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Voter help

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is offering assistance to Plymouth voters before they cast their ballots Aug. 7.

The candidates forum that took place on July 16 for the Plymouth Township treasurer and Plymouth Township trustees is now on YouTube. The forum's YouTube links can be found at the League's website at lwvnww.org.

Additionally, the League is offering an online voter guide to all Michigan voters. Visit VOTE411.org to read and compare candidate responses to relevant issues. VOTE411.org also helps voters find their polling place, check voting hours, learn about ballot measures, and read tips about voting in Michigan. Voters need simple, helpful tools to help them navigate the voting process and Election Day.

Find information about federal, state, county and township office seekers at VOTE411.

No 'Raiders'

The showing of the Harrison Ford film "Raiders of the Lost Ark" that had been scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 2, at the Penn Theater has been canceled.

Penn director Ellen Elliott said she was informed by the film's studio, Paramount Pictures, that they have canceled all screenings of the film across the country until the middle of September.

To replace "Raiders," the Penn will show the wildly popular 2012 film, "The Avengers." Showtimes for the Aug. 2 screenings are 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive next week in Canton as part of the Red Cross Scholarship program.

The drive, which takes place 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, is being organized by Canton resident Amanda Druckenmiller, who hopes to find 30 or more donors eligible to receive a scholarship grant from the program.

To register, call Druckenmiller at (734) 740-6883 or visit www. givelife.org (sponsor code: summitonthepark). Walk-ins are welcome. The Summit on the Park is at 46000 Summit Parkway.

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Big plans in Plymouth for Concours weekend

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

It'll be a weekend for wheels beginning Friday as the Plymouth area gears up for the Concours d'Elegance of America, an exhibition of rare, antique and collectible cars at the Inn at St. John's.

The 34th annual event - the Concours was at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills before moving to Plymouth Township in 2011 — is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at

the sprawling grounds at St. John's, on Five Mile near Sheldon. Admission is \$25, and parking and an included shuttle service is available at the **Automotive Components** Holdings plant on Sheldon at M-14.

The show will include everything from pioneering pre-1900 cars to classic Duesenbergs and Cords to pre- and postwar European models to "jet-age station wagons" and rare racers.

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The Old Village Bumpers, Bikes and Bands event coincides with this year's Concours d'Elegance, after braving mid-90s temperatures last year.

OLD VILLAGE GALA

In addition to the Concours d'Elegance, local events take place this weekend.

What: Bumpers, Bikes and Bands When: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Where: On Starkweather and other streets in Old Village

Features: Live music, vendors, local shops and restaurants and displays of cars, trucks and motorcycles. Smokin' Mirrors will perform on a stage at the corner of Starkweather and Liberty. Benefit: Proceeds benefit the Old Village Association projects



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Larry Miller's 1957 Ford Skyliner can be seen at the Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, July 29.

Township man's rare retractable hardtop heading to Concours

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Having reached his longtime goal of making it to Cobo Hall, car buff Larry Miller is moving up, to Sunday's Concours d'Elegance of America at the Inn at St. John's.

Miller, of Plymouth Township,

will bring his restored 1957 Ford Fairlane Skyliner to the Concours, a display of hundreds of antique, collectible and unusual vehicles from around the country. A sometimes Concours visitor — the annual show was at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills for many years before making its St. John's debut last year - Miller will be a firsttime exhibitor at the event, which is gaining prominence on the national collectible car exhibition circuit.

"I've always wanted, since I was a teenager, to have a car in Cobo Hall. I've done that," Miller said during a recent inter-



Skyliner with the top up.

view. "Concours is another thing to really look forward to."

No expectations

Miller, a retired Ford Motor Co. designer, took the Skyliner last year to Autorama at Cobo, where it took third in the restored convertibles category. "It was up against some cars that make the circuit, so I wasn't expecting anything," Miller said.

The two-tone, heavily chromed Skyliner is a retractable hard-

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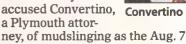
County hopeful 1 shrugs off, Hatch Act claim

Bv Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

A formal complaint alleging Republican Wayne County Commission hopeful Shannon Price may have violated a federal law

that restricts political campaigns by certain government employees has fueled a heated dispute between Price and GOP primary election rival Richard Convertino.

Price, constituent relations director for state Attorney General Bill Schuette, shrugged off the allegations Monday and accused Convertino, Convertino a Plymouth attor-



primary draws closer. "This is just dirty politics at the 11th hour," Price said. "This is the reason I'm running — to get rid of this kind of politics in

Wayne County." Convertino rejected claims he knew his former paralegal specialist, Patrick Nyenhuis, who worked a 10-month stint for him ending in August 2009, was filing a complaint earlier this month with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) implying Price violated the federal Hatch Act, which prohibits political campaigns by federal, state and local

oversee federal monies. "I fully support that he is in vio-

government employees who

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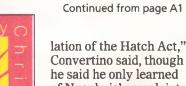
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he said he only learned of Nyenhuis' complaint after it was filed. Convertino blasted accusations by Price that he was involved in the effort.

DISPUTE

"It's patently false and utter nonsense," Convertino said, adding that Nyenhuis "is not part of my campaign.

Canton residents Price and Convertino are battling for the GOP nomination in the 10th District, which includes Canton and the Plymouths. The primary winner will face the Democratic nominee — either Wayne County real property appraiser

Matthew Fiems or retired labor mediation supervisor James Amar — in the Nov. 6 general election. Nyenhuis, a Dundee

resident and University of Toledo law school graduate who was taking his bar exam this week, doesn't live in the 10th District. He said he didn't tell Convertino he had filed the OSC complaint until after he submitted it around July 11.

In it, Nyenhuis alleges Price "performs duties in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal funds" that go through Schuette's office. Nyenhuis said if any of Price's salary comes from federal dollars, he shouldn't wage a political campaign.

It isn't clear when the OSC might issue its findings in Nyenhuis' allega-

Nyenhuis cited Price's

The story about the

duties responding to constituent requests, complaints and inquiries and his meetings with local business, community, civic and political leaders throughout southeast Michigan. Moreover, he singled out Price's involvement in Schuette's Cyber Safety Initiative, an Internet safety education program aimed at combating cyber bully-

ing. Price responded that his efforts aren't a violation of the Hatch Act.

"I'm not paid with federal funds, and I don't manage anyone with federal funds," he said. "Therefore, I do not have a Hatch Act violation."

Price said that before he launched his candidacy, he had discussions with Schuette and others to ensure his campaign passed legal muster.

Convertino accused Price of blatantly campaigning with officials such as Schuette by his side.

Rusty Hills, public affairs director for the state Attorney General's Office, defended Price's decision to seek a county commission seat.

"There is absolutely no prohibition whatsoever," Hills said.

He said the entire public affairs division, which encompasses Price's position, is paid from "general fund, general purpose dollars. Our division is not involved with federal dollars whatsoever."

Hills called Nyenhuis' allegations "baseless" and said Price might give Schuette's constituents ways to contact people affiliated with the Cyber Safety Initiative, "but that's (part of) what his

job is."

Nyenhuis provided a copy of an e-mail he received from OSC attorney Corinne Seibert of the Hatch Act Unit confirming receipt of his complaint and stating "a file has been opened.'

"The process of investigation can take some time," she wrote, "depending upon the specific facts of the case and balancing the large caseload that I currently am handling. Once we arrive at a determination as to whether the subject is covered by the Hatch Act and whether a violation has occurred, you will be notified in writing of the outcome. Only once jurisdiction has been established and a violation has been substantiated would it be appropriate to discuss what, if any, disciplinary action may be appropriate.'

Gisgie Davila Gendreau, Michigan Department of State spokeswoman, referred all Hatch Act questions to the federal government.

Meanwhile, Convertino accused Price of campaigning while fulfilling his duties as a paid employee of the state Attorney General's Office, calling Price's actions "improper" and "unethical."

Price said he has broken no laws and he believes the OSC findings will support his assertions.

"This is nothing more than (Convertino) trying to drum up bad media in the last days before the (primary) election," Price said. "It's clear what his motives are."

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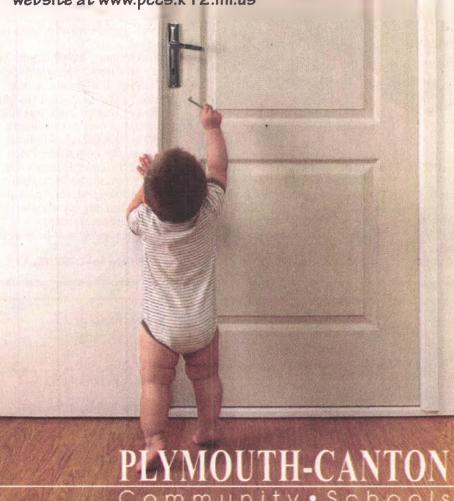
trains at CrossFit Lower Town.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is opening its doors to students in Wayne County

P-CCS will be accepting nonresident students who live in Wayne County in the following programs:

- Afternoon, half-day Kindergarten (limited to 12 students) at Hoben Elementary
- Talented and Gifted, Third Grade (limited to 20 students and testing is required) at Dodson Elementary
- International Academy, Ninth Grade (limited to 10 students) at Plymouth High School

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Clerk hopeful wants to bring legal, business know-how to township

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

After more than 25 years as an attorney, mostly in the corporate world, Nancy Conzelman wants to bring her legal and management experi-

ence to the public sector in Plymouth Township.

Conzelman, a township resident for 19 years, is challeng-

Conzelman

ing first-term incumbent Clerk Joe Bridgman in the Tuesday, Aug. 7, Republican primary. The winner of the primary, with no Democratic opponent in the November general election, is virtually guaranteed the clerk's job.

Conzelman worked for about 20 years for R.L. Polk & Co., which collects and interprets automotive-related data and provides marketing direction for the auto industry. She left as vice president and chief counsel, in charge of the company's legal and insurance and risk management department.

It's that experience, she said, that she can use to benefit the township.

"I have experience running a service organization within a corporation, and I see the clerk's office as a service organization,' Conzelman said during a recent interview. She said she is confident she could learn how to manage elections in the township; running elections is one of the clerk's primary duties.

Conzelman also worked as a Polk staff attorney and associate general counsel, and a law clerk in Wayne County and federal courts, and said her legal background would help her in township

office. "There are very few issues that come before the Board of Trustees that don't have some legal aspect to them," she said.

Incumbent-endorsed

Conzelman was endorsed by Supervisor Richard Reaume and other board incumbents over Bridgman, an incumbent from the same political party, which, she said, is a "powerful statement" about her qualifications for the job.

Conzelman accused Bridgman of being guided in some of his board votes by a political, or personal, agenda, instead of a legitimate disagreement over issues. "I do think there needs to be a change in the clerk's office," she

In her view, unfunded employee legacy costs, maintaining the township as a desirable place to live and do business, and continuing to enhance recreation and social opportunities are the three biggest issues facing the next board.

If elected, Conzelman said, she would work toward further efficiencies and partnerships with neighboring communities, such as expanding the emergency dispatch service shared with the city of Plymouth, with the goal of using savings toward future pension and retiree insurance costs. She would also advocate a "pay as you go" policy on legacy costs, she said, "so as not to further mortgage the township's future."

She said she would also push for more coordination with surrounding communities, like Northville, Canton Township and Livonia, in the area of recreation, so as to make the best use of facilities. Conzelman said she would also work for consensus on a strategic plan

to focus economic development activities to keep the township attractive for businesses and jobs.

Agrees with fire layoffs

Conzelman agreed with the board's March decision to lay off six Plymouth Community Fire Department members in a cost-cutting move, saying the loss of the city of Plymouth from the shared department made it necessary.

"It wasn't even a close question and I would not do anything differently," she said.

She acknowledged the layoffs were controversial, however, and that the issue brought candidates into the current board race. "There is a fire slate out there," she said. "I don't think we've seen the last of that issue."

Conzelman also sided with the board on its purchase last summer of 323 acres of vacant land, near Five Mile and Beck, in a foreclosure. Board critics, including many candidates, question the \$606,000 purchase, but Conzelman said the parcel could be an important piece of a future hightech park.

Conzelman said her background as a corporate negotiator could help cut through some of the rancor seen at recent board meetings, particularly when the issue was the fire department's future. But she also said some of the dissension could have been seen as "gratuitous."

"I don't think people mind seeing a discussion and understanding where people are coming from on a particular issue," she said.

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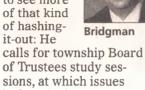
Incumbent clerk touts experience, independence

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Joe Bridgman casts himself as an independent thinker who is willing to study issues and not afraid to disagree with the majority.

And Bridgman, the Plymouth Township clerk, wants to see more of that kind of hashingit-out: He

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before the board can be debated in depth before they go to voting meetings. "The board needs to

practice this concept" of the township motto, People, Our Priority, Bridgman recently told The Observer. "As a board member, I can tell you that we have no written priorities or goals. The board should bring back study/planning sessions where board members are encouraged to actively guide the direction of the township." The study sessions work well in other communities, he said.

Bridgman, who is completing his first term and was the deputy for former clerk Marilyn Massengill for about five years before that, is running for a second term as clerk. He faces a challenger, attorney Nancy Conzelman, in the Tuesday, Aug. 7, Republican primary; the winner, with no Democratic opposition in the November election, is almost guaranteed the job.

Defends record

Bridgman drew flak from board colleagues for his March 1 vote against the layoffs of

six Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters, in what the majority said was a costcutting move. Bridgman agreed finding savings was necessary, but said officials should have looked at a combination of options that might've saved some jobs, such as accepting the concessions offered by the unionized firefighters and allowing them to transport more patients to hospitals in emergency medical situations as a way to generate revenue.

However, that's water under the bridge, Bridgman said, and the township needs to look ahead and make sure the PCFD is both safe and efficient.

"I'm not going to sit here and say as soon as I get elected we're going to bring back six firefighters," he said.

Bridgman denied a charge by Conzelman that his votes are sometimes is guided by a personal or political agenda.

"I take into consideration the residents of the community and that's how I vote, and that's for all residents of the community, not just a core group or a select group," he said.

He also defended his use of a township expense account (\$2,500 maximum annually) to attend two conferences a year for municipal clerks, something his critics have also seized

"You talk to people, you network and learn," he said of the conferences. "It shows that I'm spending a lot of time educating myself in the duties and responsibilities of the clerk."

Doing with less

The three biggest issues facing the town-

ship, Bridgman said, are the possible loss of personal property tax revenue (estimated at more than \$800,000 a year),

improving public safety services without increasing costs, and continuing a high level of service with fewer resources.

Bridgman said the township needs to work closely with elected officials at the state level to make sure there is replacement revenue should the personal property tax, which is a tax on business equipment, be abolished, and should continue to look for efficiencies, the best prices, and "creative solutions" to providing services, especially public safety, for less.

"Public safety is a cornerstone of our community that cannot be compromised," he said.

Bridgman said his experience counts in the race for clerk. Duties of the office include managing elections, keeping township records, managing the accounting department, issuing licenses and preparing board meeting packets and minutes.

"My experience has allowed me to gain a firm perspective on our community's needs," he said.

Bridgman is among those calling for more civility at board meetings, which got especially contentious during the debate over the fire department.

"When you have residents coming to board meetings to voice an opinion they should all be treated with dignity and respect," he said. "I believe there are board members who have lost sight of that."

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AROUND PLYMOUTH

"Around Plymouth" is deing events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@

hometownlife.com. **JUMP ROPE CAMP**

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 31 - Thursday, August 2 from 1:00 - 3:00

Location: Jazzercise Center 250 N. Main Street, Plymouth, MI

Details: Hot Ropes - Jump Rope Camp offers students an opportunity to learn double dutch, single rope, long rope skills and more. Beginners are welcome. Recommended for jumpers entering grades 2-7. Cost is \$45.

Contact: Register at http:// www.jumpinplymouth.com/ or contact Kris for more information jumpinplym-

CHILL OUT

Date/Time: Monday, July

30, 7 p.m. Location: Rotary Park, Pavilion #1, on Six Mile between Farmington Road and Merriman in Livonia

Details: Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox hosts an outdoor town hall to discuss current issues affecting Wayne County taxpayers and take questions from the audience. Free root-beer floats and Boston

Coolers will be served. **CLASS REUNION**

Date/Time: Friday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m. to midnight Location: Laurel Manor, 3900 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: Combined 1982 Plymouth Canton/Plymouth Salem 30-year reunion. Deadline to order tickets is Aug. 1. Tickets can be ordered thru: https://

tonsalem1982, or www. facebook.com/groups/o tonsalem 1982 or cantonsalem1982@gmail.com for \$45 per person. Dinner, dancing, D.J. provided.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Date/Time: Saturday, July 28, 9 a.m. to noon Location: Room C-319 at Ward Church, 40000 Six

Mile in Northville **Details:** Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a one-day grief seminar, From Grief to New Hope, presented by Cathy Clough, founder/ executive director of New Hope Center for Grief Support and co-author of "Grieving Forward: Death Happened, Now What?" All adults who are learning to cope after the death of

a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Police: Be kind to neighbors

By Tony Angelosanto Guest Columnist

We are very fortunate to live and work in such a safe and pleasant community, here in the City of Plymouth. Most of the residents get along with their neighbors and consider them friends.

However, at times people can get on each other's nerves, because while Plymouth is a great place to raise a family, the homes are very close together. The yards are not very big and especially during these unusually hot summer days, it does not take much for neighbors to get on each other's nerves.

These are a few gentle reminders from the Police Department about being considerate to our neighbors. If you plan on having a summer party, possibly a reunion or maybe a graduation party, please consider your neighbors. Try and keep your music at an acceptable level. It should not be heard from more than 75 feet from the source (radio, stereo or band, etc.). If the party is going late into the evening try and keep the conversation and noise (examplea pool) to an acceptable

Barking dogs can also

be an annoyance to your neighbors. If you have a dog and it is barking for a long period of time, especially late at night or early in the morning, please be courteous and bring the dog inside your home.

The City of Plymouth does have a local ordinance for disturbing the public peace (Ord. #2011-01-17-11). If neighbors cannot agree on a resolution involving one of the above for mentioned scenarios or another noise issue, the ordinance can be enforced and a citation may or could be issued.

Let's all be considerate of our neighbors and hopefully all Plymouth



Officer Anthony Angelosanto offers tips on getting along with your neighbors.

residents have a great summer!

Officer Tony Angelosanto is a member of the City of Plymouth's Crime Prevention Bureau.

dropped to the pavement **By LeAnne Rogers** and began sliding. Police **Observer Staff Writer** A Plymouth man has been arrested following a traffic accident that killed a Garden City motorcy-

Plymouth man arrested in fatal

motorcycle accident

clist Tuesday evening. Alcohol is suspected to be a factor in the accident that happened at just before 9:30 p.m., according to Westland police, who are continuing to investigate. The accident occurred

at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Park. Police said the motorcyclist, 56, and his wife, a Garden City woman, 54, were southbound on Hines Drive.

As the motorcycle approached Ann Arbor Trail, police said a fourdoor sedan driven northbound by a Plymouth man, 79, attempted to make a left turn onto Ann Arbor Trail.

The motorcycle

said the motorcycle struck the turning vehicle causing both rider and passenger to be ejected. The man, who was not wearing a helmet,

had sustained fatal injuries and was dead at the scene, police said. The passenger, who was wearing a helmet, was transported via Life Flight helicopter to the University of Michigan Hospital where is she in critical condition.

The names of the victims weren't being released midday Wednesday as family notifications continued. The Plymouth man remains jailed as police continue their investigation and prepare a warrant request.

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Crash victims were 'wonderful young ladies'

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Two teens killed early Tuesday in a two-car accident in Canton are being remembered as "wonderful young ladies" and Belleville High School graduates who had attended Van Buren Public Schools since their elementary years.

Canton police identified the two women as Brooke Kennedy, 18, and Danielle Beavers, 19, both of Belleville.

Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Michael Van Tassel issued a statement Tuesday saying the district "is deeply saddened to learn of a tragic automobile accident" that killed the teens shortly after 2 a.m. Tuesday in the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center.

"Both of these wonderful young ladies

were members of the Van Buren School family since elementary school," Van Tassel said. "Our hearts and prayers are with their families and friends at this terrible time."

Grief counselors will be available at the district's administration building, 555 W. Columbia, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. today (Thursday) on a walk-in basis, Van Tassel announced.

Kennedy and Beavers died at the scene of the accident, Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schrein-

The women were passengers in a yellow Chevrolet Cavalier that was headed south on Canton Center when it was struck broadside on the passenger side by a white Monte Carlo traveling east on Michigan Avenue, Schreiner said.

"The two young ladies

Summer's more fun

appeared to have been killed instantly," he said.

Both cars were driven by male drivers who spoke with police before they were taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti for nonlife-threatening injuries, police said. The Cavalier was driven by a 24-yearold Whittaker man. The Monte Carlo was driven by a 21-year-old Westland man.

Canton Special Services Sgt. Pat Sullivan said a preliminary investigation indicates that alcohol and speed didn't appear to be factors in the crash.

Sullivan said the three people in the Cavalier apparently had been to a social gathering in Canton, while the driver of the Monte Carlo is believed to have been on his way home from work.

Police were continuing to investigate the accident. Canton Detective Tim Wright said any charges would be decided by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

At the hour when the accident occurred, motorists traveling along Michigan Avenue typically have a flashing yellow light, while traffic on Canton Center has a flashing red light.

"We're going to allow the Accident Investigation Team to do a full investigation before we come to any conclusion," Schreiner said.

After the crash, Sullivan said, authorities routed traffic around the crash scene partly by using area parking lots. He said the roadway was reopened shortly before 8 a.m., nearly six hours after the incident.

Friends of the killed teens have been placing flowers and balloons on a utility pole near the scene of the accident.

CRIME WATCH

Stolen tires

All four tires were stolen early on July 18 from a Lincoln MKT that was parked outside a house on Quail Run Court, north of Joy Road and west of Ridge.

The theft took place between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. July 18, the complainant told police, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The car was found sitting on four concrete patio pavers, police said.

Police said a gasoline can and the lugnuts from the Lincoln were found in the yard at the home.

A neighbor told police that she spotted a woman and a man she didn't recognize sitting in a dark car on Quail Court the night before the theft.

Terry Street larcenies

Decorative items were reported stolen from outside a house on Terry Street, north of Ann Arbor Road and west of I-275, in two separate incidents last week.

On July 17, police said, a sign reading "Love is in Our Home" was reported stolen from the front porch, and the next day, two garden ornaments with glass globes on them were reported stolen from the front yard

Cell phone theft

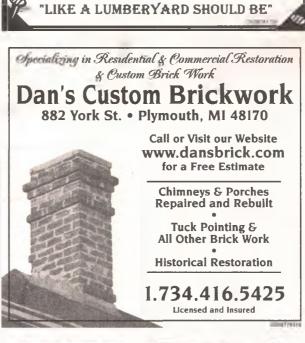
A cellular phone was reported stolen Saturday from a car sitting at the Speedway gas station at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road.

The incident occurred shortly after 2 p.m., the complainant told police. The woman said she left the car to briefly duck into the station and found the phone was gone when she returned.

The car had been locked but its windows were down, she told police.

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Concours visitors must park and ride

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Visitors to Sunday's Concours d'Elegance of America will find no public parking at the Inn at St. John's, but several free shuttle services at parking locations and local attractions will whisk people to and from the car show.

Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority, with the help of downtown businesses, has organized a shuttle for the entire three-day Concours weekend that will pick up and drop off visitors downtown, in Old Village, and at the Hilton Garden Inn on Sheldon Road, where many of the Concours exhibitors are staying.

The idea, said John Buzuvis, the DDA's assistant operations director, is to give visitors from around the country an easy way to get from St. John's and the hotel to attractions in Plymouth, where they may want to shop, dine out or relax with a coffee or a glass of wine, or take in Friday's Kellogg Park concert or Saturday's downtown farmer's market.



Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at St. John's will have to take the shuttle to see cars like Jim Quinlan's Lincoln Continental Cabriolet.

People

headed to

Sunday's

"We want to make it easy to get here so they can enjoy downtown and add to their trip to the area," Buzuvis said, noting that Concours exhibitors often bring family members on their trips. "We think we have a great downtown."

On Sunday, Buzuvis said, the shuttle will also be for Concours visitors from the Detroit area who may want to start their day downtown or in Old Village and park away from the hubbub of the exhibit site. The

DDA shuttle will run Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Concours hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Buzuvis said the shuttle stops are on Ann Arbor Trail next to Kellogg Park, on Starkweather near Station 885 in Old Village, and in front of the Hilton Garden Inn and the Inn at St. John's complex. Stops will be marked, he said, and shuttle users can expect to see a bus about every 20 minutes.

The DDA shuttle is sponsored by Dearborn Jewelers, the Ironwood Grill and Panache 447.

In addition, Concours organizers are sponsoring a shuttle between the exhibition and the massive parking lot at the **Automotive Components** Holdings (formerly Visteon) plant on Sheldon at M-14, about a mile from St. John's. That shuttle will be available on Sunday, which is exhibit day.

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"This could really be

FORD

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top, a hardtop-convertible hybrid, and is considered somewhat rare.

"It's getting harder and harder to find," said Miller, a member of the Michigan-Ontario chapter of the International Ford Retractable Club.

Ford only built about 43,000 Skyliners during a three-year period in the 1950s, Miller said; by comparison, about five times as many Fairlane Sunliners, a traditional soft-top convertible, were made, he said.

Miller bought his Skyliner in 1981 and drove it for a few years for pleasure and to club functions.

He brought it out of storage a few years ago for a "ground-up" restoration. The car had begun its road life out west, in California and New Mexico, so rust wasn't a big problem, and many components are original. It has just under 79,000 miles.

Talking shop

Miller did have to replace the top, which includes 630 feet of wiring and is pushed, pulled and guided by five motors. To put the top up or down takes just under a minute, and when retracted, it fits snugly into the Skyliner's trunk, resting on a small luggage bin.

Ford even sold a threepiece luggage set made just for the bin, but the set is extremely hard to find now, Miller said.

Miller likes to take his cars to the informal shows and "cruises" around town in nicer weather, such as at Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in Plymouth and Redford Township. He likes their informality and the chitchit and shop talk with fellow collectors.

"With one or two exceptions, they're all very friendly and willing to help at a moment's notice," he said.

His collection also includes a 1957 Oldsmobile, a 1939 Ford Roadster, another 1957 Fairlane and a 1957 Pontiac Chieftan. A car acquaintance, noting the preponderance of 1957 models in the collection, once told him, "Miller, you're stuck in '57," and Miller has continued using the quip, making it a part of his e-mail address.

"I like all the cars out of '57, let's put it that way," he said.

Miller entered the juried Concours at a friend's suggestion; he had attended the 2011 show at St. John's, after having been to the Meadow Brook show several times, and was impressed.

"I thought they did an outstanding job for the first year," he said.

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CONCOURS

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There will be more than 300 vehicles on display, from exhibitors around the country, and food and beverages will be sold.

Advance tickets are available at Panache 447 on Forest and Dearborn Jewelers on Ann Arbor Trail.

Businesses, officials and even a neighborhood group in Plymouth are taking advantage of the attention paid to the Concours, and the influx of visitors, to host other carthemed events.

"They're always looking for activities to keep them occupied beyond just the Concours show itself," said Trish Horstman, treasurer of the Old Village Association, of

Concours exhibitors. With that in mind, Horstman said, the OVA this year scheduled its annual street fair, Bumpers, Bikes and Bands. for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, in hopes of attracting Concours fans. The fair is normally on a Sun-

day earlier in the month. BB&B is a free event on Starkweather and other Old Village streets featuring live music, vendors, local shops and restaurants and displays of cars, trucks and motorcycles. Smokin' Mirrors will perform on a stage at the corner of Starkweather and Liberty, and the band is expected to bring a musical guest. An afterparty with live music, in a tent in the parking lot of Station 885, is also planned.

Car, truck and motorcycle owners who want to show off their rides at BB&B can still register to do so, either through the OVA's website (www.oldvillageplymouth.com) or by showing up the morning of the event. First-, second- and third-places prizes will be awarded.

Horstman, who owns an Old Village tattoo parlor, said BB&B is an OVA fundraiser. Last year, proceeds were used to buy decorative banners hanging in the neighborhood, and past BB&B events have purchased trees for neighborhood beautifica-

tion. Friday evening's free Music in the Air concert in Kellogg Park, featuring local favorite Gia Warner, is also being tailored to the Concours, with a planned display of more than a dozen Concours-type vehicles owned by local collectors. The display will include a 1948 Ford Super

Deluxe, a 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air, a 1965 Shelby Cobra and a 1931 Lincoln convertible, said John Buzuvis, assistant operations director for Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority, which

produces the Music in the Air concerts.

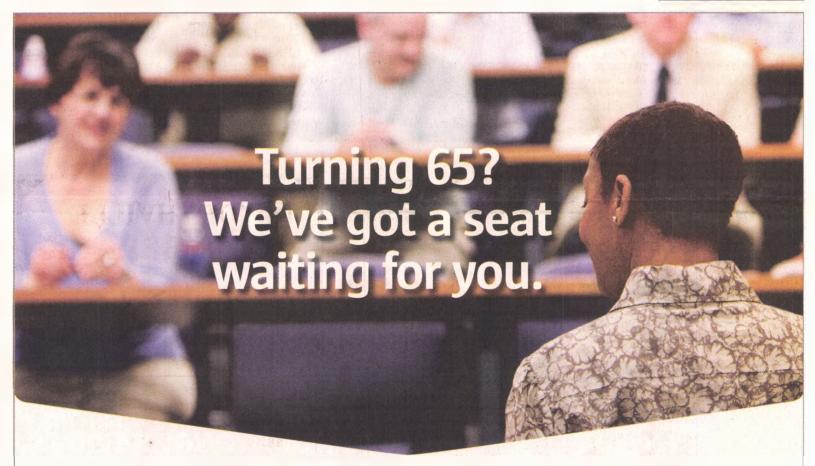
Friday's concert begins at 7 p.m.

Buzuvis said the Plymouth area is taking advantage of the Concours weekend "synergy" to

draw visitors to its own attractions.

a boon for this area," he

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New airport project reduces sounds of engine testing

It's going to be a little quieter in around the Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) with the addition of a steel structure that will reduce engines sounds,

Members of the Wayne County Airport Authority, operator of DTW, joined officials of neighboring communities Tuesday in inaugurating the airport's new, \$11 million Ground Run-Up Enclosure. Engineered by the Livonia office of C&S Companies in of Syracuse, N.Y., and designed and constructed by Blast Deflectors, Inc., in Reno, Nev., the three-sided, steel structure on the airfield is lined with acoustical absorbent paneling to significantly reduce

noise when jet engines are tested after maintenance.

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"We always talk about the positive impact that the airport has on the surrounding community, but those closest to the airport will tell you there are some less-desirable impacts as well," said WCAA Interim CEO Tom Naughton. "To the degree we can mitigate the noise impact of the airport on our neighbors with initiatives, such as this new GRE, the airport authority is committed to do so.

After making repairs, airlines regularly "runup" aircraft engines for testing purposes before the aircraft are returned to service. This testing requires airlines to run engines up to full-power for periods of time ranging from a few minutes to an hour, generating noise up to the equivalent of an aircraft take-off throughout part or all of that time period.

With the new GRE, airlines will taxi aircraft into the three-sided facility to conduct nearly all run-ups. Engine noise will largely be absorbed by the more than 2,000 acoustical panels lining the structure, while the remaining noise will be directed upward rather than outward into surrounding communities. Prior to the GRE opening, airlines performed these tests in designated open areas adjacent to the airport's runways.

DTW's new GRE occupies nearly 90,000 square feet and rises 42 feet high, allowing it to accommodate aircraft as large as Boeing's 747-8. Most aircraft types that will use the GRE will

Airport and local officials are dwarfed by a Delta Air Lines A-330 in the new \$11 million Ground Run-Up Enclosure dedicated Tuesday at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The twinaisle, wide-body aircraft, which is used on long-haul international flights, fits easily inside the GPE

be able to turn around inside the facility while operating under their own power, reducing the need for diesel-powered

aircraft tugs and additional personnel required for tug operations.

The facility also incorporates steel cladding specially-engineered to avoid interference with airfield radar and radio frequencies.

"The Wayne County Airport Authority has laudably engaged in continuing efforts to minimize disturbances to the residents of southeastern Michigan, while at the same time acting as a job provider and economic engine for the entire region," said State Rep. Doug Geiss, D-Taylor. "This new ground runup enclosure will significantly reduce the level of noise caused by nighttime maintenance, and its construction provides further testament to the commitment of the airport authority to the citizens of Romulus and surrounding communities."

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) provided 80 percent of the funding for the \$11 million GRE project, which included Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation of 8 percent.

With more than 32 million passengers in 2011, Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport is Michigan's busiest airport and one of the world's leading air transportation hubs. Service is provided by 11 scheduled passenger airlines and three scheduled cargo carriers. DTW offers more than 1,200 flights per day to and from nearly 150 destinations on four continents.

DTW is operated by Wayne County Airport Authority, which also operates nearby Willow Run Airport, a corporate, cargo and general aviation facility. For more information about Metro Detroit's airports, visit www.metroairport.







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Power of attorney forms good for parents of college-bound kids

By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist**

arents who have children getting ready to go to college need to make sure that they do some important things with

regards to personal finance. One area that is extremely important is powers of attorney.

Money Matters When your child is ready to

Rick Bloom

go to college, they are at least 18 years of age which means they are a legal adult. As a legal adult, they have legal responsibilities, but as the parent, you find that your rights are dramatically diminished.

In that regard, two documents I strongly recommend obtaining are a medical durable power of attorney and a general durable power of attorney. From a medical standpoint, if something happens to your child when they're away at college, as the parents, you have no legal rights.

I've heard many stories where a child has a medical issue and the parents are kept in the dark. I've heard horror stories where children are injured at school

and the parents are forced to go to court to get medical information. The last thing anyone should want to do is to go to court when there is a medical emergencv. Therefore, before your child goes away to college, make sure that they sign a medical durable power of attorney.

Do it yourself

You don't have to pay anyone to do a medical durable power of attorney. You can do it on your own. There is a free fill-in-the-blank form available to print on my website. It's a simple and straightforward form and I recommend it for parents with a child going away to school and also if you have any adult children that are your dependents. Remember, we live in a crazy world and just because you're the parent and you provide the financial support for your adult child, doesn't mean you have any rights.

Another type of document that you may wish to obtain for your college student is a general durable power of attorney. This power of attorney will allow you to handle your child's affairs above and beyond medical. It could be dealing with a financial institution or even with their university. Once again, if there was some sort of accident and your child could not han-

dle his/her own affairs, hav-

ing a general durable power of attorney would allow you to step in without getting judges, courts and lawyers involved.

Insurance

When I went to college, the most expensive thing that someone owned was a cheap stereo. Today, that is no longer the case. Kids have computers, cell phones, iPads and all sorts of valuable stuff. The question is whether or not you need insurance on these items. If you do, now is a great time to talk to your homeowner's agent to see if those types of items are covered.

Sending a child to college is not as easy as it used to be. That is why now is a great time of the year to do the things that are needed so you're not rushing at the last moment. I know with these temperatures it's hard to believe that Labor Day is little over a month away. And before you know it, you'll be packing up your loved one for college. Don't procrastinate; the time to get it done is now. Good luck!

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Museum's Kids Kamp focuses on Wild West

Wild West Days

Children can experience aspects of the Wild West at the Plymouth Historical Museum during the second annual History Kids Kamp 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 4.

Museum officials are encouraging kids to wear their cowboy/girl duds as they will get their pictures taken to put in a westernstyle frame. Annie Oakley and her partner, Frank Butler, will talk about their exploits, and snacks will be served from a real peri-

od chuck wagon. There will be a scavenger hunt to entertain and educate while they search for clues to solve a puzzle. Children will play games and participate in races, will be branded (fake tattoo), and can shoot a Red Ryder BB Gun in a safe shooting gallery. Every child will be given a commemorative badge to wear for the day and a bandana.

The event is part of the Plymouth Historical Museum's present exhibit "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies," highlighting the inaugural gowns of 14 presidential first ladies.

Tickets are \$30; alternatively, the purchase of a new or renewed Daisy membership to the Plymouth Historical Museum (value \$50) will allow two children to attend for free.

Financial

The target age for children is 6 to 12 years old; however, children under 6 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Visit the Museum's website at www.plymouthhistory.org for more information. Tickets can be purchased at the Museum or using Paypal at http:// www.plymouthhistory. org/events/civil-war-kidskamp.html



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Setting the 'Foundation'



The Canton Community Foundation recently handed out two dozen scholarships, worth more than \$18,000, to help students reach their educational goals.

CCF scholarships help students reach education goals

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

There are soccer practices and basketball practices and hip-hop dance lessons to worry about, in addition to juggling two part-time jobs and figuring out how to make ends meet.

And somewhere in there, Jennifer Gryzmala is trying to make a better life for herself and her three children.

Gryzmala, a Canton resident, got a little help recently, when the Canton Community Foundation rewarded her with the \$1,000 Canton Women's

Connection Scholarship. It was one of the 24 scholarships, totalling more than \$18,000, handed out as part of the annual CCF scholarship pro-

And it comes in handy for the Canton mom who also received a \$500 scholarship last year.

"They're crucial," Gryzmala said of the scholarships. "I'm a single mom with three kids. I take out a home loan to pay for the rest of it, but I don't need another bill. Every little bit helps, and I'm very appreciative of what they offer."

Helping out

The foundation's scholarship program has been helping students reach similar goals since its inception in 1990.

This year's total of just more than \$18,000 brings the total into the \$500,000 ballpark in terms of funds handed out to students.

Foundation President Joan Noricks said the joy comes for foundation members when students who thought, "Oh, a

\$500 scholarship isn't really going to make a difference," find out it

does. "In the last few years, we're hearing a lot of input back that it helped spur students to finish college, or that 'somebody cares about me," Noricks said. "You just never know what these scholarships are going to accomplish. We're very proud to be able to offer that opportunity to college students to get on with their lives.'

The scholarships must be working. Gryzmala graduated Eastern Michigan University in May with her bachelor's degree in social work. She'll be back at EMU this fall, working toward her master's degree.

It's all part of her plan to become a social worker herself.

"I really enjoy helping others," Gryzmala said.



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Kaitlyn Robertson

Allison Raylean

Ana Salanta-Cocan

Margaret Rocker

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"I've been in tough times

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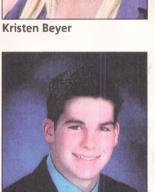
ference," she added.

"Where there's a will









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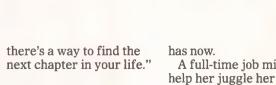


Ashley Melnick



Stephanie Sheridan





Not discouraged Gryzmala said she's been putting her resume out, hoping to find a fulltime social work job that would let her give up the two part-time jobs she







Steven Marion



Juliann Brewer



Brittany Parker

A full-time job might

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a.m. and often not back to

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Brianna Dobson

Anjali Martin

else can do it."

Herve Nonga was awarded the \$750 Dustin

Piepsney Scholarship, established by Piepsney's

parents, Bill and Amy,

three years ago on the

first anniversary of the

death of their son, who

was found dead behind their Canton home in

Nonga, a 2012 gradu-

was excited to win the scholarship because it's

ate of Salem High School,

going to help him become

the first member of his

family to go to college. He's headed to Michigan

State University, most

likely to study human

"I was a bit surprised,"

biology.

December 2008.

Alaina Peerbolte



Anna Marchesano



Herve Nonga



Alyssa Engle





Nicole Masters

She hasn't found anything yet, but she's not discouraged.

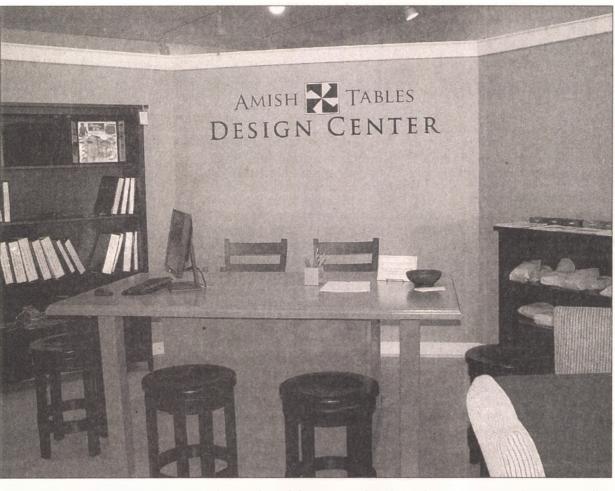
'Where there's a will there's a way," she said. "I want to better my family, I want to move on and be successful. I don't want to struggle. And if I can do it, I know someone

said Nonga, whose parents came to the U.S. from Cameroon in 1990. "I honestly didn't thank I'd get this one. I felt really proud of myself, like I actually accomplished something. Being a firstgeneration college stu-

For more informa tion on the CCF scholarship program and all the scholarships available, visit www.cantonfoundation.org or call (734) 495-1200.

dent, I felt really proud.

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Amish Tables features products made by the Amish, and the company has shipped to every state and internationally.

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

Amish Tables: We opened first to sell large tables for large families for Christmas, for Thanksgiving and for homeschoolers.

Observer: Why did you choose

Amish Tables: We needed a walk by, drive by location and Plymouth is a very craft appreciative town.

Observer: What makes your business

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Observer: Do you have a humorous tidbit you can share about being a small business owner?

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Amish Tables: One day I was having a garage sale, back in the day before these tables could be shipped. Some Amish wandered into my garage sale

and my husband said, "Oh my goodness, these are the very Amish I wanted to talk to about using hardware so the legs could be removed and the tables could be shipped." This was back in the day before a shipping company existed and before the Amish were using hardware to make the table legs detachable." This was a good day for us and an amazing event for these Amish to wander into my garage on their way home from a conference.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Amish Tables: Surprisingly, real wood furniture made by the Amish seems to be a trusted and a commodity to be desired. We have been growing every year.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Amish Tables: Being online has truly helped. You never would have thought that people would buy and ship a 22-foot table, sight unseen and then love it!!! The testimonials have greatly helped us. We now also offer a business to business program for leasing and bulk discounts.

Research your next car online

By Jon Gunnells Guest Columnist

he World Wide Web is often the starting point for many purchases, including cars. Aside from picking where you may live, choosing the right car may be the most important decision you make.

You can eliminate much of the stress associated with sticker shock by beginning your vehicle

search online. And it doesn't matter if you are buying new or used. There are a variety

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that have been helping consumers save time and money for

years. If you are trading in a vehicle, your search starts with a familiar name: Kelley Blue Book. Since 1995, kelleybluebook.com has provided approximated values and resources for those looking to buy, sell or trade vehicles. The site offers reviews, car listings and research tools such as vehicle history reports, which have been made popular by CarFax.com commercials.

Of course, the blue book isn't the only comprehensive web source for new and used cars. Cars. com offers many of the same features and allows users to build or find their cars by searching specific makes, models even minimum and maximum price ranges. The site also lets you find dealers, review car dealers and receive approximate price quotes on any vehicle you build or find.

You might already favor a particular brand or model and, in that case, you can always visit your auto maker's website directly. Just about every automaker features an interactive website where con-

sumers can build their new rides down to the floor mats and cargo nets. Users can choose their own colors, engine sizes and trim levels, while navigating through incentives and other money-saving rebates.

With automotive websites and even Cars.com, users can even request free quotes on the new or used vehicles in which they are interested. But if you prefer a dealership doesn't get your phone number, e-mail address or both, you can always just compare the prices on Edmunds.com. Edmunds has many of the same features as the other sites discussed above, but also has a fun feature where you can compare multiple vehicles in which you may be interested.

Whether you've done enough research to start your own online automotive site, or have just gotten started, you can always request a free quote online from a local dealer using an automotive site or third-party resource like Cars.com. If you prefer not having your voicemail and e-mail bombarded, you may want to skip this step and simply visit a local dealer and focus on the fun part: the test drives.

There are even some startups devoted to helping consumers. One such site is New Yorkbased Mojo Motors. Mojo Motors is a car site that tracks inventory and price changes of used cars, so buyers don't have to visit multiple dealers. The service is not available yet in the Detroit area, but is a unique tool that could only be made possible with the power of the Internet. And who knows, the site or a similarly helpful resource may be available to aid you in your next vehicle search.

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Registration will close on MONDAY. AUGUST 6. 2012. and no further voter registrations will be accepted for said Election. Any interested person may also register at any Secretary of State Branch Office during their regular business hours. Qualifications of an elector for registering to vote are as follows:

- 1, Citizen of the United States
- 2. At least 18 years of Age3. Resident of the State of Michigan for thirty (30) days
- Resident of the City of Plymouth on or before thirty (30) days prior to the day of the election.

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> Linda Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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INVITATION TO BID FOR FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT

The Board of Education, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, is requesting bids on food service equipment. Listed below and attached are the minimum specifications and

INSTRUCTIONS

- Bids are to be submitted to fully comply with these specifications and instructions and must include all other equipment, to meet the safety requirements, laws, etc., as set forth by the State of Michigan and the Wayne County Department of Health.
- Freight from the manufacturer must be included separately, if applicable, or will be the responsibility of the bidder.
- All specifications are stated as minimum specifications. Any deviation from the specifications as listed must be submitted in writing.
- Dealer agrees to arrange for warranty repairs and pay for any costs involved in transportation to a repair facility.
- Equipment must be invoiced and delivered no later than August 27, 2012and

set up and ready for use no later than August 29, 2012.

- Manufacturer shall include with delivery of equipment, a line sheet that will accurately reflect all components/parts of the equipment.
- Dealer will include with delivery a copy of the parts and service manual for all components of the equipment.
- Food Service Equipment purchases are exempt from all taxes, including state
- The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any irregularities in bidding and is not bound to accept low bid.
- 10. Bids shall be binding for a minimum of 30 days from the date of opening.
- Bids are due in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education
- Office, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on Friday, July 27, 2012 at 10 am. Detailed specs of the equipment and the bid form can be picked up at the School Board Offices, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. Qualified Bidders must return their bid on the School Districts Bid Form.
- 13. Envelope containing bid is to be clearly marked iFood Service Equipment Bid.i
- 14. District will be responsible for plumbing and electrical of new equipment. Bidder is responsible for delivery, installation/assembly and set in place

If you should have any detailed questions, contact Kristen Hennessey – Kristen.Hennessey@pccsmail.net or 734-416-2742 or Patty Russo-Patricia.Russo@pccsmail.net or 734-416-3011.

Signed and Authorized by:

Judy Mardigian, Secretary of the Board of Education

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think civilians in Michigan should be able to legally carry electronic Tasers for personal protection?

We asked this question at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.



"If they have a license for it, yeah. If you have a license for it you should be allowed to carry anything you want.'

Leon Snodgrass



"No. Some people can use it as a weapon to hurt people."

Patrick Sweeney Northville Township



"Yes. ... It's less lethal than a gun. It's not supposed to be

Michael Szlinig Westland



"I don't know if I think that's a good idea. I think it might cause more problems."

Courtney Campbell Plymouth Township

LETTERS

Support Ed Schulz

On March 6, I attended the Plymouth Township board meeting in an effort to obtain answers relating to an email I had sent to the board regarding the decision to reduce our fire department services.

As a resident I had questions that needed answers. As a mother, I have concerns, like many community members, that my family's needs will not be met should an emergency arise. My question specifically asked for further explanation and actual numbers to justify the decision.

Later, in the Fire and EMS service delivery notice mailed to residents from April 2012 it was stated that because of "the 30 percent less workload and the 25 percent less funding we simply could not justify the staffing."

The purpose of this letter is to state that all members of the board addressed my concerns except Mr. Ron Edwards (treasurer), whose response to my e-mail was simply, "check your grammer (sic)."

We, as a community, have an opportunity to vote for Mr. Ed Schulz as treasurer in August. Mr. Schulz aims to restore "superior police, fire and public safety to all residents." Mr. Schulz also has been quoted as saying he wants to restore "professionalism" with regard to communication between residents and city officials.

As an educator and citizen, I seek to elect informed officials who are invested in the well-being of all their residents. Therefore, I urge you to please elect Mr. Edwin Schulz for the position of treasurer of Plymouth Township.

> **Rachel Melville** Plymouth Township

Garden thanks

A special "thank you" to all who supported our annual "Flowers Are Forever" Garden Walk sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club, member of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association.

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> **Georgia Randinitis** Trailwood Garden Club

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OUR VIEWS

Treasurer: Edwards the right choice

There's no question Ron Edwards is a polarizing figure in politics in Plymouth Township. He speaks his

Edwards

mind and is not shy about discussing issues with those who agree or disagree with him. He is smart, does his homework and is always look-

ing for ways to make local government more efficient. And he never backs away from a spirited debate.

Edwards has done a solid job as Plymouth Township treasurer and deserves support in the Aug. 7 Republican primary, where he's challenged by CPA Ed Schulz. Democrat Rita White is running unopposed.

Edwards, first elected in 1996 and re-elected by wide margins in 2000. 2004 and 2008, continues to perform the treasurer's

job at a high level. Taxes are billed and collected in a timely manner, the township budget annually draws high marks from auditors, and the township's financial performance generally earns praise from state and nationwide organizations.

Edwards' involvement in negotiations with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department resulted in lower rates for township customers, and his assistance with the budget actually helped add money to the township's fund balance last year.

Edwards is responsible for origination of the Good Old Fashion Picnic and for bringing the Fourth of July fireworks display to the township, an event even Edwards' most ardent critics admit is outstanding. He also works behind the scenes, with no fanfare, to help charitable organizations such as the Plymouth Salvation Army.

There are rarely complaints, particularly outside political circles, about the performance of Edwards' office. And that's what should matter to voters job performance.

It's in the political arena where Edwards encounters his troubles. There was the alleged incident involving Clerk Joe Bridgman, and last year's outburst over traffic problems leaving the fireworks display, an incident captured on audiotape and loaded onto YouTube.

Edwards admits he can be "an excitable guy." He would be wise to tame his temper and not rise to take the bait from political oppo-

Based on a solid track record of serving taxpayers — his job performance, his accomplishments and his absolute desire to do what's best for Plymouth Township — Ron Edwards is the right choice in the Aug. 7 Republican primary.

Bridgman in GOP primary

Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill left office four years ago, she hand-picked Joe Bridgman as her suc-



Bridgman

Based on his job performance, Bridgman has been the right pick. He is seeking his second term in the Aug. 7 Republican

primary, and voters should select him. Challenger Nancy Conzelman, an attorney, is intelligent and certainly capable of learning the job. However, Bridgman is already doing the job and there is no reason to replace him.

Benefitting from the time he spent as Massengill's deputy, Bridgman has learned well to perform the duties required in the clerk's office. Bridgman has managed the highest-profile

When longtime Plymouth of those duties — running elections — capably and efficiently. There have been no signs of problems, and no complaints have sprung from his management of the election process.

Likewise, the other statu-tory duties performed by Bridgman and his staff are also carried out professionally and efficiently. There have been no questions of impropriety or negative performance in record management or in the township's accounting department, also managed by the clerk's office.

Bridgman began learning to handle these duties during his time as deputy and, since taking over the clerk's job four years ago, he and his staff have the highest levels of training.

He isn't perfect. He has missed several meetings in his first four years, but some of those absences are attributed to caring for an

ill parent. He should not be criticized for putting family first.

He's had a couple of political missteps, including not taking the 10-percent pay cut when other elected officials did. He has disagreements with other board members and must be better at articulating his points, rather than allowing

them to be contrary. But the point of electing a clerk is to put someone in office who can professionally and efficiently handle the business of the township, and Bridgman does

himself to come off looking

like he's simply opposing

Conzelman is an intelligent woman who could step has taken steps to ensure in and, with time, be an efficient clerk.

But the township already has one in Joe Bridgman, and we recommend voters in the GOP primary cast their ballots for him in the Aug. 7 primary.

Price, Amar for county seat

One thing is abundant- that would give the Board ly clear among the four men running in the Aug. 7 primary for the newly



drawn 10th Wayne County Commission District: They all want Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano

But the per-

formance of the county executive isn't the only problem facing the commission, and we believe Republican **Shannon Price** and Democrat

James Amar display the better sense of the issues.

Price, a former county Republican Party chairman who lost in the Republican primary for the 21st state House seat four years ago, wants a thorough audit of county finances, an online county "checkbook" open for viewing by the public, and a charter amendment

of Commissioners the power to impeach the county executive. Price also favors a lower overall tax rate (hardly an exclusive position in an election year) that could help lure businesses, rather than targeted tax breaks, and a streamlined, 90-day permitting process for businesses.

Price wants Ficano out of office, but favors an impeachment proceeding over the recall effort started by his primary opponent, attorney Richard Convertino.

Convertino, for his part, is strident in his desire to get rid of Ficano, placing it as a higher priority even than his own election. That makes Convertino, a smart and accomplished man, the kind of one-issue candidate we're not sure would fit well on the commission.

James Amar, a retired labor mediation supervisor from Plymouth Township, gets our nod in the Democratic primary. Amar is the one guy who didn't hit the campaign trail kicking and screaming about

getting rid of Ficano.

Amar thinks Wayne County must take "difficult steps" to correct its finances while investing in programs and incentives to spur development and job creation. He has several ideas he says could improve the economy: a drive to increase tourism; incentives for the movie industry; and the further promotion of the Aerotropolis business park. He's seen union issues from both sides, and has a long history of labor negotiations we think will come in handy as a county commissioner.

His opponent, Matt Fiems of Canton, has been a real property appraiser for Wayne County for eight years. While Fiems is a bright guy, we think someone less attached to the current county structure would fit better in the commission seat.

We recommend Republican Shannon Price and Democrat James Amar in the Aug. 7 primary for the 10th Wayne County Commission District seat.

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The fallout



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Livonia Clarenceville alum and Tennessee Titans linebacker Tim Shaw, speaking last month at the 2012 graduation, gave his views on the recent controversy at his alma mater Penn State University.

Former Nittany Lion Shaw responds

n light of the Jerry Sandusky child abuse scandal and the NCAA's severe sanctions that were handed

down Monday against the Penn State University football program, Livonia-Westland Observer Sports **Editor Brad** Emons talked



Brad Emons

Tuesday with Livonia Clarenceville grad and former Nittany Lion linebacker Tim Shaw.

The 28-year-old Shaw, a special teams standout and back-up linebacker for the Tennessee Titans, is entering his sixth NFL season after being drafted in the fifth round in 2007 by the Carolina Panthers.

Shaw played all five of his seasons (2002-06) at Penn

State under the late coach Joe Paterno after a storied prep career at Clarenceville where he set MHSAA records - at the time - for career rushing yards (7,611) and touchdowns (131).

Shaw, who earned his bachelor's degree in management from Penn State, has done mission and charitable work in his community.

He shared his thoughts and views following the recent findings by the Freeh Report and the unprecedented NCAA penalties.

After a day to reflect, what are your thoughts and emotions? Have they changed at

"My emotions have calmed down a little bit, but I'm still angry and frustrated, and I'm still a little bit baffled and confused about the sanctions and just the way everything continues to go.

One former Penn State

player was asked about the death penalty, and he said, 'It was more being like in a

coma.' Did the NCAA jump

the gun?

"Oh, man. It's a tough thing to comment on because my comments aren't going to do anybody any good. I feel strongly that the decisions that were made (by the NCAA) are not going to accomplish great things or maybe the purpose of what they were trying to do. I don't know what the purpose was. I tell you the truth. I think myself, and many, many people in this world, I would give up every single win that I ever had if it would mean that one child not be abused or hurt, but you know what? That's not the way this world works. And people would give up a lot of things in the world if we could trade for that, but we can't. So taking away those

Please see SHAW, B2

Festival 4-miler

Founders: **Matthews** 1st across

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

The way things are going, they may have to name a street after Angela Matthews some day in Farmington.

The 28-year-old from Westland captured her four fourth straight Founders Festival 4-mile race women's road race title with a time of 22 minutes, 39 seconds.

Meanwhile, 21-year-old Emery Pitcel of Richmond was the men's and overall winner for the third straight year in 20:10 as he edged Highland's Mike Camilleri by eight seconds.

The top finishers in the men's and women's masters (40-and-up) were Steve Menovcik (21:56) of Grand Ledge and Velda Balmer (27:07) of Richmond,

Matthews, an assistant track and country coach at Beverly Hills Detroit County Day, cruised to victory over 18year-old Katelyn Cliff, who was runnerup in 24:49.

"I like running out there because that's where I mostly train in that Farmington area," said Matthews, a 2002 Lutheran High Westland grad. "So I'm familiar with the race course — all the people in my group basically train out there.

"I train with New Balance — the Paul Aufdemberge and Dave Peterson group — who were all out there. It's great to have a group of fast people to run with. It just makes me feel better as a runner."

Matthews, who ran collegiately at Concordia University (Neb.), was two seconds faster than her 2011 time of 22:40. She averaged 5:40 per mile.

"I didn't feel it was very fast, but I was kind of training through the race and looking further down the road at the Crim (Aug. 25 in Flint)," said Matthews, who works as a technical editor

Please see RACE, B3

Ex-MU golfer eyes U.S. Am

Former Madonna University golfer Brett Quitiquit (Highland) added another notch to his impressive golf resume by recently earning a spot in the 112th U.S. Amateur Championship.

Quitiquit, the 2009 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference medalist and 2010 NAIA National Championship runner-up, fired rounds of 70-68 for a 36-hole total of 138 and finish second in the qualifier, July 18, at

Bay City Country Club. "I knew coming into the qualifier that you had to play two good rounds and I did, Quitiquit said. "It is a grueling qualifier because you have to play two rounds in one day and it tests you both mentally and physically.

"Playing in the U.S. Amateur is a dream come true for me and my biggest golf accomplishment since finishing runner-up at the NAIA National

Championship." The U.S. Golf Association (USGA) sponsored event will be Aug. 13-19 at Cherry Hills Country Club in Cherry Hills Village, Colo.

St. Clair gets coaching job

University of Memphis recently named Livonia Stevenson High grad and former University of Michigan catcher Roya St. Clair as an assistant coach in women's softball.

"Roya's addition to our staff was a step in the right direction for Memphis Softball," Poole said, "Sh brings good knowledge of the game, a competitiveness that comes from playing at the highest level, and an understanding of what it takes to be the best. Roya has great contacts around the nation, which will aid in recruiting for our program."

"It's exciting," St. Clair said. "Being only 23 years old, it's a great opportunity to get into a tough profession. I'm thankful that coach (Natalie) Poole thought enough of me, and I'm excited to get started full time here."

St. Clair, a 2010 U-M grad, was a member of three Big Ten championship teams and was a two-time All-Big Ten selection.

She played the 2011 season with the Akron Racers of the National Pro Fastpitch League and served last as a volunteer assistant at Memphis.

Velocity camp is 'hoops heaven

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

The minutes ticked down to just a few before another day of a youth basketball camp at High Velocity Sports in Canton came to a close and camp instructor Dominique Washington brought youngsters in for a huddle.

Washington's team was up 45-44 in a scrimmage, and he wanted to make sure players stayed on task down the stretch.

"Make good passes, find open players and no threes," Washington said. "Layups only. They have to foul us. Anytime we get touched it's a 1-and-

The Plymouth Christian Academy varsity boys basketball coach said talking Xs and Os and reminding youngsters about the situation on the court will help them when they play middle school and high school basketball - as virtually all of the 50 campers in the four-week summer training camp will expe-

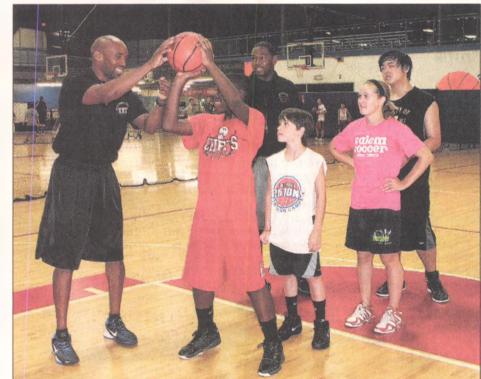
Co-hosted by the Plymouth Canton Force and **Triple Threat Training** (the latter company started by former pro cager and Canton resident Troy Coleman), the camp provides those going into grades three-eight in 2012-13 a chance to sharply hone skills.

Plus, they can improve strength, conditioning, agility, pick up important tips and have some fun in the process. About 65 percent of campers are from Plymouth or Canton, but other Observerland communities are well-represented.

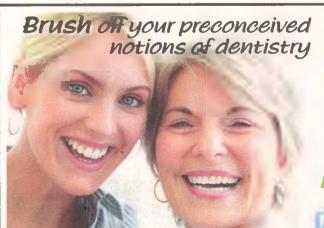
Eager to improve

"I wanted to be a better basketball player, like how to make my dribble get better, how to shoot

Please see CAMP, B2



Summer basketball camp instructor Troy Coleman (left) helps 12-year-old Noah Brown of Plymouth with proper free-throw technique during a camp session last week at High Velocity Sports. Waiting in line for their turn are Ethan Rottell (10, of Plymouth), Leah Tardiff (12, of Plymouth) and (far right) Zhending Hu (14, of Canton). Also pictured is instructor **Dominique Washington.**



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Payzant, Katta spur pivotal Rams' sweep

Michigan Rams pitcher Josh Payzant came through in the clutch notching both wins and Brandon Katta went 6for-8 at the plate Saturday in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League double-header sweep of the Michigan Cobras, 4-3 and 6-2, at Bicentennial Park.

The Rams' sweep forced a one-game playoff Monday night at Livonia's Ford Field for the top two 20-and-under teams in the LCBL as they posted identical 18-16-1 records. (See related story).

At stake was a trip to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association regional at stake, July 27-29, at Zanesville, Ohio. The regional champion then advances to the AAA-**BA National Tourna**ment, Aug. 5-11, in Johnstown, Pa.

Payzant, a Livonia native who plays for **Jackson Community** College, got the victory in relief as the Rams pulled out a 4-3 nineinning victory to stay alive in the race in the

opener.

Payzant then pitched the first 3.2 innings to pick up the victory in the nightcap and Wayne State University lefty Jeff Sorenson (Livonia Stevenson) closed it out with 3.1 innings of scoreless relief in a 6-2 Rams' triumph.

Katta, who went 3for-5, had a walk-off game-winning RBI single scoring Payzant as the Rams beat a league time limit to defeat the Cobras in Game One.

Miles Sorise added two hits and RBI, while Justin Sherman also knocked in a run for the

Chris Gebara led the Cobras going 3-for-5 with a double and RBI. while Marc Zughaib also knocked in a run.

Payzant recorded the final four outs - all on strikeouts – in relief of Donnie Eaton, who pitched 2.2 innings after taking over for starter Mitchell Patterson.

Cobras starter Ben Singer went eight innings, allowing just three runs on seven hits and three walks. Reliever Dan Saier took the

In Game Two, the Rams scored three runs on five hits and never looked back as Katta and Sherman each went 3-for-3 with an RBI apiece. Eaton also added two hits and an RBI, while Dominic Jamett, Garrett Gordon and Trent Drumheller also knocked in runs.

Eric Glanz led the Cobras' seven-hit attack going 2-for-3, while Gebara knocked in two runs.

Cobras starter Justin Hicks, who took the loss, went five innings, allowing 10 hits and four walks. **KNIGHTS 1, RAMS 0:**

On Friday, Ty Wilson pitched a complete-game, four-hit shutout to propel the 22and-under Michigan Knights (21-10) to a victory over the Michigan Rams (16-16-1) at Ford Field.

Wilson struck out nine and walked only one in outdueling Rams starter Evan Piechota (Stevenson/ Madonna), who scattered six hits and struck out four over six innings.

Mitch Kozlowski went 2-for-2 and scored the game-winning run in the third inning for the Knights. Justin Sherman went 2-for-2 in a losing cause.

Ram tough

5-4 playoff win yields Zanesville trip

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

An extremely hot summer sandlot season came to a dramatic conclusion

Monday night when the Michigan Rams captured a one-game playoff by holding off the Michigan Cobras, 5-4, at Ford Field. In what had an October postseason feel to it, the LCBL's top two 20and-under squads were

fighting for the right to advance to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association regional tournament, this Friday through Sunday, in Zanesville, Ohio with the winner moving on to the 16team AAABA National Tournament, Aug. 5-11, in Johnstown, Pa.

The Rams (19-16-1) overcame a two-game deficit against the Cobras (18-17-1) by sweeping a double-header on Saturday to force a winnertake-all matchup on Monday night.

"To win two games Saturday - the first game and the time limit is up, it's our last at-bat and it's 3-3 – we get base hit to win the first game," Rams manager Rick Berryman said of the 4COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

3 nine-inning victory. "Then, we win the second game (6-2) in a thriller, only to get to a playoff and win today.'

What gave the Rams a chance going into the weekend was the Bulls and Cobras playing to a tie giving Berryman's team a mathematical chance.

"Up against the wall is an understatement," Berryman said. "Great comeback."

In the one-game playoff, the Rams built a 5-1 lead through five innings as Justin Sherman, Donnie Eaton, Zach Zott and Brand Katta each drove in a run.

The Cobras, however, made things interesting with three hits and three runs in the top of the sixth off Rams reliever Evan Piechota (Madonna University).

A two-out muffed ball in right field led to the Cobras' three-run upris-

ing.
"You drop a fly ball, you drop a fly ball ... sometimes it just happens," said Berryman, who has taken the Rams to seven AAABA Nationals.

Piechota, who retired the side in the top of the seventh, pitched the final 2.2 innings in relief of starter Keith Paslean to pick up the save. The Livonia Stevenson High grad struck out four and walked only one while allowing two hits.

Paslean, who notched the victory, went the first 4.1 innings allowing one run on two hits and four walks while striking out three.

Meanwhile, Marc Zughaib went 2-for-3 with an RBI to pace the Cobras' offensive attack.

Losing pitcher Jake Paulson went the first five innings, allowing three earned runs on five hits and three walks. He struck out three before giving way to reliever Dan Saier, who pitched a scoreless sixth inning.

After the game, Berryman picked up three Cobra players - Jake Paulson, Matt Priebe and Justin Hicks - for his expanded AAABA playoff roster heading to Zanesville.

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Flames singe Livonia Concealed Security in semifinal

An early 4-0 deficit proved fatal to Livonia Concealed Security, with the squad falling 6-3 to the Cincy Flames in Sunday afternoon's semifinal of the 2012 National Wood Bat 16U World Series at the University of Cincin-

"We made a nice run," Livonia Concealed coach Lou Pirronello said. "There were 48 teams and we were probably a

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base hit or two away from taking us to the championship game, but we fell short. But they're a very good team."

Saturday afternoon's no-hitter by John Slater (Southfield) propelled the team into the Final Four, but the loss to the Flames ended the team's champi-

for the PC Force 14U

includes Washington

among instructors.

"I went to this one

(camp) last year, too,"

and Madonna Universi-

For that, he credited

both the camp and Triple

Threat Training — which

ty assistant men's basket-

ball coach Adam Kerfoot

Moyers said. "I did train-

ing with Troy (Coleman).

Mostly, I came here to do

then I found out they had

trainers and I went to the

When the current camp.

a High Velocity league

when I was little and

ends, Robbie plans on

signing up for a Sunday

league at Madonna, for

kids entering grades five-

12. But Kerfoot said the

summer camp at High

camp."

onship bid with an overall tournament mark of 5-1. Against Cincy, it was 4-0

who departed with what Pirronello called a sore

lied to cut the deficit to 4-3 in the top of the third. Anthony Diponio (Dearborn Divine Child) tripled

Velocity is a "great start"

want to make a competi-

"We like to show them

some new things," Ker-

ting them ready for their

school year, whether mid-

dle school or high school.

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Leah Tardiff of Plym-

have been everything she

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thought they would be.

the only female in the

all-boys camp," said the

Except for the fact she's

"I didn't realize it was an

We're all experienced

foot said. "This is get-

for those players who

tive splash.

in two runs and scored on

back with single runs in the fourth and fifth against Diponio, who came on in relief of

Livonia Concealed was Sean Ritchie while the triple and a single by Austin Stevens (Livonia Stevenson).

On Saturday, Slater dominated the Illinois Sparks, throwing a nohitter, walking two and striking out eight as Livonia Concealed rolled to an 11-0 win and ticket to the semifinal.

Four runs in the first set the tone, with a seven-run fourth turning the game into a five-inning mercy contest.

Diponio and Zack Schmidtke (Divine Child)

each went 2-for-3 while Slater went 1-for-2 with a run and two RBI.

Earlier Saturday, Livonia Concealed defeated Team Cincinnati 9-0, scoring in all five innings of the shortened game.

Alec Padilla went the distance, giving up two hits and four walks while fanning 11 batters.

Stevens drove in two runs with a single while Ritchie doubled in a pair.

CAMP

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more and pass," said 11year-old Caleb Patterson of Farmington Hills, a middle school point guard next season. "I like passing the ball to each other, making good passes.'

According to Garden City's Robbie Moyers, 14, he found out about the summer camp after starting individual training in 2011, mostly with Coleman. Now, Robbie is pumped up about bringing his enhanced skill set to the ninth grade team at Garden City High School.

"I think you need to work on everything more and more to get better,' said the 5-8 point guard

after two innings against Livonia Concealed start-

ing pitcher Alex Deyonker (Livonia Franklin), arm. Livonia Concealed ral-

a wild pitch. But the Flames came

Deyonker in the third. Collecting two hits for

other hits were Diponio's

12-year-old, who will be a

point guard this winter for

the Pioneer Middle School

eighth-grade team. "I

thought there'd be some

ly fun, I'm learning real-

ly good passing drills and

dribbling. It's really inter-

Leah said the camp's

job of not making the

thrice-weekly sessions

too heavy with instruc-

have fun, and increase

So far, she's enjoyed

dling, free-throw shoot-

defense and dribbling).

But the latter station is

her favorite because she

loves to dribble the ball

ing, layups, passing,

various stations (ball-han-

our knowledge of the

game."

tion. "They want us all to

trainers have done a good

esting, I like it."

girls here. But it's real-

between her legs and fool whoever is guarding her.

On a mission Coleman, 41, who

played more than nine years professionally, said he started Triple Threat Training in 2006. The product of Detroit St. Alphonsus quickly enlisted Washington and the company and its mission to help kids with a passion for basketball has soared.

"For me, it was a tool to help me get through college, help me play pro ball and it gave me a lifestyle," Coleman said. "So I want to give that back to the kids, give them a chance to become better basketball players to help them become better people.

"I'm finding out that no matter what sport it is, if the kid is intense they give their all. When you give them something to be engaged with they learn easily."

As far as Washington is concerned, the kids are soaking the knowledge up like a sponge.

"A lot of these kids are very skilled," said Washington, who was a prep basketball star at Salem. "You tell them to drop back into a 3-2 zone, eight-year-old kids drop back and know their posi-

tions. "They know what helpside (defense) is. A lot of high school kids don't know how to do that."

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SHAW

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things ... the punishment here doesn't fit the crime. And I'm not saying there's a good punishment or an equal punishment that fits the crime here. But in my opinion, Jerry Sandusky needs to be punished. And in my opinion he is. And Joe Paterno ... if they did cover things up or there were problems of a lack of doing something, those people need to be punished. I believe those people are. Joe Paterno ... but he can't be punished any longer. And, you know, it's not that he can't defend himself for what actually happened, I believe — just knowing Joe as I did - I believe there's no way that he could have known what we think he knew. There's no possible way that he could do that and walk around every day knowing that. I just know Joe too well for that. I just don't believe it. My personal feelings are just that.

"No. 1, hey, the victims are the most important. But my problem with this is that it's deviated so far, and this does the victims no good whatsoever. So therefore, what purpose is this serving? I'm really struggling with that and struggling with that and what is the agenda of the NCAA? They had to create new sanctions? They had to make up new things? I just don't understand where all that comes from. If it isn't the death penalty (closing the program down), then I don't know what it is. It certainly has done a lot, a lot of damage to program of Penn State

The Freeh Report have you been able to read it, decipher it or have any opinion on it?

"I haven't, but to tell you the truth - from what I

hear — is that there's a lot of holes in it. Do I have all the information? No, I don't. But I don't believe that man (Louis Freeh) does either. I believe there needs to be an investigation on the investigation from what's been going on." Of the people you

know in the Penn State program, how crippling is this to the school, and then the football program?

"I love Penn State. I really do. I love it to the fullest and I always will. That place always has a special spot in my heart. I've talked to a lot of my former Penn State teammates over the last couple of days, and our feelings are sadness, a sadness for what has taken place there. We couldn't think there could have been a worse thing that could have happened at Penn State. And for us to be associated with that

really hurts us, and we don't like that. It's definitely stifled us right now and brought it down, I'd say, to its lowest point. And what that can do is give us an opportunity to stand up as an institution, as alumni, as a brotherhood of Penn Staters, and really bring it back. All we can do is move forward. We don't those decisions. We don't make appeals. We don't do that stuff anymore, OK? We're all just men and all we can do is live with what these powerful decision makers have said. All we can do is move on. And I believe do that by every day representing ourselves in a way that is of high character, of high morality and making great decisions every day about what's right and wrong, and trying to improve society and improve ourselves. I think the current Penn State players can do that. The

current Penn State coach-

es can do that - because ultimately they've done no wrong and they're really suffering in this. Everybody has kind of come at me about comments I've made as if I'm not sympathetic to the (child abuse) victims. The victims are the No. 1 priority here, but when people ask me other things, then I'll speak on those other things. Now you're making Penn State football players victims in this as well. Obviously it's not equivalent to those abused children, but it's a new side to the story and a new ramification of people's actions." Do you think the deci-

sion by NCAA was based more on the court of public opinion and a media groundswell?

"Absolutely, no doubt about it. I would love to see due process take its course, and I don't believe that it has."

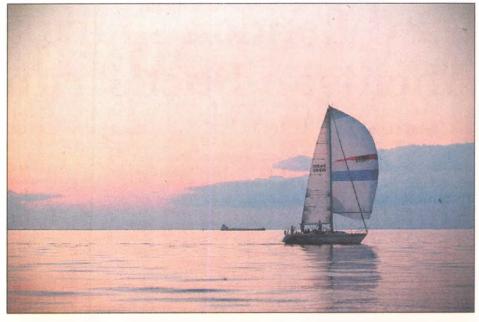
Even the former president at Penn State (Gra-

there are holes in the Freeh Report and a lot of things are going to come out in the (perjury) trials, and some offer the opinion that NCAA has overstepped its bounds here: (Response) "Absolute-

ham Spanier) has said

ly. And this is where it becomes a problem. I can sit here and admit I don't know. I don't know all the information and I don't make the decisions, but why can no one else admit that, and they don't? All the information is not out there and that all the truth is not out there vet. So, I don't understand why people can't admit that. Hey, guess what? We can't make a punishment right now when we don't have the information. But they (the NCAA) don't do that and don't admit that. That's something that's beyond my mind. Hey, I'm just a football player, but that's something I don't

understand."



With a lakes freighter in the background, the Genesis sailboat crew harnesses the wind on Lake Huron.

Setting sail

On Genesis, Lee family excels as crew

By Dan O'Meara Observer Staff Writer

When the Lee family of Farmington Hills goes out on the boat, it's much more than a day of fun on the water.

It's a serious and competitive sailing endeavor, and Paul Lee has taught his three children to be good sailors, too.

Lee has guided his sailboat Genesis to consecutive victories in the annual Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island Race with the help of Elliot, 16; Rhys, 14; and Adrianna, 12.

Genesis won in the PHRF D Class last year and, following a switch by many boats from the longer course around Cove Island to the Shore Course, the PHRF F Class this year. PHRF is the acronym for Performance Handicap Rated Fleet.

Paul Lee, who has been sailing since he was 6, has missed only a few Mackinac races since 1985. It was the sixth, fourth and second for his children, respectively.

"They're solid sailors now," Lee said. "It used to be, when they were 10, they were along for the ride. They're no longer along for the ride. They do their full watches.

"They're driving the boat, trimming the sails, whatever needs to be done. They do their fair share. Now some are starting to boss around their uncles."

Elliot, Rhys and Adrianna have been part of the junior sailing program at the Detroit Yacht Club since they were 8. They became such regulars the boat was affectionately termed The Floating Daycare by other members.

Paul Lee, 45, recalled son Rhys' (pronounced Reese) first Port Huronto-Mackinac race four years ago.

"I had a rule of thumb, if it's going be to windy, they shouldn't go at 10 years old," he said. "The weather report was it was going to blow like 25 (mph). At 15 the water starts to get wavy.

"I said: 'Rhys, I don't want you to go, because you'll be throwing up for two days straight.' It was against my better judgment, but he talked me

into it; I let him go. Sure enough, he threw up for two days straight (and spent much of the time asleep below deck).

"By the time we got to Mackinac Island, he woke up and said he was ready to do it again. It was the best thing in the world."

The Genesis crew also included Lee's brother, Thom, of New Jersey; Philip Bagley and Ben Clayton, both of Farmington Hills; and David Cockell. William Brusilow and Emily Simon, all from the Grosse Pointes.

Tight race

Genesis was in a pitched battle for much of the race with the Liberty, a boat owned by Robert Bent of North Street. Genesis finished just past 9 a.m. on July 16 with an elapsed time of 44 hours, 18 minutes, 16 seconds.

Lee's team won based on a corrected time of 44:59:48. The Liberty finished one minute ahead of Genesis in elapsed time of 44:17:19, but it's corrected time with handicap was 45:24:22.

"We were neck-andneck with them for 36 hours," Lee said. "It was like a knife fight in a phone booth.

"It was a difficult race the whole way. It's constantly racing, constantly paying attention, trimming sails and making the boat go in the right direction all the time.

"When you do it right and the other boat is doing it right, then it's up to the wind."

Lee made a gutsy, tactical move at one point, choosing to sail a narrow strait between the mainland and a small island to save time and reduce the sailing angle. It worked and put Genesis in the lead.

"If you ask most people, they'd say it was a stupid thing to do, but it worked," Lee said. "It was rocky and there was less than five feet of water in some spots. With GPS telling us exactly where to sail, it seemed to me a pretty fair risk."

Bigger issue

Lee faced a major dilemma at the end of the race — one that dealt with sportsmanship and

gnawed at his conscience.

The finish line was changed this year, and there were new rules in place. Genesis passed the Round Island Lighthouse to the port side instead of the required starboard.

"We didn't take any shortcuts," Lee said, adding the lighthouse was 100 yards from the finish line. "We were right there with the Liberty. They owed us about 23 minutes because of our handicap. As soon as we crossed, I knew we had won the race.'

Then he learned of the lighthouse issue. It was a small infraction that didn't affect the outcome of the race, but race officials said Genesis hadn't sailed the course properly.

"(Bent) said: 'I'm not going to protest you, because I don't want to win that way," Lee said. "It was a simple mistake. It was a small technicality.

"At the same time, it left the ball in my court. What was the right thing to do? I was struggling with the idea 'Do we get the flag or keep our integrity and withdraw?' If we accepted the flag, it was going to be tainted. The whole crew was completely demoralized for the better part of the day."

A resolution

Lee went before a jury of race officials that day. It found the instructions were vague and misidentified the lighthouse. The Genesis was penalized 10 minutes, which still left Lee's boat with an advantage in corrected time.

In a display of sportsmanship, Lee and Bent agreed to

cut the two flags in half and stitch the opposite pieces together. Thus, each boat will have half a first-place flag and half a second.

While that might mean half a victory in the race, it represents a full victory for Lee as a sailor and sportsman.

"I have garbage bags full of flags, so another flag is really not that important to me," he said. "Earning the respect of your competition is most important. If you get a flag without getting the respect of your competitors, you've won nothing.'

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Lion scholarships

The Canton Lions gave \$500 scholarships each to William Askew II and Sydney Liedel Sunday during the Canton Lions Football Picnic at Heritage Park.

Askew recently graduated from Plymouth High School, where he was on the varsity football and boys track and field teams. He is going to Central Michigan University, where he will continue his track career.

Liedel graduated this year from Canton High School, where she was a football cheerleader. She will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

Both Askew and Liedel were with the Canton Lions for five years.

Hole-in-one club

On July 21, Jeff Sternik, of Livonia, used a 7-iron to ace the 155-yard, No. 16 hole at the Reflections Golf Course at Garland Resort.

Sternik, accompanied by his son Tyler, along with Mike and Fred Alonzi. carded a 42 for nine holes.

Meteors hold golf outing

The Westland Meteors youth football and cheer program will stage a golf outing Sunday, Aug. 5 at Fellows Creek Golf Course, 2936 S. Lotz Road, Canton.

Check-in for the four-

person scramble begins at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$75 (includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner). Prizes include best team score, longest drive, closest-to-the-pin, 50-50 raffle and other raffle items.

For more information, call Meteors unit director Don Gibbs at (734) 740-0069; or e-mail unitdirector@westlandmeteors. com.

You can also call booster president Daniel McNea at (734) 781-5253 or e-mail dmnea@ymail.com.

Hawk golf outing

The Farmington Harrison High School Football Boosters Club will have its annual golf outing Sunday, Aug. 5, at Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon. The event will be a Texas

Scramble starting at 2 p.m. The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. A steak dinner will follow the golf outing.

A registration form is available at www.gohawks. org, or people may register by calling Dave Race at (248) 376-1535.

Farmington girls swim tryouts

The Farmington High School girls swim and dive team is looking for interested girls to join the team. There are no tryouts, and everyone will get a chance to compete.

Practice officially begins

Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Farmington High. For more information, contact coach Driska McCullough at (248) 561-2090.

GCHA signups

The Garden City Hockey Association will begin accepting walk-in registrations for the upcoming 2012-13 season from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 26, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 28 at the Garden City Civic Arena.

GCYBSA tryouts

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

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

The tryout schedule is as follows: July 28: 12-13U (4-6 p.m.), 14U (6:15-7:35 p.m.); Aug. 4: 9-10U (noon-2 p.m.), 11-12U (2:15-4:15 p.m.), 13-14U (4:30-6:30 p.m.); Aug. 11: 9-10U (noon-2 p.m.), 11U (2:15-3:35 p.m.); Aug. 25: 9-14U players will take part in a makeup session between 9 a.m. and noon. Times will be assigned.

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

RACE

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at Am General in Livonia. "It was a tempo-type effort, but that's what I was figuring I would do. "I really didn't want

to blister anything right now because I don't want to peak too early."

Matthews, a former

Detroit Free Press Half-Marathon winner who also represents Elite Feet in Brighton, was coming off a third-place finish in the highly competitive Brian Diemer Amerikam 5K race held in Cutlerville with a time of 17:35.

Matthews hopes to better her time of 59:54 from a year ago in the prestigious Crim, which placed

her 12th overall among females and second in her age group for the 10miler. "Obviously a lot

depends on the conditions," she said. "I like to be around 59 (minutes) or 58. I could be a minute off, but I feel pretty strong this year.'

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Moldovan nets title in Midwest Section

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Livonian Bianca Moldovan won all eight of her matches in straight sets to capture the Girls' 18 singles title at the USTA/ Midwest Section Open Championship held this week at Tipton Lakes Athletic Club in Columbus,

Ind. The 15-year-old, who will be a sophomore during the fall at Livonia Stevenson High, defeated Lauren Golick of Westlake, Ohio, in the finals, 6-2, 6-3, after ousting Elizabeth Zordani of Lake Forest Ill. in the semifinals, 6-4, 6-2.

On July 15, Moldovan played in her first pro event at the \$10,000 USTA Women's Hospital Classic in Evansville, Ind. where she got into the qualifying draw with no ranking and took two matches before 15-year-old Californian Meridith Xepoleas kept her out of the main draw

with a 6-2, 6-4 triumph. Earlier this month, the unseeded Moldovan reached the quarterfinals of the USONP Sectional Qualifying event in Mason, Ohio where she fell to eventual tournament runner-up and No. 2 seed Veronica Corning of Beverly, Mass., 6-1, 6-0.

It's been a highly productive summer for Moldovan, who was also coming off a first-place finish in the USTA/Midwest Section Level 1 Closed Junior Outdoor Championship last month in Indianapolis.

Moldovan, now 58-16 in singles during the 2012 calendar year, will get ready for the USTA Girls 16s National Hard Courts, which begin Aug. 16 in San Diego, Calif.

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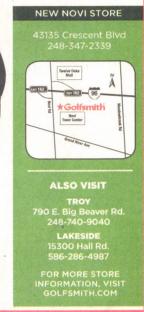
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State medalists at the Michigan Women's Golf Association State Championship at Timber Ridge Golf Club in East Lansing include (from left) Division 1 medalist Darci Stocker, D1 overall low net winner Donna Benford, D2 overall low net winner Pat Shelton of Farmington and D2 medalist Ruth Wilson.

Shelton among MWGA medalists

Farmington's Pat Shelton was Division 2 overall low net winner at the Michigan Women's Golf Association State Championship July 21-22 at Timber Ridge

Golf Club in East Lansing. Shelton was among 45 women participating. She finished with a two-day net score of 139 and was among four MWGA state medalists. The field was split into two divisions of two flights each. In D1, two positions were tied and winners were determined by scorecard matching.

Division 1 medalist and MWGA state champion with a 153 low gross total (75-78-153) was Darci Stocker of Flint. Linden's Donna Benford captured D1 overall low net honors

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with a 145. In D2, the lowgross medalist with a 94-90-184 was Ruth Wilson of Chandler, Arizona.

Other Observerland golfers included Canton's Lu Stockton (99-100-199) and Livonia's Kathy Brennan (106-96-202), both in D2.

In D1, flight one, Northville's Alicia Weber tallied an 80-78-158 score.

The MWGA is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, established to promote amateur golf competitions and educational clinics for Michigan female amateur golfers of all skill levels.



By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The old adage "It's tough to beat a team three times" did in the Michigan Bucks Sunday night in the Premier Development League's Central Conference championship.

The Bucks, the Great Lakes Division champions, were stopped by Forest City London, 2-1, in the final at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

After beating the fourthyear Ontario club twice during the regular season, the Bucks came out flat and dug themselves a twogoal hole before making a spirited comeback that just fell short in stoppage time after Nate Boyden's 25-yard drive was tipped away by London goalkeeper Reece Richardson (five saves).

The victory moves upstart London into the PDL's coveted Final Four next weekend at a site to be determined.

Forward Martin Lange, a native of Germany, figured in both London goals with the first coming in the 21st minute when he set up English native Jordan Ayris.

Lange then scored what proved to be the game-winner in the 67th minute on a close left-footed drive that Bucks goal-keeper Adam Grinwis (three saves) had no chance on.

"I think I have to give London the credit for that," said Bucks head coach Gary Parsons, whose team finished 17-3-2 overall. "They didn't give us a lot of time to play. We made a couple of adjustments late in the first half, and at halftime, which I think helped. They (London) were dominating the midfield in the first half and they were just playing a little sharper than we were.

London was simply controlling play throughout the first 65 minutes of action.

"Their one-touch passing was on the money and our one-touch passing was a little off," Parsons said. "We talked about SOCCER

that stuff at halftime and I thought we were able to climb ourselves back into the game in the second half from a standpoint of territory and getting chances. Then we made the blunder on the set piece. I told the guys at halftime that we weren't going to get shut out. I said, 'We just can't give away another one,' and we gave away another one before we had an opportunity to get a goal."

During the regular season, London lost to the Bucks by scores of 2-1 (on June 29) and 1-0 (on June 15).

"It's the first time we've gone to the Final Four, a lot of good omens and we're just looking forward to it," Painter said. "The first two games we played them were very good games – we certainly were not outplayed. Michigan's a great team. We made it a little nervous giving them that goal that got them back in the game."

That Bucks goal came from Tommy Catalano (Oakland University) during the 74th minute off a pass from Anthony Grant, who had subbed in for forward Stefan St. Louis in the 60th minute.

"Until that point we played fantastic, we executed really well," Painter said.

Meanwhile, Gary Parsons subbed in four players during the second half to try and re-energize his team, which was coming off a 1-0 semifinal victory Saturday night over the Real Colorado Foxes.

"We made a replacement in the back where Stewart (Givens) came off and Sebby (Harris) slid over to the right and Justin (Sass) came into the middle and that helped us a lot down that (right) flank," the Bucks coach said. "I thought Zach (Steinberger) did a good job in the middle and Anthony (Grant) gave us good energy up at the point as well. Stefan (St. Louis) had played the full 90 the night and gave us

60 tonight. The bench did a nice job when they came in. They regenerated us and gave us an opportunity to try and get the extra goals. We got one and couldn't quite get the other one."

The Bucks, trying for their four PDL Final Four since 1996, made a furious comeback, but London held on.

"We got that dreaded two-goal lead and sat back a little bit," Painter. "It was a great goal that they scored to get back in the game and once it becomes 2-1 they're sending a lot of guys forward. They have the momentum, they have the energy, so that helps them. It made it a little bit nervous for us, but we're just happy to survive."

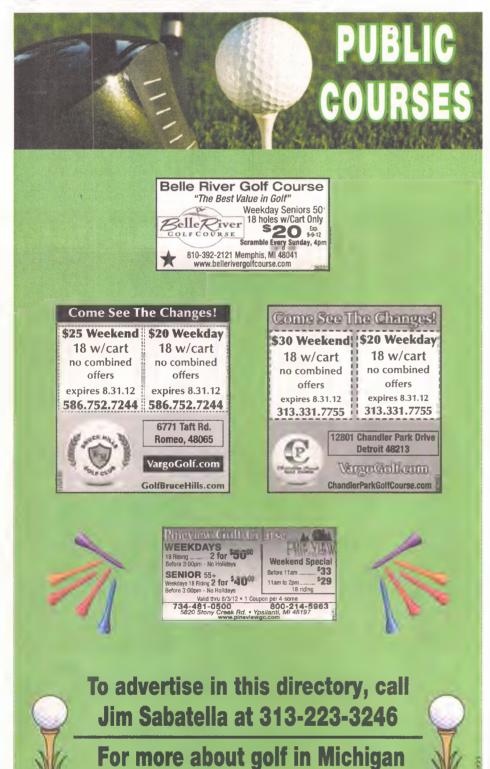
London also held dangerous Bucks midfielder Nermin Crnkic – who notched the game-winner the night before versus Colorado – in check.

"We were aware of Nermin and knew the type of player he is," said Painter, whose team ousted defending conference champion Thunder Bay (Ontario) Chill, 1-0, on Saturday. "He's a very skillful, fast player. Players like that we just try and take away time and space. We did that very effectively. We had one nice run, but we took away his time and space and I think he got a little frustrated. We knew we had to defend him well and not let him run on us with the

Meanwhile, Parsons knew Sunday's conference final would be the most daunting of all the matches his team would encounter this season.

"We play these guys all the time and I told my guys: 'This is going to be the hardest game we've had all year because it's very difficult to beat a team three times," he said. "They always play tough and they always play good defense. They always press. They're always a difficult team to beat."

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Blue Angels 1st

The eighth-grade Livonia Blue Angels capped off a successful summer season with a perfect 5-0 record at the American Youth Basketball Tournament held July 7-8 in Rochester. The Blue Angels finished the year at 31-4 including wins at the Pinckney March Madness tournament and the Big Cat Summer League. Members of the Blue Angels include (top row, from left): Tom Smulsky, Konlan Paul, coach Tim McGillivary, John Andoni, Logan Ryan; (front row, from left) Conor Starrs, Matt McGillivary, Michael Grisa, Troy Branton and Austin Petrie. (Not pictured is Jake Fanning and coach Pat Fanning.)



Couple talks about renewal at church workshop

The Rev. Kevin Harbin and his wife, Ellen, will speak at "God's People Unleashed: A Time of Renewal," 7 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, in Livonia.

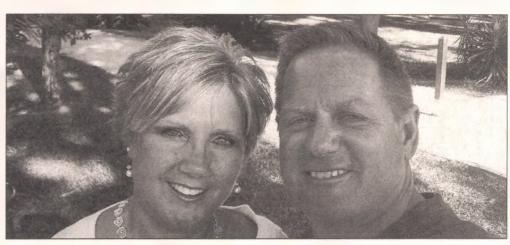
Ellen Harbin, a graduate of Bentley High School in Livonia, met her husband in 1986 at a Clarenceville United Methodist Church men's softball game. Two years later they were married.

Kevin was an account exec-

utive for WMUZ Radio at the time he felt called into the pastoral ministry. Five years later the couple left for seminary.

They'll hold a workshop, 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the church. Cost is \$10 and a free-will offering will be taken to cover the cost of lunch.

Registration is required for the workshop. Call (248) 474-3444 or e-mail the church at clarencevilleumc@att.net. The church is located at 20300 Middlebelt, near Middlebelt and Eight Mile.



Ellen and Kevin Harbin

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

JULY ACADEMY

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 30-31 and Aug. 1-2

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The Rev. Paul Stunkel will lead adult learning. The series is "Theology for the Fearless: Who is God? What do we mean by 'incarnation?' and Other Conversations"

Contact: (734) 422-1470

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 28
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing
Bank, 41920 Joy, between
Lilley and Haggerty,

Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 28

Location: Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Free food, bouncy houses, Westland Fire Truck, face painting, games, silent auction Contact: (734) 536-1210

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 27 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 28

Location: Timothy Luthe an Church, 8820 Wayne

Road, Livonia

Contact: timothylivonia@

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BLOKER, RAYMOND E.

1/19/192 ~ 7/14/2012 Born January 19, 1924 in Fremont OH, the only child of Raymond E and Helen Bloker (Nee Overmyer). He was married to the former Betty Kerns in June 1947, shortly after they both graduated from the Ohio State University. Employed as a financial analyst and accounting manager by the Ford Motor Company in Cleveland OH and Dearborn MI for 33 years, he retired from Ford in August 1981. The Blokers resided in Birmingham MI for 39 years, enjoying many winters in Naples FL, where they moved fulltime in 2003. In December 2011 they moved to Gainesville FL. Ray was a Veteran of World War II serving as a navigator of an 8th Air Force B-17 bomber and lew 30 bombing missions over Germany and occupied Europe from May to August 1944. Shot down in enemy territory and rescued, Ray was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart for his service in Europe. His favorite recreational pursuits were golf, following all sports activities of the Ohio State Buckeyes, and duplicate bridge where he had attained the ranking of Bronze Life Master. Ray is survived by his loving wife Betty, daughters Sherry Bloker of Chico, CA and Sue Kelman (Mark) of Micanopy, FL, son Raymond E Bloker III (Judy) of Los Gatos CA and grandsons Brett Kelman (Guam), David Friedlander (Chico, CA) and granddaughter Lane Kelman (Micanopy, FL). Graveside Services and Military Honors will be held on Friday, July 27th, 2012 at 11:30am at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. Services

Meadows Funeral Home, 725 NW 23rd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32609 (352) 378-2528. Please sign his guestbook at:



EDDINGTON -CULBERTSON JANET L.

Of Dexter, formerly of Plymouth, passed away on July 17, 2012 at the age of 71. She was born in Plymouth September 16, 1940 to the late Charles and Icle Woodard. Janet grew up in Plymouth and attended Plymouth High School. She would later marry Jack Culbertson in Hawaii and remain married to him for the next 31 years. In 1988 they would move to Dexter. Janet is the dear mother of Sheila (Lynn) DeCair, Thomas Eddington, Greg Eddington, Cheryl (Jerry) DeVola, Alexander (Michelle) Eddington, Mark (Kathy) Culbertson and Kathleen Culbertson. She was the proud grandmother of 16 and is also survived by 8 brothers and sisters. Janet loved to travel all over the country. However, her favorite destination was Hawaii, which she visited several times. A funer-al service was held Saturday, July 21, 2012, from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St, Plymouth. Burial took place at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorials may be Plymouth. Memoriais may be made to the Arbor Hospice Foundation 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-8944 or to the family of Janet L. Eddington-Culbertson.

Share memories at: Schrader-Howell.com

GREENE, DONNA M.

Age 62, of Farmington Hills, passed July 22, 2012. Arrangements: THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



KOS, RAYMOND

Age 82, of Howell, MI passed away on July 22, 2012. He was born August 31, 1929 in Cutchogue, Long Island, New York to Mikolaj and Albina (Rusak) Kos. He is survived by his two daughters, Tamara (Ash) Elassal of Springfield, VA and Carolyn (Jason) Cooper of Oceanside, CA. Loving grandfather of Bethany, Zackary, Alexander, Timothy, Haley, Mariam, Madelyn and siblings Casmir, Jeanette and Chris. He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Lynn (Ashby), his siblings; Stella, Chuck, Louise, Adam, Francis, Edmond and loving granddaughter Sophia. The family will gather with

The family will gather with friends Thursday, July 26, 2012 from 11-1 PM, with a Healing Farewell Service at 1 PM at Borek Jennings Lamb Chapel in Howell. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Wounded Warriors. Please leave a message of comfort to Raymond's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guestbook at: www.borekjennings.com

May peace be

with you in this

time of sorrow.

PECKENPAUGH, DONALD HUGH 1928 – 2012

Donald Hugh Peckenpaugh, former Superintendent of the Birmingham, MI public schools, passed away on Monday May 14, 2012 at the age of 83. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Mary Frances "Marifran" Peckenpaugh, and two daughters, Ann Peckenpaugh Becker (David) and Eve Peckenpaugh. He also leaves two grandchildren, Jeremy Martin Becker and Steven Joseph Becker. He was predeceased by his father, George Martin Peckenpaugh, his mother, Thelma Anderson Peckenpaugh, and his brother, The Reverend Howard Dudley Peckenpaugh. He was born in East Chicago Indiana on August 11, 1928. He received his three degrees from the University of Chicago:

in 1968. Don was Superintendent of the Birmingham public schools from 1972 to 1978. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 1 at Smith Crossing Senior Living, 10501 Emilie Lane, Orland Park, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made in his memory to the Morton Arboretum (www.mortonarb.org or 630-968-0074).

Bachelors degree in 1948,

Masters in 1954, and Doctorate

PENROD,

Age 27, of Westland, July 21, 2012. Beloved son of Lynne. Loving brother of Nicole (Manuel) Ruiz, Kenneth, Valerie and Ronald Penrod and James, Farrah, Steven and Brandon Hjeltness. He is also survived by his girlfriend Jessica Wagg. He was preceded in death by his father James and his sister Breanna Hjeltness. Funeral service is Saturday, 1:00 PM, at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Thursday, 6:00-8:00 PM & Friday, 12:00-8:00 PM. www.michiganmemorial funeralhome.com

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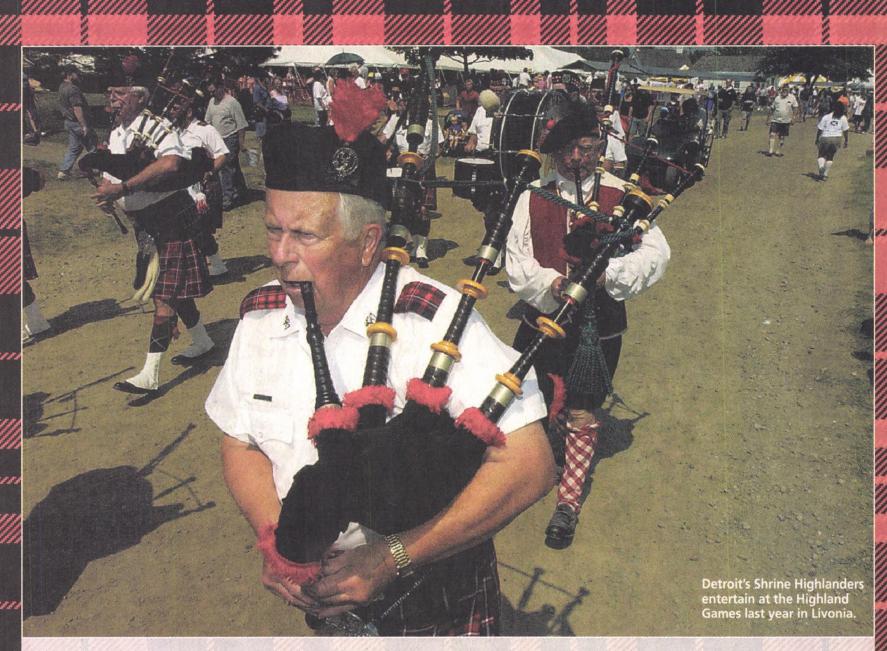
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ENTERTAINMENT



Family-friendly Highland Games bring Scotland to Livonia

The 163rd Highland Games returns Friday-Saturday, Aug. 3-4, to Greenmead in Livonia, bringing with it a few changes in the popular "Wee Bairns" children's area.

"We have a nice 'golf' area this year since Scotland is where golf began," wrote Patty McKinnon, in an e-mail to the Observer. "We are also going to have some history plaques posted around the area to help educate and inform a wee bit more about our Scottish heritage."

Youngsters will get a chance to learn about St. Andrew's and Rampant Lion flags at this year's Wee Bairns. Favorite activities, such as the sack races, small caber toss, and the Wee Bairns Clan Parade will return, along with live "animals of Scotland.

"Probably our No. 1 attraction would be Nessie the Loch Ness monster paying a visit throughout the day," McKinnon wrote. "Two favorite areas are the catapult and the coloring of the shields. Also the tattoo tent and the storyteller are popular. Every child leaves with some type of goodie including a Nessie pin to remember their

fun day with us." The children's area will be



The Kreelers are among the bands that will perform at the Highland Games in Livonia.

open 9.-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, July 4.

Getting started Grown-ups will kick off the games on Friday, Aug. 3, with the annual Ceilidh or pre-games party. The event will run from 5-11 p.m. and will feature entertainment by Carl Peterson, Prydein,

The Kreelers and Mudmen, as well as food and beverages. Tickets are \$15 in advance only. Children under 5 are admitted free. Tickets are available through Etix.com.

Admission to the games, sponsored by the St. Andrew Society of Detroit, is \$10 in advance and \$15 on Saturday, Aug. 4. Children under 12 are admitted free. The activities schedule

 Amateur athletics, starting with weight throw at 9:15 a.m. and continuing throughout the morning with weight stone put and other contests.

 Piping and drumming competition will begin at 9 a.m. Hear massed bands perform during Welcoming Ceremonies at noon. Youngsters compete in the afternoon and a "Pipe Down" closes the Highland Games at 6:45 p.m.

· Highland dance competition starts at 9 a.m., with dancing scheduled throughout the day.

 Pro athletes take to the field at 12:15 for hammer throw. The action continues throughout the afternoon with caber toss, and weight throw.

· Border collies will demonstrate duck and sheep herding at

• Visitors can sign up to hurl a haggis at 3:15 p.m.

The event also will include living history presentations, a tugof-war, a genealogy tent and vendors with Scottish items for sale. Scottish food and drink also will be available.

For more on the Highland Games, visit www.highlandgames.com.

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Details: "Fire and Ice" exhibit features photos by Royal (Roy) Severs. Severs was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2001. His now-limited mobility, however, has not put a damper on his love for photography. He often uses a vehicle to get him to his subjects, whether on land or water

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www.dia.org **PLYMOUTH COMMU-NITY ARTS COUNCIL**

Time/Date: Exhibit runs through July

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: "Behind the Lens 6" includes more than 100 photos taken by Pioneer Middle School 8th graders during a trip to New York City

Contact: (734) 416-4267 **VILLAGE THEATER**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through July

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: Photos by Bruce Giffin, former staff photographer at "Detroit Metro

Contact: (734) 394-5300

Comedy

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays,



Jill Jack performs Aug. 8 at the Detroit Zoo's summer concert series.

Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

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Details: Mike Dambra, through July 21; Dwayne Gill, July 25-28

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MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Andy Woodhull, July 26-28; Shen Wang, Aug.

KT Tatara, Aug. 23-25 Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

Dance

FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

Time/Date: 7:30-10:30 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments

Contact: Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

MOON DUSTERS

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for quests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

Film

COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Gates open at 7:30 and movies start at dusk; open nightly through Sept. 2 Location: 14900 Beck, Plymouth

Details: Listen to the film through a battery-operated FM radio or your car radio.

for ages 4-12 and free for age 3 and under. Students with ID pay \$7 Sunday-Thursday

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PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 27-28 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 29

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," \$3

Coming up: "The Avengers," 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5; "Men in Black 3," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12

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Breakfast-To-Go Grape **Smoothie**

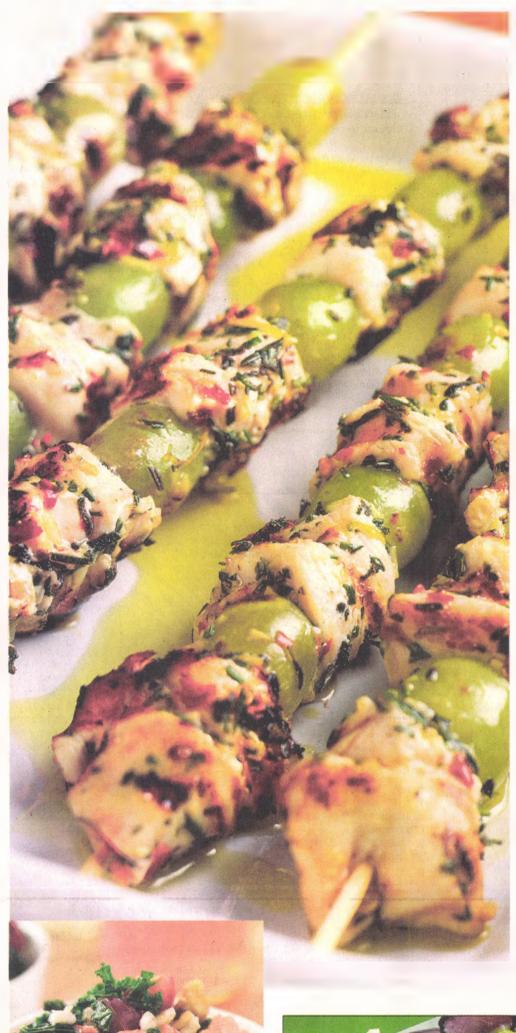
Jump-start your day with this easy all-in one drink. Makes 2 1/3 cups

- 1 1/2 cups frozen California grapes
- 1 banana, sliced
- 1/2 cup vanilla or honey lowfat Greek yogurt ½ cup grape juice
- 1/4 cup wheat flake cereal
- Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend for 1 minute. Serve immediately.



SEEING IS BELIEVING

Research from Fordham University, funded by the California Table Grape Commission, suggests that grapes may reduce the risk of blindness related to age-related macular degeneration. In laboratory studies, grapes offered significantly more retinal protection than the much-touted lutein, and prevented blindness.



Grape and Salmon Power Salad Fresh grapes are just one of the "super" foods in this hearty and heart-healthy salad.

Makes 6 servings

3/4 cup pearled barley

3 cups firmly packed kale leaves, torn and sliced into rib-

1 cup halved, red or black seedless California grapes 8 ounces cold, cooked salmon, skin and bones removed 1/2 cup walnuts, lightly toasted, coarsely chopped

1/4 cup fresh squeezed lemon juice

1 clove garlic, mashed

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Pinch cayenne pepper 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

Cook barley according to package directions, or in plenty of lightly salted boiling water for about 35 to 45 minutes until it is plump and tender, and still slightly chewy. Drain and cool.

Tenderize kale by blanching it in boiling water for 2 to 3 seconds or cooking in the microwave for 1 minute. Rinse in cold water to stop cooking, and squeeze dry. Fluff and uncrimp dry kale pieces with your fingers.

In a medium bowl, mix together barley, kale, grapes, salmon and walnuts.

To prepare dressing: In small bowl, whisk together lemon juice, garlic, salt, pepper and cayenne. Gradually mix in olive oil.

Pour onto salad and fold gently to combine. Serve immediately or refrigerate.

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These quick-to-fix skewers can also serve as appetizers. Makes 4 entrée servings

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil 2 cloves garlic, fresh minced

1/2 teaspoon red chili flakes, crushed

1 tablespoon oregano, fresh minced 1 tablespoon rosemary, fresh minced

1 teaspoon lemon zest 1 pound chicken breast, boneless and skin-

1 ¾ cups California green seedless grapes, picked from stem and rinsed

1/2 teaspoon salt 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon lemon juice, fresh In small bowl combine olive oil, garlic, chili flakes, oregano, rosemary and lemon zest. Whisk

together marinade. Cut chicken into 3/4-inch cubes. Alternate chicken and grapes and thread onto 12 skewers.

Place skewers into a baking dish or pan large enough to hold them. Pour marinade over skewers, coating each one. Marinate for 4 to 24 hours.

Remove skewers from marinade and let excess oil drip off. Season with salt.

Grill until chicken is cooked through, about 3 to 5 minutes on each side.

Arrange on serving platter and drizzle with additional olive oil and lemon juice.

Frozen Grape and **Banana Skewers** with Chocolate Drizzle

These delightful frozen treats are healthy, too. Makes 4 servings

2 firm ripe bananas 2 tablespoons orange juice 1/2 cup red grapes (about 16) 1/2 cup green grapes (about

8 10-inch wooden skewers 1 1/2 ounces dark chocolate (60 to 70 percent cocoa solids), finely chopped

Line a baking sheet with wax paper. Cut the banana into 1/2inch-thick rounds. Place in small bowl and toss gently with the orange juice.

Skewer fruit, alternating two grapes for each piece of banana, and place fruit skewers onto lined tray.

Place chocolate in small microwave safe bowl. Microwave for 1 minute. then stir well, and microwave another 10 seconds if necessary to melt chocolate.

Using a spoon, drizzle melted chocolate onto fruit skew-

Place the tray in the freezer for at least 2 hours. Once frozen, skewers may be transferred to a sealable plastic bag where they will keep in the freezer for up to a week. Allow to soften at room temperature for 5 minutes before eating.

Courtesy of Family

Features

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Tips on buying and financing your first home

For many younger Americans, the dream of owning their first home is alive and well. But for others, it's still an elusive

Only five years ago, it was relatively easy to finance a home, but the Great Recession and the mortgage market's meltdown have made it difficult for many people to qualify for home loans. The shifting state of home values and prices has complicated matters. In some markets, values have plunged by more than 40 percent. While that has created once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for younger people to enter the real estate market, others have taken a more cautious approach, waiting to see if prices continue to fall.

Whether you're ready now or will be down the road, buying your first home takes preparation. Here are some tips from FindLaw.com, the nation's leading website for free legal information, on how to get started.

 Save aggressively for your down payment. Many firsttime homebuyers seek a mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Association, which insures loans made by lenders for qualifying homebuyers. The program allows buyers to put down as little as 3.5 percent of a home's cost. However, if the home you want to buy doesn't qualify for the program, you'll need to obtain a conventional loan, which will require you to put down anywhere from 10 to 20 percent of the purchase price as a down payment to qualify for a mortgage.

• Get your finances in order. Lenders are now taking a closer look at debt-to-income ratio (percentage of monthly income that goes toward debt payments) and housing-to-income ratio (percentage of monthly income that goes toward hous-



ing payments). In general, responsible lenders follow the 28/36 percent rule — no more than 28 percent of your monthly income should go to housing costs, and no more than 36 percent of your monthly income should go to debt (including auto loans, credit cards and other loans).

 Clean up your credit report. Your credit score is critical to a mortgage application. The higher your score, the more likely you can qualify for a mortgage and obtain favorable terms (a lower down payment and lower monthly payments). By law, vou can request one free credit report per year through one of the three major credit bureaus, Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. You should request your report to review your score and correct any mistakes well before you apply for

a mortgage.

 Don't apply for credit. Keep in mind that a mortgage lender is determining your ability to pay back a mortgage up until the minute you sign the mortgage papers. In general, it's not a good idea to take on more debt such as an auto loan or a new credit card within a year of buying a home.

• First-year expenses. Firsttime homebuyers can be so focused on trying to put together a down payment that they sometimes forget about the expenses that go into setting up a household. You should consider putting away an additional \$5,000 to \$10,000 for expenses such as a lawnmower, furniture and basic decorating, and for potential repairs involving your furnace, air conditioning, water heater and other appliances.

· Shop around. It's impor-

tant to shop around to get the best home possible for your dollar. And likewise, it's critical to shop around for a mortgage, too. Get at least three to four proposals from different mortgage lenders before deciding on the best offer.

 Don't expect your dream home. Many first-time homebuyers purchase what's called a "starter" home or a "fixerupper." While these are often relatively small and need some repairs, they're also an opportunity to enter the real estate market and build sweat equity. To spot a starter home, look for one that needs some love and attention in a neighborhood with houses that are wellmaintained or being remodeled.

• Hire an attorney. If you purchase a home directly from the seller without the assistance of a real estate agent, an experienced real estate attorney can help you write up a purchase agreement, according to FindLaw.com. Some sellers may be interested in this option, because it can save them thousands of dollars in commission fees. A real estate attorney also can counsel you on dealing with legal problems that can arise during the process of buying a home, such as during the title search.

 Home inspection. Even if you've come across the deal of a lifetime, never buy a house without a home inspection. An inspection will alert you to potential problems that may not be obvious to a person buying his or her first home. It also may be useful if you need to sue the seller for concealing problems with the home.

To learn more about how to buy your first home, visit www. FindLaw.com.

-- Courtesy of ARA

Father could trouble lender

By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Q: My father financed the purchase of land with a lender who has had him sign a promissory note, secured by a standard deed of trust and also by a deed in lieu of foreclosure, which granted the lender title to the property on default in order to avoid foreclosure of the deed of trust. My father has defaulted and now the lender has recorded the deed in lieu without commencing foreclosure. Do you think he has an argument?

A: It appears that this is, obviously, in a state



Robert Meisner

gan, but in a similar case out of Maryland, it was held that the "centuries-old

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principle" against

clogging the equity of redemption meant that a deed in lieu of foreclosure given at the time of loan origination that had the effect of denying the mortgagor (your dad) the right to redeem the property was not a valid transfer of property. This principle still has the support of most states, including Michigan, as well as the Restatement of Property: Mortgages. The rule is designed to prevent the loss of property by forfeiture by an impecunious mortgagor. Since the mortgagor's equity of redemption is "inseparably connected with the mortgage," it cannot be waived or abandoned by any stipulation of the parties made at the time of the loan transaction, even if it is embodied in the mortgage.

Q: I hear Singapore is a good place to live in a condominium and/or invest. What do you know?

A: Singapore is clean and rigid. Do not bring tobacco and liquor into the country or you will be fined greater than the cost of the item. Real estate is expensive. Office space near the main shopping area, Orchard Road, goes for \$6,000 (or more) a square foot for purchase. Residential real estate continues to appreciate at pre-2008 U.S. gold coast levels.

The cost of a condominium in the city for a one bedroom might cost between \$400,000 and \$1 million. Cars are discouraged, but there is very little crime and no observable police on the street, but plain-clothes police and cameras are everywhere. Singapore is a beautiful and cosmopolitan melting pot of a country with a shopping mall practically on every cor-

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 9-13, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

CANTON	
7357 Emerson	Dr

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7357 Emerson Dr	\$185,000
1330 Hampshire Dr	\$95,000
42044 Hunters Rdg	\$268,000
50094 Jackson Ln	\$230,000
1730 Marlowe St	\$110,000
7922 N Lilley Rd	\$53,000
172 Queen Anne Dr	\$255,000
121 Queens Way	\$150,000
45862 S Stonewood Rd	\$125,000
46069 Saltz Rd	\$70,000
42524 Saratoga Rd	\$51,000
39746 Scottsdale Dr	\$75,000
44070 Southampton Dr	\$142,000
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2283 Town Center R	d \$330,000
2928 Wakefield Dr	\$236,000
1729 Wentworth Dr	\$162,000
2500 Woodmont Dr	W \$146,000
6745 Woonsocket St	\$188,000
GARDEN CITY	
1115 Deering St	\$70,000
29047 Elmwood St	\$23,000
3 0237 Leona St	\$65,000
31334 Sheridan St	\$30,000
33226 Sheridan St	\$92,000
LIVONIA	
35574 Ann Arbor Trl	\$168,000
14254 Berwick St	\$76,000
19089 Boulder Dr	\$309,000
28679 Buckingham 9	st \$93,000
18450 Fremont St	\$75,000

9043 Gillman St

15617 Hidden Ln

32711 Hees St

18404 Irving St 8904 Linville St

31173 Lyndon St	\$95,000
19177 Meadowridge D	r \$77,000
19824 Milburn St	\$90,000
20220 Osmus St	\$155,000
19249 Parkville St	\$120,000
36301 St Andrews Dr	\$268,000
15750 Sussex St	\$137,000
14693 Taylor Blvd	\$163,000
28839 W Chicago St	\$103,000
29044 Westfield St	\$90,000
31661 Wyoming St	\$119,000
NORTHVILLE	4115,000
47016 Curtis Rd	\$195,000
39660 Dun Rovin Dr	\$242,000
39795 Dun Rovin Dr	\$345,000
255 West St	\$76,000
16883 Yellowstone Dr	\$455,000
PLYMOUTH	4,
624 Arthur St	\$190,000
265 Blunk St	\$275,000
41415 Crabtree Ln	\$176,000
TITIS CIGOLICE LII	#170,000

12560 Lighthouse Ct	\$379,000
15100 Plymouth Xing	\$253,000
49481 Pointe Xing	\$104,000
973 Ross St	\$169,000
REDFORD	
14095 Breakfast Dr	\$138,000
14186 Breakfast Dr	\$139,000
19149 Kinloch	\$45,000
16825 Norborne	\$35,000
WESTLAND	
2567 Barns Dr	\$168,000
8332 Denne St	\$83,000
2009 Eastport St	\$73,000
2112 Elbridge Ct	\$19,000
31238 Geraldine St	\$60,000
34616 Glenwood Rd	\$13,000
7459 Hartel St	\$84,000
36110 Hazelwood St	\$26,000
5161 Julius Blvd	\$28,000
33177 Lancashire St	\$90,000
35499 Pheasant Ln	\$64,000
7622 Woodview St	\$32,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

649 Herald St

\$101,000

\$246,000

\$45,000 \$145,000

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 26-30, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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31133 Downing Pl	\$300,000
16007 Elizabeth St	\$121,000
16180 Elizabeth St	\$110,000
	\$152,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1869 Birmingham Blvd	\$317,000

1656 Humphrey Ave \$105,000

327 Southfield Rd	\$117,000
505 W Brown St	\$400,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1854 Lone Pine Rd	\$175,000
120 Canterbury Rd	\$610,000
102 Endicott Rd	\$650,000
4228 Wabeek Lake Dr	
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSH	HP .
7370 Sandy Creek Ln	\$417,000
1680 Standish Ct	\$650,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHI	P
4840 Greenview Ct	\$214,000
441 Low Bank Ct	\$270,000
5881 Turnberry Dr	\$400,000
FARMINGTON	
21042 Laurelwood St	\$80,000

25501 Branchaster Rd \$185,000

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29704 Canterbury Ct 31247 Oak Valley Dr 20801 Randall St 30478 Scotshire Ct FRANKLIN 32660 Colony Hill Dr MILFORD	\$192,000 \$217,000 \$62,000 \$147,000 \$294,000	51224 Luke Ln 27847 Middleton Dr 27880 Middleton Dr 27884 Middleton Dr 27912 Middleton Dr 44660 Midway Dr SOUTH LYON	\$209,000 \$154,000 \$149,000 \$150,000 \$155,000 \$217,000
964 Abbey Ln 1156 Hillside Dr 3130 Katie Ln	\$164,000 \$120,000 \$30,000	25106 Carriage Ln 22726 Spyglass SOUTHFIELD	\$40,000 \$314,000
2605 King Ranch Dr 215 Milford Meadows NOVI	\$207,000 Dr \$280,000	21422 Avon Ln 21979 Duns Scotus St 29880 Fairfax St	\$12,000 \$65,000 \$19,000
30740 Ardmore Ct 50616 Billenca Dr 50769 Calvert Isle Dr 50805 Calvert Isle Dr 39458 Country Ln	\$50,000 \$544,000 \$499,000 \$534,000 \$74,000	24632 Harden Ave 19071 Jeanette St 24661 Lathrup Blvd 28287 Red Leaf Ln WHITE LAKE	\$75,000 \$29,000 \$36,000 \$40,000
25972 Island Lake Dr	\$430,000	9464 Marina Dr	\$50,000

\$170,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

of his own for 25 years; specifically, an

Weichert, Realtors-Cass Realty expands to Novi

Broker/Owner Ron LaCasse of Weichert, Realtors-Cass Realty in Dearborn has announced the company's expansion to



Novi. LaCasse has named Steven Barnes, "a top-notch manager," to take the reins at the second office, located at 42020 Grand River Avenue, Suite A, Novi. Barnes will direct all activities, beginning with an agent recruiting roll-out to serve the high-end market just 20 miles north-

west of Dearborn headquarters. He can be reached at (248) 412-4040.

Barnes is no stranger to management or to Novi. He owned and ran a business investment company that bought, renovated and resold properties in Detroit. He has been licensed in real estate for 38 years, as a broker for 36 of those. A resident of the city since 1974, he has been "cognizant of the growth and quality of the area which boasts a premier school system, among other things," he said. Following the investment company stint and prior to joining LaCasse, Barnes returned to the suburbs and to sales with an independent agency. He and LaCasse worked together previously and have been friends for some 15 years. Barnes called the move to the Novi Weichert post, "a good match and a great opportunity."

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GARDEN CITY - Moving 30236 Florence, Garden City Everything must go! Tools sehold, pool table. Cheap Sat/Sun., 9am-4pm 248-987-2942

LIVONIA Granny's Household ale - July 26-28, 9am-6pm 31509 Pembroke, Merriman between 7 & 8 Mile.

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July 27-29th @13956 Sunse St., Livonia corner of Sunset & home attire & more! \$2 & up LIVONIA: Estate/Moving Sale July 27 & 28, 9-4. Bedroon set, buffet, baby crib, house

misc. 15344 Bainbridge. E. of Merriman, N. of 5. LIVONIA: Huge Moving Sale 7/26-7/28, 9-5pm. 37057 Weymouth, S of 7 Mile, E of Newburgh, Furniture, tools collectibles,

pong table, art, lamps & toys MILFORD HUGE GARAGE SALE - Household, Electronics Toys, Clothes, much more 3075 Sands Ct, off Commerce and Hickory Ridge. Thurs, Fri Sat., July 27-29, 9am-6pm.

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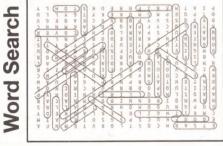
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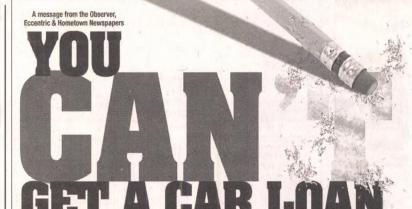
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