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Board meets

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

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

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

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

Summer hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For the first time, according to school officials, the building will observe a half-day, from 7:30 a.m. to noon on Fridays.

Dining out

Paul DePalma is celebrating the fourth anniversary of Nico & Vali Italian Eatery by donating a portion of the proceeds to Plymouth Community United Way Tuesdays, June 26 and July 3.

"It's a way to show our appreciation," said DePalma, owner of the Plymouth restaurant. "We've been through the tough economy and we pushed through. We want to thank the community by giving back."

For more information, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org.

Auto hall

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

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

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Plymouth swimmer heads to Olympic trials

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Miranda Tucker has always dreamed of being an Olympic swimmer.

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

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

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

"I've always dreamed of it, and when I made it my goal the past year, I was really happy," said Tucker, who qualified for the trials at a meet at Oakland

University last weekend. "I was ecstatic when I found out I got my cuts."

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

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

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

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



Plymouth-Canton Cruiser Miranda Tucker qualified for the first time for the Olympic swimming trials. She's in Omaha, Neb., this week to swim the 100- and 200-meter breast stroke.

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Beating the heat



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Dylan Traylor of Canton Township kept his cool Thursday by cruising around on the ledge of the fountain in Kellogg Park. Parks and playgrounds were full this week as folks tried to survive temperatures in the mid-90s. For more on the battle against the heat wave, please turn to page A5.

No one hurt in condo fire

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Careless smoking is being blamed for the fire that damaged a condominium on Hamilton Street in Plymouth late Thursday afternoon, officials say. An adolescent boy escaped the condominium unharmed, and no one was hurt.

The fire started on a balcony and caused smoke and flame damage to the balcony and the unit. Northville Fire Department Lt. Jason Jordan said a cigarette discarded into a plastic planter on the balcony appeared to have started the fire. Some workmen were at the condominium until about a half-hour before the fire was reported, he said.

The fire was reported just before 5 p.m. by a neighbor, said Jordan, and the first firefighters on the scene arrived in a pump-truck 10 minutes after the call. "We took a hose line in and made immediate knockdown," Jordan said.

Firefighters initially responded from Northville's Station 2, which is adjacent to City Hall in Plymouth; a total of about 20 firefighters made the scene, and the intersection of Hamilton and Ann Arbor Trail was closed for a time.

Northville Capt. John Bourne said two sons of a woman who lives in the unit, one of whom was the boy who escaped the fire, had arrived at the condominium shortly before the fire was reported and smelled smoke but couldn't find its origins. The older son later left, Bourne said.

A woman in a neighboring house said she reported the fire. She had just arrived home, she said.

"I thought someone was barbecuing," said the woman, Heidi, who would not give a last name. "I went to the back and kind of looked and saw it wasn't a fire pit."

Heidi called 9-1-1 and sent her daughter to the front of the con-

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Pros: Weigh your options carefully on pension buyout

By Valerie Olander
Correspondent

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

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

"I think we'll have some people who will blindly ignore (a buyout) and hopefully that won't be to their detriment. Others may have a lottery mentality

and take the lump sum," said Mike Klassa, a certified financial planner from Klassa, Swaggerty and Associates, a practice of Ameriprise Financial Services in Livonia.

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

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

"It is so important to make the right decision," said Benson, a certified

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JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 26, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Details: It's another exciting night of great American jazz as Jazz @ The Elks presents the Terry Lower Quartet featuring Terry on Keyboard, Russ Miller on Reeds, Jim Ryan on Drums, and Ray Tini on Bass. The \$10 donation includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit plymouthelks1780.com

POTTERY PAINTING

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 26, 6:15 p.m.

Location: Creatopia, (next to the Subway on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth).

Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an evening at Creatopia in downtown Plymouth. This event is for children who are interested in painting a pottery piece in memory of someone who has died. Dinner will be at Subway (next to Creatopia) starting at 6:15 p.m. After some brief instructions, painting will be 7-8:30 p.m. The event is free, but space is limited.

Contact: Call New Hope at (248) 348-0115 to register.

POM CLINIC

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 14, 9-11:30 a.m.

Location: Canton High School North (Phase 3)

Details: The Canton Chiefettes host their pom clinic for potential cheerleaders ages 5-14. Students will learn pom techniques and a short dance routine. Parents will be treated to a performance at 11:30 a.m. Participants will also perform at the Canton High School varsity football game Aug. 30. Cost is \$45 for pre-registration, \$50 at the door.

Contact: Pre-register at www.cantonchiefettes.com; call (734) 397-1782 for more information.

AUTHOR AUTOGRAPHS

Date/Time: Saturday, June 23, 1 p.m.

Location: Redford Township Library, 25320 W. Six Mile in Redford.

Details: Award-winning author Cheryl Vatcher-Martin will be autographing copies of her books as part of the author fair. Two titles that will be available are, "Haiku For You: With Some One Room School House History," and "The Cornstalks Are Whispering." Her book, "The Cornstalks Are Whispering" is displayed inside of the Historic



Heart screening

The Plymouth football and wrestling boosters host a heart screening event for athletes and adults Monday and Tuesday, June 25-26, in the school's parking lot off Beck Road south of Joy. All tests are ultrasound based, so there is no radiation, no pain and no needles. Adult cardiovascular screenings include Echocardiogram, Carotid Arterial Doppler, Abdominal Aorta Scan, Peripheral Arterial Scan, Blood Pressure, EKG, and Thyroid scan. Screenings will be performed by National Diagnostic Services, a nationally certified Michigan based company. Screening results are reviewed by a local board-certified cardiologist. Tests are performed in the HeartMobile right in the school's parking lot. Call (877) 444-1544.

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Kingsley House in Romulus, Mi. across the street from the historic school house. This popular book for children of all ages teaches some history with a twist with the setting the week before Halloween. Her latest award was for her story written in October 2011, "Trapped in the Basement," a time travel fictional story that will be released in book form.

Contact: She can be reached at (734) 397-1626, peroinc5@comcast.net.

Township hands out rebate on trash fee

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth Township officials are turning trash into cash for residents this summer.

The township Board of Trustees voted 7-0 Tuesday to give residents who pay the township's trash disposal fee a credit for the months of July and August. With the fee at \$13.25 a month, that's a savings of \$26.50, and will show up on bills issued beginning in August, said Treasurer Ron Edwards.

The trash disposal fee, which provides the township with money for the pickup of garbage, yard waste and recyclables, is tacked onto residents' quarterly water bills. Supervisor Richard Reaume said the credit will come at a time when water bills are typically at their highest because of lawn-watering and other large-volume uses.

"When you look at your largest water bill of the year and it's going to be reduced by \$26.50, that helps," Reaume said.

The credit will be available to all households that pay the bill, officials

said. Apartment complexes and, often, condominiums, use private waste-haulers instead of the township's service.

Edwards said the credit was largely made possible by a \$40,000 savings, over a year's time, on composting costs. The township's trash-hauler, Duncan Disposal, began using a new composting site in South Lyon about two years ago, Edwards said, moving from one in Northville Township. The new facility had cheaper rates.

"We knew the price was going to be lower," but wanted to see if the trash fund could cover other expenses before offering the credit, Edwards said. "It belongs to the people that pay the fee."

Edwards was reminded that officials were handing out the rebate in an election year, when six of the seven board members are seeking re-election. "It's not that," he said.

"We've done what the right thing is with the money over the years, and we're going to continue to do so."

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Busch's helps turn lemons into lemonade

Alicia Roberts of Northville and her daughter, Alexis, were having trouble finding a place to set up shop to allow Alexis to take part in the second annual Lemonade Day Detroit.

Children from all over metro Detroit had lemonade stands for the second annual Lemonade Day Detroit, a free, community-wide program dedicated to teaching children business skills through the simple, time-honored act of building and running a lemonade stand.

And 9-year-old Alexis couldn't find a place to sell her wares. Then Gary Winters, the manager for the Plymouth/Northville Busch's Market, heard about the plight and stepped in with a solution.

Winters, who had never heard of Lemonade Day Detroit, had Alicia bring Alexis in for a "business meeting," and the two hammered out the deal.

"Gary treated us absolutely superbly, even to the point of purchasing flowers for Alexis at the start of her stand," Alicia Roberts said. "We were set up outside of the grocery store, and he made announcements every hour to all customers in the store that we were selling lemonade for Lemonade Day Detroit."

Winters, Alicia said, donated additional lemonade to Alicia's supply, brought water out to fight the hot sun regularly, and consistently checked on them to "make sure we



Jimmy Roberts (from left), holding Sasha Roberts, Lemonade Day Detroit Stand Proprietor Alexis Roberts, 9; Busch's Plymouth/Northville Manager Gary Winters, and Jada Roberts in front of Alicia Roberts.

were OK at our stand and to hear hourly sales," she said.

Alexis earned \$705 in revenue. She plans to donate one-third to the Greg K. Monroe Foundation, a charity that provides scholarships for underprivileged children in Detroit. One-third will go into her bank account, and the last third will be spent on something special on her summer vacation to California.

Alexis will be in the fourth grade at Ridge

Wood Elementary School.

Presented by Huntington Bank, the program guides youth from Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and Washtenaw counties learn real life skills by starting, owning and operating their own business. They are encouraged to "spend a little, save a little and share a little," donating a portion of their profits to the charity of their choice. Hundreds of children participated June 9; results will be in later this summer.

Township seeks 4th of July riders, volunteers

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

In recognition of its birthday — and the nation's — Plymouth Township is looking for a few good bike riders and volunteers.

OK, more than a few: Township officials hope to enlist 185 bicycle-riding children to lead the Good Morning USA Parade in Plymouth on Wednesday, July 4. The bicycle fleet is to represent the number of years since the community was founded in 1827; the official anniversary was earlier this year.

Later in the day, 100 or more adult volunteers will be needed for the township's Good Old Fashion Picnic, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Plymouth Township Park.

The bicycle corps, for children 5 and older, is a longtime parade tradition, but typically attracts about 20 to 60 riders, so much more

participation is needed this year, said Treasurer Ron Edwards, who organizes the event.

"It's a great start to Independence Day by riding your bike down Main Street," he said.

The bicyclists head out from the area of Main and Theodore streets at around the parade's official 9 a.m. start. The parade ends near Hartsough Street. Riders should decorate their wheels with a Fourth of July theme, and can enter them in the bike-decorating contest at the picnic later in the day. Parents are encouraged to ride with younger children, and bike helmets are a must.

To sign up, call the treasurer's office at (734) 354-3215 by Monday, July 2. The first 185 riders to register will get a free T-shirt.

While Edwards is signing up bicyclists, Trustee Bob Doroshewitz is looking for volunteers for the annual picnic. About 100

people are needed to run the picnic smoothly without overloading volunteers, he said.

"The more volunteers we have, the more people can work some and enjoy the picnic," he said.

Volunteers will be needed, in what Doroshewitz hopes will be two-hour shifts, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The workers will cook, wrap and serve hot dogs and also serve pop, chips and ice cream.

Other volunteers — people who are good at working with children — are needed to help Doroshewitz's wife Tammy run the children's games, which will include sack races, a hula-hoop contest and a coins-in-the-sand scramble.

To volunteer, call Doroshewitz at home at (734) 450-8473, or email him at bdoroshewitz@plymouthtwp.org.

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

Rotary club names Sagear scholars

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

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

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

"We look for students who have displayed cour-

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

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

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

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

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

Student-run credit unions wrap up year of banking

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Kellogg Foundation names Teaching Fellows

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

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

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

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

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Keeping it cool in Plymouth despite hot temperatures

Folks in Plymouth took to the parks and playgrounds, looking for cool oases, on Thursday as temperatures again reached into the 90s.

The National Weather Service recorded a high temperature in the Detroit area of 95°F or Thursday after Wednesday high mark of 94°F.

Plymouth Township's sprayscape, in Plymouth Township Park at Ann Arbor Trail at McLumpha, proved to be a popular place for children, and kids of all ages were seen at Kellogg Park and cooling off with ice cream in downtown Plymouth.

Local firefighter weren't so lucky, as they battled a condominium fire in the city at about 5 p.m., confronting a balcony on fire while temperatures were still rather high. No one was hurt in the fire.

Forecasters were predicting temperatures in the 80s for this week.

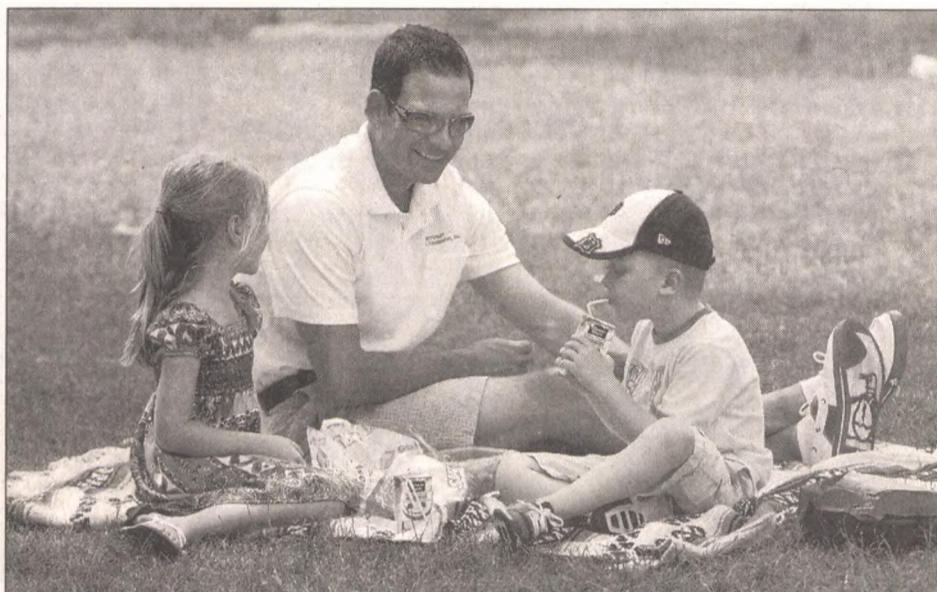


Kayla McCormack, of Livonia, cools off with a good read at Kellogg Park on Thursday.

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Mary Gordinier, left, daughter Margaret and Melinda Pair employ ice cream in their heat-beating strategy on Thursday in downtown Plymouth.



Madison Hurley and her brother Nicholas enjoy lunch with their uncle, Doug Herriman Jr. on Thursday at Kellogg Park. All three are from Plymouth.



Savanna Gavello and Jack Wuorenma, both of Plymouth, cool off at Plymouth Township Park.



Jonah McLaughlin doesn't mind the blast of water as he romps in the sprayscape at Plymouth Township Park.



Children cool off in the sprayscape at Plymouth Township Park on Thursday afternoon.



Leo Malette of Plymouth plays at the sprayscape at Plymouth Township Park on Thursday.

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Fourth time not the charm for TIGER grant

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

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

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

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

MDOT already has initiated a new traffic and environmental study in Canton. MDOT project manager Gorette Yung has indicated a phased-in solution to traffic woes could come by early next year, though preliminary proposals could be identi-

fied even earlier.

U.S. Department of Transportation spokesman Bill Adams confirmed that Friday's announcement of some \$500 million in road projects marks the end of funding this year through a program dubbed TIGER, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery.

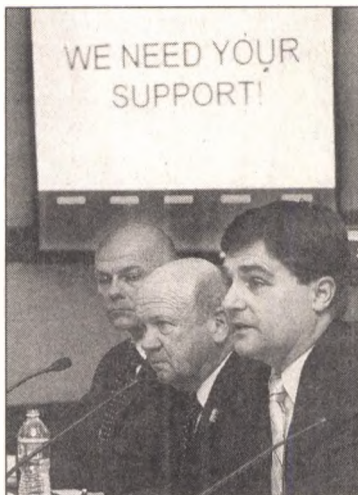
"This is the announcement for 2012," he said.

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

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

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

Like LaJoy, Faas said he is hopeful MDOT's new study could eventually usher in a solution. MDOT has widened the scope of its traffic study to



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

an area bordered by Warren to the north, Cherry Hill to the south, Sheldon to the west and Lotz to the east.

Once the study is done and

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

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

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

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

- A so-called Link Detroit project won a \$10 million grant

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

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

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

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

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

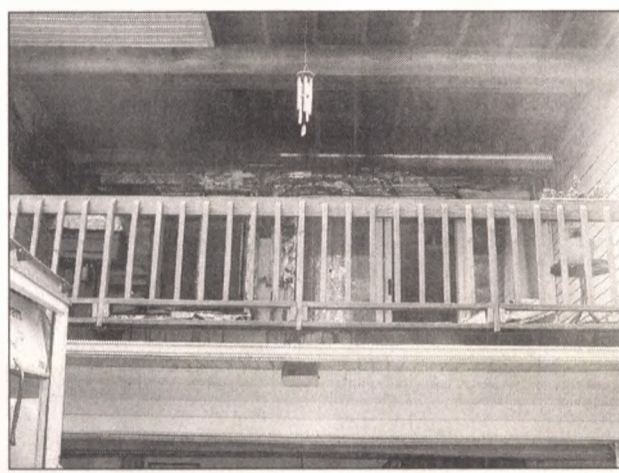
FIRE

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dominium to alert any occupants to the fire, she said. She thought the unit was occupied because she could see a television on inside, she said.

The boy escaped the condominium, and her daughter started alerting neighbors, Heidi said. The two-story condominium is in a three-unit building.

Heidi said two police officers arrived before firefighters, and that one used a fire extinguisher and another water from a hose to try and extinguish the blaze. Bourne said the officer had used a garden hose.



A fire that apparently started on this balcony in back of a condominium on Hamilton Street in Plymouth damaged the unit late Thursday afternoon. No one was hurt.

A resident of the condominium, who was consulting Thursday evening with firefighters and workers from a property restora-

tion company, declined to speak to a reporter.

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SWIMMER

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

No one else on the Cruisers qualified, but Tucker said there are "a couple" of Michigan swimmers going. Since there's no telling what kind of times she'll need

to qualify, Tucker is just concentrating on taking it all in and doing the best she can.

"I just want to go for the experience and see how I do," said Tucker, who qualified for the trials at a meet at Oakland University last weekend. "You never know what's going to happen. The Olympic trials is one of those meets where you can go your exact time, and go up 50 places or down 50 places in the rankings."

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PENSION

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

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

GM announcement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Even those who don't see the benefit of the lump-sum buyout need to run the numbers, he said. Determine if an investment product can offer a similar income stream. "If you can, then it's a wise decision," he said.

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

Renato Jamett of Raymond James & Associates in Birmingham said the challenge will be "fast-forwarding 20 years to realize the cash flow will have a different set of problems, such as health care

costs, rising prices of utilities, gas and other common expenditures.

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

Expert advice

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

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

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

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

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

In addition, the money with-

drawn and spent from the buyout will be taxed.

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

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

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

Be wise

The biggest issue is people ask friends what they're doing and make a decision on that. "What's good for your brother-in-law might not be good for them," Gauci said.

Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills said the numbers he has seen and calculated for GM retirees are fair.

"If retirees need other assets for living expenses or if they have no other assets, I'm telling them not to take the buyout," Bloom said.

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Recent history suggests keeping custodians

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



Brad Kadrich

Administrators said the move could save the district as much as \$1 million and help erase the

final \$3 million-plus of what was originally nearly a \$6 million deficit, and most observers are expecting them to make the move.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

the custodian to change, too."

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

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

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

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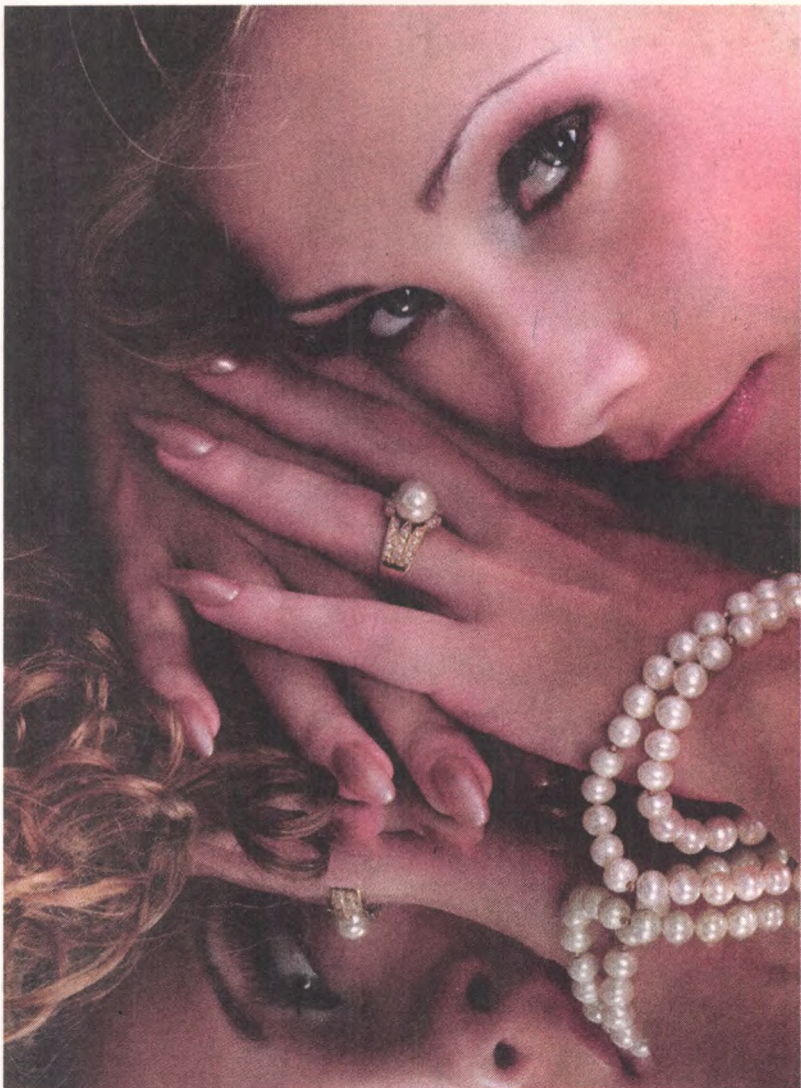
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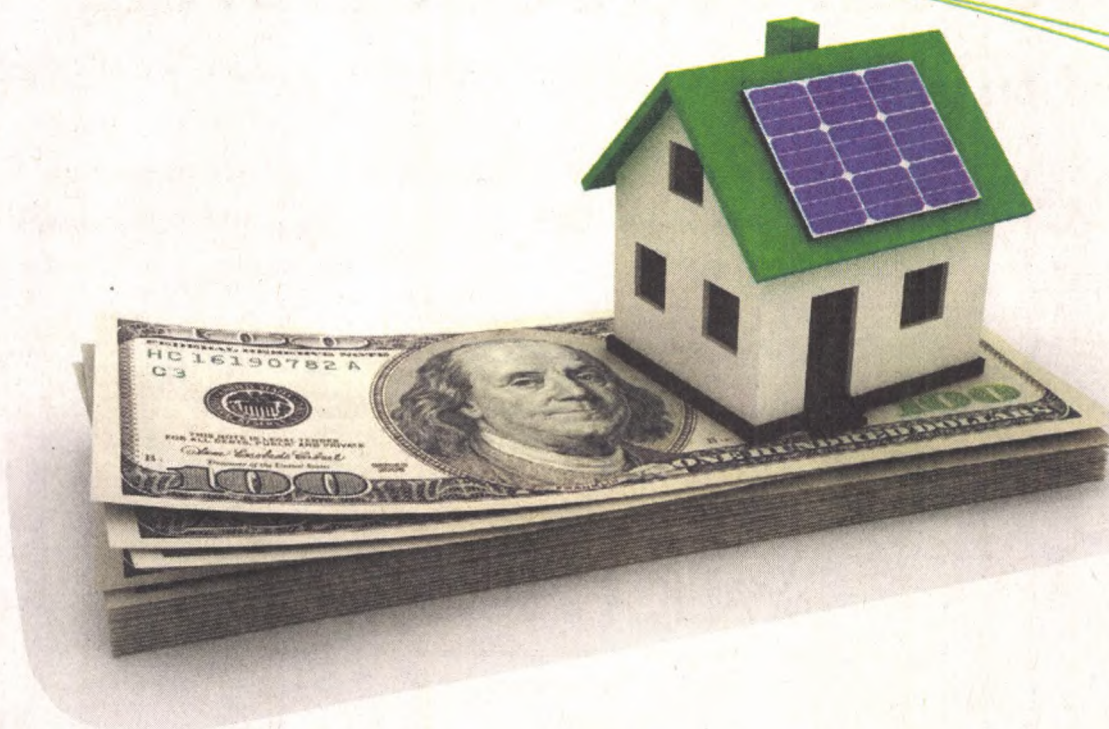


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Cheerleaders head to national event

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

Young Champions Head Coach Jenn Wicker describes her cheerleaders as nothing short of "amazing."

She explained why the Young Champions Garden City Elite Division 6 participation in a national competition next month in Indianapolis is so important.

She coaches the team with Assistant Coach Sheryl Solarz, her sister.

"It is the best of the best competing from all over the country," Wicker said. "We have approximately 14 states joining us this year. It's always an absolute joy to see all the different teams and to watch how far Young Champions has grown in just the last few years."

There are two regional and two state competitions a year to accumulate scores to get a bid to the national competition.

"National competition validates all the hard work these cheerleaders put forth," Wicker said. "We meet amazing coaches and teams."

As a team, Wicker said that they have had four national bids.

"This is the third year in a row we will be competing at the national level," Wicker said.

They had a showing in St. Louis, Mo., in 2008 but did not earn a ribbon.

They took first place in the National Championship 2010 in Memphis, Tenn., and second place



The Young Champions Elite Team is headed for a national competition in Indiana. The team always makes a heart hand sign for their coach, Jenn Wicker. Bottom row: Autumn Kennedy, Morgan Wojcik, Michaela Birch, Sarah Lynn, Cat Babula. Middle row: Rhiannon Stevens, Katelyn Jablonicky, Kassie Richards, Chelsie Birch. Top row: Megan Adams, Jennifer Sanders, Taylor Heinrich, Caitlin Coyle and Haile Reindollar.

2011 in Las Vegas.

They are days away until the 2012 National Competition in Indiana July 14.

"I have coached these cheerleaders for three to seven years, some since they were 7 years old," Wicker said. "They are the most hardworking, dedicated kids on the planet. It has been an absolute blessing. I'm beyond honored to coach them and call them mine. They are my heart, keep me strong, make me laugh and it's been a pure joy to watch them grow into such amazing ladies and cheerleaders. They really are my world and mean the world to me."

The team members feel the same about Wicker and make a heart sign with their hands when they see her.

Community has been so supportive as always," Wicker said.

The Garden City ELITE Cheer teams will be working at a car wash they will set up in the parking lot at Barbee and Bean Hair Design, on Middlebelt between Warren and Ford.

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Young Champions

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Garden City Cheer Divisions 1-4 hold practices at the Maplewood Community Center. Garden City Elite Divisions 5 and 6 hold practices at the United Christian Academy.

They will resume in September after the summer break.

Information about Young Champions and classes can be found at <http://www.youngchampionsofamerica.com/> or by calling (800)940-7469.

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Butterfly garden helps earn Eagle Scout

Members of Boy Scout Troop P-6 hold a special place in their hearts for the Howell Nature Center,



Simpson

since it's where they camp every year and master its high-ropes course.

So it figures that when Joel Simpson needed a project to help him earn scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout, he'd develop a plan that helped the center.

Simpson, who turns 18 in August, organized and executed the building of a butterfly garden at the center, the planning and creating of which took more than 200 hours worth of time from Simpson and other volunteers.

The plot of land was transformed from a grass covered area, filled with lots of tree roots and rocks, to a "beautiful flower filled garden, actually in the shape of a butterfly," said Joel's mother, Laura Simpson.

Two benches were also built to go next to the garden. The transformation took place in about seven hours, with the help of 27 volunteers. The garden was placed at the Nature Center for the Spirit of Alexandria Foun-

ation, which was created in memory of Alexandria Bennett, a little girl who had a passion for nature.

The foundation's mission is to help children learn about and enjoy nature.

Simpson, who graduated earlier this month from Plymouth High School, has been with P-6 his whole scouting career. The troop, one of Plymouth's originals and chartered by the Plymouth Lions Club, has been in existence for some 55 years.

Joel is the son of Rob and Laura Simpson, who've been actively involved in his scouting career throughout. His brothers, Andrew, 24, and Daniel, 21, were also in the scouting program.

Joel heads to Schoolcraft College in the fall. His tentative plans include Wildlife Management and/or Parks Management with hopes of working in a National Park or for the Department of Natural Resources.

Simpson maintained over a 3.3 grade point average, ran cross country for four years, played golf for three years and also ran track.

"Joel's commitment to his fellow scouts and his teammates are a true testament to his spirit," Laura Simpson said. "We are very proud of his achievement."

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Anti-Obama comments draw criticism from Democrat opponent

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

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

On Thursday, Dr. Syed Taj called for his opponent Bill Roberts, a supporter of Lyndon LaRouche, to disavow Roberts's promise to impeach President Barack Obama. Roberts criticized Taj for calling him "an imposter."

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

of Novi is running a write-in campaign.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New artists highlight summer jazz series

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

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

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

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

ton's Ford Road."

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

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

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

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

- July 6 — Penny Wells, New Towne Plaza at Kohl's, located in the Purple Block at Ford and Sheldon.

- July 13 — Nate Harasim, Sam's Club, located in the Orange Block at Ford and Lotz.

- July 20 — Alexander Zonjic, Centre Village at Kroger, located in the Yellow Block at Ford and Canton Center.

- July 27 — Demetrius "Krayon" Nabors, Lowe's, located in the Green Block on Ford between Sheldon and Morton Taylor.

- Aug. 3 — John E. Lawrence, Willow Creek Shopping Center, located in the Blue Block on Ford between Lilley and Haggerty.

- Aug. 10 — Kimmie Horne, Super Bowl, located in the Purple Block on Ford Road between Canton Center and Sheldon.

- Aug. 17 — Randy Scott, IKEA, located in the Blue Block at Ford and Haggerty.

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By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I read a couple of articles that you've written about the General Motors buyout. I also went to the General Motors seminar and I'm still confused. I am a widower and between my deceased spouse's pension and my Social Security, it more than covers my living expenses. I haven't been using the money I receive from my GM pension. I have been putting the money in the bank and getting a nothing rate of return. From your previous article it would appear that you would be in favor of me taking the lump sum. The one thing that is holding me back is my family has a long life expectancy. My parents both lived into their late 90s and I know that when General Motors did its calculation it based it upon a shorter life expectancy. Do you think the fact that my family has a long life expectancy should cause me to take the pension?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Good luck!

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Schoolcraft College, UM-Dearborn agree to reverse transfer program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fireworks will draw thousands tonight

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Road closings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, visit livoniaspree.com.



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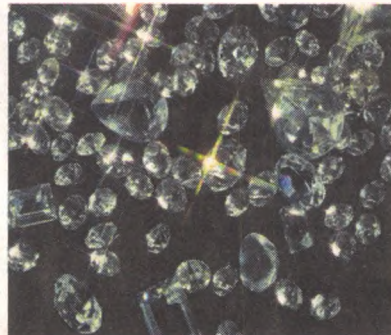
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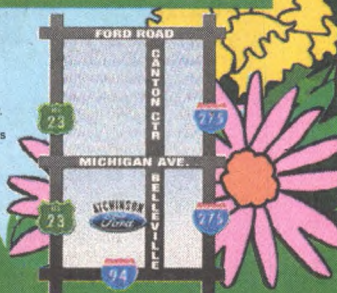
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P-CEP stars set to shine at Comerica

Bucks set 2 team records

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

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

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

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



Guglielmi



Bazner

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

and Randy Kuzdak (Dearborn Divine Child).

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

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

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

Among six to be inducted is longtime Salem varsity baseball

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

A lofty honor

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

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

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

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

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

It was also their record sixth consecutive shutout.

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

Goalkeeper Sean Teepen recorded his third shutout in five starts.

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

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

Vardar wins Premier Cup

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

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

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

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

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

In the Cards

Ex-Falcon Mitchem signs with St. Louis

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

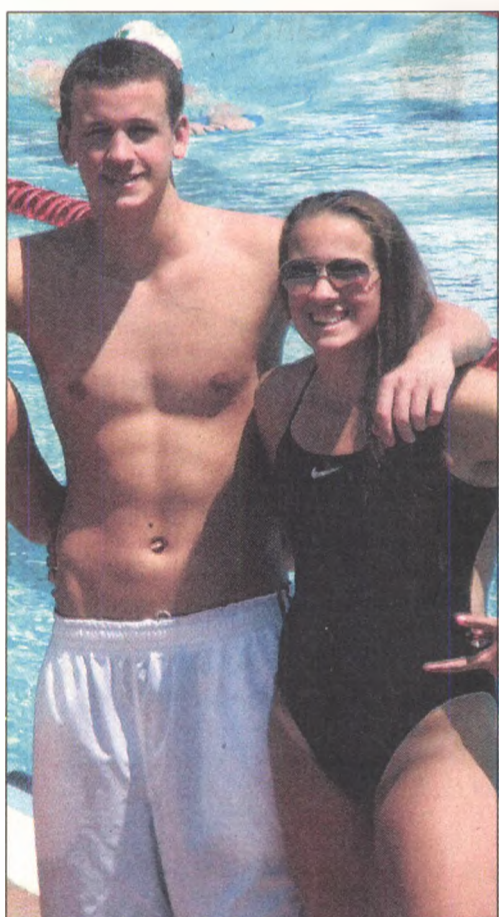
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Caroline Arakelian, who recently graduated from Livonia Stevenson High, will compete in the 200 individual medley on Wednesday and the 200 backstroke on Saturday at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb.

SPEEDY SIBLINGS

Livonia's Arakelians stroke toward Olympic berths



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

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

BOYS OF SUMMER

GC's Moeller Park offers perfect setting for national pastime

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

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

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

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

figured I could celebrate it after the game."

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

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

"It's such a positive experience out here," said Diamondbacks coach Kerry Johnson, who's team improved to 19-0 with Wednesday's comeback triumph.

"All the parents are great — on all the teams; there's nothing negative.

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



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

sioners do a really good job of putting the teams

together so that it's competitive. And the kids



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

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

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

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

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

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

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SWIMMERS

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that's always been my stronger stroke."

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

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

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

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

Expectations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Swim family

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dedication

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That left little social time for Nick and Caroline.

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

And Nick would also concur.

Busy schedule

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Pompon performers set to thrill the British

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

An invitation

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Enthusiastic response

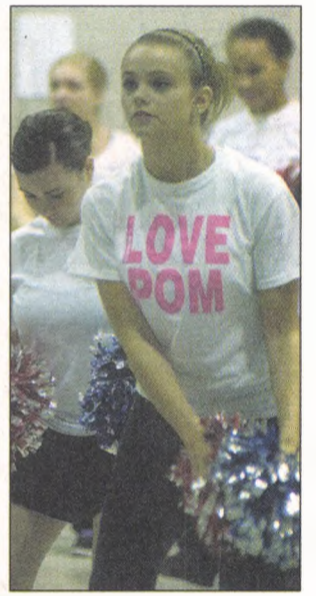
The All Star Team has approximately 200 members from across the state. Hobbs-Julian hoped at least 30 girls would be interested in the trip to England, which costs \$3,800 per participant. She was surprised and elated when 68 girls responded.

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

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



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

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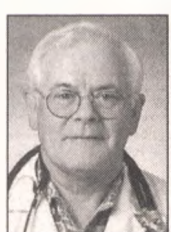
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Bad operators: Do appliance rip-offs still occur?

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

I recently watched a television replay of a crook operating in Atlanta, Ga., and surrounding counties and it sure reminded me of the way it used to be in Michigan. An appliance repair technician working under three different business names has ripped off six different customers and is suspected in many other cases. His name is Jonathan Davis, 37, who went to the home of Jennifer Cialletta to repair her dishwasher. He had to order a part and needed the money up front to proceed with repairs. He collected \$240 and never returned to finish the repairs. At Claudia Morace's home he collected \$500 for the ordered part to repair her expensive kitchen range. Some days later he had the nerve to return and

ask for another \$124.00 to order another part. Claudia paid this amount as well and never heard from the service technician again. Cases like this are coming out of the woodwork in the area and Mr. Davis is wanted by the law. He goes under the names of Apex Appliance, Atlanta Appliance and Triple Crown Movers. I'm sure he won't be coming to the State of Michigan because we have a law to protect us. It's called The Appliance Repair Act signed into law in 2002.

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

was receiving many complaints from homeowners who felt they were ripped off by service companies. A major newspaper wrote front page news stories on the subject with four full pages relating fraud cases perpetrated on consumers. These were horrible tales which absolutely killed the image of the appliance repair industry. On top of this, the local television industry jumped on this interesting subject and you would see the hidden camera scenario catching some crooks in the act. For the following 15 years I was kept quite busy being the consumer advocate and helping with all the technical advice necessary to get the job done. It was exciting, nerve racking and dangerous, but I stayed the course until we had the law signed to help protect consumers from being ripped off.

Although long ago those days are still fresh in my mind. I remember my first meeting with Fred Hoffecker who was then the right hand of Frank Kelly the Attorney General. He wanted me to act as a witness in a court case filed against a service company. He informed me that the AG's office suspected this company was part of organized crime. That was enough to make any consumer advocate a nervous appliance repairman. Then came my first stand up meeting with former state Rep. Lyn Bankes' committee on a new proposed law in draft form. I stood in front of several state legislatures with cameras rolling and told of what average people were going through when they had appliances repaired. I was filled with emotion and my eyes welled and I prayed that a tear wouldn't roll down my

checks. My knees seemed to be weak and the change in my pocket was jingling all by itself. I went through many more meetings with different committees and each time I was less nervous. It took 17 years of gathering information and evidence to prove the facts and in 2002; John Engler signed the Appliance Repair Act. Someday when my granddaughters answer to inquiries of their own children on the history of their great grandfather, I'm sure they will advise them to use the computer and look up The Joe Gagnon Appliance Repair Act. It will give them a description of why I stayed the course. Stay tuned.

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

School marks 40 years with events

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

Brain-friendly learning was established by Jean Piaget, a Swiss developmental biologist, and is the cornerstone of New Morning School's preschool through 8th grade educational curriculum. The goal of brain-friendly learning is to ensure sense and meaning in what children are learning so that information and educational activities are more likely to be stored in long-term memo-

ry and applied over one's lifetime. Brain-friendly learning activities for children, along with information for parents, are free and open to the public. Sessions are 7:45 p.m. July 9 at the Novi Library, 45255 10 Mile, Novi; 7 p.m. July 10 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia; and 2 p.m. July 19 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. New Morning School has taught 1,548 students over 40 years. An anniversary reunion for alumni, family and friends is planned for spring 2013.

REUNIONS

BELLEVILLE

CLASS OF 1957
35-year reunion, Sept. 21-22, at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, I-94 and Belleville Road. Informal gathering starts at 6 p.m., Friday. Social time, followed by dinner, starts at 5 p.m. For more information call Donna (Watkins) Gotts at (734) 331-9180 or e-mail to donnagotts@aol.com for more details.

CENTERLINE

CLASS OF 1977
35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. \$25 per person. E-mail to clh51977@hotmail.com.

DEARBORN FORDSON

CLASS OF 1948
The January and June classes will hold a 64-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Listwan Kopelkin at (734) 421-1485.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS

ANNAPOLIS
CLASS OF 1982
For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of

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CLASS OF 1962
A 50th class reunion is set for Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Send names, contact info and questions to robichaud62@yahoo.com. Invitations will be sent soon.

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1962
Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.
1950s, 1960s
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sweat shirts, tassels, beads, music CD's are all available. Special parking for classic cars. Bring chairs and pop-ups. No need to register. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to Pvarilone@wowway.com; Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsars@sbcbglobal.net.

DETROIT MUMFORD

CLASS OF 1962
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ALL CLASSES
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CLASS OF 1962
Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 22 at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is \$62 per person. Other weekend activities include tour of school, evening icebreaker and Sunday brunch. For information call Judy Alegnani Murray, (313) 399-0507, Judy Hull Rakowski, (734) 459-3832, Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton, (734) 513-7499.

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POMPON

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

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

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

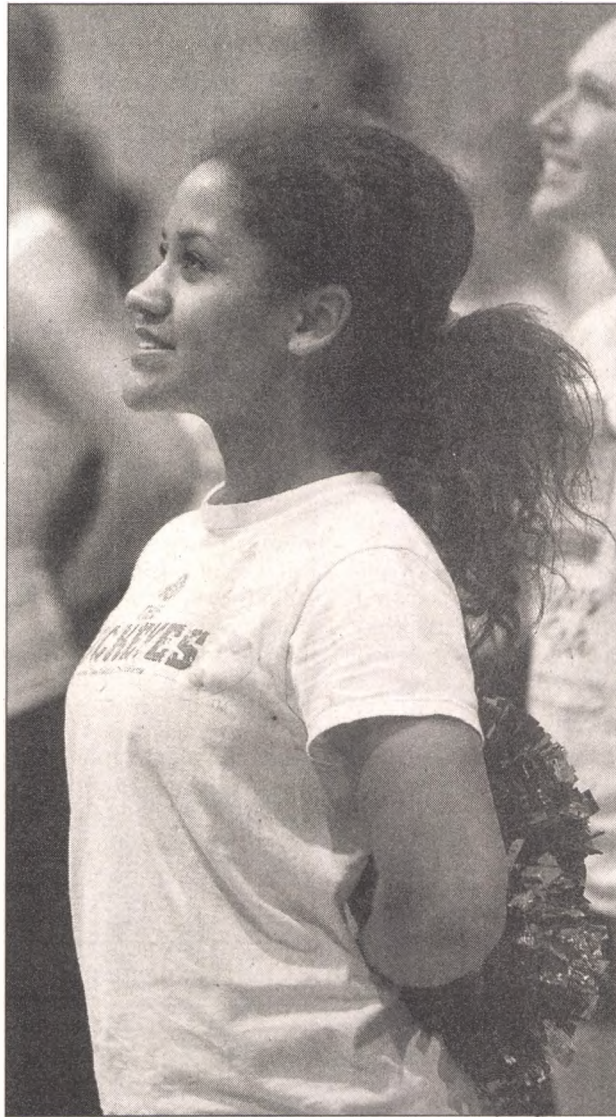
"I was really excited. They told us at the beginning of camp we had the opportunity to make All Stars and that they were going to be very selective," she recalled.

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

Big events

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

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



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Leah Sheffield of Plymouth strikes a pose.

two years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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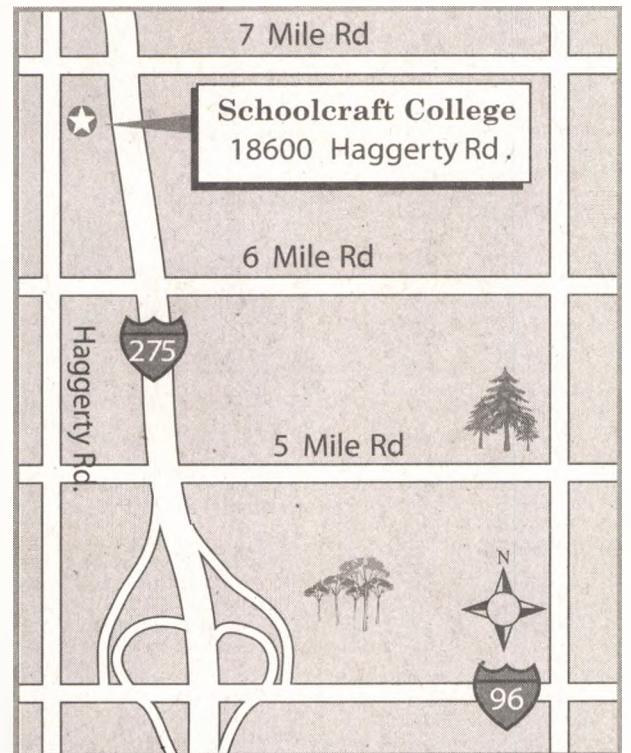
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Survey says: Adults name top four child health concerns

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

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

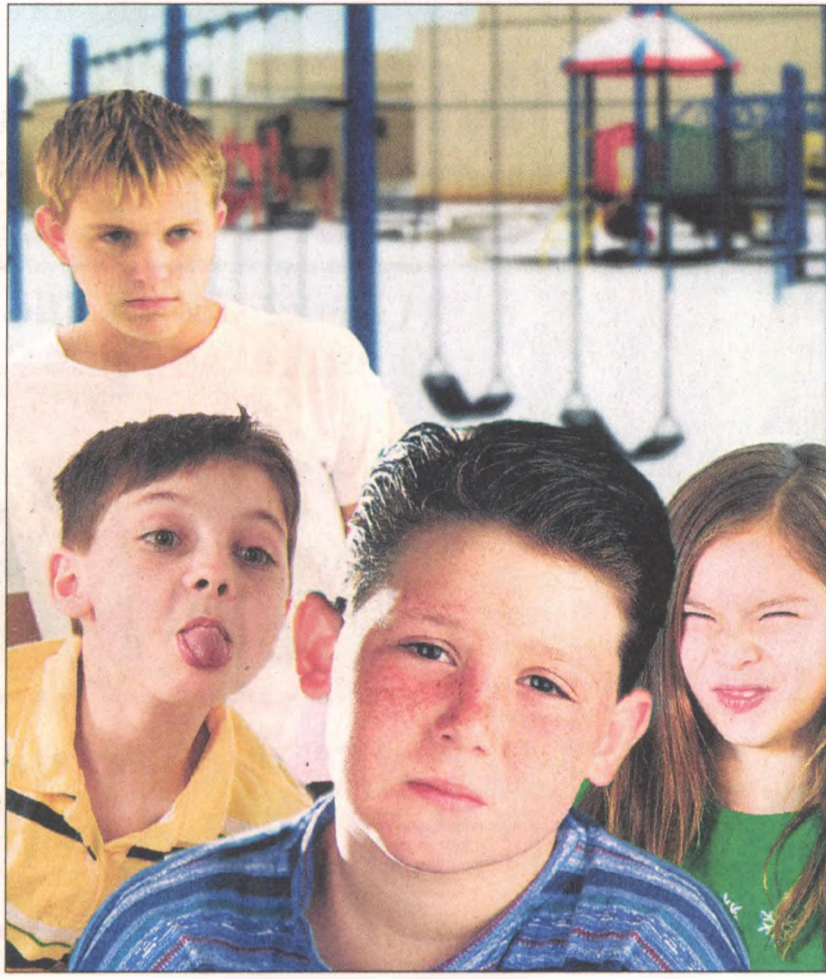
In the poll, about one in six adults — 17 percent — ranked childhood obesity first, and one in 7 — 15 percent — identified bullying as the top concern. Drug abuse was ranked highest by 11 percent and 8 percent chose child abuse and neglect. Together, these four priorities were the choice of over half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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Hospital offers recipe from health fair

What's so good about beans?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here's Ammar's recipe:

Cumin-Lime Black Bean and Avocado Salad

Servings: 4
Preparation time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 0 minutes
Level of difficulty: Easy

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

1 tablespoon olive oil
½ teaspoon table salt
½ teaspoon cumin seeds

15 ounces canned black beans (rinsed and drained)

1 medium avocado, diced

1 cup grape tomatoes, halved

8 cups lettuce, green leaf, roughly torn

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

Instructions:

In a large bowl, combine onion, lime juice, oil, salt and cumin seeds; let stand 10 minutes, tossing occasionally, until onion starts to wilt. Add beans, avocado and tomatoes to bowl; gently toss to mix and coat.

Line each of 4 plates with 2 cups of lettuce; top each with ¼ cup of bean salad and 3 crumbled chips.

Yields 1 salad per serving. Nutrition Facts per serving: 215 calories, 11 g fat, 16 g carbohydrates, 320 mg sodium, 8g fiber, 6 g protein.



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Health Services Professionals

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

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Healthcare Jobs Information Resources

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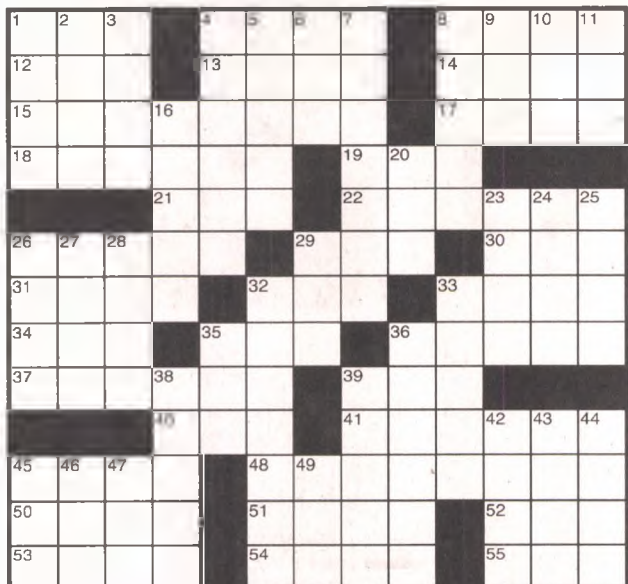
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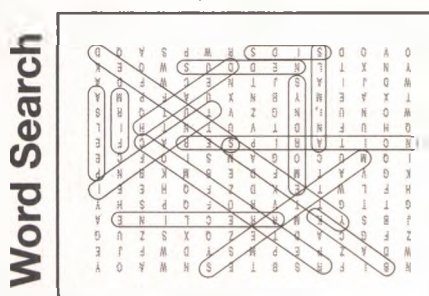
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MONDAY & THURSDAY 8:30AM-9PM
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SILVERADO - #27239, CRUZE - #2C4796D, EQUINOX - #2T7460D, MALIBU - #2C4707, MALIBU - #2C4484, TRAVERSE - #277487 are 24 month, 10,000 mile per year lease offers with S Tier credit and 800 credit score. Camaro #2C4713D is 39 month, 10,000 mile per year lease offer with approved credit (A Tier). Total due at inception: Silverado: 1st payment \$174, down payment \$999, total due \$1,173. Cruze: 1st payment \$99, down payment \$1,199, total due \$1,289. Equinox: 1st payment \$195, down payment \$999, total due \$1,194. Malibu: 1st payment \$149, down payment \$999, total due \$1,149 or less. Traverse: 1st payment \$91, down payment \$999, total due \$1,090. Malibu LT: 1st payment \$199, down payment \$2,695, 2.9 APR with approved credit. Others at similar savings with approved credit. Impala: 1st payment \$279, down payment \$999, security deposit \$300, total due \$1,578. All lease and purchase offers require non-gm lease in household. All offers are plus tax, title, lic, and documentary fees. Net incentives. Stock sale only. Subject to availability. Offers subject to change due to print deadlines. Offers end June 30, 2012.

Let the SALE BEGIN!

Garage Sale

Now is the time to clean out those closets, basements and garages and turn those items into cash! Place your ad in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies to reach thousands of bargain hunters and receive some FREE items too!

Clip & Save Coupons!

\$2.00 OFF the purchase of any **LARGE COMBO** at our Concession Stand
 One coupon per purchase. Not valid with other coupons. No cash value. Offer expires 11-30-12

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Don't start your long holiday weekend without looking at these Hot Little Numbers

North Brothers Ford will be open Saturday June 30th for Sales and Service

NEW 2012 Ford Fusion FWD SEL
24 Month Lease **ONLY**



\$147*
per month

VIN 3FCR393273

*10,500 miles per year, 24 month lease. \$1,503 due at signing, A/Z Plan eligible, with approved credit, All Ford Factory rebates and renewal incentives to dealer. Security Deposit Waived. Plus tax, title, license, doc, cvr fees. Offer Ends 06/30/12

NEW 2012 Ford Focus SE
24 Month Lease **ONLY**



\$191*
per month

VIN 1FCL421600

*10,500 miles per year, 24 month lease. \$1,414 due at signing, A/Z Plan eligible, with approved credit, All Ford Factory rebates and renewal incentives to dealer. Security Deposit Waived. Plus tax, title, license, doc, cvr fees. Offer Ends 06/30/12

NEW 2012 Ford Edge FWD-SE
24 Month Lease **ONLY**



\$218*
per month

VIN 2FCBA02832

*10,500 miles per year, 24 month lease. \$1,578 due at signing, A/Z Plan eligible, with approved credit, All Ford Factory rebates and renewal incentives to dealer. Security Deposit Waived. Plus tax, title, license, doc, cvr fees. Offer Ends 06/30/12

NEW 2012 Ford Taurus FWD SEL
24 Month Lease **ONLY**



\$259*
per month

VIN 1FCG143201

*10,500 miles per year, 24 month lease. \$1,576 due at signing, A/Z Plan eligible, with approved credit, All Ford Factory rebates and renewal incentives to dealer. Security Deposit Waived. Plus tax, title, license, doc, cvr fees. Offer Ends 06/30/12

NEW 2012 Ford F150 SuperCab 4X4
24 Month Lease **ONLY**



\$263*
per month

VIN 1FCFA39002

*10,500 miles per year, 24 month lease. \$2,581 due at signing, A/Z Plan eligible, with approved credit, All Ford Factory rebates and trade assistance incentives to dealer. Security Deposit Waived. Plus tax, title, license, doc, cvr fees. Offer Ends 06/30/12

NEW 2013 Ford Explorer XLT FWD
24 Month Lease **ONLY**



\$294*
per month

VIN 1FDGA37125

*10,500 miles per year, 24 month lease. \$2,584 due at signing, A/Z Plan eligible, with approved credit, All Ford Factory rebates, renewal incentives to dealer. Security Deposit Waived. Plus tax, title, license, doc, cvr fees. Offer Ends 06/30/12

ALL NEW 2013 ESCAPE IS IN STOCK AT NORTH BROTHERS

NEW 2013 Ford Escape 4 Door SE FWD
24 Month Lease **ONLY** **\$238*** per month

In stock and ready for immediate delivery!

VIN 1FDUA11445

*10,500 miles per year, 24 month lease. \$1,494 due at signing, A/Z Plan eligible, with approved credit, All Ford Factory rebates, conquest incentives to dealer. Security Deposit Waived. Plus tax, title, license, doc, cvr fees. Offer Ends 06/30/12

GET OUT OF YOUR LEASE EARLY!

Are you over miles or worried about reconditioning or other expenses?

No matter where you leased your vehicle from, we can help! Ford, GM, Chrysler or imports, today is a great day to get out of your lease and into a new vehicle! Call 877-360-1039 for details.

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2010 Ford Focus SE STK# 12C1180A \$14,488* Ford Certified Pre-Owned As low as 0.9% APR	2009 Ford Fusion SEL STK# 12C1198A \$15,988* Ford Certified Pre-Owned As low as 0.9% APR	2011 Ford Fiesta STK# 12C8524A \$16,988* Ford Certified Pre-Owned As low as 0.9% APR	2011 Ford Escape XLT STK# P21485 \$17,988* Ford Certified Pre-Owned As low as 0.9% APR	Ford Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 172 Point Inspection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Wiper Blades <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preferred Interest Rates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadside Assistance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Free Vehicle History Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Factory Backed Warranty <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7 Year/100,000 Mile Limited Warranty Coverage Certified Pre-Owned
2010 Ford Flex LTD STK# 12T8021A \$18,988* Ford Certified Pre-Owned As low as 0.9% APR	2010 Ford Escape XLT STK# 12C8489A \$20,988* Ford Certified Pre-Owned As low as 0.9% APR	2010 Ford Taurus SEL STK# 11T9208B \$22,988* Ford Certified Pre-Owned As low as 0.9% APR	FIRST YEAR OF MAINTENANCE IS FREE WITH USED VEHICLE PURCHASE	

* Plus tax, Title, License, DOC and CVR fees. With approved credit.

OPEN SATURDAY JUNE 30th 9 AM thru 3 PM FOR SALES AND SERVICE



Monday & Thursday 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

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