**Milford 248-684-1065**  
Home with 3.9 acres. First floor laundry. Unfinished basement. Two car attached garage with side entry. Dining, living and family rooms. Library/study. (29017806) \$334,900



**Novi 248-348-6430**  
Airy 2 Bedroom Condo Enjoy this neutrally decorated condo. Just move-in. (28192661) \$87,000



**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
Very Well Maintained & Updated. Excellent condition. Stunning kitchen with stainless steel appl, hardwood flrs, center island, corner sink w/windows, & French door takes you to lrg patio. (29058179) \$215,000



**Waterford 248-684-1065**  
Terrific home Macedady and Lotus Lakes. Clarkston schools. Brick home - quality throughout. Over 5000 sqft. total. Fin W/O. 5 BR. 4.1 BA, panoramic views! (29032730) \$1,045,000



**Canton 734-455-7000**  
LOOK NO MORE! Lovely 3BR/2.1BA condo, backs to woods. Great rm w/cath. cell, maple/corrian kitchen, hardwood flrs, gas FP, deck... & more! (29047114) \$154,900



**Highland 248-684-1065**  
Total remod on all-sports Duck Lake! HDWD flrs, 6 panel drs, arch top windows, granite ctrs, maple cabs, 1st flr laundry, deck, patio, 3-car garage. (29026736) \$659,000



**Milford 248-684-1065**  
Country setting, beautiful, move-in ready ranch home on 2.36 acres across from Highland Rec. Area. Huge FR w/ fin. W/O LL. Barn, hay loft, pole barn. (29007050) \$299,900



**Plymouth 734-591-9200**  
Spacious Ranch in Deer Creek Very Open Flr Plan. Lrg kit & BFT rm; all kit appls stay; Grt Rm w/FP & D/W o lg deck. Mstr BR w/BA has roll-in shower. Home has hadicap access w/ramp from gar to bsmt. (29052849) \$299,900



**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
Just Listed! Some lucky buyer will get brand new hrdwd flrs just installed. New cement driveway. Brand new stove, dishwasher & frig in kit, replacement cabinets & counters. (29060819) \$144,900



**Waterford 734-455-7000**  
AWESOME WATERFRONT!!! Totally redone contemporary lakefront Waterford home. One of a kind! 3 floors of living, 3/4BRs, 3 BAs, full fin w/o basement, 2 fireplaces, updated kitchen. (29060015) \$235,000



**Canton 734-455-7000**  
DELIGHTFUL CONDO-LINKS AT FELLOWS CREEK! 2BR/2BA, neutral decor, clean & well-maintained. Priv patio, ample storage. Pool, workout rm, billiards. Offers beautiful views, discounted golf. X-way access. (29055073) \$129,900



**Highland 248-684-1065**  
Beautiful home! Quality materials & trim details t/o! HDWD flrs & staircase, granite & natural cherry kit, SS appl, bonus 4th rm, 150' on All Sports Duck Lake. (28198231) \$499,900



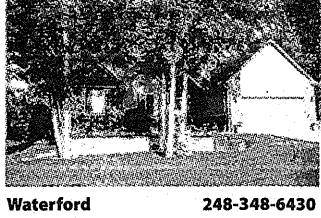
**Monroe 248-208-2900**  
Awesome brick home! Tastefully decorated 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath tudor home. Updated kit, newer roof & windows, recently painted. Hrdwd flrs, fin bsmt w/frplc, spacious liv rm w/frplc. (28192562) \$109,900



**Plymouth 734-455-7000**  
STATELY BRICK CAPE COD! 3BR/2.5BA on premium lot radiates quality & charm of a custom build. Upgrades incl: kit w/maple cabs, GR w/FP, hrdwd flrs, custom wndw treatments, paver patio +! (29054207) \$260,000



**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
Priced to sell! Come enjoy this clean, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, ranch condo. Complete with garage and full basement. (28189019) \$132,900



**Waterford 248-348-6430**  
Hard To Find Ranch In Lake Shores Sub! Well maintained home nestled in wooded lot. Spac KIT w/illum skylight & LG eating area, 1st FLR laundry, 3rd BDRM used as den (no Closet) hardwood FLRS. Deck. (28119638) \$200,000



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



**Highland 248-684-1065**  
Custom built LakeFront home; 1.7 acres. Maple cabs & granite t/o 2 kits & baths. 2 story GR w/ gas fp. 1st flr mstr w/ ba & 2 WIC's. Fin W/O; prof landscaping. (29045312) \$499,900



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



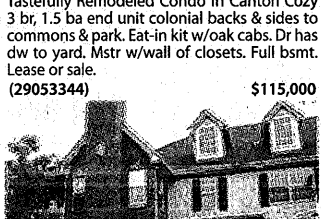
**Plymouth 734-455-7000**  
PRICED TO GO! Seller needs to move. 3BRs, attached garage, huge, beautiful lot! Tons of improvements. Newer roof, updated bath, fenced yard, etc. (29059250) \$89,900



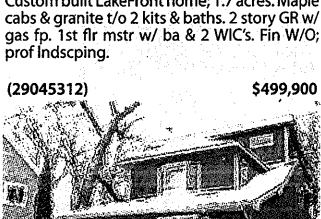
**South Lyon 734-455-7000**  
GROUND LEVEL CONDO! 2 bedrooms/2 full baths; private entrance; neutral decor; all appliances; close to clubhouse and pool! (28110167) \$79,500



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



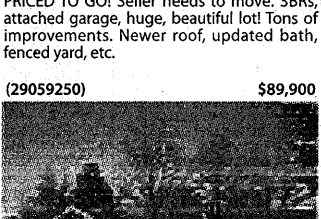
**Canton 734-455-7000**  
BETTER THAN NEW! 2 bedrooms/2 full baths; cathedral ceiling; lots of windows; all appliances; neutral decor; attached garage; close to pool. (28110431) \$98,000



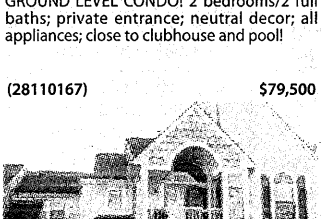
**Highland 248-684-1065**  
Lovely updated lakefront home in Seven Harbors Sub. Open floor plan, Oak kitchen, wood floors, loft, custom fireplace, ceramic BA, and much more! (28184712) \$248,000



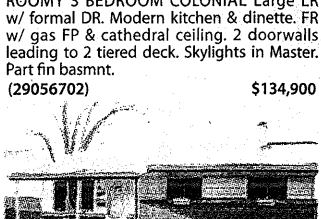
**Northville 248-348-6430**  
Better Than New! Lovely Colonial in popular Northville sub! Enjoy the pool area! Formal living & dining rms + spacious family rm, Library, gourmet kit w/center island & more. (29060450) \$405,000



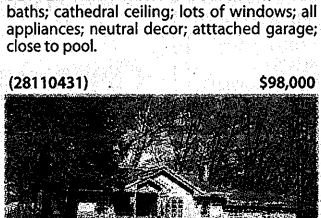
**Romulus 734-455-7000**  
"COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY" Impressive custom ranch on 1.65 acres backing to wooded areas. Lrg kit & BFT rm; all kit appls stay; Grt Rm w/FP & D/W, FR w/FP, att mechanics dream gar & detached workshop. Easy access to x-way/metro airport (29015556) \$159,900



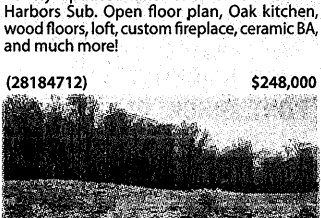
**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
Sharp Condo Unit... Move In Condition Located close to clubhouse w/indoor pool & fitness rm. Next to tennis court. Features include vaulted ceiling in lrg living rm, nice separate dining area. (28205923) \$74,900



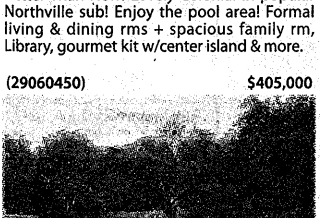
**Westland 248-851-4100**  
GORGEOUS UPDATED HOME. FINISHED BASEMENT Kitchen w/maple cabs & ceramic flrs. Refinished hardwood floors. This house has class & style written all over it! (29046980) \$75,000



**Commerce 248-684-1065**  
Waterfront. 24 Ft. pontoon included for right offer! Wrap around deck, patio, shed, paver walk to boat dock. Den/library in lower level. Pella windows. (29026239) \$299,000



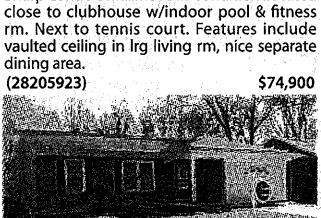
**Iosco 248-684-1065**  
2 acre lot on private road with only 7 other homes on it. Property has a perk and survey. Restrictions and minimums available. Land contract option. (29007265) \$49,900



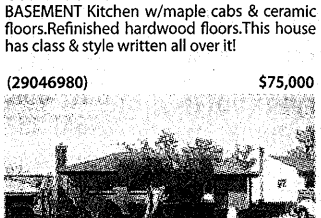
**Northville 248-348-6430**  
Rare Find! Wooded privacy to build your custom home on 1.8 acre which includes a paved private drive. Possible W/O site with views, L/C terms, Northville schools. (29057516) \$279,000



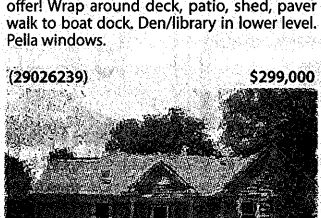
**Romulus 734-591-9200**  
WOW! country living in the city, walk to dtwn Romulus over one acre oak cabs in updted kit and lral. porcelain flr in updt BA; newer furnace & HWH. \$5000 Credit for closing costs or new carpet. (29060811) \$85,000



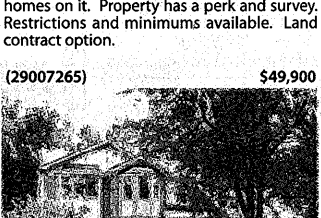
**Superior Twp 248-348-6430**  
A 10! Totally Updated & Mint Condition 1350 sqft home w/3 br & 1.5 ba. Fin bsmt has rec rm & lots of storage. Wooded view from deck. 7 miles fr U of M. No costly repairs needed! Just move in & enjoy. (29047378) \$134,900



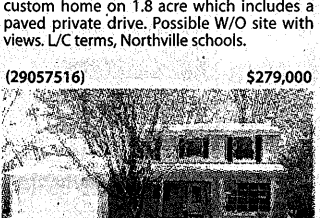
**Westland 734-284-5400**  
BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH Full Basement. 2 car garage. New Roof. Hardwood floors thru-out. All appliances stay. Stove and dryer are new. Better hurry this property won't last long. (29046292) \$72,000



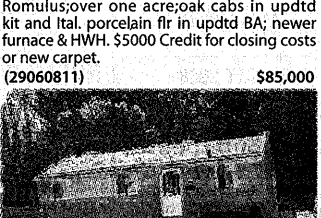
**Farmington 248-348-6430**  
Beautiful Ranch On A Tree Lined Street! Turnkey, spotless, updated everything! Mstr ste w/glass block shower, jetted tub & wic. 2 bd/2 ba. Great condo alternative w/loft office & storage walk to dtwn. (29057267) \$219,900



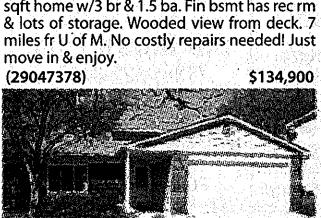
**Livonia 248-684-1065**  
Spacious traditional colonial on tree lot. Ceramic foyer, six panel wood doors, 3 full ceramic baths, 1st flr laundry, sun rm, formal dining, gas FP. (29025815) \$245,000



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



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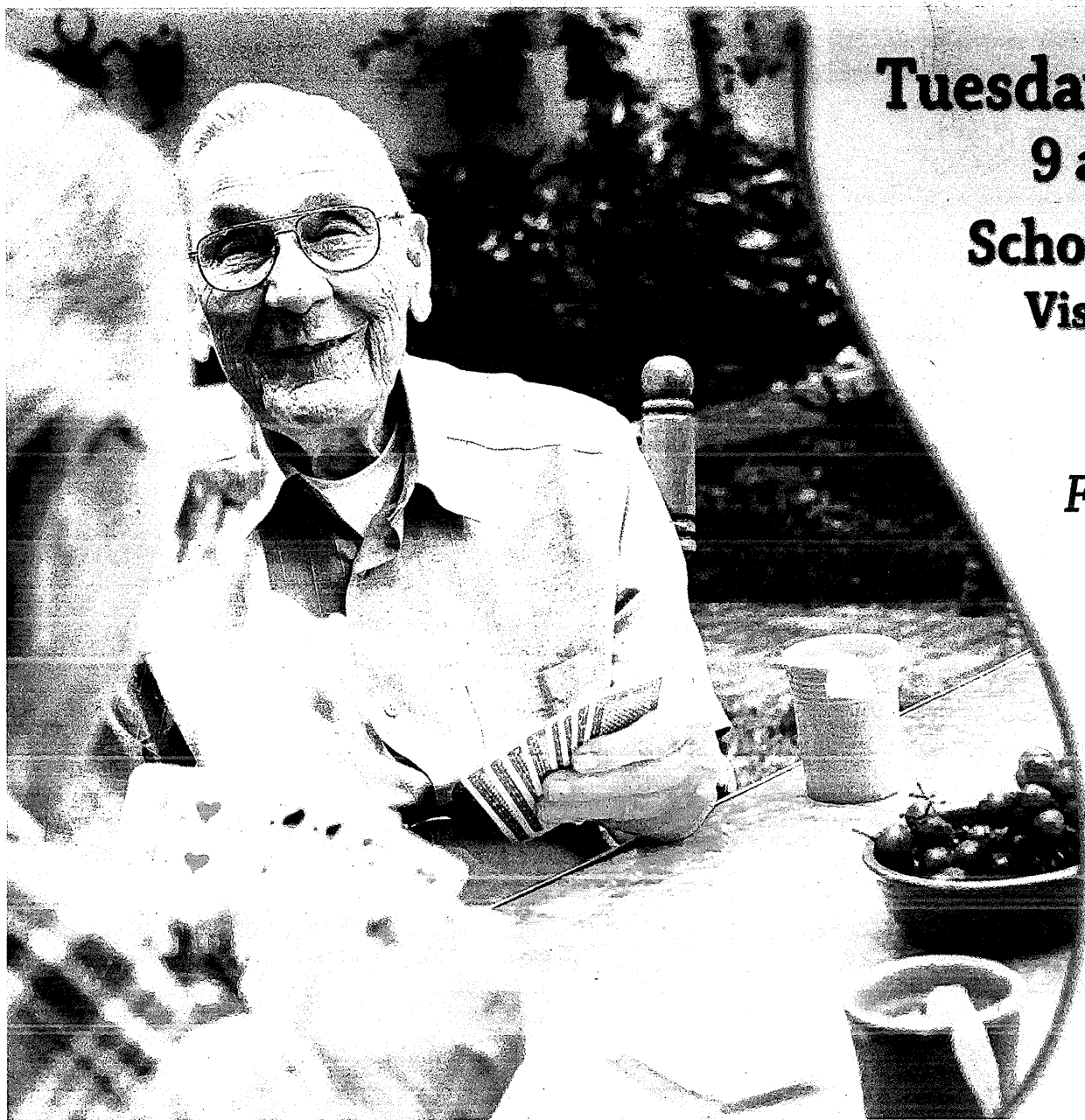
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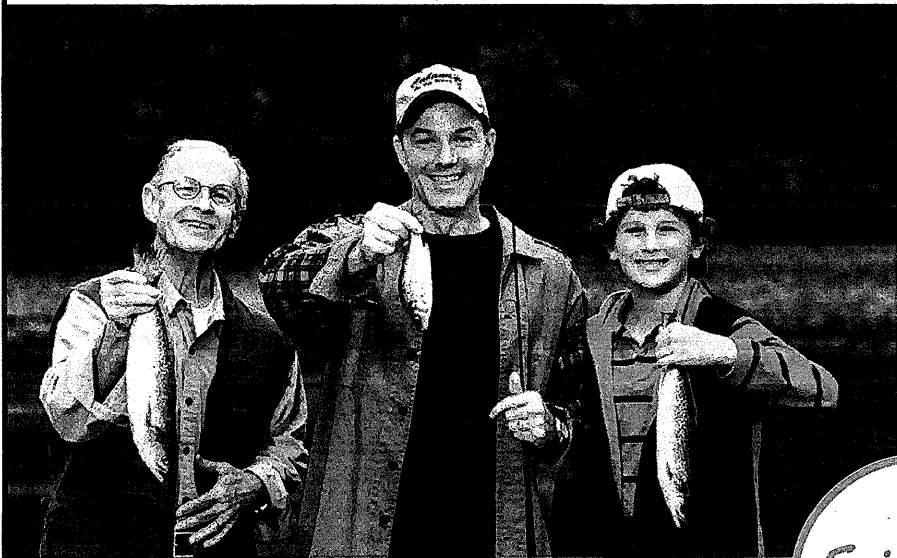
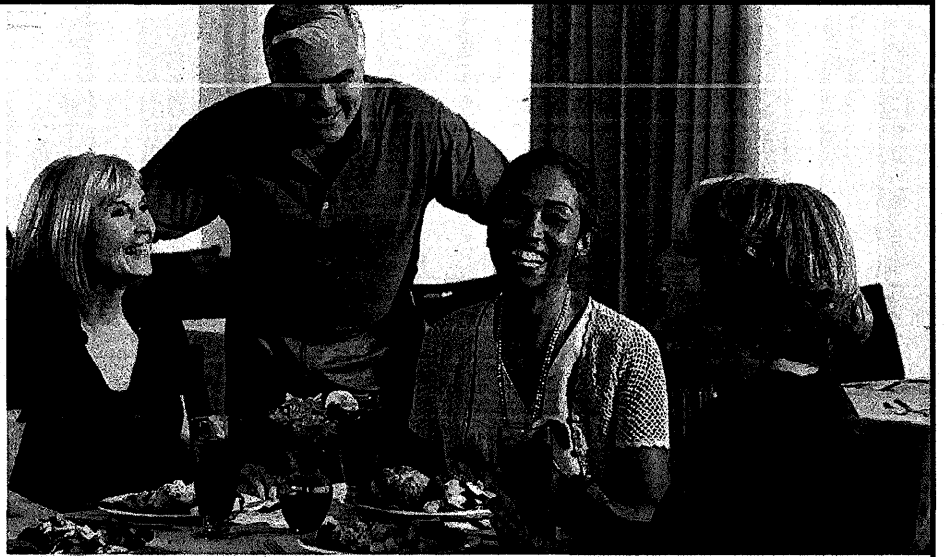
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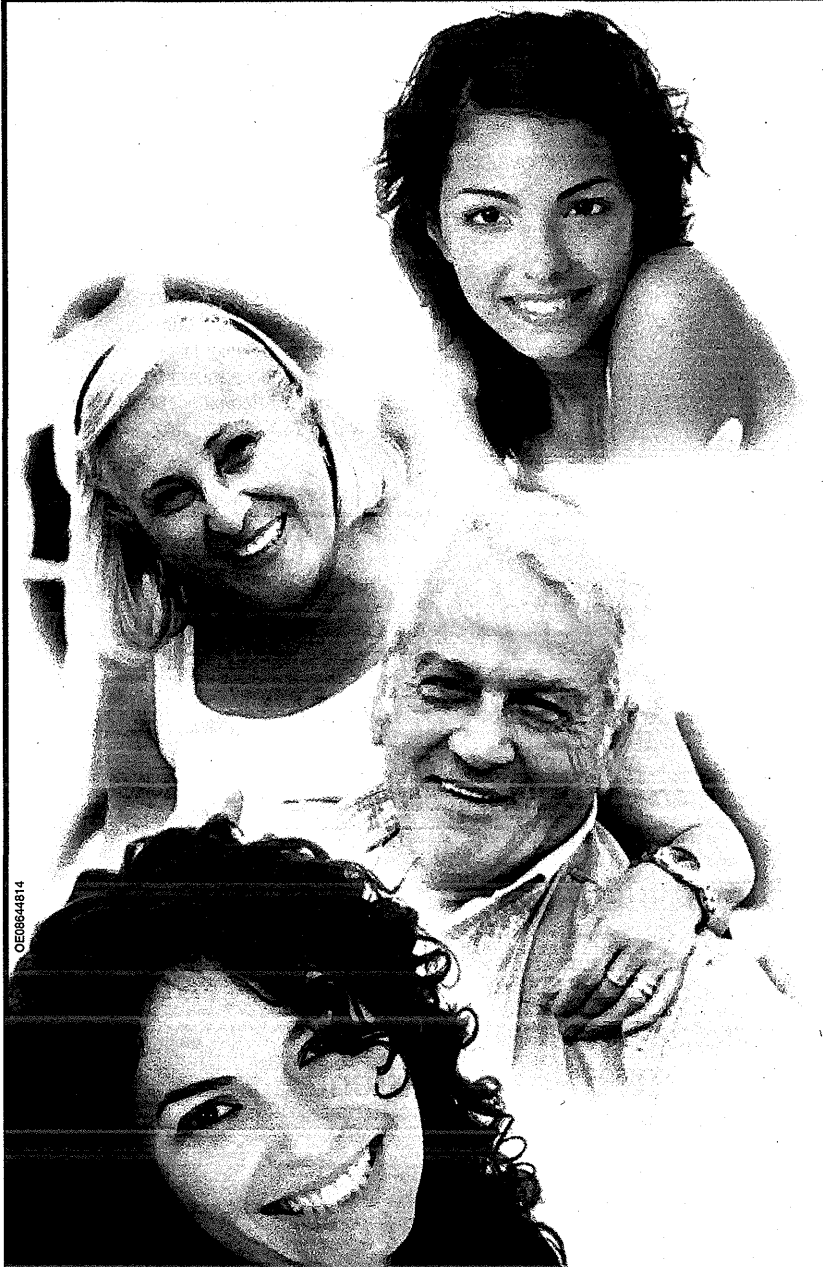
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Schoolcraft College is hosting the day's festivities from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at its VisTaTech Center, located between Six and Seven Mile roads on the east side of Haggerty Road in Livonia.

Admission and parking are free!

Participants interested in learning "How to Avoid Financial Scams Targeted at Seniors" will be treated to a seminar with financial expert and Observer & Eccentric columnist Rick Bloom.

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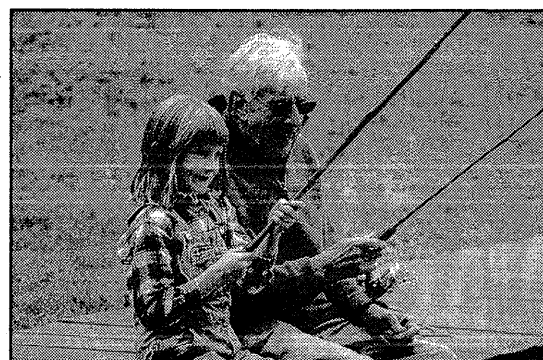
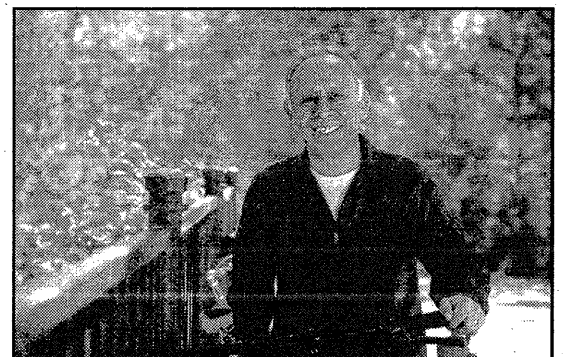
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- Strength Training for Seniors
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- Advantages of Having a Memory Screening led by Botsford Commons
- Musician Barbara Ware
- How to Avoid Financial Scams Targeted at Seniors

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**10 a.m.**

Tai Chi

**10-10:45 a.m.**

Rick Bloom on  
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Scams Targeted at Seniors"

**11 a.m.**

Strength Training for Seniors

**11-11:45 a.m.**

Advantages of Having a  
Memory Screening

**11:30 a.m. to**

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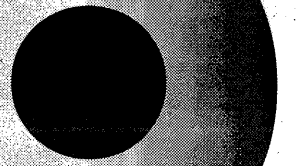
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# Older Americans Month 2009



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May is Older Americans Month, a great time to bring attention to the issues that affect older adults and create communitywide opportunities to help older Americans improve their quality of life.

This year's theme is "Living Today For a Better Tomorrow," and we, as a nation, must work together to give older adults the tools they need to make healthy decisions.

By 2030, one in every five Americans will be age 65 or older. Although the risk of disease increases with advancing age, poor health is not an inevitable consequence of aging. Many illnesses, disabilities and even death associated with chronic disease are preventable. Nearly 40 percent of deaths in America can be attributed to poor health habits such as lack of physical exercise, poor eating habits and smoking. Older Americans can prevent or control chronic disease by adopting healthy habits such as exercising regularly, maintaining a healthy diet and ceasing tobacco use.

The benefits of regular physical activity include weight control; healthy bones, muscles and joints; arthritis relief; reduced symptoms of anxiety and depression; and more. Exercise does not have to be strenuous and is safe for people of all age groups. In fact, it's healthier to exercise than eliminate it altogether.

Older Americans can greatly benefit from a regular exercise routine that includes strength, balance, stretching and endurance exercises. In addition to a regular exercise routine, good nutrition is vital in maintaining good health.

Improving older Americans' diets can reduce the occurrence of chronic diseases, but most older adults over age 65 do not maintain a healthy diet. Reducing saturated fats and eating a balanced diet of fruits, vegetables, and grains can help out older Americans on the right track to staying healthy.

Tobacco use increases the risk of heart disease and cancer and is the single most prevent-

able cause of death in the United States. Older adults who stop smoking will gain immediate and long-term health benefits.

While it's important for older Americans to have good physical health, it's equally important that they maintain good mental health. Nearly 20 percent of Americans age 55 and older experience depression and anxiety disorders.

Studies have shown that engaging in social activities within the community can greatly improve mental health. In fact, research has demonstrated a strong relationship between volunteering and mental health and that volunteering provides older adults with greater benefits than younger volunteers. Benefits include improved mental and physical health, greater life satisfaction, lower rates of depression and lower mortality rates.

The U.S. Administration on Aging and its National Aging Services Network support a number of successful programs throughout the country that are helping older adults live better today and in the future. These programs keep people independent and out of nursing homes through streamlined access to health and long term care information and options and provide home and community-based systems of services that include the support for family caregivers. These programs also encourage older people to remain active and make behavioral changes through the increased use of evidence-based disease prevention programs under the Older Americans Act as well as the use of preventive benefits available under Medicare. Americans of all ages and backgrounds can celebrate Older Americans Month.

Become a volunteer for activities in your area; promote community, state, and national efforts to serve older adults; and find ways to enrich the lives of older adults who touch your life. Additionally, actively search out ways you can involve your community's older adults in volunteer efforts, allowing them to share their wisdom and energy. By working together, we can improve the health and well being of our Nation's older adults and pave the way for better health as we age.

## AT A GLANCE

In recognition of Older Americans Month 2009, the U.S. Census Bureau compiled the following data regarding older adults. A meeting of the National Council of Senior Citizens resulted in President John F. Kennedy designating May 1963 as Senior Citizens Month, encouraging the nation to pay tribute in some way to older people across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter's proclamation changed the name to Older Americans Month, a time to celebrate those 65 and older through ceremonies, events and public recognition.

### 37.9 million

The number of people 65 and older in the United States on July 1, 2007. This age group accounted for 13 percent of the total population. Between 2006 and 2007, this age group increased by 635,000.

### 88.5 million

Projected population of people 65 and older in 2050. This would be 20 percent of the total population at that time.

### 518 million

Projected 2009 midyear world population 65 and older. Projections indicate the number will increase to 1.6 billion by 2050.

### \$28,305

Median 2007 income of households with householders 65 and older.

### 9.7 percent

Poverty rate for people 65 and older in 2007. There were 3.6 million seniors in poverty in 2007.

### \$190,100

Median net worth for families in 2004 whose head was between 65 and 74.

### 9 million

Estimated number of people 65 and older who were military veterans in 2007.

### 5.8 million

Number of people 65 and older who were in the labor force in 2007.

### 74 percent

Proportion of people 65 and older in 2007 with at least a high school diploma. Nineteen percent had earned a bachelor's degree or higher.

### 7.3 million

Number of people 66 and older taking adult education courses.

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# Ready for retirement

## EVALUATE YOUR FINANCES BEFORE SHIFTING INTO THE GOLDEN YEARS

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER  
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Retirement might sound like a happy ending after years and years of hard work, but being financially prepared is a whole different story.

From preparing a family will to finding the right insurance, there is a lot to do before officially retiring.

Megan Lee, licensed representative for Novi-based Estate Preservation Agency, said an uncertain economy and job market has people worrying about their retirement savings.

"The biggest worry right now is outliving your money," Lee said. "A lot of people are retiring right now with maybe \$400,000 in the bank, but nobody is sure what will happen with Medicare or what will happen with their pensions. It's really important for people to be evaluating their money early."

Lee said a common problem for aging adults is waiting too long to evaluate their investments.

"People retire and will have money invested in risk accounts,"

she said. "They need to sit down with somebody who can suggest wise investments that are especially made for retirees."

Long term insurance coverage is also an important factor to consider for those nearing retirement. Lee said the average age of people who are buying policies is 47.

"The longer you wait, the more expensive it gets," she said.

Many older adults have been choosing cheaper policies, but Lee warned that insurance policies need to be carefully reviewed.

"People are choosing policies that are not right for them or not good policies in general," Lee said. "The providers have to make up those costs somewhere. A lot of people are getting nickled and dimed with health bills and prescription costs."

Lee also advised that many seniors aren't educated about their social security benefits.

"A couple that has been getting \$2,000 to live on in social security may not realize that if one of them dies, the spouse will be forced to live on half of what the couple was accustomed to living on before," Lee said. "Losing 50 percent of your income is heartbreaking."

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Here is a run down of retirement services adults should consider:

### Long term insurance

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A study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says that people who reach age 65 will likely have a 40 percent chance of entering a nursing home. About 10 percent of the people who enter a nursing home will stay there for five years or more.

Long term insurance can help protect senior's estates from these catastrophic costs and give seniors peace of mind knowing they will not be a burden to their kids and instead maintain their independence.

### Medigap & Medicare Advantage

Medigap or Medicare Supplement policies have been helping seniors for years paying in coordination with Medicare their hospital and

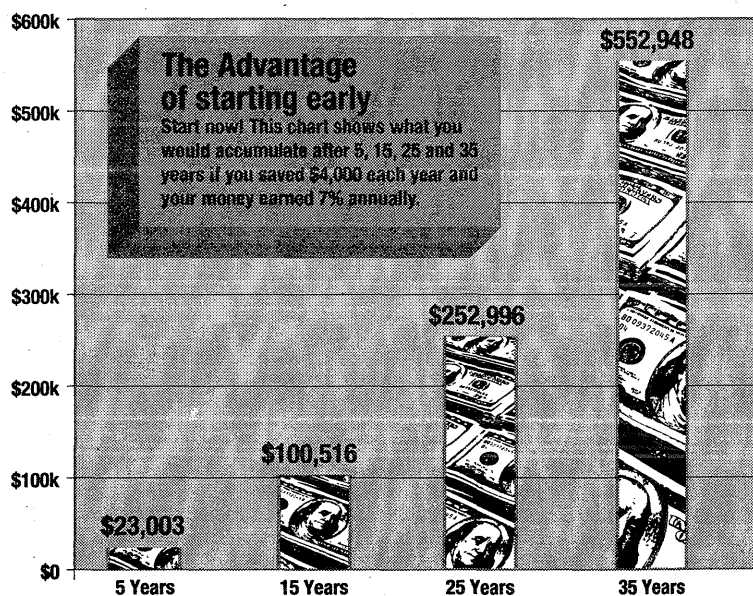
doctor bills. Recently, Medicare Advantage has been a cost saving alternative. Either way, seniors need to make sure they have one of these forms of coverage to protect themselves from rising healthcare costs.

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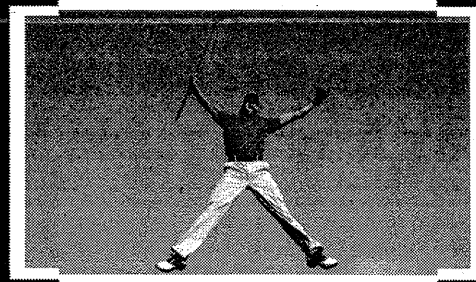
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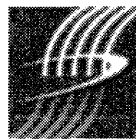
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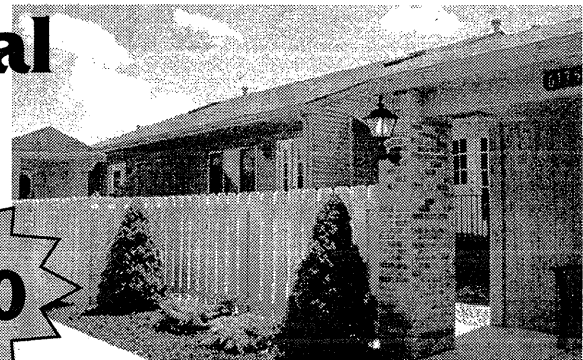


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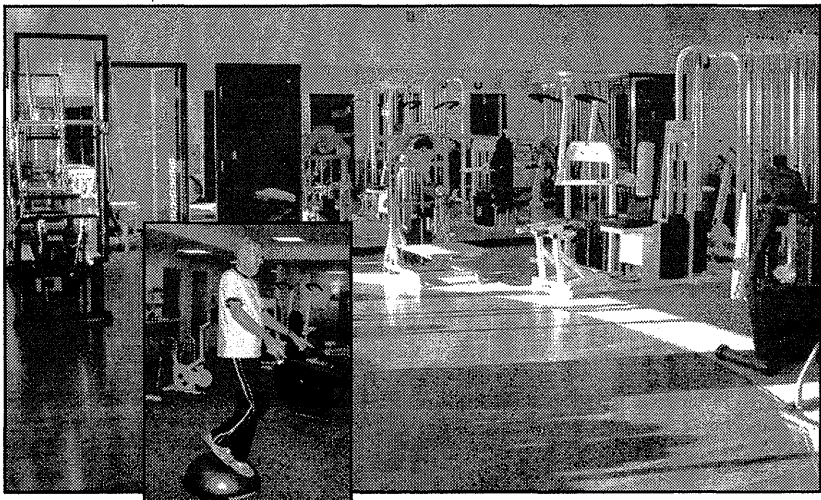
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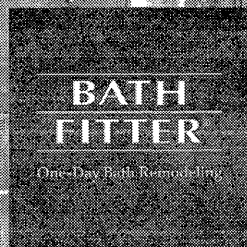
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### Know your retirement needs

Retirement is expensive. Experts estimate that you'll need about 70 percent of your preretirement income (lower earners will need around 90 percent or more) to maintain your standard of living when you stop working. Take charge of your financial future. The U.S. Department of Labor recommends beginning your planning by calculating your net worth – the total value of what you own (assets) minus what you owe (liabilities).

Your assets are items such as personal possessions, vehicles, home, checking and savings accounts, and the cash value of any insurance policies you may have. Include the current value of investments, such as stocks, real estate, certificates of deposit, retirement accounts, IRAs and the current value of any pensions you have.

Calculate your liabilities by adding up the remaining mortgage of your home, credit card

debt, auto loans, student loans, income taxes due, taxes due on the profits of your investments (if you cashed them in) and any other outstanding bills.

Subtract your liabilities from your assets for a snapshot of your financial health. Use this information to estimate how much you need to save for retirement. An easy rule of thumb is that you'll need 70-90 percent of your pre-retirement income. If you're making \$50,000 a year (before taxes), you might need \$35,000 to \$40,000 a year in retirement income to enjoy the same standard of living you had before retirement.

### Find out about your social security benefits

Social security pays the average retiree about 40 percent of preretirement earnings. Call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213 for a free Social Security Statement and find out more about your benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

### Learn about your employer's pension or profit sharing plan

If your employer offers a plan, check to see what your benefit is worth. Most employers will provide an individual benefit statement if you request one. Before you change jobs, find out what will happen to your pension. Learn what benefits you may have from previous employment. Find out if you will be entitled to benefits from your spouse's plan.

### Contribute to a tax-sheltered savings plan

If your employer offers a tax-sheltered savings plan, such as a 401(k), sign up and contribute all you can. Your taxes will be lower, your company may kick in more and automatic deductions make it easy. Over time, compound interest and tax deferrals make a big difference in the amount you will accumulate.

### Ask your employer to start a plan

If your employer doesn't offer a retirement plan, suggest that it start one. Certain employers can set up simplified plans. For information on simplified employment pensions, order Internal Revenue Service Publication 590 by calling 800-829-3676 or review a copy at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

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### Don't touch your savings

Don't dip into your retirement savings. You'll lose principal and interest, and you may lose tax

benefits. If you change jobs, roll over your savings directly into an IRA or your new employer's retirement plan.

### Start now, set goals and stick to them

Start early. The sooner you start saving, the more time your money has to grow. Put time on your side. Make retirement savings a high priority. Devise a plan and stick to it, and set goals for yourself. Remember, it's never too early or too late to start saving. So start now, whatever your age!

### Consider basic investment principals

How you save can be as important as how much you save. Inflation and the type of investments you make play important roles in how much you will have saved at retirement. Know how your pension or savings plan is invested. Financial security and knowledge go hand in hand.

### Ask questions

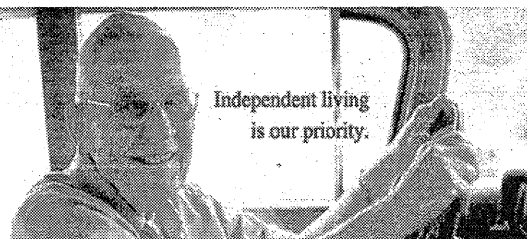
These tips point you in the right direction, but you will need more information. Talk to your employer, your bank, your union or a financial advisor. Ask questions and make sure the answers make sense to you. Get practical advice and act now. Financial security doesn't just happen. It takes planning and commitment, and yes, money.

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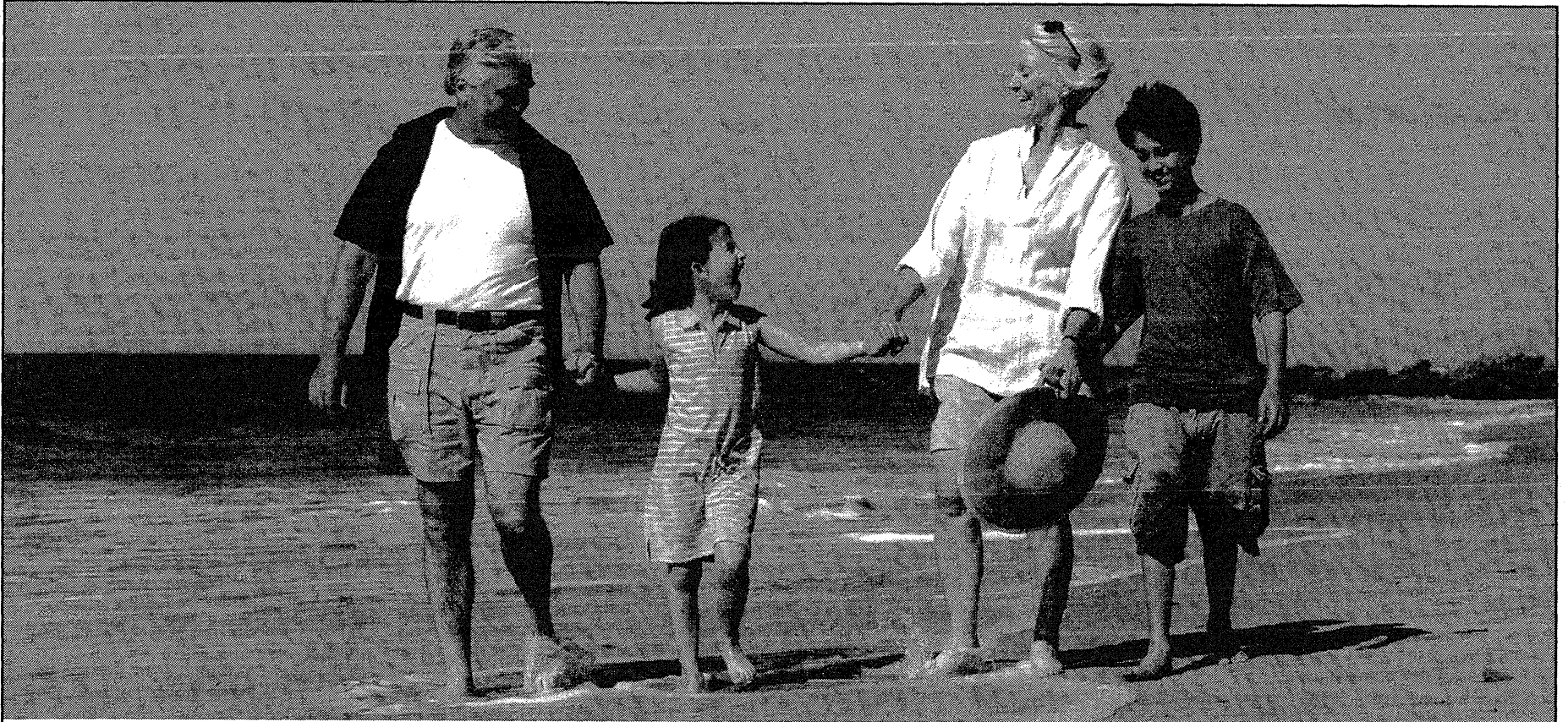
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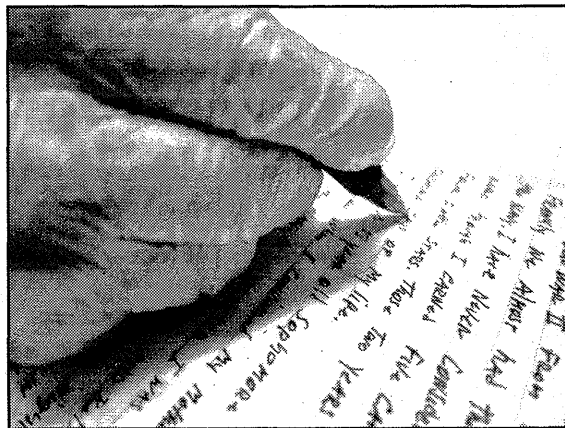
"People act as if death is contagious. It's not contagious, you know. Death is as natural as life," so said Morrie Schwartz in the 1997 best-seller by Mitch Albom, "Tuesdays with Morrie." The popular biography made death seem almost accessible given Morrie's comfort level talking about it. Yet, most people still avoid the topics of death and dying.

Among living creatures, awareness of one's own mortality is a uniquely human experience. And, for most people, it is not easy to discuss. While some may be afraid to talk about death, most do not want to be a burden to loved ones and would prefer to see their wishes followed in the event of a significant health status change or even a catastrophic event. Yet more than two-thirds of the adult population does not have a living will or other advance directive.

Older adults are more likely to use advance directives, which are documents that give instructions about health care or appoint someone to make medical treatment decisions, but young people have as much at

stake when they have not expressed their preferences. If stricken with a serious disease or accident, medical technology combined with the lack of clear direction may mean they are kept alive against their wishes.

If you are considering your own advance directive, it is essential to write your wishes and preferences down on paper, and then have a meaningful conversation with your family members and doctor. By putting everything in writing, you ensure that the information is available to your appointed health care agent, doctor, hospital, and clinic or managed care plan. You do not have to put specific wishes in your advance directive document if you aren't sure of your wishes in the face of future unknown. But it is vitally important to appoint a health-care agent or proxy — someone who will follow your wishes in the event that you can no longer speak for yourself. Appointing that agent and having the conversation about your preferences



are important steps toward peace of mind.

The American Bar Association has a 10-point toolkit for consumers that helps make the process easier to navigate. And the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization provides state-specific forms for use. Experts recommend reviewing advance care planning documents at critical life stages, including the "5 Ds" — every

new Decade of your life, after the Death of a loved one, after a Divorce, after any significant Diagnosis and after any significant Decline in functioning.

National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD) Initiative on April 16, is part of collaborative effort of national, state, and community organizations committed to ensuring that all adults with decision-making capacity in the United States have the information and opportunity to communicate and document their healthcare decisions.

Whether younger, middle-aged or older, responsible adults benefit from making their own advance care plans. And while it is a difficult discussion, talking to family, friends, doctors and your lawyer makes your wishes clear. An advance directive can assure that those wishes are carried out and that your loved ones are spared potentially agonizing decisions.

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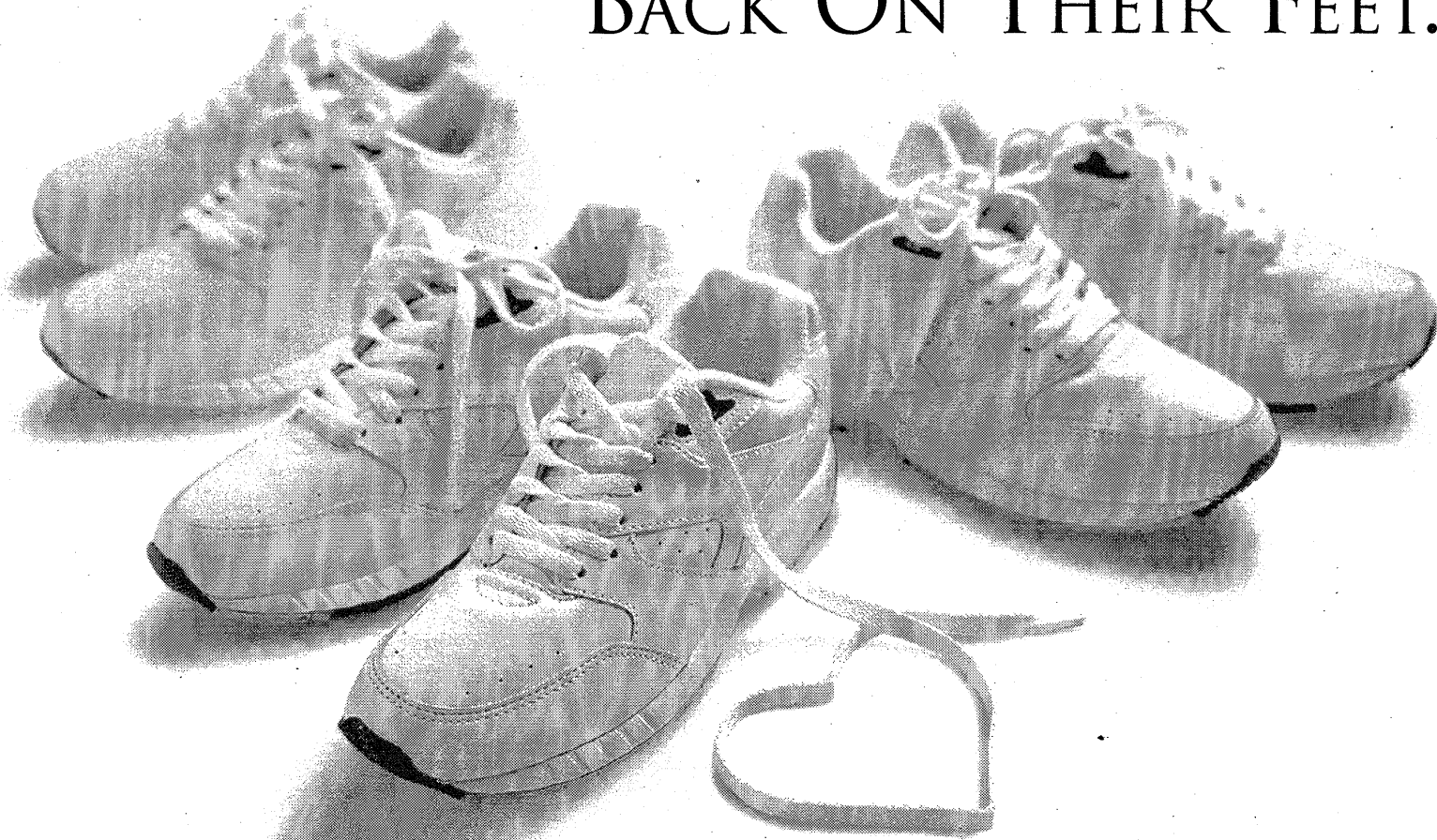
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# Factors to consider when looking for senior housing

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER  
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Transitioning from living independently to assisted senior housing community is a difficult decision for many older adults and their families.

Many are concerned about giving up their privacy, staying connected with loved ones and having access to medical care, transportation and other services vital to living comfortably.

"Moving to a senior community is very hard," said Jennifer Alwin, senior living counselor for WaltenWood at Carriage Park in Canton. "It's important to allow seniors to still get the assistance they need, have their own space and live privately."

To help make your transition easier, area experts helped devise a list of important factors to consider when choosing and touring senior living communities:

## Location

Depending on where your housing is, pricing will vary based on the demo-



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graphics of the area.

"Newer housing communities located in cities where there is a lot of development going on tend to have

more expensive home values, so it may be worth shopping around," said David Leslie, retirement counselor for Henry Ford Village in Dearborn. "A more

mature community is just as safe but may cost less depending on where it is located."

Proximity to family and churches is also important, Alwin said.

Many of the seniors residing at WaltenWood at Carriage Park attend mass at nearby churches and are transported by staff each week.

Housing communities featured at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Schoolcraft College's sixth annual Senior Expo on May 19 are located in several Metro Detroit communities, including Canton, Dearborn, Farmington Hills, Hazel Park, Livonia, Milford, New Hudson, Plymouth, Rochester Hills, Royal Oak, Southfield, Sterling Heights, Taylor, Troy and Westland.

## Price

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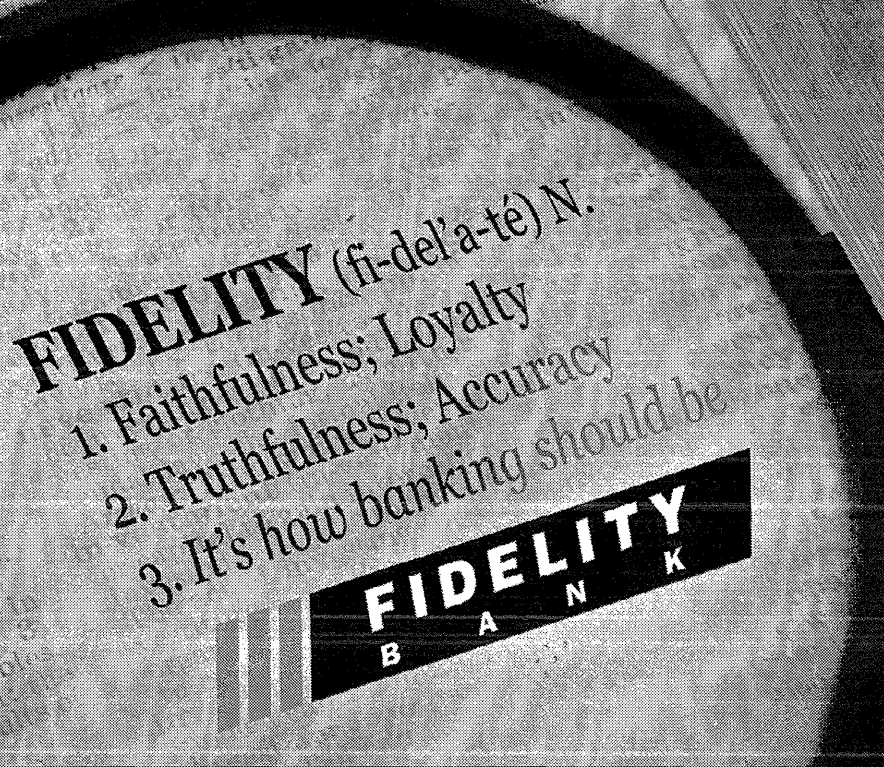
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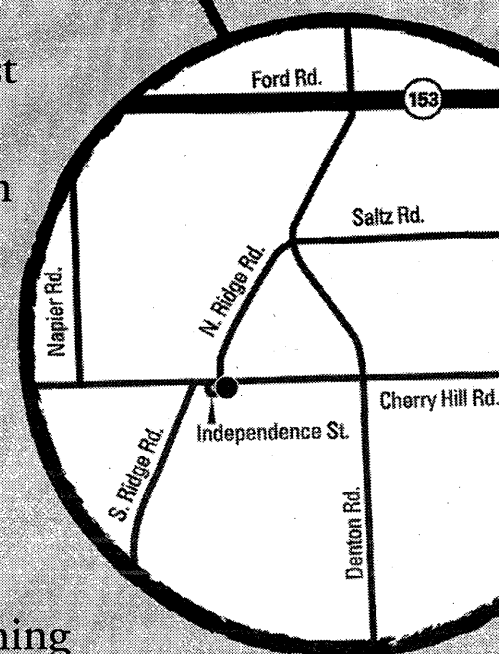
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Also remember to inquire about an entrance deposit or fee, and ask if it is refundable.

"In most places, that monthly fee will include just about everything that they're looking for," Leslie said. "But it doesn't hurt to ask."

Inquire about what utilities are included, especially considering the high cost of heating as of late, Alwin recommends.

## The Community

Make sure the community consists of everything your loved one desires, indoors and outdoors.

Depending on what you are willing to pay, you can choose options such as housekeeping, shopping, laundry, shuttle services, communal eating, dressing, bathing, toileting, etc.

But the people are important, too. Spend time with staff members and other residents to make sure the environment is a good fit for you.

"The number one factor for many residents is the social environment," Leslie said. "Most people are looking for the opportunity to do something that is better than what they are doing now. If they are leaving their house, it's likely they are looking for a place where they can enjoy a better lifestyle."

At MediLodge, an annual senior prom is hosted complete with dressy gowns and suits, fine food and an orchestra. Residents from all MediLodge facilities, their families and staff join together for this gala event. MediLodge also hosts a senior Olympics each summer with events such as shot put, discus, basketball, kick-ball, beanbag toss and horseshoes.

## Amenities

The list of services offered at a senior housing community range from community to community, so it's



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Henry Ford Village in Dearborn has on-site banking, a TV studio run by residents, music and art rooms and more.

important to make comparisons before making a decision.

For example, on-site banking is unique to Henry Ford Village, which offers Comerica banking on campus.

"A lot of places have banks that are open a couple of days a week," Leslie said.

Unique to Henry Ford Village is an on-site TV studio run by residents and broadcast on a local cable channel. The facility also hosts a music and art rooms, 300-seat church, swimming pool, library, hobby shop, convenience store and more.

Recently opened in New Hudson is the senior housing community, Abbey Park at Mill River, offering a wide range of medical and entertainment amenities.

"We provide medical and personal care services tailored to the needs of each member of our

community," said Tamra Ward, administrator. "For those who need assistance, our care team offers personal care plans ranging from medication management to 24-hours plans with two-hour check-ins around the clock."

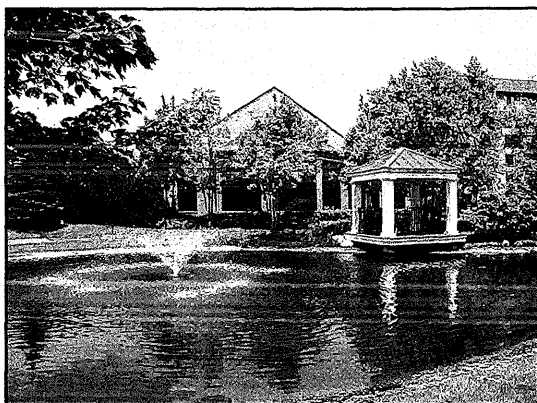
Abbey Park also offers daily housekeeping, weekly maid service, scheduled chauffeured transportation, a theater, salon and ice cream parlor.

Dining is a popular amenity considered by future residents, Leslie advised.

"We all remember great food," Leslie said. "Look at restaurants or dining rooms. Review the menus and see what kind of entrée choices are offered."

At American House in Westland, residents are offered the option of using a personal care company that is on site 24 hours per day. Services such as medication reminders, a.m. and p.m. care, personal care assistance, incontinence care and escort to and from meals and activities are available.

Depending on what your needs are, area housing communities will offer additional activities including lunch at local restaurants, shopping and walking to local stores, malls or outlet centers, gambling at nearby casinos, recreational activities, religious outings and voting at local polls.



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Scenic landscaping at Henry Ford Village provides a peaceful backdrop right in residents' backyards.

## TYPES OF SENIOR HOUSING

### 55+ Lifestyles

55+ Lifestyle communities are 55+ age-restricted communities that offer resort style amenities and social activities. These may be ownership, rental or land lease communities.

### Independent Living

Independent Living Communities are designed to enable independent seniors to enjoy a lifestyle filled with recreational, educational and social activities amongst other seniors.

### Assisted Living

Assisted Living provides a special combination of residential housing, personalized supportive services and care.

### Nursing Care

Nursing Care, or Skilled Nursing Facilities, are designed for seniors who are in need of 24-hour nursing care.

### Home Care

Home Care is a general term to describe services delivered at home to recovering, disabled, or terminally ill persons in need of medical, nursing, social, or therapeutic treatment.

### Adult Day Care

Daily structured programs in a community setting with activities and health-related and rehabilitation services to elderly who are physically or emotionally disabled and need a protective environment.

### Alzheimer's Care

Alzheimer's Care provides specialized care and housing tailored to the special needs of individuals with this disease.

### Low-Income Affordable

55+ Lifestyle, Independent Living and Assisted Living communities offering one of several different government assistance programs designed for low-income seniors. Income restrictions generally apply and individuals must meet certain criteria to qualify for assistance. The two most common programs are the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

### Respite Care-Short Term Stay

Temporary relief from duties for caregivers, ranging from several hours to days. May be provided in-home or in a residential care setting such as an assisted living facility or nursing home.

### Cooperative Housing

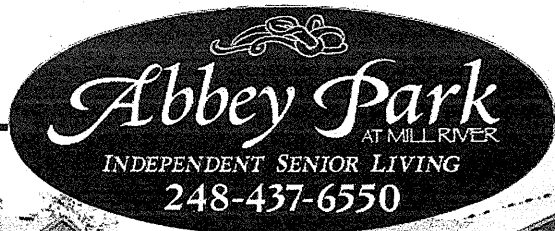
Cooperatively owned senior housing provides full apartment and townhouse living, controlled by the seniors themselves. All financial benefits accrue to the senior owners, including return of the equity upon resale.

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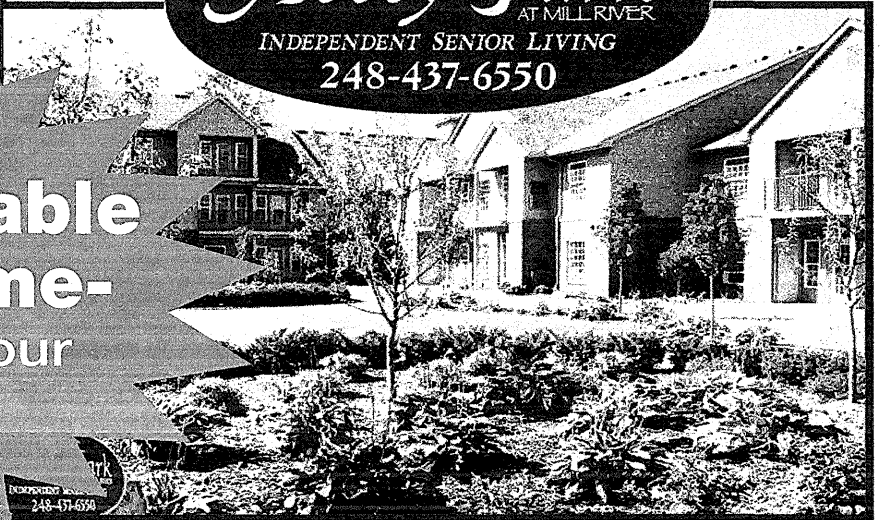


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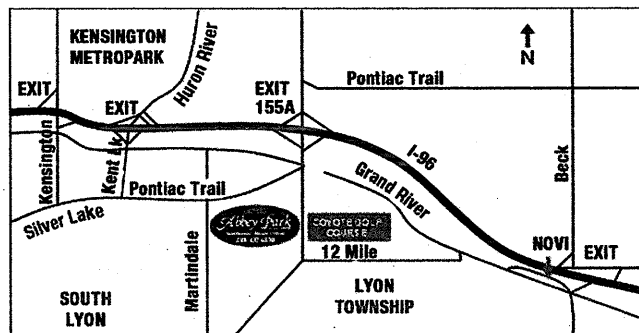
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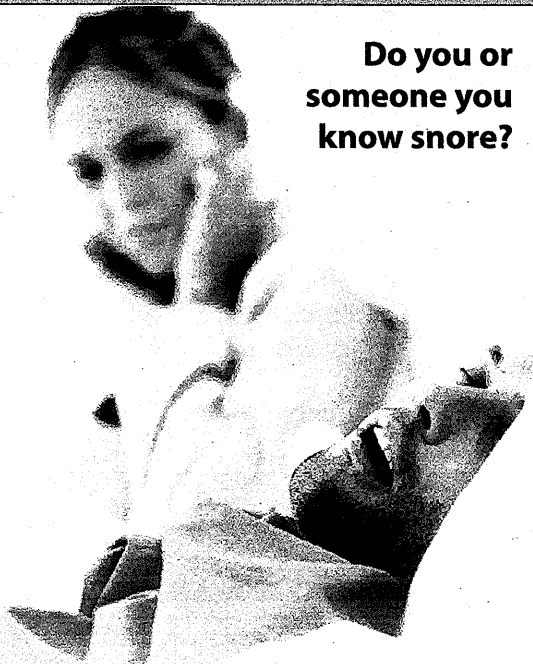
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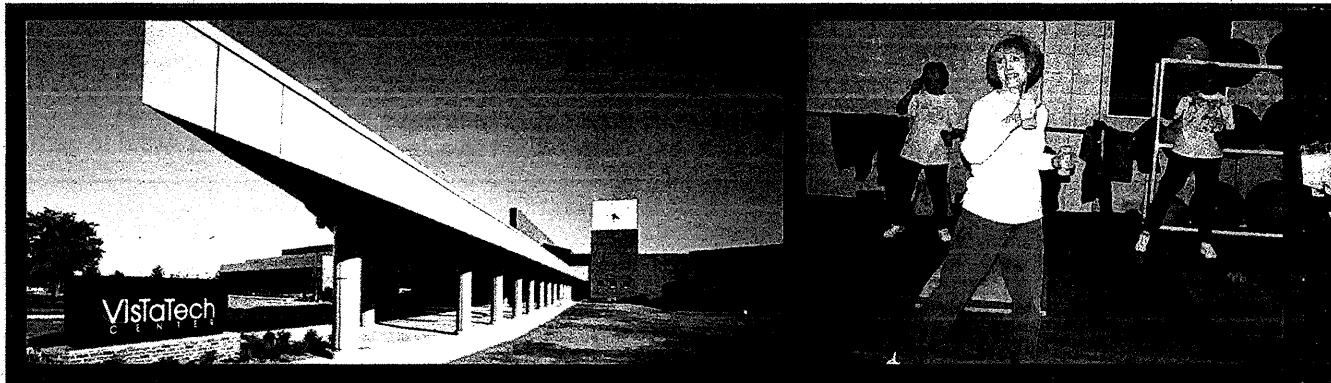
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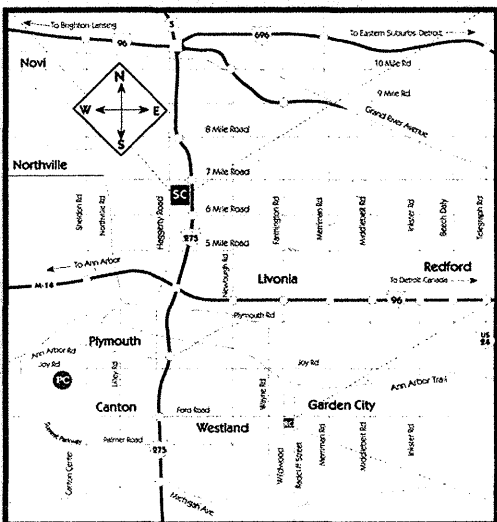
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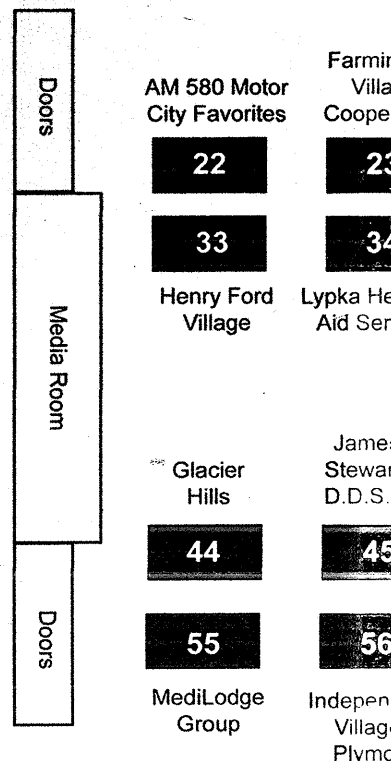
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*Betty Hughes*
  - 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi
  - 10:00 a.m. How to Avoid Financial Scams Targeted at Seniors!  
*Rick Bloom*
  - 11:00 a.m. Strength Training for Seniors
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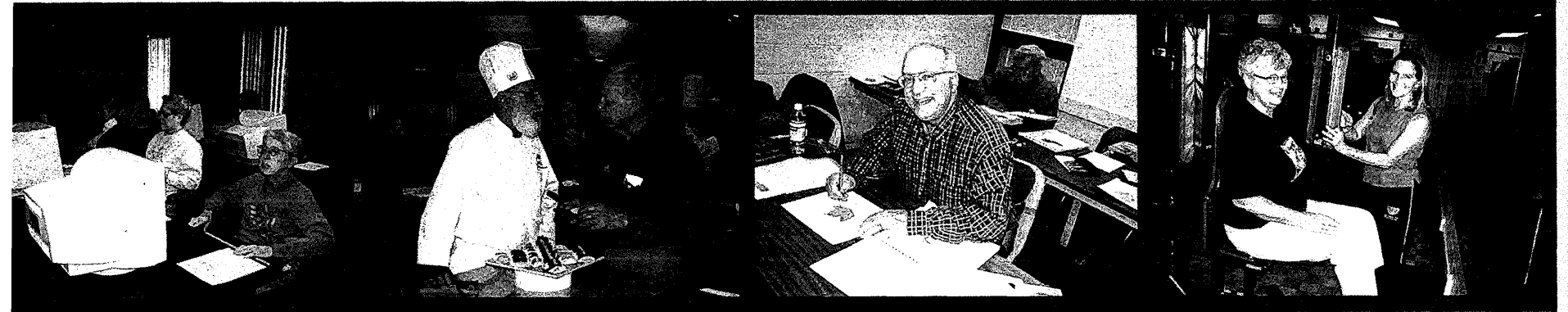


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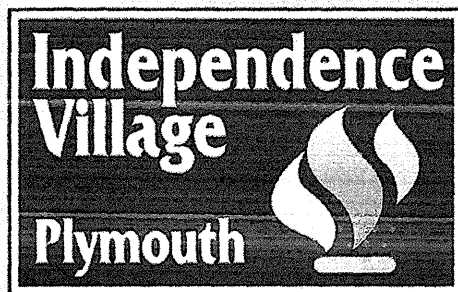


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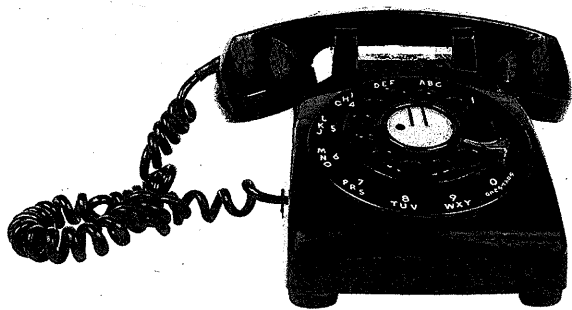
# Then and now

## A GLANCE AT 1950

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER  
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With iPods, GPS tracking systems, cell phones and other major technology advancements, a lot has changed in the last 59 years.

In 1950, the United States were just coming out of a major war and the Great Depression. The economy was finally



bouncing back and people were starting to buy more than just the necessities.

It wasn't uncommon to spend 25 cents on a dozen eggs, 80 cents for a gallon of milk or 45 cents for a hamburger.

The population of the United States as reported by the 1950 Census was 150,697,361, with the world population at approximately 2.5 billion.

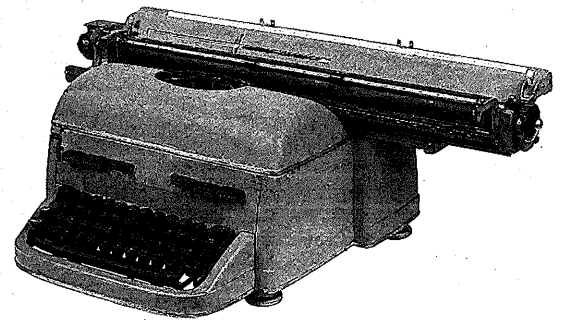
The median age for marriage was 22.8 years old for men and 20.3 for women.

Walt Disney's Cinderella debuted on VHS in 1950, and antihistamines became popular use for treatment of allergies and head colds.

CBS received an FCC license to begin broadcasting in color, and KRAFT Deluxe process cheese slices, the first commercially sliced packaged cheese, were introduced to grocery store shelves.

North Korea invaded South Korea. President Truman ordered the U.S into war where 3 million soldiers and civilians were killed or wounded before it ended in 1953.

Truman also gave Albert Einstein per-



mission to build the hydrogen bomb despite Einstein's warning of its effects.

In 1950, 36.3 percent of all advertising dollars were spent on newspapers, while only 3.3 percent were spent on TV.

According to [www.fiftiesweb.com](http://www.fiftiesweb.com), there were 10,500,000 TV sets in 10,400,000 homes in 1950. The unemployment rate averaged 5.3 percent, the U.S. Gross National Product (GNP) was \$288.5 billion.

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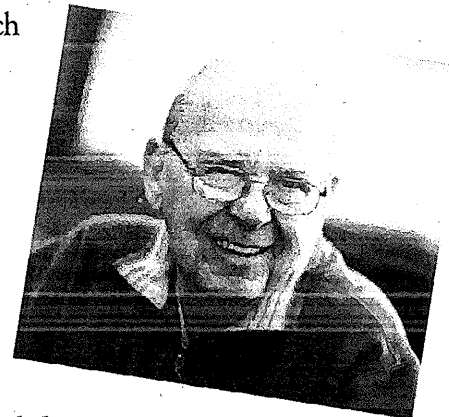


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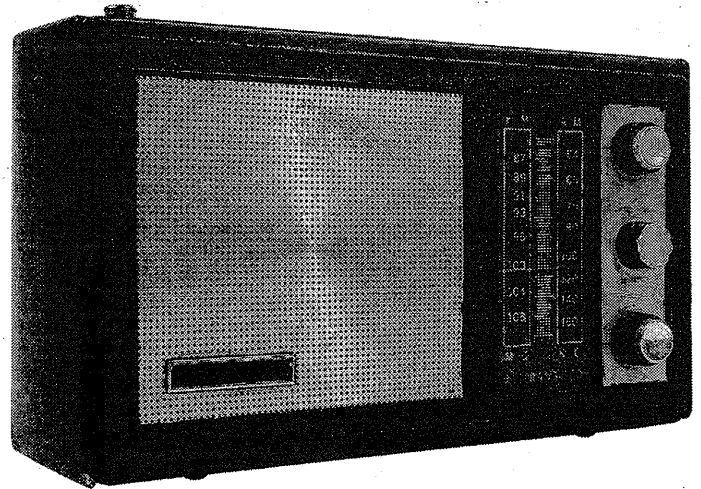
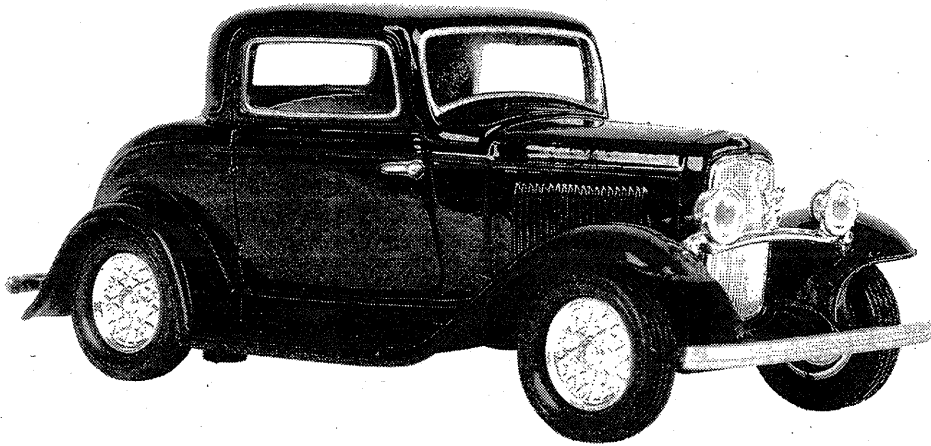
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Average wages per year: \$3,216

Cost of one gallon of gas: 17 cents

Average cost of a new car: \$1,420

Minimum hourly wage rate: 70 cents

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Bacon per pound: 50 cents

Dobbs hat: \$8.50

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Polaroid Camera: \$89.95

17-inch black and white TV: \$179.95

1-carat diamond ring: \$399

Boy's dungarees: \$1.49

Women's suit: \$27.50-\$29.95

Coffee: 46 cents/pound

Pepsi cola: 23 cents for six bottles

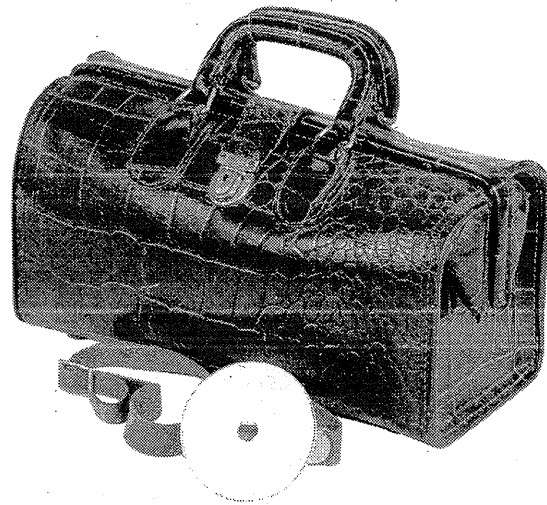
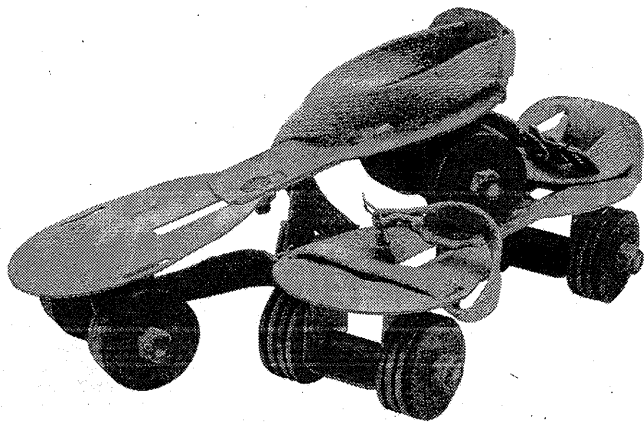
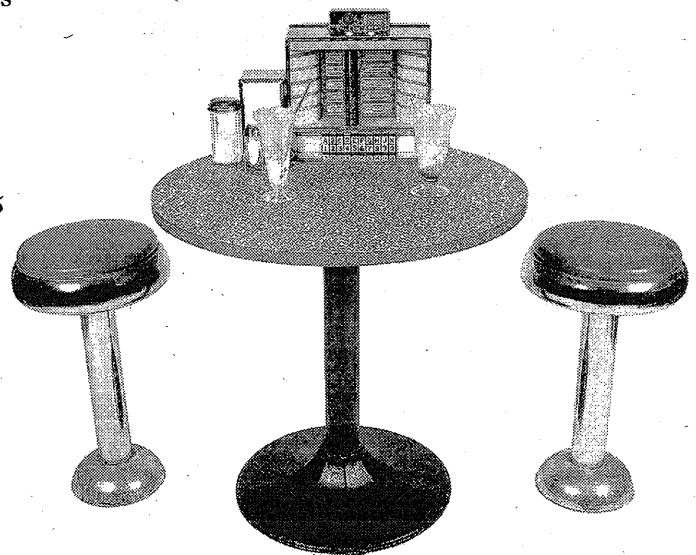
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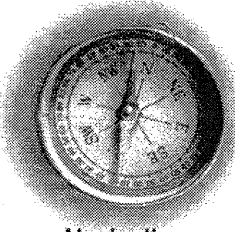
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# Hiring formal caregivers

Caring for an older adult can be a rewarding and challenging experience. Most caregiving is done "informally," meaning that family members and friends provide the care with no outside agencies assisting in caregiving activities.

Informal caregiving can often-times be physically, emotionally and financially challenging. Informal caregivers must therefore be alert to the inherent stressors associated with caring for an older adult and aware of the vast amount of resources that exist in their communities to support informal caregivers in their role.

One option for those caring for an older adult is to hire an individual or agency to supplement some of the caregiving duties. These are typically referred to as "formal caregivers." Formal caregivers can either be hired through an agency or hired privately. Both methods have advantages and disadvantages as described below:

## Self-hiring a caregiver

### Advantages:

- May cost less
- Personal selection of caregiver
- Flexibility in caregiver's work schedule
- Flexibility of caregiver responsibilities

### Disadvantages:

- Time, cost and effort to advertise, interview, check references and select caregiver
- No supervision or training
- Cost of insurance coverage
- No coverage for caregiver absenteeism
- Requires payroll deductions and taxes

## Hiring a caregiver

### Advantages:

- Supervised caregivers
- Screened caregivers
- 24-hour/7-day back up (usually)
- Insurance coverage in some cases
- Agency serves as employers and handles all payroll issues

### Disadvantages:

- Higher cost
- Agency selects the caregivers
- Individual caregivers may alternate

Regardless if a formal caregiver is hired through an agency or privately, there are some necessary steps that must be taken to ensure a safe environment for the older adult.

## Screening prospective caregivers

If you self-hire a caregiver, thoroughly check the references for at least two of the final applicants you're considering. Ask for contact information from all of their previous employers and be sure to contact those employers. It is best to talk directly with former employers rather than accepting letters of recommendations. Also, inquire about any time gaps in the applicant's employment history. With permission from the applicant, you can also conduct a criminal background check. If you hire a caregiver through an agency, learn about the agency's screening and firing practices. Inquire if criminal background checks are conducted and work references are checked on all staff and volunteers. It is also important to find out about the supervision of staff and the process for filing complaints.

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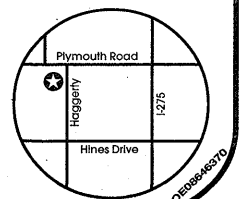
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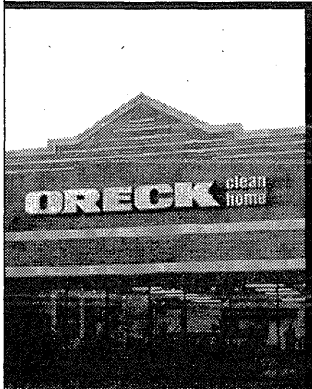
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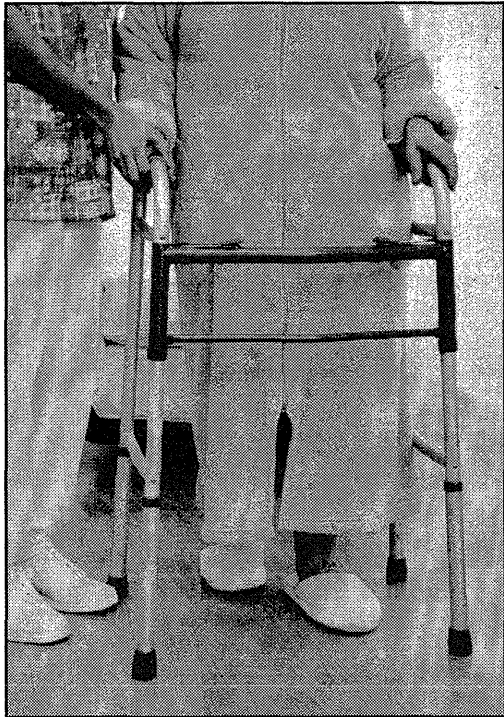
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## Taxes and paychecks

For information regarding the tax responsibilities associated with employing an in-home caregiver, contact both of the following agencies:

- Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at 800-829-1040
- MI Employment Security Division at 800-638-3994; [www.michigan.gov/ua](http://www.michigan.gov/ua)

Agencies typically administer paychecks to their employees. If you hire a caregiver privately, however, you may be responsible for administering their paycheck and withholding taxes. If you do not want to deal with these issues, you can use a payroll preparation service. These services require a fee for their services.

## Homeowner and car insurance

Check with your homeowner's insurance about coverage for an in-home caregiver. If the caregiver will be driving your car, inform your insurance agent. If the caregiver has a car, discuss the use of his/her car on the job and insurance coverage

for transporting an older adult.

## Ensuring a safe environment

Although abusive situations are not common, you must be alert to the possibility. It is critical to thoroughly check the references of prospective caregivers. Make sure the caregiver completely understands what their position entails, the medical problems and limitations of the older adult, as well as any behavior that could lead to stressful situations. Before hiring a caregiver, ensure that the terms of employment, including hours and wages are clearly stated and agreed upon. It is strongly suggested to have a written employment contract signed by both you (the employer) and the caregiver. Most importantly, keep communication lines open and ensure the caregiver is not overburdened.

Regardless of who is providing the care, it is necessary to protect the older adult's valuables:

- Lock private papers and valuables in a file cabinet, safe deposit box or safe.
- Make arrangements to have someone trusted pick up the mail, or have it sent to a post office box

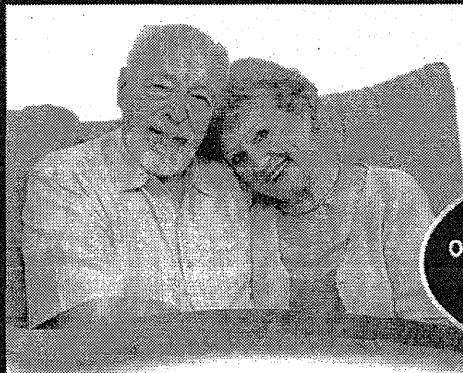
where it can be picked up at a later time.

- Review bank and credit care statements at least once a month and periodically request a credit report.
- Consider having social security or pension checks deposited directly in to the bank account.
- Do not allow caregivers to pay bills.
- Protect checkbooks and credit cards, never make them available to anyone you do not thoroughly trust.
- Always get receipts any time the caregiver shops for the older adult.
- Never add the caregiver's name to savings, checking, charge accounts, social security or any other documents.

If abuse or neglect is suspected: Immediately take the older adults out of harm's way and ensure their safety. Report the situation immediately to your local Adult Protective Services office or Michigan's Vulnerable Adult Abuse and Exploitation Helpline at 800-996-6228. All calls are confidential. If the situation is severe, do not hesitate to contact police.

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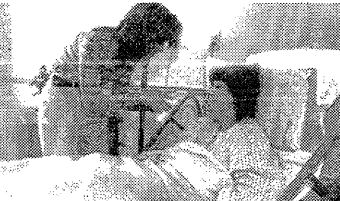
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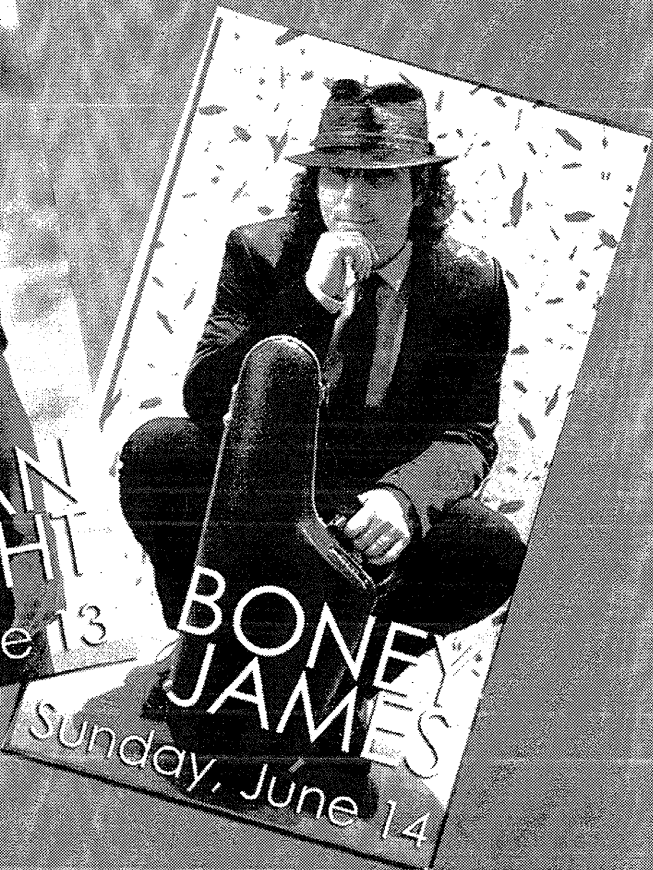
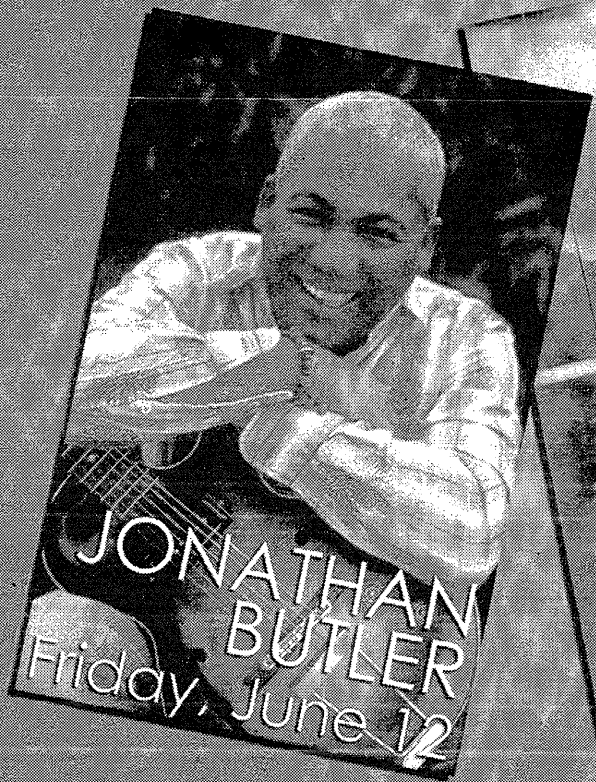


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# Take care of your ticker

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"You can easily improve overall heart health with a few, simple lifestyle choices," says dietician Keri Glassman. "One in four Americans does not get enough exercise to maintain a healthy lifestyle. With obesity on the rise, especially among children, routine daily exercise is a great place to start. When combined with a healthier diet, particularly one with reduced sodium, you'll lower the risks of heart disease, stroke, diabetes and hypertension."

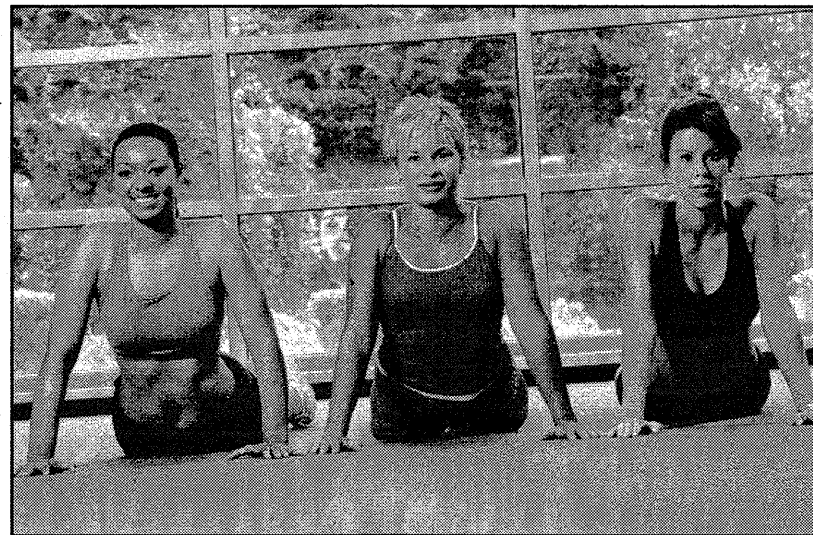
True, there are factors that you don't have control over when it comes to heart health, including age, race, gender and family history. However, by monitoring controllable risk factors such as weight, diet and exercise, you can proactively take the necessary steps to limit the threats and improve your overall well-being.

Here are five easy tips to get your ticker in tip-top shape:

## Heart smart staples

Stock up on whole grains, lean proteins rich in omega-3s, and a colorful array of fruits and vegetables. Fruits and veggies are not only low in fat and calories, they are also a great source of vitamins, minerals and fiber.

Also, omega-3 fatty acids found in salmon, tuna, walnuts, soybeans, brussel sprouts and flax seeds, can help lower blood fats called triglycerides, which are harmful to your heart. A diet high in soluble fiber and low in saturated fats along with increased fruits and vegetables may help decrease cholesterol and blood pressure.



## Shake the salt habit

Sodium is one of the biggest contributors to heart disease and hypertension; and, as a general rule, you should not exceed 2,400 milligrams of sodium per day. Buyer beware: high amounts of sodium lurk in many of the everyday foods you love, including soups, breads and even beverages. Help stay within your daily sodium recommendation and opt for the low salt or reduced sodium options of your favorite foods, when available.

Many choices, such as Del Monte's 50 percent Less Salt Vegetables, are a convenient way to reduce salt while maintaining delicious flavor. Look for heart smart options in the grocery store. Products such as Del Monte's 50 percent Less Salt Whole Kernel Corn and Sweet Peas display the American Heart Association heart-check mark on the label as they meet the Association's food criteria for saturated fat and cholesterol for healthy people older than age 2.

Other low-sodium options readily available at the supermarket include Pepperidge Farms reduced-sodium breads, lower sodium soups from Campbell's and Progresso, and Orville Redenbacher's SmartPop popcorn. For great ways on switching out those high sodium foods with lower salt versions, visit [delmonte.com/solutions/recipeTools.aspx](http://delmonte.com/solutions/recipeTools.aspx) for delicious recipes.

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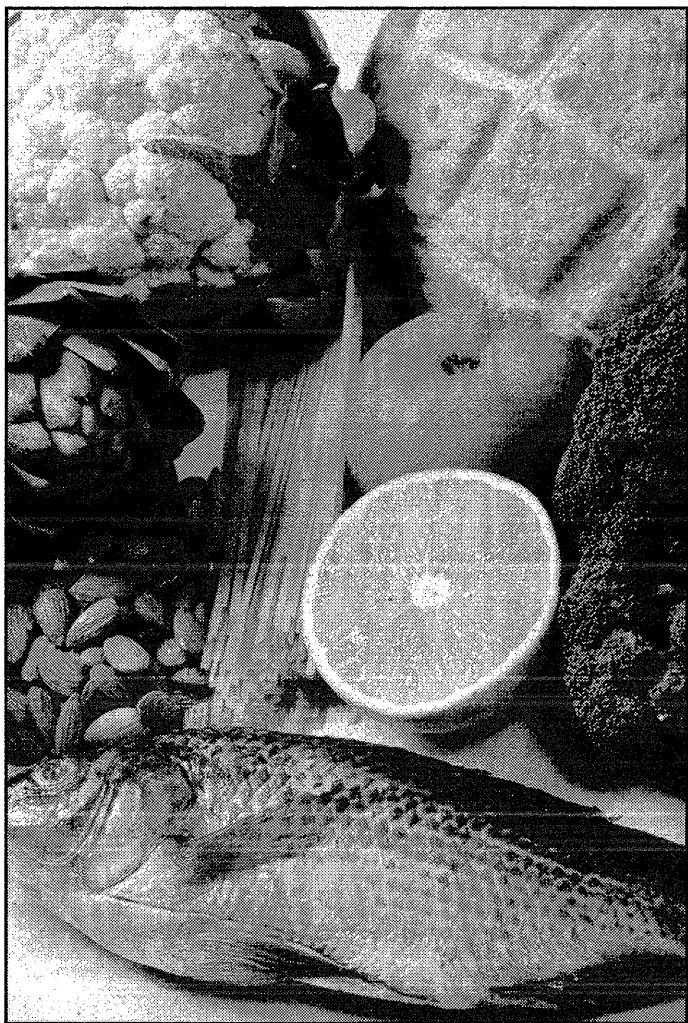
Statistics show that 1.3 million people will have a new or recurrent heart attack in 2009 according to the American Heart Association, and one major contributor is a lack of daily exercise. Tired of your old routine or going to the gym? Sign up for a fun salsa, ballroom or meringue dance class at a local community center. You'll get your blood moving, heart pumping and have fun with friends and others while you're doing it.

## Snuff out the smoke

Quitting smoking is an important and necessary life change to dramatically lowering your risk of a heart attack. Smokers have more than twice the risk of suffering a heart attack as non-smokers and are more likely to die from a heart-related illness.

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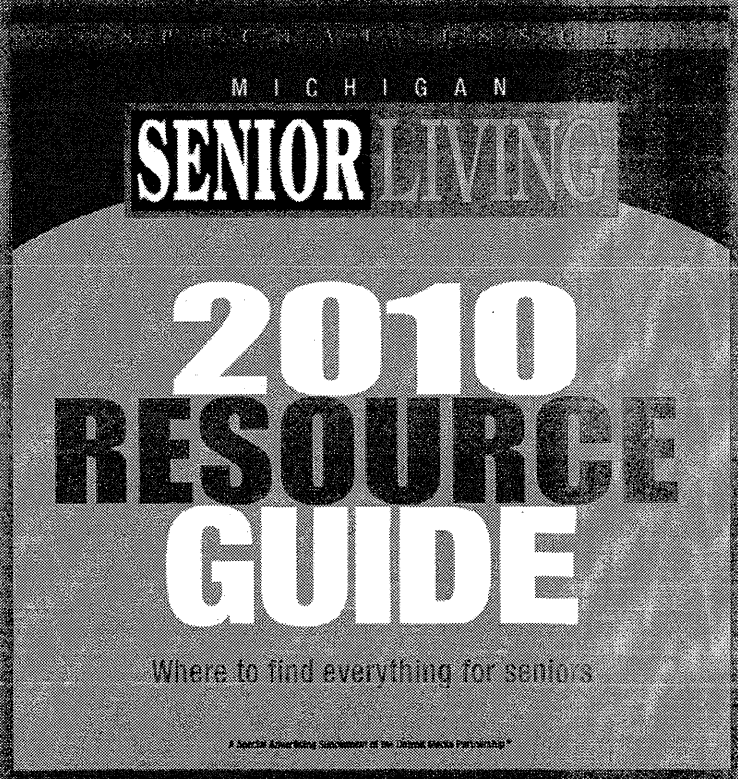
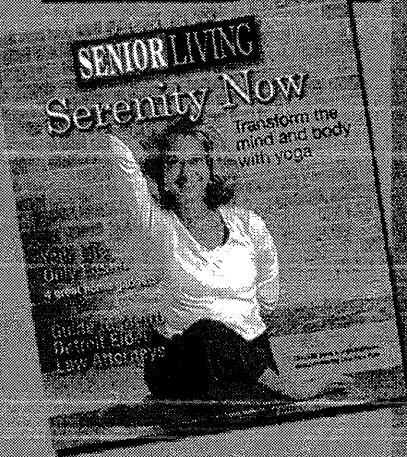
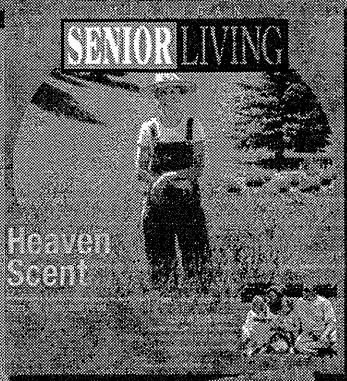
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The Senior Alliance (TSA) is a nonprofit agency designated as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for western and southern Wayne County.

Funding for agency services are provided primarily by the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) and the Michigan Department of Community Health. While many programs have different qualification requirements, the information primarily addresses the needs of people age 60 and older.

A Board governs the agency, with representatives from each of the communities in the service area. The Board receives advice on senior issues from an Advisory Council and Corporate Committee.

## Eldercare Locator

To search for information or assistance for older adults in other areas of the state or nation can be initiated by contacting the Area Agency on Aging that serves that region.

Information about AAA services nationwide can be obtained by calling the toll-free Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116. Website: www.eldercare.gov.

## The Senior Alliance Service Network

The Senior Alliance Service Network includes programs and services offered directly by agency staff and service providers who are contracted by The Senior Alliance.

These in-home and community-based services are provided to assist older adults maintain their independence and provide support to caregivers. Contact the Information & Programs Department at TSA for additional information about Network services and other community programs.

Services are provided by The Senior Alliance, noted with (TSA), unless otherwise listed.

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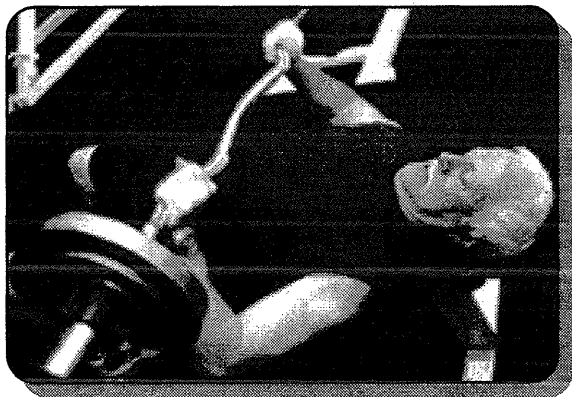
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The Case Coordination & Support program assesses the eligibility of seniors for in-home services such as Personal Care, Homemaker, and Respite Care. (TSA)

## Chore Referral

Seniors looking for home maintenance assistance will be given the names of independent workers who have been asked to charge reasonable fees. Homeowners make their own arrangements for the work and payment for service. (TSA)

## Chore Services

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## Elder Abuse Services

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## Gatekeeper Program

The Gatekeeper program is designed to assist frail, isolated and vulnerable older adults who have little contact with others and who may go unnoticed when they need attention. The program involves the public in recognizing the signs that someone may need help. (TSA)

## Friendly Reassurance

This program (also called Tele-Care) provides for regular telephone contacts with homebound older adults to assure their well being and safety along with social interaction.

### Wayne County Senior Citizens Services

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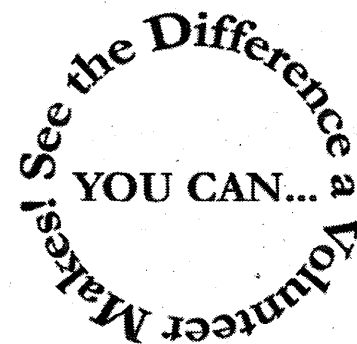


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## Home Delivered Meals

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### Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services

734-727-7357 or 800-851-1454

## Homemaker & Personal Care Services

Homemaker service includes assistance with tasks such as laundry, ironing, meal preparation, shopping for necessities, and light housekeeping (dusting, vacuuming, mopping floors, cleaning bathroom and kitchen, and making beds). Personal Care is designed to assist clients with tasks such as bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, transferring, eating, and ambulation. (TSA)

## Information & Assistance

Information is given to individuals pertaining to in-home services, senior housing alternatives, and other TSA and community services for older adults and their care-givers. Assistance is provided to help understand and find appropriate human service providers that can best meet their needs. (TSA)

## Kinship Caregiver Assistance

Information and support services to grandparents and/or relative caregivers age 60 and over who are legally responsible for children 18 years of age or younger.

### Adult Well-Being Services

313-924-7860

### Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan Elder Law & Advocacy Center

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## Legal Assistance

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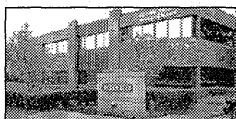
### Citizens for Better Care

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## Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP)

Trained volunteers provide free education and personalized assistance to Medicare beneficiaries to understand health coverage options and resolve issues involving the Medicare and Medicaid programs. (TSA) 800-803-7174

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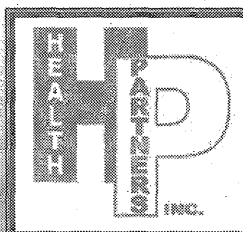
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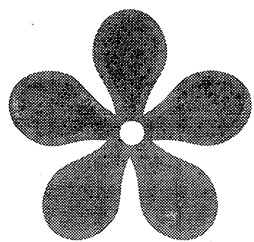
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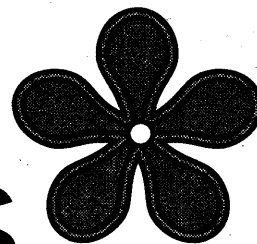
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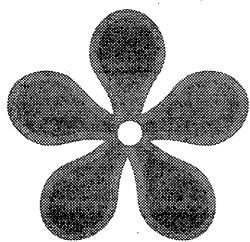
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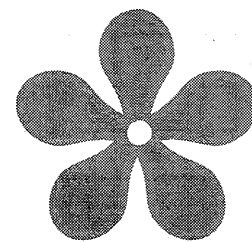
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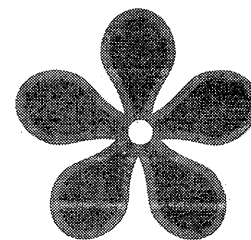


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## Michigan Older American Community Service Employment Program

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## Outreach

This program is designed to identify and assist isolated older persons in the greatest social and economic need, access agency services. (TSA)

## Refugee Support Project

A project designed to assist older adult refugees to gain access to TSA services and community pro-

grams. (TSA)

## Respite Care

This program provides relief to caregivers at home. The service includes attendant care (assistance with toileting, eating, and ambulation), and basic care (assistance with activities of daily living, routine exercise regimen, and supervision of adherence to medication). (TSA)

## Senior Alliance Holiday Meals

This program provides hot festive meals to homebound seniors on Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, and Labor Day. SAHM is supported primarily through private donations. Volunteers deliver meals. (TSA)

## Senior Center Staffing

The Senior Alliance provides funds for staff positions at senior centers, such as senior center director, program coordinator, or specialist. Contact TSA for information about centers that are supported by agency funds.

## Transportation

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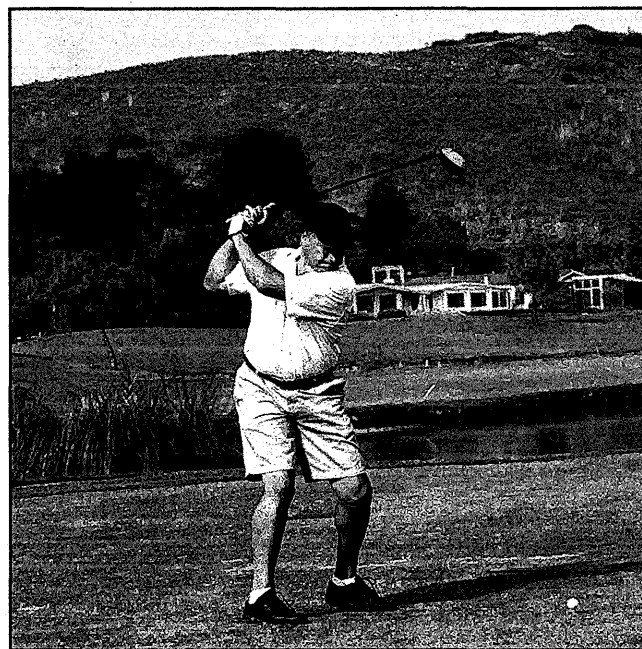
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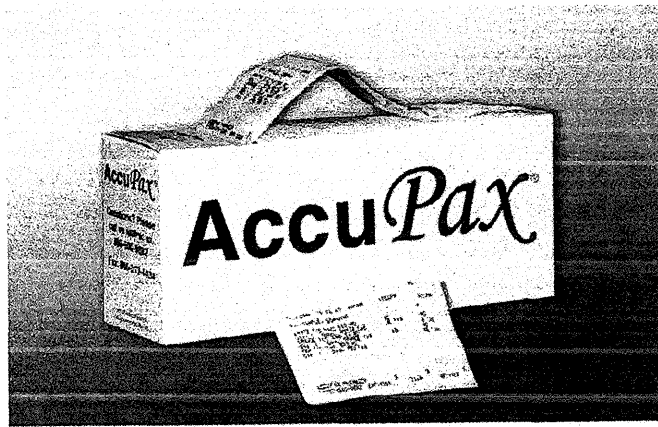
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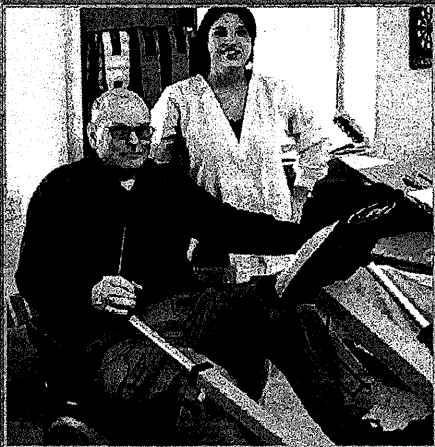
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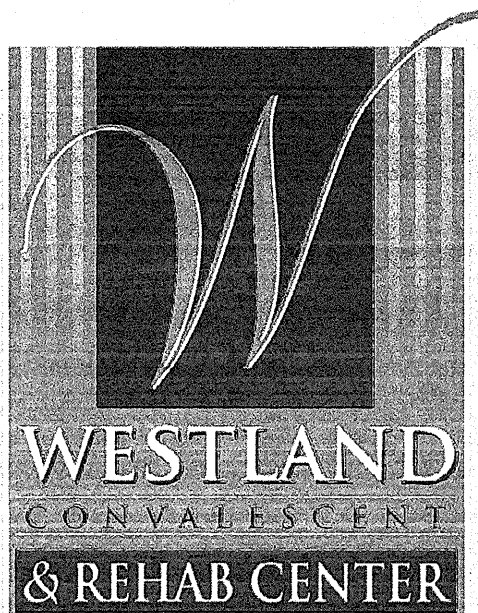
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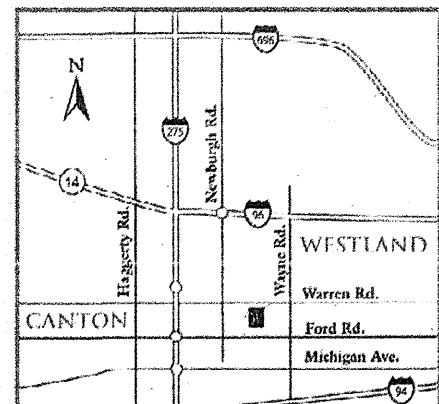
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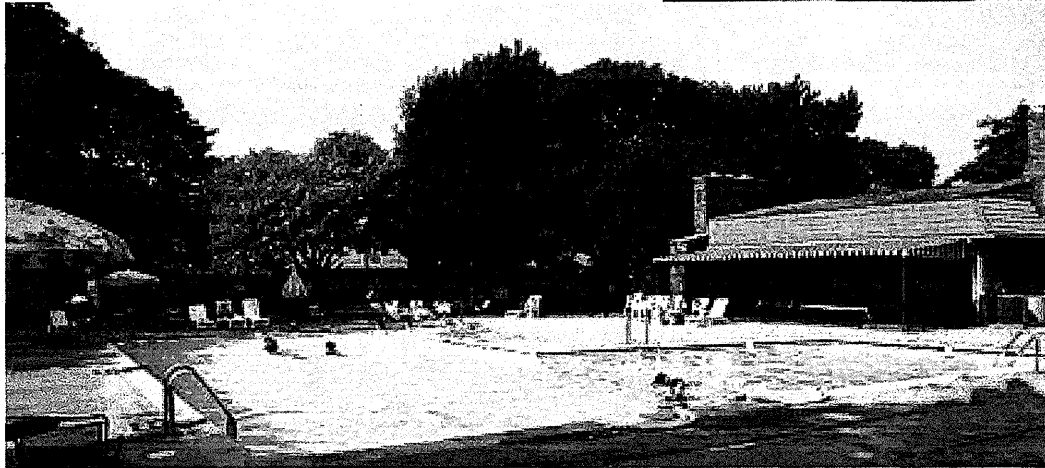
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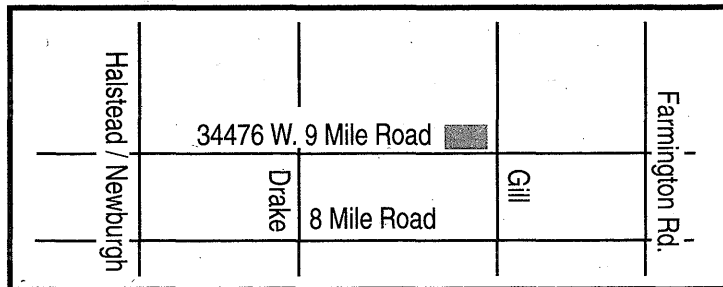
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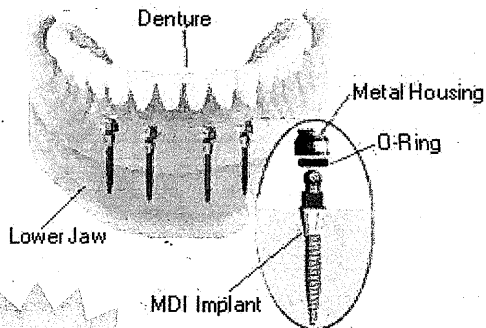
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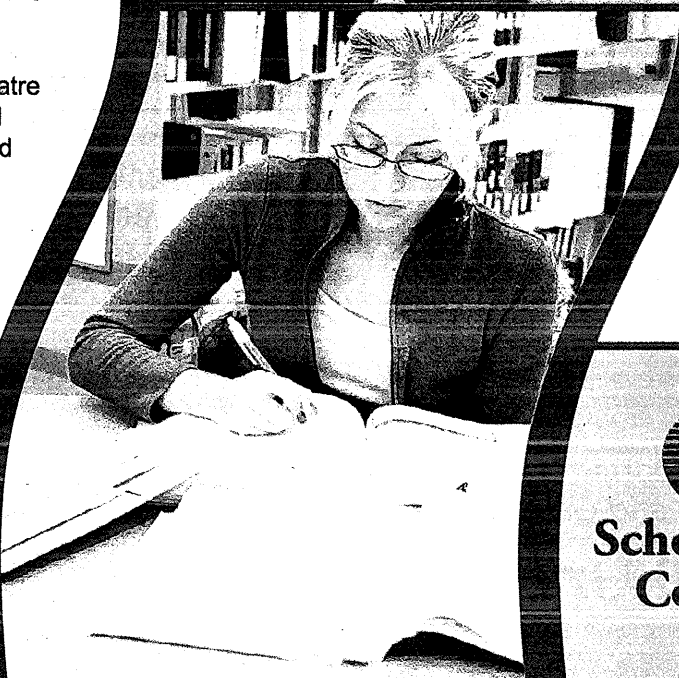
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