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Dems narrowly edge GOP in voter turnout

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Democratic voters turned out in slightly higher numbers than Republicans in Tuesday's primary in Canton, as both political parties now shift their campaigns to the general election.

Local candidates from both parties have acknowledged Canton has trended toward Democrats amid changing demographics and an increasingly diverse population. They say the Nov. 8 election could show the magnitude of the shift — or the lack of it — in a one-time Republican stronghold.

Democratic voters accounted for 45.9 percent of Canton votes in Tuesday's primary, while Republicans cast 43.3 percent of the ballots. In what could surprise some, non-partisan ballots amounted to 10.7 percent.

Democrats cast 4,605 ballots compared to the Republicans' 4,342, unofficial vote totals showed.

Susan Demas, editor and publisher of Inside Michigan Politics, cautioned against drawing conclusions from Tuesday's results. Only 15.3 percent of Canton's 65,176 regis-

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Obrec, Siegrist will face off in clerk's race

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Staff Writer

After clinching victory in Tuesday's primary, Canton Republican Linda Obrec vowed to make community safety, inclusion and top-tier public service her priorities as she faces Democrat Michael Siegrist in the Nov. 8 general election for township clerk.

"I'm just going to reach out to as many residents as I can touch so we can connect and they can meet me and make an informed decision," Obrec said Tuesday night.

Obrec, a businesswoman and com-



Obrec

munity volunteer, won handily in the only contested race among Canton Township Board of Trustees candidates. She defeated GOP rival Thomas Lutkenhoff, a retired fire captain, by capturing 63.5 percent of the vote to his 36.2 percent, unofficial vote totals showed.

In raw numbers, Obrec garnered 2,455 votes to Lutkenhoff's 1,400. Only 15.3 percent of Canton's 65,176 regis-

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KELLY DOBSON

Khadija Hussaini of Canton was writing out names in Arabic.



KELLY DOBSON

Sana Soubani and son Ammar Nusiek, 8, show off their support for the Canton community and the goal to end hate and intolerance.



KELLY DOBSON

Emily Wang, originally from Taiwan, now living in Canton, providing her artistic henna designs during the rally.

Pobur, Noble survive in race for state House

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Democrat Colleen Pobur and Republican Jeff Noble made it to the finals Tuesday in the battle to replace a term-limited state representative in representing the Plymouth-Northville area.

Pobur, a Plymouth City Commission member, and Noble, a Plymouth Township resident and a pastor at Praise Baptist Church, won their respective primaries Tuesday in the Michigan House of Representatives 20th District race. Each hopes to succeed Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, who is term-limited in the House and won the Republican nomination for Plymouth Township supervisor.

Pobur bested attorney John Sullivan, a former Wayne County commissioner, 2,937 votes to 1,376, in the Democratic primary, while Noble won 3,317 votes on the Republican side, outpolling Chris Roosen, who won 3,201 votes, and Jeffrey Neilson, who won 1,834.

The 20th District is made up of Plymouth, Plymouth and Northville townships, a portion of eastern Canton Township and the Wayne County portion of the city of Northville. The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Pobur credited teamwork by her supporters for the win.

"I'm feeling great. It was a significant team effort," Pobur said.

Her conversations with voters showed that education, state infrastructure and what state government is doing with tax dollars are the primary issues for voters in the district, Pobur said. "Those are the issues I'm talking to people about," she said.

Noble said he had met "a lot of wonderful people" on the campaign trail and is looking forward to November.

"We knocked on a lot of doors," he said. "Had a lot of conversations on front porches that just really gave me a good feel for what's going on in our community."

Both Noble and Pobur said they were optimistic about their chances in the November election.

"I think we have a real good shot,"



Pobur



Noble

A message of unity



KELLY DOBSON

Olivia Sun, 3½, of Northville gets a little help from her father signing the banner.

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Mesha Bell of Canton brought her four children — 16, 15, 12 and 8 — to an event to encourage community unity and tolerance. Bell, who is black, agreed meeting police officers and others at such events helps.

"It gives us a chance to meet some of the local officers on a more personal level," she said Tuesday evening at the Not In Our Town and National Night Out event at Heritage Park in Canton.

Bell and her family have felt welcome. "I just like how they do community stuff here. There's a lot of free stuff for the kids," she said, adding of

Plymouth-Canton schools, "The teachers and staff at my daughter's school have been great."

She relocated in junior high age from Detroit to Westland and, as a young adult, left for Lansing "and came back to be closer to my fam-

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Salvation Army leads back-to-school supply drive

As some students face going back to school without the supplies they need, The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps is making a difference with a school supply drive through Aug. 29 in partnership with the Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren school districts, local churches, service clubs and private donors.

The drive is intended to collect new school supplies and backpacks for K-12 students and classroom supplies for teachers and administrative staff in Plymouth, Canton, Belleville and Northville.

Donations will be accepted at The Salvation Army of Plymouth, 9451 S. Main St., during business hours Monday through Friday. Contributions can also be delivered to the Plymouth Public Library, Canton Public Library, the Belleville Chamber of Com-

merce Office and Belleville City Hall. Families residing in Plymouth, Canton, Belleville and Northville, who are in need of school supplies, are encouraged to call The Salvation Army starting Aug. 8 to make an appointment for the program registration.

School supplies will be distributed Wednesday, Aug. 31, to pre-registered families, with all remaining school supplies delivered to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and Van Buren Public Schools for distribution.

For more information, go to www.misalplymouth.org or The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps on Facebook.

Man struck by car in critical condition

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Staff Writer

A 25-year-old Ann Arbor man was in critical condition after police say he was struck by a car while walking in the westbound lanes of Michigan Avenue at Haggerty Road.

It appears the man had consumed alcohol

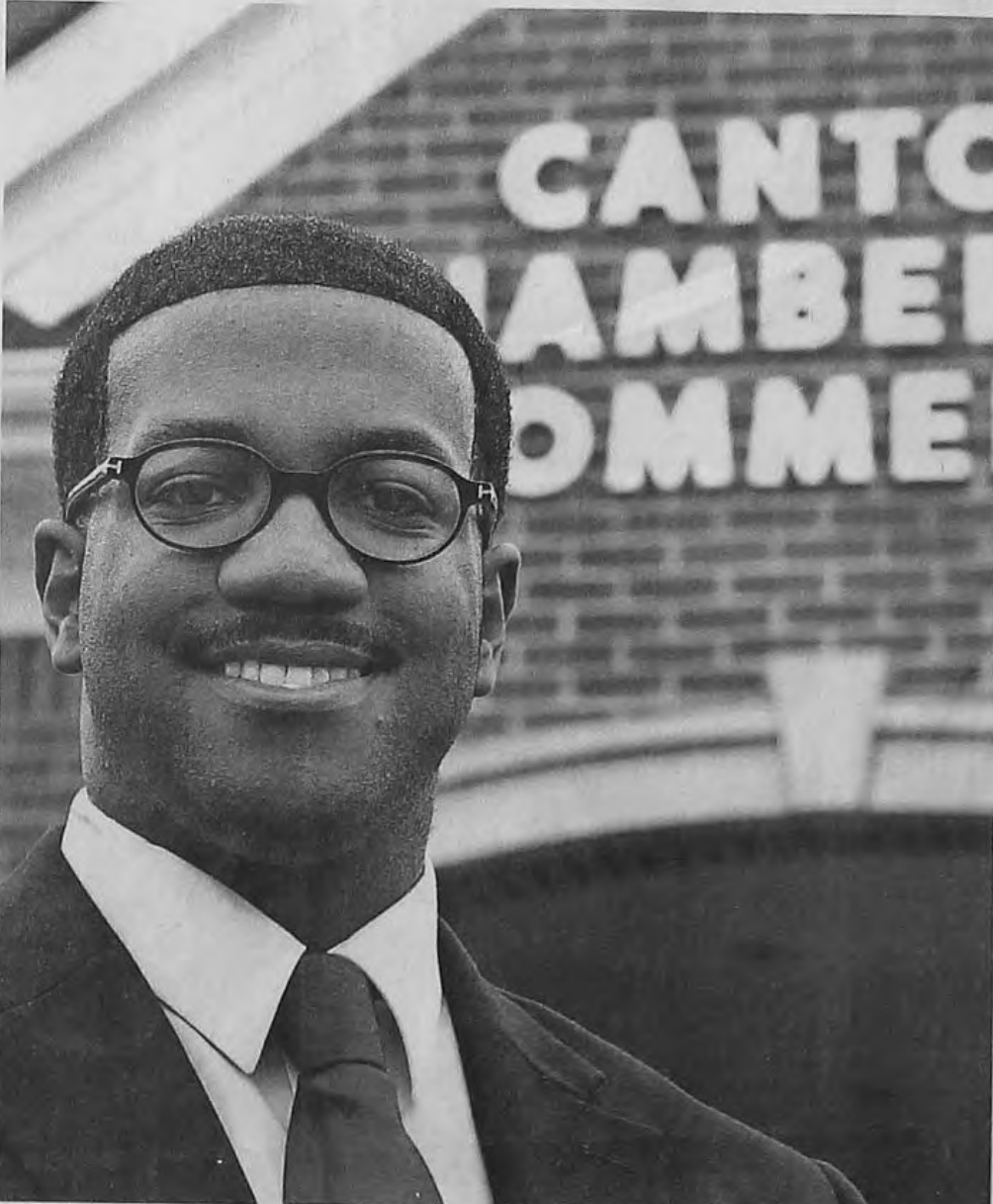
before the incident unfolded about 11:45 p.m. Tuesday, closing the area to traffic for just over four hours, police Sgt. Matthew Jenkinson said. "It looks like the pedestrian was the one at fault," he said, adding later, "It looks like it was just a matter of him walking out in front of the vehicle."

Several witnesses told police they saw the man walking in the roadway before he was struck. Jenkinson said one witness indicated the man had gotten out of a car on Haggerty, near Michigan, prior to the accident. "We don't know where he had been," Jenkinson said. The man remained in

critical condition. "Hopefully, he's going to recover," Jenkinson said. No other details were immediately available. "It's still under investigation," Jenkinson said.

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Canton chamber announces golf outing



Thomas Paden is president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

FILE PHOTO

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing is set for Sept. 15 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

It's open to the public and various packages are available for purchase. All golf packages include beverages on the course, steak dinner and prizes. Individual golf is \$150 or the dinner alone is \$35. Sponsorships are available.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's Golf Classic brings together more than 150 golfers and volunteers. It's an outing for everyone from the serious golfer to someone who has never golfed.

"Our golf outing offers a great opportunity to reward employees and network with clients, all while promoting your business," chamber President Thomas Paden said.

Tee and green sponsorships are available and affordable. If interested call 734-453-4040 or go to www.cantonchamber.com.

Major Sponsors of this event are Jack Demmer Ford, Inc., and Lou LaRiche Chevrolet.

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Noble said. "It's not a cakewalk, obviously, but we're going to listen to the people."

Pobur said that the 20th District has the highest percentage of

independent voters among Michigan's 110 House districts and that her chances of winning many of them over are good. "I'm going to continue the hard work I started in the primary," she said.

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tered voters cast ballots in the primary.

Lutkenhoff said he congratulates Obrec and plans to support her and other Republicans in November.

"The people have spoken and I sure will (support Obrec)," he said, pledging to "stay supportive of the Republican Party."

Both candidates made

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their first bid for public office, but it was Obrec who became the GOP nominee to replace township Clerk Terry Bennett, who is stepping down after 21 years in office. Obrec now faces Siegrist, a Plymouth-Canton school board member, who was unopposed in Tuesday's primary and

received 3,681 votes.

Obrec started her own strategic marketing company, Front Line Resources, Inc., which she put on hold partly to help care for aging parents. She also has worked for the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce and is a longtime community volunteer.

Obrec said she waged a campaign based on her qualifications, but lauded Lutkenhoff.

"I totally respect Tom and I am very grateful for his service to the community," she said, adding she's "very proud that my message got out to voters."

Obrec said the next township clerk will oversee an office that already runs smoothly.

"I think the office is

absolutely excellent as it is right now," she said.

Obrec announced her candidacy in January, as did Siegrist and a full slate of Democratic candidates for township board seats.

Siegrist, a former Canton Public Library trustee and an accountant, has said he helped the library absorb a recession-era, 27-percent revenue loss and, as a school trustee, helps manage finances for a large district.

Announcing his campaign in January, he called for "ensuring transparency and accountability at the local level."

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tered voters bothered to vote — a percentage that is certain to soar with the Nov. 8 presidential election.

"The primary probably doesn't really signify what's going to happen in November," Demas said. "I don't think we can extrapolate from that and say how November will turn out."

While Demas said the party receiving the most votes Tuesday can view the results as positive, she said it's impossible to say what can happen between now and November. Most political observers agree that candidates who wage the toughest campaigns and who tap into voter sentiment are likely to prevail.

During the last U.S. Census, Canton's population spiked 18.1 percent, led by an increase in Asian Americans and African Americans who, observers say, lean toward Democrats.

"We feel that it's important to put the best candidates forward who represent all the citizens who live in Canton," incumbent township Board Trustee Steven Sneideman said when Demo-

crats announced their township board slate in January.

But Darian Moore, an African-American Republican seeking a trustee seat, said Democrats don't have a monopoly on the discussion.

"Nobody has a lock on diversity or ideas," Moore has said. "It's about who's going to do the best job."

In the township board's only contested race Tuesday, Republican Linda Obrec prevailed over rival Thomas Lutkenhoff and will face Democrat Michael Siegrist in November. Obrec received 2,455 votes to Lutkenhoff's 1,400, while Siegrist garnered 3,681 votes.

Here's a look at how vote totals stacked up for candidates who had uncontested races Tuesday. All candidates advance to the Nov. 8 election:

» In the township supervisor race, Democrat Dr. Syed Taj received 3,757 votes compared to Republican Pat Williams' 3,665.

» For treasurer, GOP incumbent Melissa McLaughlin garnered 3,614 votes compared to 3,865 for Democrat Dian Slavens, a former state representative.

» For township trustee positions, incumbent Tom Yack led the Repub-

lican field with 3,275 votes, followed by incumbent John Anthony's 3,186 and newcomers Darian Moore (2,940) and Geoff Bolach (2,922).

On the Democratic side, candidate Sommer Foster received the most votes at 3,057, followed by first-time candidate Anne Marie Graham-Hudak (3,044), incumbent Steven Sneideman (2,935) and Dhaval Vaishnav (2,661).

The eight trustee candidates are competing for four seats in November.

» In the 21st District state House race, Democratic incumbent Kristy Pagan earned 3,075 votes in Canton compared to Republican Derek Moss' 2,870. Pagan won by much larger margins in neighboring Van Buren Township and Belleville.

» In Canton, 10th District Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone, a Republican incumbent, captured 3,492 votes to Democrat Nate Smith-Tyge's 3,420.

Barone received 3,388 votes compared to Smith-Tyge's 881 in Plymouth Township. In the city of Plymouth, Smith-Tyge received 545 votes to Barone's 449.

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ily," Bell said. Mohinder and Balwinder Singh of Canton have lived here some 38 years. They're of the Sikh Indian community. He's a retired builder, she a homemaker.

The couple has two grown children, each of whom have two children. "I was in construction. I had lots of opportunities," Mohinder Balwinder said, with his wife adding, "Now he's building a school, a community school."

He built Canton's Singh Sabha of Michigan, which is of the Sikh faith. "Living here, people are friendly," Balwinder Singh said. "It's a good neighborhood." She's able to find food the family likes.

"She's always looking for new shops," her husband said in a joking tone. "I'm always first to try new things. In the summer, I grow my vegetables myself, gardening," Balwinder Singh said.

This is the second year for the two national movements to come to Canton.

Police Sgt. Dale Waltz, who is white, of Canton's Public Safety Department, serves as co-chair of the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition, with Eva Davis, Canton Public Library director.

"They're very low. We only have a couple a year, mostly verbal," Waltz said of hate crimes in Canton. Those are antigay rhetoric, he said, or "a euphemism about a particular race."

The observance is held to address such hate and bullying, with a goal "of working together and building safe, inclusive communities for all," Waltz said.

He and police colleagues work with the community to let people know if hate crimes are reported, they will be investigated. Waltz said of issues involving black residents and white police officers, much in the news now, "We have to do this together. We do include the community in a lot of the things we do."

In addition to the hate crimes coalition, the Canton Public Safety Department, Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Public Library were sponsors of the event.

Serena Johnson of Southfield was representing Equality Michigan, where she's lead victim advocate. It represents the LGBTQ community with political advocacy and victim services.

"That is definitely an issue within the community," Johnson said of hatred toward the LGBTQ community. "Just as a whole state-wide, there has been some violence against the LGBT community."

She liked being able to meet people at Heritage Park. "I think this would definitely be the education component," she said. That includes assisting friends and family of LGBT people, with Johnson adding, "We're here to give advice if needed."

Equality Michigan's website is www.equalitymi.org. Johnson is new to the job, having come from the Michigan Department of Corrections.

"So I'm not too far away from knowing what's going on," she said. Of violence and hatred toward gays, "I think it is insecurity sometimes. I think different views can be intimidating to people who don't identify with the community," Johnson said. "We're moving in the right direction."

Equality Michigan has recently revamped its victim services. "So that's where I came aboard," she said. "I really love to speak to people in the community," both on political issues and victim services.



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Vijay Bharabaha, 9, of Canton signs the banner promising to work toward a more loving and tolerant community.



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Jaida of Canton, 1, was a little tentative meeting a public safety service dog.



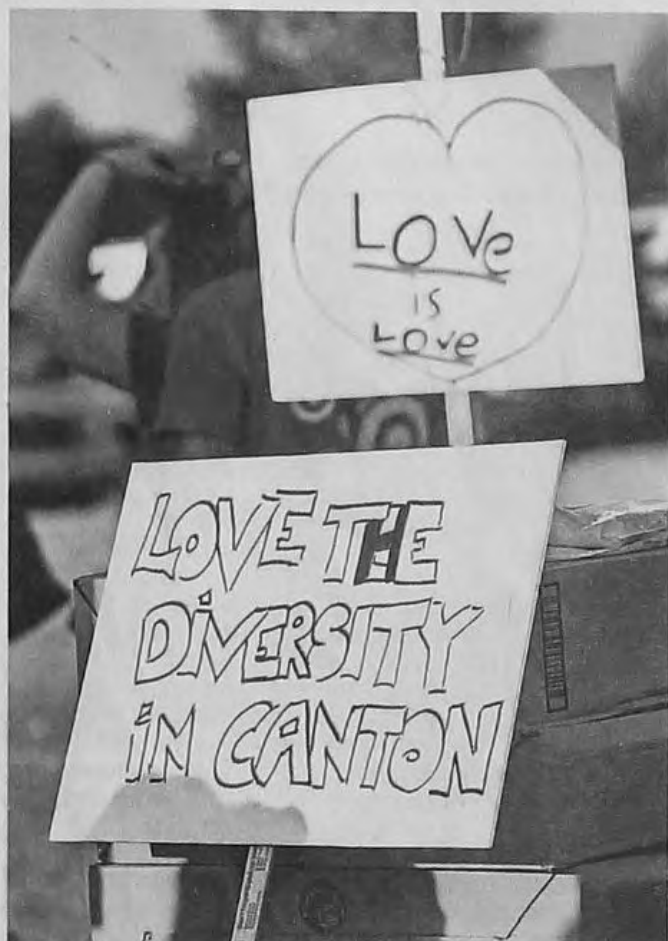
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The diversity in Canton was well-represented, especially among the children. Fireman Stan gave rides to kids in his mini fire truck.



KELLY DOBSON
Tejkiran Singh of Canton explains some of the tenets of the Sikh faith.



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Ellie Foster, 10, and Lilian Charlefour, 9, of Canton enjoy the free beverages provided.



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Signs at Heritage Park emphasize love and compassion.

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Pair charged in rest area gun incident

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Quick action by Canton police led to the arrest of two suspects accused of brandishing a handgun during a dispute with a maintenance worker at the rest area on I-275 near Cherry Hill, a police sergeant said.

No shots were fired and no one was injured as the tense situation unfolded about 8:40 a.m. Friday, Sgt. Dan Traylor said. Moments later, police stopped the getaway car near



Allard



Wielkopolan

I-275 and Ford Road and took two suspects into custody.

Tony James Wielkopolan, 28, of Garden City and Cheyenne Rae Allard, 25, of Westland were charged Sunday with assault with a dangerous weap-

on, felony firearm, a concealed weapon violation and a lesser, misdemeanor marijuana charge.

Police haven't disclosed what may have triggered the argument that led to a fight between Wielkopolan and the maintenance worker. As they fought, Allard is accused of getting a gun from a vehicle and giving it to Wielkopolan, Traylor said, based on statements made to police.

"He ended up chasing after the maintenance guy," Traylor said, but the incident ended

without gunfire and the suspects fled the scene.

Canton police happened to be near the rest stop when witnesses reported the incident. Officers spotted the getaway vehicle, pulled it over without incident and arrested the defendants.

During their weekend arraignment on criminal charges, Wielkopolan and Allard were jailed with a \$10,000/10-percent bond, meaning they would have to post \$1,000 for their release.

The defendants are next scheduled to appear in Ply-

mouth 35th District Court for an Aug. 12 probable cause conference that could help to determine whether they should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, they could face as much as five years in prison for the concealed weapon violation, four years for assault with a dangerous weapon and a mandatory two years for the felony firearm charge.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Woman: He choked me, put pillow over my face

A 28-year-old suspect, accused of repeatedly choking his girlfriend, threatening to break her neck and putting a pillow over her face, has been arrested by Canton police.

The victim, 31, called for help after the alleged attack unfolded about 1:45 a.m. July 26 inside a mobile home at College Park, a neighborhood northeast of Mott and Ridge roads.

She told police her boyfriend had his hands around her throat 10 times as he assaulted her on a couch and on the floor. She also accused him of alternately putting his hands and a couch pillow over her mouth, a police report said.

The victim said she never lost consciousness. Her alleged assailant had fled the house before police arrived, but officers spotted his Dodge Charger near Michigan Avenue and Denton Road and took him into custody.

The report said the accused assailant is much larger than the victim. He was described as 6 feet, 6 inches, 220 pounds; she is 5 feet, 3 inches,

130 pounds.

The woman initially told police she was embarrassed by the incident. Moreover, she said she was afraid her story wouldn't be believed because she used her fingernails to scratch her boyfriend in an attempt to defend herself.

The report documented injuries the woman sustained, including abrasions to her face. She also was short of breath.

The victim told police the evening got off to a good start after her boyfriend came home from a job in Chicago. She said they had dinner and he was playing guitar before a discussion about their relationship left him angry and violent, the report said.

The investigation was continuing.

Threatening relative

A 63-year-old Canton man told police that a relative from Dearborn Heights has been harassing him and threatening to silence him and "do things to you that you will never forget," a police report said.

The Canton man indicated the harassment by his 49-year-old cousin has persisted

since April. The victim, who speaks Arabic, told police his story through his son, who served as interpreter.

The victim said he has received threatening messages through Facebook accusing him of trying to besmirch the suspect's reputation. The report also indicated the suspect accused the Canton man of trying to convince people to assassinate him.

The report indicated the suspect's relatives are questioning his mental condition. The victim told police he only wanted to file a report to document the problem.

Not her bill

A 22-year-old Canton woman received a \$1,421 past-due bill from Verizon — trouble is, she didn't authorize the account.

The woman said she received a notice from Verizon that she was late paying her cellphone tab. She contacted the company and was told she needed to file a police report.

Police advised the woman on how to protect herself from identity theft.

— By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Bicep-biting woman arrested

A 30-year-old Plymouth Township woman was arrested Saturday after her boyfriend told police she had punched him in the face and bitten his left bicep.

The victim, 35, had no apparent facial injury, but had a bite mark on his left arm, police said.

The domestic incident took place at a home on Pine Drive, in the area of M-14 and Ridge Road, shortly before 9 p.m. Saturday, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

The man told police he and his girlfriend had gotten into an argument when he arrived home and that she had assaulted him. Dispatched on a report of a quarrel, police found the couple outside with the woman's two children, the police report said.

Upon her arrest, the woman told an officer that her boyfriend had pushed her, but there was no report of an injury. The man later told police that he did not want to press charges, but police were sending a warrant request to the Wayne County prosecutor's office.

Impaired driving

A 22-year-old Livonia woman was arrested on a driving while intoxicated charge after an officer witnessed her un-

steady driving in the township shortly after 2 a.m. Saturday.

The officer saw the woman, driving a Volkswagen Beetle, turn from southbound Sheldon onto westbound Ann Arbor Road in front of a westbound Ford Explorer, a police report said. There was no collision, the report said, but the turn was dangerous. The woman, traveling west, then varied her speed between 30 mph and 45 mph, police said, plus braked erratically and signaled a left turn, but then turned right.

The officer was able to stop her on Tennyson Drive after that turn, police said.

Asleep at wheel

A 26-year-old Grand Rapids man was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated after officers found him passed out at the wheel of a Ford Focus early July 23.

Responding to a report of a man asleep at the wheel, two officers found him at Joy Road and Lilley and tried to wake him by yelling and sounding the horn on a patrol car, a report said. Finally, an officer was able to wake him by rubbing his sternum, police said.

The man initially had trouble responding to questions from police and then admitted he'd had too much to drink, police said.

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One of the cars to be auctioned was the 2006 Saleen S7 at the 38th annual Concours d'Elegance last weekend in Plymouth.

Cars make a big splash at annual Concours show

JC Reindl
Detroit Free Press

Set apart from the roadsters and sleek super cars at the Concours d'Elegance of America last weekend were several dozen cars of a uniquely different class.

They are the misfits, the eccentrics, the successful failures and unembarrassed losers.

These unlikely showpieces had a display of their own during the lighthearted Concours d'LeMons Michigan, set amid the flash and dazzle of the 38th annual Concours main event at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

The Concours brings out the Porsches, McLarens, Ford GTs and Ferraris and the many people who enjoy admiring such fine vehicles. The fourth annual d'LeMons, on the other hand, proved a magnet for those offbeat aficionados of Pintos, Gremlins, 1960s Corvairs and kit cars gone wrong.

The cars and their owners also competed for honors such as "worst in show," and "kitschiest original."

"The Concours d'LeMons was started as a celebration of the oddball, mundane and truly awful of the automotive world," said the event's chief judge Alan Galbraith, who also goes by "chief perpetrator." "We look for good examples of bad cars and bad examples of good cars. It is a way of featuring cars that wouldn't have a

place otherwise."

The Concours d'Elegance featured more than 300 cars and motorcycles on display Sunday, from old classics and vintage motorcycles to muscle cars and ultra-modern exotics.

Near the back of the LeMons display were several Chevrolet Corvairs. The red one belonged to Pete Koehler of Farmington Hills, president of the Detroit Area Corvair Club, who said he owns 14 other Corvairs that weren't at the show. Four of those models currently rest in museums; the others are stored around the area. "I keep borrowing all my friends' garages," he said.

Koehler said he recently loaned out one of his green Corvairs for use at Cobo Center in Detroit when Ralph Nader was inducted July 21 into the Automotive Hall of Fame. Nader's best-selling 1965 book, "Unsafe At Any Speed," exposed dangers in the Corvair's design and prodded automakers to focus more on passenger safety.

Koehler, a retired General Motors engineer, said he was interested to learn during the induction event that the new museum Nader founded, the American Museum of Tort Law in Winsted, Conn., displays an early 1960s Corvair. He said he and Nader spoke about the possibility of him helping Nader sell the vehicle.



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Michelle Kinville of Plymouth pushes a 1958 Pontiac Parisienne convertible off the auction stage.



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Roman Halanski of Shelby Township photographs a 1948 Buick Eight Super Convertible.



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A 1986 Ferrari Testarossa in line for the auction.



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Jonathan Boyer (left) and his father, Ralph Boyer, both of Livonia, talk about the 1938 Packard Twelve Coupe Roadster that was going to be auctioned.



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The rains came during the auction at the 38th annual Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.



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A view of the cars on display during the "Cars and Coffee" event at last weekend's Concours d'Elegance in Plymouth.



The big winners were the Lang family of Plymouth — Melissa, Brennan, Ellora, Audrey and Richard.

Busch's welcomes guests for Farm Day

Busch's Fresh Food Market teamed with Prairie Farms and United Dairy Industry of Michigan to host an all-day educational event for guests last week.

"Our Prairie Farms family appreciates the opportunity to bring health and nutrition to Michigan through Busch's Fresh Food Market," said Joe Ridden, account manager, Prairie Farms. "We are proud of our processing plant and our dairy farms. We enjoy sharing these experiences with our customers and consumers."

The big winners were

the Lang family of Plymouth — Melissa, Brennan, Ellora, Audrey and Richard.

Busch's guests were selected at random through a sweepstakes and Facebook contest. The winning guests received a family pass to Busch's Farm Day, which includes a bus ride to Battle Creek, where winners will tour Prairie Farms Milk Processing Plant (126 Brady Street), followed by lunch and a tour of the De Jong Family Farm.

Attendees learned about the milk making process from start to finish.

"We are all about bringing our communities together," said John Hunter, director of marketing. "This is a chance not only to educate, but for families to get out and enjoy a fun summer day."

Busch's Fresh Food Market, which opened its doors in 1975, has grown to 15 area stores, with locations in Ann Arbor, Clinton, Carleton, Dexter, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi, Pinckney, Plymouth-Northville, Rochester Hills, Saline, South Lyon, Tecumseh, West Bloomfield and coming soon to Canton.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Physician of the Year

Dr. Scott Yaekle of Canton was recognized with the 2016 Michigan Family Physician of the Year award July 12 during the Michigan Family Medicine Annual Conference & Expo in Bay City.

The Michigan Academy of Family Physicians presents this award each year to a family physician in Michigan who exemplifies the tradition of the family doctor and the contributions of the specialty of family medicine to the continuing health of the state's residents.

Yaekle is associate director and director of student affairs at Oakwood Annapolis Family Medicine Residency in Wayne. He also practices family medicine in Westland, involving family medicine residents and medical students in all aspects of his practice.

"Dr. Yaekle is an excellent example of compassionate, comprehensive, proficient clinical care for his patients, treating them like he would a member of his own family," said Joshua Eby, a medical student at Wayne State University School of Medicine. "He also purposefully includes medical students in the process of clinical care and I hope to incorporate many of the



Dr. Scott Yaekle receives his Family Physician of the Year Award.

things I have learned from him into the everyday care I provide my patients."

Yaekle is a 1992 graduate of the Wayne State University School of Medicine and he completed his residency at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He graduated from Northville High School in 1984 and earned a degree in molecular biology at the University of Michigan in 1988.

"It was truly humbling and a tremendous privilege to be recognized by colleagues and physicians who have completely dedicated their lives to caring for families

throughout the spectrum of life," Yaekle said.

Ribbon-cutting

Boji Home Builders will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 11:30 a.m., followed by an open house from noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Crystal Village at Denton, 49287 Hawksbury. Enter off Denton, south of Geddes Road.

After hours mixer

The Canton Chamber and Road Runner Sports will host an after hours mixer 5-7 p.m. Aug. 18, at the store, 42743 Ford Road.

Reverse mortgage works for some, but not everyone

I recently received an article from a reader who asked my opinion on it. The article was about reverse mortgages; in general, the article was very critical. The reader was contemplating getting a reverse mortgage, but was very concerned about what he read and questioned whether he should or not.

The gist of the article was that a reverse mortgage is a sham and no one should get one. The article cited three people who did get a reverse mortgage and then, a few years later, lost their home. As I read the article, one thing that became clear to me was that in each of those three scenarios, the people were not good candidates for reverse mortgages. As far as I was concerned, they should not have gotten a reverse mortgage.

A reverse mortgage is not for everyone, I would certainly agree. In fact, all the reputable people I know in the reverse mortgage industry would also agree. However, the article basically said that reverse mortgages should be avoided at all costs and that is something I don't agree with. A reverse mortgage can, when used correctly, be a very effective financial tool that benefits seniors. On the other hand, when a reverse mortgage is not



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

A reverse mortgage can, when used correctly, be a very effective financial tool that benefits seniors.

used correctly, problems will develop.

In today's world, we are bombarded with offers, deals and opportunities. All too often, because of the nature of sales and advertising, it appears that every one of these products or deals is good for everyone. When it comes to the financial world, there is no one-size-fits-all solution. Everything depends upon your individual situation. For example, one mutual fund may fit your situation while that same mutual fund would be inappropriate for your next-door neighbor.

When it comes to personal finance, everything is dependent upon your individual situation. Never let anyone tell you that some investment, product or strategy fits everyone, because it does

not. When it comes to personal finance, everything is always dependent upon your individual situation and your goals and objectives.

As to a reverse mortgage, when does it make sense? They make sense for people who plan to be in their homes long term and need some extra cash either to retire debt (such as pay off a mortgage) or for someone who needs some extra cash flow to maintain their lifestyle. On the other hand, a reverse mortgage doesn't make sense if you're going to use the money for investment purposes such as buying an annuity or use the proceeds to loan to someone.

Like all financial products and strategies, it is important to use them wisely. For something like a reverse mortgage, it is important that you take your time, not let salespeople push you in one direction and never be afraid to seek independent advice. Remember, time is on your side and nothing has to be done yesterday.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Schostak Restaurants to host statewide fundraiser for JDRF

TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants, a Michigan-based family-owned restaurant group with a portfolio of 100 casual, quick-service and family dining restaurants throughout the state, is helping to fight Type 1 diabetes by hosting a statewide Dine to Donate event Thursday, Aug. 18. The event will take place at all of TSFR's Michigan Applebee's, Olga's Kitchen, MOD Pizza and Del Taco restaurants, with the funds benefiting the JDRF (formerly known as Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). TSFR director of marketing Barb Pasciak made the announcement.

Throughout the day, 10 percent of all food sales from TSFR owned and operated 66 Applebee's, 25 Olga's Kitchen, five MOD Pizza and four Del Taco restaurants will be donated to JDRF. A leading global organization, JDRF is exclusively focused on ending Type 1 diabetes, which is an autoimmune disease impacting 1.25 million Americans. The funds will be earmarked toward accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent and treat Type 1 diabetes and its complications.

"As a proud long-time supporter of JDRF, together we are helping to

turn 'Type One Diabetes into Type None' and improving the quality of life for many individuals in the communities we serve," Pasciak said. "The money raised through our Dine to Donate will ensure that JDRF's funding for its 50 human clinical trials can continue to grow and expand. We look forward to bringing the community together as one to fight this disease and find a cure."

For more information on this statewide event, as well as a complete list of all TSFR restaurant locations and hours of operation, go to www.teamschostak.com.

Trump's supporters rally around Pence

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

Cassie and Danny Showerman attended their first ever political rally July 28 in Novi, motivated by their support of Donald Trump as the Republican nominee for U.S. president.

The married couple of three young children drove from their Fowlerville home to hear a speech by Mike Pence, who Trump recently announced as his pick for vice president.

"I was taken aback by the crowd," Cassie Showerman said. "I think I absorbed more of the atmosphere than the words. There were lots of ethnicities and races, young and old, people with kids. I got goosebumps being here; it was awesome."

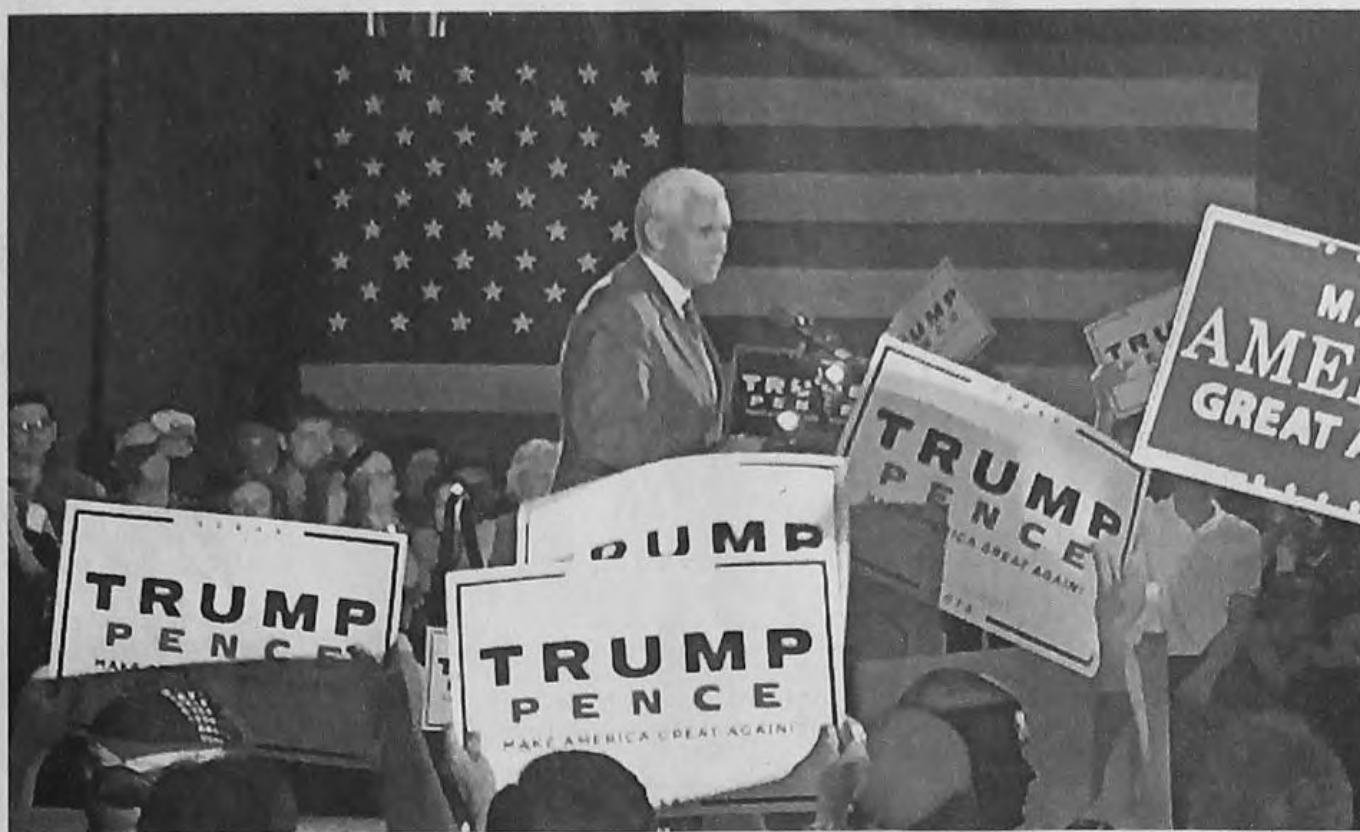
Her husband said the economic and trade policies of the Trump/Pence ticket resonates with him and he believes Pence added to an introductory speech he gave at the Republican National Convention the week before.

"Bringing up his Christian roots at the end was good," Danny Showerman said. "He's a good balance to the brashness of Trump, although I like that."

Pence was cheered by several hundred fans of the Republican ticket during his speech in the Diamond Center at Suburban Collection Showplace, as he spoke of tax cuts and investments in roads and bridges during his three-year tenure as governor of Indiana. He also spoke of a dozen years he spent in Congress.

"If I only have 12 years to live, I want to live in Congress — they were the longest 12 years of my life," Pence said to the laughter of the crowd and then more applause as he promised to "shake up the status quo" and work with the American people, adding Trump's favored tag line: "We will make America great again!"

Pence also promoted



Mike Pence, Republican nominee for vice president, speaks July 28 during a rally at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

SUSAN BROMLEY



Glenn Fiscus of Charlotte, N.C. (from left) with his Hillary Clinton "nutcracker" and Tom Llewellyn of Milford Township at the Trump/Pence rally at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

SUSAN BROMLEY

Trump as a man who doesn't "tip-toe around political correctness. He says it like it is."

For Paul Luszc, that trait is a plus.

"He's straightforward," said the California resident, in town to visit family in Bloomfield Hills when he decided to attend the rally. "I know he's off the cuff sometimes, but it's what the country needs to hear and

he's not afraid to call it."

Tom Llewellyn, a Milford Township resident, said he came to the rally to support the ticket that he believes will win in the presidential election this fall. He also attended the Republican National Convention in Cleveland last month.

"Fixing the economy is priority No. 1," Llewellyn said. "Also, securing our country and securing our

borders. Stopping the unending flow of drugs into our communities and giving Americans a chance to believe in themselves."

Trump's anti-immigration platform also seemed to resonate among supporters who chanted, "build a wall, build a wall," which the billionaire businessman has promoted as a solution to illegal immigration.

Carol Newsted, a 70-year-old Troy resident who attended the rally, said she would love to see the wall built. She also addressed charges that Trump is sexist.

"I think the criticisms of him demeaning women are false," Newsted said. "He supports women. You can see that in his businesses."

She called the Democratic nominee for president, Hillary Clinton, "a lying, cheating, political whore who sold herself out."

There was plenty more animosity toward Clinton at the rally, with the crowd calling, "Lock her up," in reference to Trump's opponent.

Toward the end of his speech, Pence said that Trump would repeal the 1954 Johnson Amendment, which prohibits tax-exempt organizations such as churches from endorsing or opposing political candidates, and "restore freedom of speech."

"The greatest speeches rang from the pulpit as much as town squares," Pence said. "As we reach to make America great, let's pray that he will heal

our land and I know he will."

That was a message Jonathan Waltman, 19, wanted to hear.

"I think (Pence) has good points on how the system works and how churches don't have much say," the Royal Oak resident said. "The founding fathers were impacted by the church and that is what brought our nation together — faith. The church now doesn't have a lot of impact with separation of church and state."

Waltman's 20-year-old cousin, Maximilian Schich, said Trump isn't finding favor in Germany.

"They don't like Trump at home," said Schich, who is on a two-month visit to the U.S. and enjoyed the rally as an "emotional" event, adding that Germans care about politics, but don't display the same passion.

Gretel Reker's passion about politics was evident following the rally.

The Shelby Township resident and 80-year-old grandmother of Waltman immigrated to the U.S. in 1955 from Austria when she was 20 years old and said she likes that Trump is "against all the ISIS stuff and not against guns or people with good values."

"Life in the U.S. has always been good, but sometimes now it is scary," she said. "All lives matter. All are equal in the eyes of God."

When asked about Trump's stance on immigration, the mother of four and grandmother of eight notes that she was asked many questions before she came over with just a suitcase and a willingness to work hard.

Trump's proposed "wall," however, gives her pause.

"I have no opinion on the wall — I remember the wall in Germany," Reker said, referring to the Berlin Wall that divided Germany from 1961-89. "It was very treacherous and so, so sad."

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'Seussical Jr.' musical to play this weekend at the PARC

"Seussical Jr." will be performed Aug. 4-7 at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex and will star all local talent.

This fantastical, family musical is based on the books of Dr. Seuss and includes many whimsical character such as Horton, the elephant, the Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, the Sour Kangaroo, the Whos of Whoville and more.

Horton hears a noise coming from a speck of dust on a clover and commits himself to protecting it and the Whos who live on it. Through mishaps and adventures, these unique characters take the audience on a wild, musical adventure.

"This show is a classic youth theater piece," said Brandon Waldenmayer of Canton, Seussical director, artistic director and P-CEP and Eastern Michigan University grad.

"I'm thrilled for audiences to see this incredibly talented cast and see the imagination of Dr.



"Seussical Jr." features Gertrude McFuzz, Cat in the Hat, Horton and Sour Kangaroo.

Seuss come alive on stage. With 11 musical numbers and a cast of 30-plus talented, young

performers ranging in age from 6 to 15, this show has a little something for everyone in the

family. Over 100 young performers came from all over metro Detroit to participate in auditions

back in June 2016, coming as far as Ann Arbor, Novi, Madison Heights and Windsor, Ontario."

Among the talented cast, several young performers are getting an opportunity to experience "Seussical" from multiple perspectives. When Forever After Productions produced the show four years ago, Shilee Engebretson of Canton played the role of JoJo, the child of the mayor of Whoville who gets in trouble for thinking. For this run, she will play the role of the Sour Kangaroo, the villain of the show who teases Horton for trying to protect the Whos.

"It's exciting to see the show through a different character. It is a great experience," Engebretson said. Even director Brandon Waldenmayer gets a new perspective, having played the part of Horton, the elephant, 10 years prior.

Forever After Productions is a community theater company that

recently moved operations into the PARC. It has two rehearsal spaces, scene shop, costume shop and prop warehouse.

Since 2009, FAP has produced more than 33 full-stage musical and dramatic productions throughout metro Detroit, including the Power Center in Ann Arbor, the Bertram Center in West Bloomfield and The Village Theater in Canton.

General admission tickets are \$10 and are on sale for all six performances: 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets may be purchased at www.iheartforeverafter.com or by calling Forever After Productions at 734-547-5156.

The PARC is the re-purposed Central Middle School located in Plymouth between downtown and Old Village at 650 Church Street.

Go to www.iheartforeverafter.com for additional information.

CRIME

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No license

» Police found a marijuana cigarette among the belongings of a 57-

year-old Detroit woman after she was arrested July 24 for driving with a suspended license.

An officer had spotted the woman, driving a sport-utility vehicle with a non-working brake light, near Joy Road and Haggerty and pulled her

over for the equipment violation just after 1 p.m., a police report said. She had no license and was arrested.

The cigarette was found in a wallet as police were inventorying the woman's belongings and the police station and

its contents tested positive for marijuana, police said.

» A 36-year-old man from Tipton, Mich., near Adrian, was arrested July 23 for driving a motorcycle without a valid license.

A township officer

spotted the man on east-bound M-14, shortly before 9 a.m. and, checking the license plate on the Harley-Davidson he was riding, found its owner's license had been suspended, revoked or had expired, a police report said. The biker matched

a description of the owner, police said.

The officer pulled the man over near Beck Road.

— By Matt Jachman

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OUR VIEW

Seniors can stay behind wheel with a little help

Despite a growing number of senior drivers on the road, researchers have found that they are crashing less often than just a decade ago. They're also less likely to be injured or killed in a crash, compared with aging drivers of yesterday. That's because seniors are living longer, healthier and more active lives than ever before.

Normal aging does affect driving, but there isn't a set age when a person is no longer safe behind the wheel. In fact, most people can safely drive well into old age. When people become unsafe to drive, it's generally the result of an underlying medical condition or medications, not reaching a certain age, the website www.SeniorDriving.AAA.com notes.

Get involved by regularly checking the driving of your parent or other senior driver in your life. Here are two common warning signs:

» **The senior driver has been issued two or more traffic tickets or warnings in the past two years.** Tickets can predict greatest risk for collision.

» **The senior driver has been involved in two or**

more collisions or "near-misses" in the past two years. Rear-end crashes, parking lot fender-benders and side collisions while turning across traffic rank as the most common mishaps for drivers with diminishing skills, depth perception or reaction time.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration lists on the AAA website warning signs related to older drivers. When you ride along with an older driver to look for signs of poor driving, keep in mind it doesn't necessarily mean the person should not drive. Often, poor driving behaviors can be improved with training or by addressing an underlying medical condition that affects driving. A trained medical professional can help identify treatment options that may help improve — not limit — safe driving ability. A driving assessment from an occupational therapy driving rehabilitation specialist can be a big help, for example.

Most people know when their driving skills and abilities aren't as sharp as they used to be. Two of the most common coping mechanisms used by unsafe senior drivers include:

» **Using a "co-pilot" to help respond to situations in the driving environment.** Anyone who cannot drive safely and comfortably without a co-pilot should not drive at all.

» **Driving too slow or too fast for conditions.** Driving too slow can be a sign that the driver is compensating for slowed reflexes or reduced reaction time. Those who drive too fast may not realize how fast they are traveling or be overcompensating due to a fear of being noticed for driving too slowly.

The www.SeniorDriving.AAA.com website has much additional information, including on driver improvement courses designed for seniors to help cope with aging and physical changes that occur. With much emphasis in southeast Michigan on improving regional mass transit, there are options to help older people with medical appointments and other errands.

For seniors who can continue to drive, auto engineers are developing many features, such as features that address "lane wandering" with an audible signal, as well as backup cameras, to make driving safer.

Nation's economy, security depend on reliable Soo Locks

A cargo ship passes through the Poe Lock in Ste. Marie, the only one of the four Soo Locks large enough to accommodate the modern vessels that commonly traverse the Great Lakes.

Because of the vital importance of the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie to national and international commerce, Michigan plays a critical role in ensuring the economic health and security of the United States.

In manufacturing, steel is king and the prime ingredient in steel is iron ore. An astonishing 99 percent of the



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usable iron ore in the United States comes from mines in Michigan and Minnesota.

Nearly 80 percent of that iron ore travels on massive freighters (some more than 1,000 feet long) through the Soo

Locks before arriving at steel mills hundreds of miles to the south. Iron and other cargo that travel through the locks account for one-tenth of the nation's economy.

It would be difficult to overestimate the value of the Soo Locks. Michigan State University professor Dr. Peter J. Kakela authored a research report in 2013 titled "The Economic Value of Iron Ore Transiting the Soo Locks" and presented the report to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

According to Kakela's report:

» The direct value of the iron ore shipped through the Soo Locks in 2012 was \$5.4 billion.

» The direct value of the steel made in the U.S. from iron ore shipped through the Soo Locks in 2012 was \$15.7 billion.

» The direct value of steel-intensive consumer

products (such as automobiles) made from this steel was \$287.5 billion.

» The indirect and induced value attributed to the iron ore, steel and consumer products listed above was an additional \$212.9 billion.

» The total dollar value attributed to the iron ore shipped through the Soo Locks in 2012 was \$500.4 billion or 3.2 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product.

» More than 650,000 thousand jobs depend on the iron ore shipments.

These are staggering numbers. They paint a picture of the massive economic significance of the locks — which also are of critical importance to national security.

According to a report by the Department of Homeland Security, if the Poe Lock were to shut down for six months, the U.S. would enter a significant recession, with a

loss of up to 11 million jobs nationwide.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has requested funding to conduct a study crucial to moving forward with the construction of a second large lock. The Economic Reevaluation Report would examine the economic benefits and costs of replacing the two smallest locks — the 100-year-old Davis and Sabin locks, which are rarely used — with a lock similar in size to the current Poe Lock.

Senate Resolution 105, sponsored by state Sen. Wayne Schmidt, addresses the need to upgrade the locks. The resolution encourages the president, Congress and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to support plans to upgrade the Soo Locks and it urges them to approve the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' reprogramming request to fund an Eco-

nomics Reevaluation Report for replacing the Davis and Sabin locks.

Today we again call on President Obama, Congress and the Office of Management and Budget to take action. Our nation's economy and safety depend on working, reliable Soo Locks.

This guest column originally appeared in The Detroit News.

Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, is the Senate majority floor leader and a member of the Senate Commerce Committee. He serves the residents of the 15th District, representing western Oakland County. Sen. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City, is chair of the Senate Commerce Committee. He serves the residents of the 37th District, representing Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Luce and Mackinac counties.

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Sunshine's clinic all about friendship, fun

Third annual event at P-CEP another resounding success

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It's not just about X's and O's at the annual Sunshine's Football Clinic, which took place Friday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

With Plymouth High School players buddying up with children of all ages who have spe-

cial needs, it's more about smiles and budding friendships.

And that was worth celebrating for Connor Sherman, the Canton teenager who launched the event in 2015 with a lot of help from Plymouth varsity assistant coach Brian Rochon.

"This year's football clinic was awesome," said Connor, a quarterback at Our Lady of Good Counsel who is entering seventh grade at Pioneer Middle School. "It was great to see a lot of the same kids that have come the past three years and also meet the kids who came for

the first time this summer. Everyone did amazing."

Plymouth and OLGFC players and coaches teamed up to spend a fun, fulfilling and informative evening with youngsters ages 5-17 from all over metropolitan Detroit.

"Once again we were blown away by an incredible night of football," said Connor's mom, Jen Sherman. "When Connor first came up with the idea for the football clinic in fourth grade, it was because he wanted kids with special needs to enjoy



MICHAEL VASILNEK
Plymouth High School football players square off against "buddy" campers during Friday's Sunshine's clinic.

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KLAA MEDIA DAY

Football coaches eager to start

Meeting is final hurrah for 24-team Association

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The first practice of high school football season doesn't begin until Monday.

But that didn't stop Kensington Lakes Activities Association football coaches from being optimistic about the upcoming season during Tuesday's KLAA Football Media Day at Northville Sports Den.

"I'm excited," veteran Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "We got six guys back on both sides of the ball. No monsters, but just a lot of tough, smart kids who compete."

"We have a very difficult first six games. So we have to treat it as playoff mode right from day one."

The Chiefs, who nearly reached the Division 1 state final in 2015, open their season at 7 p.m. Aug. 26 against Dearborn Fordson at the Wayne State University Prep Kickoff Classic.

Aug. 26 also is when Plymouth and Salem open play, with home games against Utica Eisenhower and Belleville, respectively.

"I think we got a ton of kids coming back," Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk said. "If we buy in and we're not selfish on the field like we were last year, we can do some very, very fun things."

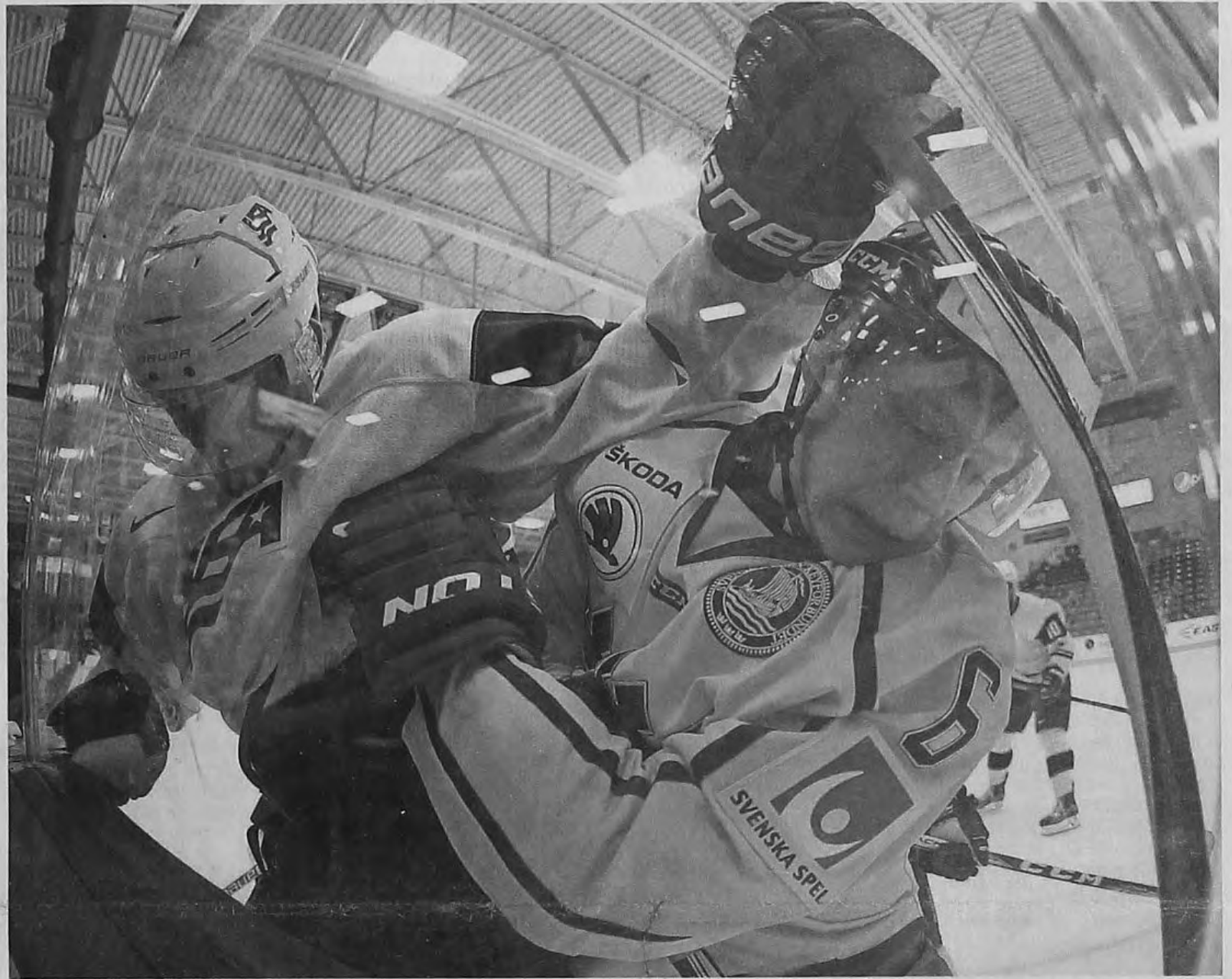
"I thought last year we had all the tools to go far and win

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FILE PHOTO
Veteran Canton coach Tim Baechler sees his team having another strong year in 2016.

USA HOCKEY EVALUATION CAMP



RENA LAVERTY | EXPRESS PHOTO
Crashing into the boards at USA Hockey Arena on Sunday are USA White's Christian Fischer and Sweden's Kristoffer Gunnarsson.

MAKING A BID

Camp's home stretch unfolds for players looking to make U.S. World Juniors

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Nick Boka was growing up in Plymouth, it was must-see TV to catch the Under-20 World Junior Tournament.

Now, he has an opportunity to play in the Dec. 26 through Jan. 5 tournament set for Montreal and Toronto as part of the 2017 U.S. National Junior Team.

On Tuesday, the 18-year-old Boka successfully scaled the first hurdle, facing all 42 USA Hockey players during this week's National Junior Evaluation Camp — he found his name on the roster for Team USA's final camp contests, including Saturday's 7 p.m. contest against Canada at USA Hockey Arena.



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY
Plymouth native Nick Boka skates for the USA White squad Sunday. Boka Tuesday made the final cut for the rest of the evaluation camp.

"It's been a goal of mine to make this team for a long time," said Boka, following USA Team White's 8-2 win Monday afternoon over Finland. "I used to watch this tournament as a kid growing up over Christmastime, and it was something I'd always stay up late to watch. It's definitely an honor to be here."

Boka, who went to Plymouth High School during his freshman and sophomore seasons before joining the USA Hockey National Team Development Program, impressed coaches with his safe and sturdy approach to defense.

"He's strong, solid," noted Team USA head coach Bob Motzko. "... we're excited to

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JUNIOR GOLF

Livonia's Payne tops field at Taylor Meadows Open tourney

Marybeth Dillon
Correspondent

Long-hitting Kendall Payne of Livonia birdied a par-3 and shot 79 to win the Girls 15-18 age division Friday at the Kensington Tour Taylor Meadows Junior Open.

"I three-putted the first two holes and then I got my stuff together," said Payne, who will compete for the University of Detroit Mercy in the fall. "I used a gap wedge (on the par-3) and hit it softer than I usually

would. It went right up on the green. Then I hit it maybe 15 feet into the hole. It felt awesome."

Payne, a Franklin High grad, shot 2-over-par 38 on the back side.

"I had a birdie on a par-5, which was cool, and I had a lot of pars to put it all together," she said.

Kiersten Van Norden, playing with new clubs, carded 83 to take second place.

"I just got them two days ago and I really like them," the

South Lyon East High incoming junior said. "I've been practicing a lot."

A highlight came on the par-4 15th hole, where she rolled in a par putt.

"I drove it off the tee into a fairway bunker," Van Norden said. "I used a 4-hybrid to hit out of it and landed just off the green. I did a pitch-and-run with a pitching wedge and it hit the flag stick and landed right next to the hole. So I almost

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JOHN DILLON
The Taylor Meadows Open Girls 15-18 winners included Livonia's Kendall Payne (left) and South Lyon's Kiersten Van Norden (right).

PDL SOCCER

Bucks march into championship match

Landell scores twice in 3-0 semifinal victory over Sockers

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The most successful team in Premier Development League history is on the cusp of a third North American title.

The Michigan Bucks put on another signature performance Saturday night with a convincing 3-0 semifinal victory over the visiting Midland/Odessa (Texas) Sockers at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

The 2006 and 2014 PDL champs will get a chance to earn their third crown before the home fans, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Ultimate when they face Calgary (Alberta) Foothills FC, which advanced with 3-0 semifinal win over the Ocean City (N.J.) Nor'easters.

The Bucks, who improved their overall PDL record to 15-2, have allowed just seven goals in 17 matches as goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Ann Arbor/Western Michigan University) notched his seventh shutout and improved to 9-1.

Birmingham, England, native Andre Landell, who plays collegiately at Tiffin (Ohio) University, scored a goal in each half to catapult the Bucks' offensive attack.

"I thought we played really well tonight," said coach Demir Muftari, who guided the Bucks to the 2014 PDL championship. "That's a really good team. I thought we came out really strong, played excellent in the first half, especially that first 25-30 minutes, and got a great



JAY DUNWELL

The Michigan Bucks celebrate after getting their first goal against the Midland/Odessa Sockers at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

goal by Andre. It was a great build-up all the way around."

Landell, whose favorite team is Manchester United, scored on a beautiful header in the 17th minute off a pin-point pass from defender Brad Ruhaak to make it 1-0.

"Great play Brad Ruhaak made with a cross and the easy part for me was the finish," Landell said. "It was a great ball and a build-up play and we got good players in the midfield that can move the ball, so it makes my job a lot easier."

Midland/Odessa, the PDL's

Southern Conference champ, was under siege by the Bucks during a majority of the first half.

"We talked about breaking their pressure," Sockers coach Matt Barnes said. "It took us a little while to get our legs under us. Actually, once we gave up the goal, I thought we started playing much better. And then I kind of thought we came out and made some good adjustments at halftime. Second half, I actually thought we started out really playing well." But Landell made it 2-0 in

the 61st minute, when he booted home a rebound after the initial shot was taken inside the box by Russell Cicerone (Birmingham Brother Rice/University of Buffalo), the Bucks' leading scorer.

Sockers goalie Russ Klambough had no chance on the second attempt.

"I was just trying to make a front post run and be dangerous and, thankfully, it fell to me and it was an easy tap-in," Landell said. "My favorite one is actually the easy ones. They work so hard for it and it's a

tap-in."

Midland/Odessa, forced to push up after being down 2-0, yielded a third goal when Ruhaak's corner kick was flicked into the box by Lalas Abubakar before landing at the feet of Francis de Vries, who scored in the 66th minute.

"I think the third goal really took the sting out of the game," Muftari said. "Guys were great, (I'm) really proud of the group. They come together really well. That's it — one more to go."

The Bucks, who have won 10 straight and have not lost since June 18, seem to be peaking at the right time.

"I think the depth, the unity ... we're all for one," Landell said. "We're all working hard. You can see there in the 90th minute, there are still players chasing the ball down. There's no sort of so-called superstars. Everyone is just buying into the system."

Nick Wysong, de Vries and Ruhaak were all members of the Bucks' back line during the 2014 PDL championship run.

"Knocking on wood, don't want to jinx it," Muftari said of the seven-match shutout string. "We've got Lalas (Abubakar) and guys like Alexis (Souhay) and Zach Bock coming off the bench who are fantastic players. On top of that, I think the team really does a good job of defending together. All the guys buy in to work for one another. The guys in front of them, the midfielders and forward lines, put pressure on the guys in front of them and make the defenders' job a little easier. They've been sensational all season."

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the sport as much as he does.

"What I don't think any of us realized at the time is how much the clinic would affect everyone involved, not just the participants. From the football players, to the coaches, to the volunteers, we all get so much out of this night. It's truly an extraordinary and inspiring event."

Fun and football

Rochon and Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk pointed with pride at the way players bonded with Sunshine's campers as they helped them visit various stations on the turf field for passing, catching, blocking — and even perfecting touchdown dances.

"Each participant had a Plymouth football player by their side offering assistance, encouragement and support," Rochon noted. "After the drills, participants ran through the huge inflatable Plymouth Wildcats head, broke through a paper banner, received countless high-fives, and were given their very own trophy."

"The football players really enjoyed sharing their love of the game with the participants and having lots of fun."

Concurring was Sawchuk, who sets the Plymouth program's tone for teaching players there is much more to life



MICHAEL VASILNEK

The beaming smile on this Sunshine's camper says it all about the program.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth football assistant coach Brian Rochon (left) and Connor Sherman gave this year's Sunshine's clinic a big thumbs up.

than football.

"Not only does it make the camper happy, it changes the football kid," Sawchuk said.

"They get to see what these parents go through on a daily basis. It's really rewarding for them."

Rochon said the clinic continues to benefit from many sponsors and volunteers who give tirelessly to the endeavor.

Adding that those hours of effort prove well worth it, Rochon gave a big thank you to "the participants and their families who put their trust in us to provide a fun, safe and rewarding evening of football and friendship."

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see more."

Also on the final camp roster is forward Alex DeBrincat of Farmington Hills, who last season played for the Ontario Hockey League's Erie Otters.

For the first days of the evaluation camp, Team USA players were divided into two squads (White, Blue) to square off against Finland, Sweden and Canada.

Joining forces

After a 3-1 run, the top players from each of those squads are merging into the final roster that will play games at 4 p.m. Wednesday against Sweden, 4 p.m. Friday against Finland and 7 p.m. Saturday against Canada.

Following the camp, coaches face several more months of player evaluations to decide on the team that will compete at World Juniors.

Boka said playing in his hometown for a chance to represent his country at World Juniors "means a lot. I grew up in this rink. I was here when I was five, six years old at learn to skates. Went through mini-mites here and ended up playing for Computware (AAA) for five or six years."

"It's pretty cool, the transformation this rink has seen. And the city, too."

Meanwhile, NTDP fans who came out to USA Hockey Arena during 2015-16 already knew about the offensive talents of forwards Clayton Keller and Kieffer Bellows — who were drafted by Arizona and the New York Islanders, respectively, in the June NHL Entry Draft.

They watched those line-mates dazzle again against Finland; both Keller and Bellows are on the camp's final roster.

"We got a good group here," Boka said. "Guys like Keller, Bellows, guys on the (Blue) team, (forward Luke) Kunin."

"No matter what guys are going to the World Junior Tournament, USA's going to put a pretty good team together."

USA White's Monday romp was a bounce-back effort that followed Sunday's 6-3 loss to Sweden. After trailing 2-0 in the first, USA White scored eight unanswered goals and wound up with a 48-21 edge in shots on goal.

Also victorious Monday was USA Blue, with a 6-4 win over Finland.

"One of the things we told



Clayton Keller (left) looks to pass to a USA White teammate during Sunday's evaluation camp contest against Sweden.

the guys, as this thing starts you think you're here for 10 days," Motzko said. "It goes quick. Here we are, this is what we call a little preliminary tournament. It's over. Now we enter the next phase of it. You've got to show up and do something."

Motzko added that the week's opening games were more about watching individual players, with more emphasis on structure to begin with Tuesday's practice.

"It is summer hockey, we were looking more at individuals," Motzko said. "Of course we wanted to win. We got three wins out of the four games right now. This team (USA White) needed to rebound from yesterday, they did a good job."

Individual tickets for doubleheaders Wednesday and Friday are \$10, while the price is \$15 for Saturday's twinbill (including the 7 p.m. tilt between the U.S. and Canada). Go to usahockeyarena.com or call 734-453-8400 for more information.

Roster breakdown

The Team USA roster for the rest of this week is:
Goalies: Jake Oettinger, Tyler Parsons, Evan Sarthou, Joseph Woll.

Defensemen: Jack Ahcan, Boka, Joe Cecconi, Casey Fitzgerald, Adam Fox, Caleb Jones, Chad Kryz, Ryan Lindgren, Luke Martin, Charlie McAvoy, Jack Sadek.

Forwards: Bellows, Brock Boeser, Jeremy Bracco, Logan Brown, DeBrincat, Christian Fischer, Erik Foley, Trent Frederic, Jordan Greenway, Keller, Kunin, Tanner Laczynski, Tom Novak, Jack Roslovic, Troy Terry, Tage Thompson, Kailer Yamamoto.

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a state championship. We did selfish stuff on the field. So we've really been working on leadership, playing for each other, knowing what your role is, embracing that role."

Rocks head coach Kurt Britnell, meanwhile, said his team is entering next week's practices with a "different vibe" of camaraderie as displayed during off-season workouts and gatherings.

"Last year was disappointing," Britnell said. "We thought we would be much better than we were. We didn't play well as a team."

"But (incoming seniors) had a great off-season from a leadership and culture standpoint."

Westland John Glenn second-year head coach Steve Aller, whose Rockets open Aug. 25 against visiting Lakeland, expects big improvement following a 1-8 record last year.

"I came in and set the tone on a few things and there's some guys who couldn't meet those challenges," Aller said. "This year, everybody's a little

more up to those challenges."

Looking ahead

Tuesday's media day was lower key than usual, with no players available for interviews.

Following a KLAA rules meeting, coaches from the 24 schools who comprise the conference in its final season as currently constructed chatted with each other and with reporters making the rounds.

Beginning with the 2017 season, the KLAA will have just 14 teams; 10 schools predominantly north and west of Observerland schools are leaving due to issues such as travel costs and enrollment disparity. "(I'm) disappointed that the league is going through its final season (with 24 teams)," Livonia Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said. "A lot of good teams, a lot of good coaches, great competition every year."

"It will be different after this season, but we're looking forward to this upcoming season."

Coaches also took a pragmatic view of the soon-to-be downsized KLAA.

"It will be interesting to see

what they do (beginning in 2017)," Baechler said. "From selfish reasons, OK, 'Nice knowing you guys, good luck to you, hope things go well for you.'"

"But there's 14 teams left. I will be anxious to see how they come up with the schedule and how things are going to fall in place."

Sawchuk said he gets it, that "some of the teams wanted to get out because of enrollment. It is what it is. I'm the type of person that, whether I like it or not, just give me the schedule and I'll play who I play."

According to Micallef, whose 2016 team begins Aug. 25 with a home game against Livonia Franklin, what the KLAA looks like in 2017 and beyond isn't something coaches worry too much about.

"People above our pay grades are (worrying)," Micallef said. "But we as coaches, we haven't really had much conversations about it because it's up to the ADS, administrators and superintendents to make those decisions."

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BASEBALL

Seattle scout Madeja finds a slew of talent

Novi resident started career in 1978 with Detroit Tigers

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When it comes being a Major League Baseball scout, Ken Madeja has stood the test of time.

His resume includes 28 years with the Seattle Mariners, with whom he now serves as a special assistant to general manager Jerry Dipoto, as well as 10 seasons previously with the Detroit Tigers.

Residing in Novi since 1988 with his wife Deborah and two children, Mark and Lauren, Madeja has signed 17 major league players, mostly notably Hall of Fame member John Smoltz, Derek Lowe, Chris Hoiles, J.J. Putz and Matt Thornton, to name a few.

Madeja wears a variety of hats with the Mariners' organization, focusing on both domestic and international scouting. Since February, he worked exclusively toward the annual June amateur draft before transitioning over to big league and minor league scouting for the rest of the 2016 season.

After surviving seven different GMs and countless days on the road while traveling the globe, what keeps him going at age 64?

"Every day is different," said Madeja, who played baseball at Wayne State and was inducted into the school's hall of fame in 2006. "The travel can wear you down, but you're in a different city. You may stay there two, three days. You're exposed to different ballparks and people, different players."

Career path

After graduating from Wayne State in 1975 with a B.A. degree in education, Madeja got his start as an assistant baseball coach at Redford Bishop Borgess High School, before becoming the varsity basketball head coach at Dearborn St. Alphonsus.

He also managed the Detroit

West Seven Youth baseball teams which captured state, regional and national championships from 1976-78.

In 1978, Madeja was hired as a scout by Bill Schudlich, who was an area supervisor under then-Detroit scouting director Bill Lajoie, who later became the Tigers' GM.

"Once I was done playing after college, I started coaching and then got interested in scouting," Madeja said. "I had sandlot teams that won state, regional and national tournaments and Schudlich approached me about scouting."

Madeja remained with the Tigers through 1987 before going to Seattle.

The scouting landscape has change dramatically since Madeja first began "bird dogging" for the Tigers at area high school and sandlot games, where he became a fixture at places like Livonia's Ford Field during the summers.

Scouting changes

"In the old days, there were 18 or 20 Connie Mack teams, just in the city of Livonia," said Madeja, who played high school baseball at Dearborn Heights Riverside. "Nowadays, very, very few cities have any of that anymore. The biggest change is that there are a lot fewer summer leagues. The kids are involved in travel ball and playing on a team that travels all around in any one week."

And like football, baseball combines have become another avenue when it comes to evaluating talent.

"There's a lot of these national showcases now where the better kids all end up at these showcases, so scouts aren't digging them up on their own," Madeja said. "They go to these showcases and the kids are right there for them. You can't hide out a Derek Lowe anymore like you used to be able to."

Madeja, who served as Mid-

west scouting coordinator for the Mariners, was honored in 2015 at the 13th annual Pro Baseball Scouts Foundation dinner in Beverly Hills, Calif., with the Legends of Scouting Award. He was also named Seattle Mariners Scout of the Year in 2003 and was twice named Topps Baseball Cards Scout of the Month.



Madeja

Global game

Since he is involved in all aspects of scouting, Madeja has branched out over the years to destinations such as Canada, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Japan ("Where they treat you very well and are gung-ho about baseball.").

In the Dominican Republic, the Mariners established a state-of-the-art training facility, which also offers schooling for prospects who are eligible to sign pro contracts as early as age 16.

"It's a total complex that houses up to 75 players during the season," Madeja said. "They teach English. Most clubs have an academy there. We built one two years ago and it's one of the finest ones down there right now. It's four months for the season. The kids just love it."

Madeja said that there is no mystery why there are a high number of Dominican players that make it and thrive in the majors.

"With the climate there, they can play all year round," he said. "The kids don't have the money to be sitting with iPhones or iPads or things like that. They're out there playing baseball from the time that they're little kids. That's their way off the islands down there, to make something of themselves. The poverty is very, very bad down there."

Scouting tips

As a scout, Madeja looks for some basic physical attributes when evaluating a young play-

er.

"The first thing you're looking for is the athleticism in the kid," he said. "Almost all of your big leaguers were the best athletes on their team in high school, for the most part. And most were able to play more than one sport. People like Derek Lowe or John Smoltz or kids like that, they could do anything. You could throw them a tennis racket, soccer ball or football ... they could do it all. So athleticism is No. 1."

"Then you start looking at the size of the kid. If he's 16 years old and he's 5-10, 190 pounds, that's probably what you're going to get. He's not going to grow to 6-3 or 6-4. You might have a kid 6-foot, wiry built ... you look for the bone structure. Eyes are important, too. Especially at night, when you have depth perception problem, which can cause a lot of problems."

Madeja will then go out and evaluate a prospects' baseball skill set.

"Can he run? That's something you basically can't teach," Madeja said. "Can he throw? That can improve, but you look at both of those tools right away. Can he throw and can he run? Then you look at can he swing the bat? Can he make contact? Can he get the bat through the zone without dragging it through the zone? Does he have power in his swing? Will he develop power in that swing?"

"Can he catch the ball and how are his actions with his feet and hands? Do they work in concert together when you see him on a ground ball or fly ball? And you look at the aptitude of the kid. Can he learn? Does he have baseball instincts? There's whole slew of things you look for."

Age of metrics

Analytics have recently become the wave of the future in all professional sports, but it most notably started in baseball. And major league scouts are using it more and more, even at the collegiate and high school levels.

"The higher up you go, the more analytics you have on them, of course," Madeja said. "High school, there's some. We've always looked at some stats with a kid. Those can help, but they're not the end all. They talk about 'range' all the time. You got to be there to see where the kid starts from and where he ends up. Stats are just another tool in putting together the whole package in a player."

The age of specialization - one-sport athletes - has also become a trend.

"Personally, I think a kid should play a sport every season," Madeja said. "Football or cross country in the fall, basketball or whatever else you got in the winter time, baseball in the spring. That's the way I think it should be."

"But especially in the southern states, they don't let them play football or basketball. They concentrate on baseball all year round. I think the kids need that break from a sport. I don't think they should play year round. That's why you're ending up with a lot of kids getting hurt nowadays."

Family support

Madeja, meanwhile, had the backing at home as he moved up the ranks in the Seattle organization.

"My wife Deborah was a school teacher and principal," Madeja said. "When I started scouting, my kids were young and I elected to stay an amateur area scout for 25 years as they grew up so I wouldn't be gone as much. Deborah was supportive throughout my career. The scouting and her career in education actually meshed quite well, due to the baseball and school off-seasons."

Madeja, meanwhile, doesn't have any plans to retire or cut short his scouting career, which has spanned 38 years.

"If my contract is extended, I'll probably go a few more years anyway," he said. "Sixty-four is not that old anymore."

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The Taylor Meadows Junior Open Boys 15-18 champs included Northville's Andrew Lack (left), who took first, and Wayne's Andrew Aigeltinger, who was runner-up.

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chipped it in."

Van Norden drove the ball almost 230 yards on No. 13.

"I got up and down on that hole for par," she said.

Andrew Lack of Northville conquered the Boys 15-18 field with 2-over-par 73. It marked the third time he has shot 73 on the Kensington Junior Tour.

Lack, multiple tour winner this summer, started off strong.

"I was hitting good shots and my putter was working, although I had a couple three putts," said the Novi Detroit Catholic Central High junior, who parred the front nine with 35. "I had two birdies, one on

the front and one on the back.

"I started off on the back nine with a par. I had a double-bogey on No. 11, because I had to punch it out from under the trees and then I three-putted. I bounced back with a birdie after that and parred most of the holes after that."

Wayne Memorial High incoming junior Andrew Aigeltinger hit a spectacular tee shot and drove the par-4 10th green to record a rare eagle.

Aigeltinger, who carded 38 on the back nine, was runner-up with 79.

"I was pretty accurate with my driver today," he said. "It felt pretty good. I started out pretty rough, but got better as I went on."

Novi's Khruv Kumar overcame "a lot of ups and downs" en route to 83 and a victory in

the Boys 12-14 division.

The 12-year-old challenged himself by shooting from the championship tees - tacking 437 yards onto the course - and still managed 40 on the front nine.

"I started with a double-bogey and then bounced back with a birdie on No. 2. I had a decent front nine," Kumar said. "On the back, I started out with a double-(bogey) again. I birdied the fourth or fifth hole, but I didn't close too good. I shot 83 because of that. I had some three-putts and some bad drives."

Howell's Chandler Hollister finished second with 101.

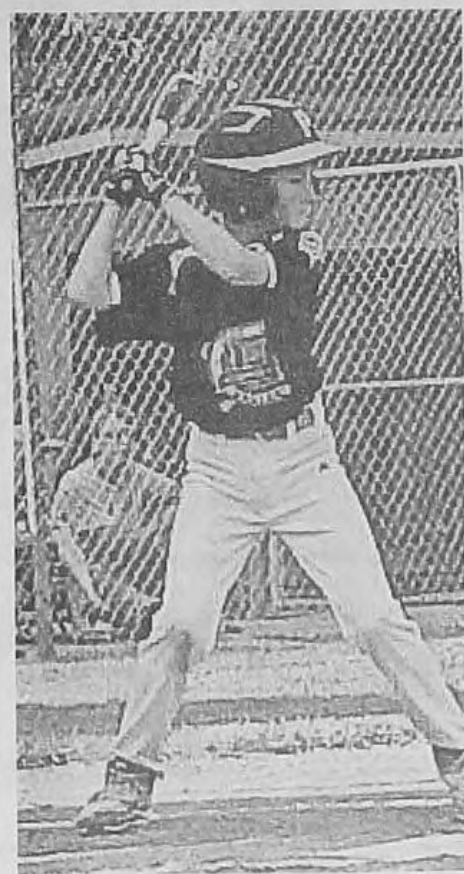
Gearing up for the Kensington Moose Ridge Junior Open on Aug. 8, Pinckney's Nolan Doersch shot 67 to capture the 11-and-under division.

Let's play ball!



PETER KUECHLER

It's game time for the Plymouth-Canton Little League Orange All-Stars (ages 9-10), getting set to take the field July 7 at the District 16 tournament. Tecumseh American prevailed in the contest.



PETER KUECHLER

Leading off the July 9 District 16 tournament with a walk for the PC Orange All Stars is Nathan Kuechler. He came around to score on a series of stolen bases.

Tryouts on tap for GC Gators fastpitch softball program

Tryouts are just around the corner for the Garden City Gators Fastpitch Softball Program.

Players from Garden City and other communities are welcome to attend the sessions, which will take place on the

lighted softball field at Garden City High School (corner of Maplewood and Hartel).

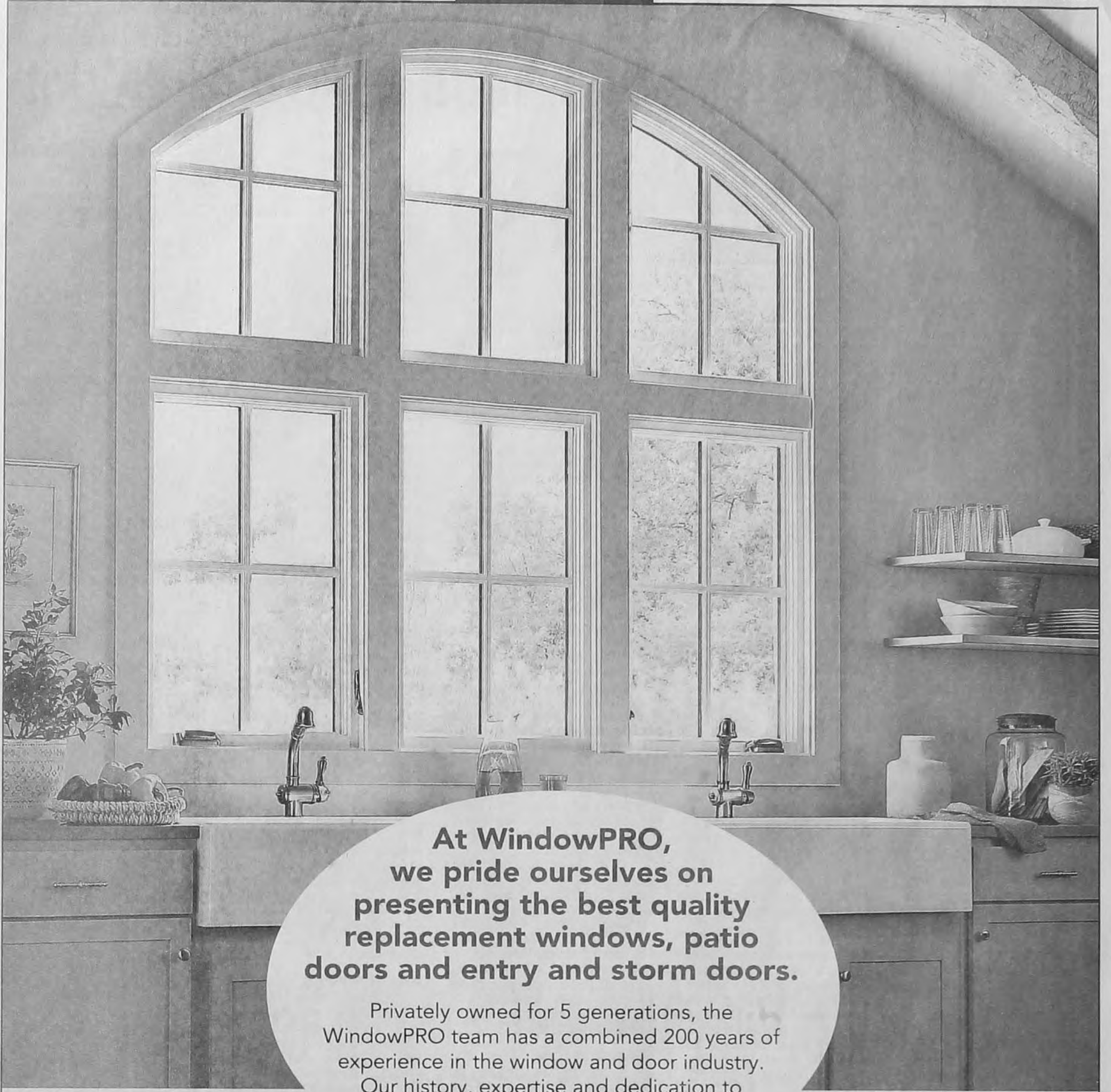
Coach Barry Patterson suggests players arrive 30 minutes before scheduled tryout times to check in and warm up. Patterson can be reached at

gcsoftball@mi.rr.com or 734-635-2388.

Tryouts are as follows:
Monday, Aug. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: 14-and-Under, 16U
Tuesday, Aug. 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: 10U, 12U
Wednesday, Aug. 10, 6:30-

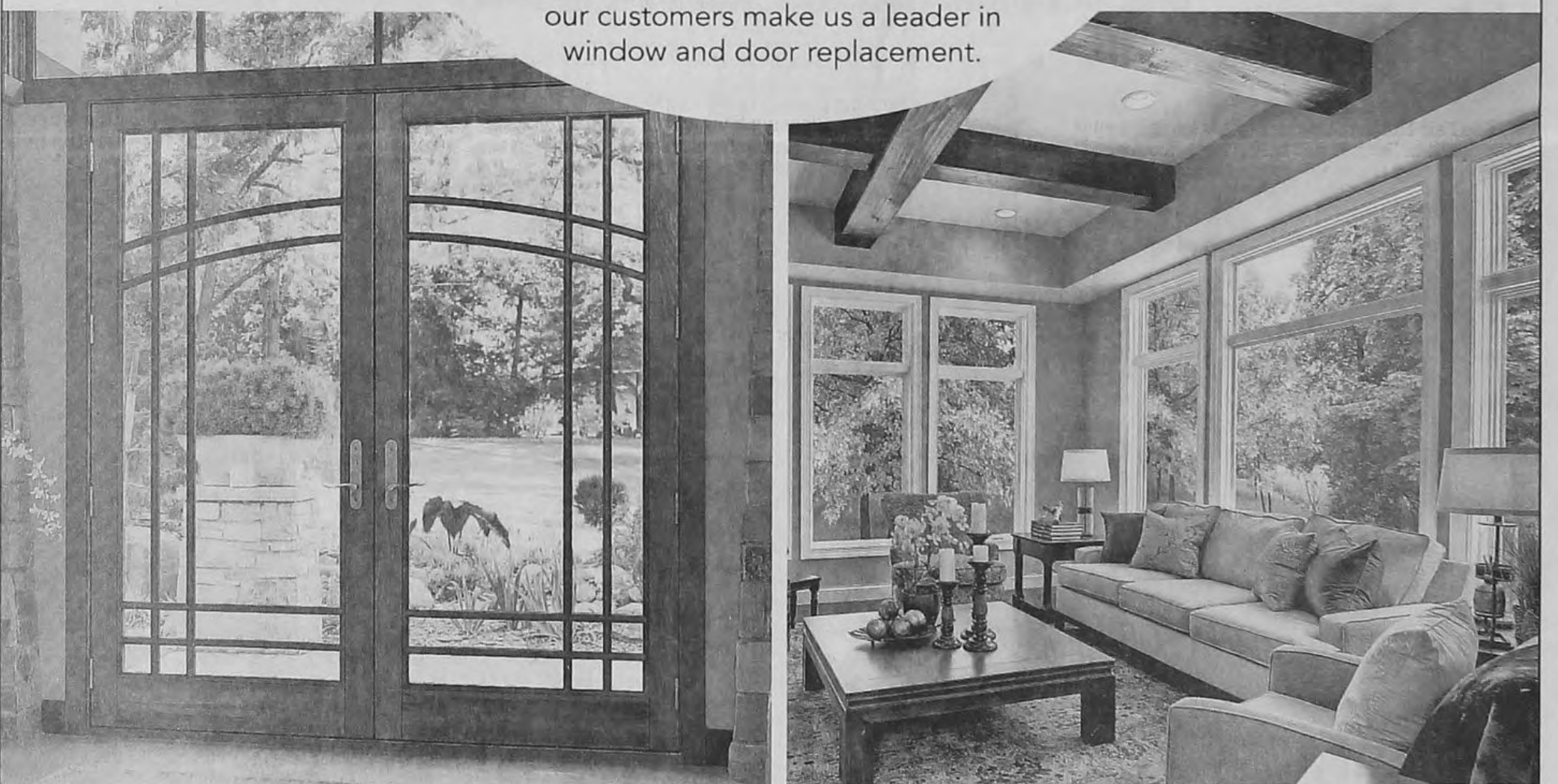
8:30 p.m.: 14U, 16U
Thursday, Aug. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: 10U, 12U
Saturday, Aug. 13, 9-11:30 a.m.: 10U, 12U
Saturday, Aug. 13, 1-3:30 p.m.: 14U, 16U
Sunday, Aug. 14, 9-11:30 a.m.:

10U, 12U
Sunday, Aug. 14, 1-3:30 p.m.: 14U, 16U



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The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit will hold its annual Housing Leadership Awards on Sept. 22.

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Fair housing director: 'We encourage people to participate in conversation'

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit will hold its 19th annual Housing Leadership Awards on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Federal Reserve Conference Center, 1600 E. Warren Ave. in Detroit. Advance sale tickets are needed to attend, with information available online at www.fairhousingdetroit.org.

The Fair Housing Center can be reached at 313-963-1274 or on Facebook. Photo ID will be needed for those attending the Sept. 22 awards dinner.

"We encourage people to visit us on our Facebook," said Margaret L.M. Brown, who's served as the center's executive director since 2013. "That's a good way for them to keep up to date. We encourage people to participate in the conversation."

Brown, who holds a law degree from the former Thomas M. Cooley Law School, now part of Western Michigan University, noted the website isn't updated as frequently as Facebook.

On Sept. 22, James Bush of the Detroit Metropolitan Apartment Association will receive the Leadership Award. Attorney Otto J. Hetzel and William Eargle Jr. will receive the Clifford C.

Schrupp Award.

Cheryl Bukoff will receive the Marvin Thomas Service Award.

"Its purpose is twofold," Brown said of the dinner, which is a fundraiser. "We strive to recognize people who have had a significant contribution." That includes civil rights and liberties, she said, including those active "who meant something to the whole area on a national scale."

Brown noted attorney Hetzel worked for the federal government, and was a key figure in the earlier fair housing efforts nationally.

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting, buying or securing financing for any housing. The prohibitions specifically cover discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and the presence of children, the website of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development notes.

According to the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit website, the evidence from the housing discrimination complaints filed with FHCMD by home seekers, from the "testing" conducted



Brown

by the FHCMD, and from the statements provided by many housing providers who support fair housing laws and are willing to step forward to help expose violations of those laws, demonstrates that practices of unlawful housing discrimination continue and the services of FHCMD are needed.

"We enforce housing discrimination law and train people on what the law is," Brown said. Of any improvements in fair housing awareness in the real estate field, she finds, "Generally, no."

Real estate industry staffers "seem to think it's a thing of the past and it is not. The need's still there. There's still a lot of discrimination. We get cases involving mortgage applications, mortgage refinancing."

She and center colleagues hear more about rental discrimination cases, "more obvious, I think, to the consumer," Brown said. She noted mortgage denial is harder to prove.

"You know that there's something wrong" if an apartment visited by testers is still advertised the next week, she said.

"There's a lot of work still to do," added Brown, noting the center served about 100 people last year. "We could have served more if they

knew we existed," she said.

On April 27, the Fair Housing Center hosted its annual Attorney Appreciation Awards at the Detroit Historical Museum on Woodward. This year's honorees were attorney John A. Obee and Judge Linda V. Parker.

Each April, in recognition of national Fair Housing Month, the FHCMD holds its annual bench and bar awards reception honoring both judiciary and trial lawyers. Those interested in attending next April's event should call 313-963-1274 or email info@fairhousingdetroit.org.

The FHCMD website says, by law, to rent, purchase or obtain financing or insurance for housing without discrimination based upon race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, marital, familial or disability status. Both State of Michigan and federal laws apply to the actions of owners, real estate brokers or agents, apartment managers, cooperatives, condominiums, mortgage lenders, appraisers or residential insurers, and they prohibit, with few exceptions, any differences in treatment based on any of the protected characteristics, the website adds.

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Pit bull as support animal may stand legal test

Q: I am trying to rent a unit in an apartment building and I told the landlord that I need an emotional support animal, which happens to be a pit bull. The landlord seems to be suggesting that his policy is not to allow pit bulls in the apartment. Do I have any standing?

A: Yes, you certainly do, if you can establish that you need an emotional support animal even though it is a pit bull. By way of example, a recent case out of New Jersey, on similar facts, found that a pit bull used as an emotional support animal may not be barred

based on the breed, but rather, the landlord must make an individual assessment of the specific service animal's conduct. In that regard, the court referenced the fact that whether an accommodation is reasonable is a question of fact determined by a close examination of the particulars of the circumstances.

The court further stated that whether the tenant's specific pit bull poses a direct threat that cannot be mitigated by another reasonable accommodation is distinctly a question of fact and that such factual assessment might determine that the dog has no aggressive or socialization issues. The court then acknowledged that allowing a pit bull to remain on the premises was a potentially reasonable accommodation.

In short, your landlord cannot base his decision on pure conjecture without a substantial evidential basis. You are best advised to retain an attorney familiar with this type of law to assist you in dealing with the landlord.

Q: We own a two-acre piece of property and our neighbor has been using a dirt road over our property for about 16 years. The neighbor is now selling his house and refuses to have an agreement with us in terms of who is responsible for the maintenance of that roadway which he continues to expand. What can we do?

A: It is important that you iron out the legal details with your neighbor before he sells his house and give him or her notice that you will make a legal issue out of it, including the institution of legal proceedings to assert your rights as it relates to that driveway/roadway before he sells his house. You need to be concerned about adverse possession, an easement by necessity and other legal theories that he or his successor in interest may assert, and it is better to get the matter resolved now rather than later.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Home sales in U.S. climb a bit, including Midwest

Pending home sales were mostly unmoved in June, but did creep slightly higher as supply and affordability constraints prevented a bigger boost in activity from mortgage rates that lingered near all-time lows through most of the month, according to the National Association of Realtors. Increases in the Northeast and Midwest were offset by declines in the South and West.

The Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking indicator based on contract signings, inched 0.2 percent to 111.0 in June from 110.8 in May and is now 1.0 percent higher than June 2015 (109.9). With last month's minor improvement, the index is now at its second highest reading over the past 12 months, but is noticeably down from this year's peak level in April (115.0).

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief

economist, says a solid bump in activity in the Northeast pulled up pending sales modestly in June.

"With only the Northeast region having an adequate supply of homes for sale, the reoccurring dilemma of strained supply causing a run-up in home prices continues to play out in several markets, leading to the last two months reflecting a slight, early summer cool-down after a very active spring," he said. "Unfortunately for prospective buyers trying to take advantage of exceptionally low mortgage rates, housing inventory at the end of last month was down almost 6 percent from a year ago, and home prices are showing little evidence of slowing to a healthier pace that more closely mirrors wage and income growth."

Adds Yun, "Until inventory

conditions markedly improve, far too many prospective buyers are likely to run into situations of either being priced out of the market or outbid on the very few properties available for sale."

One noteworthy and positive development occurring in the housing market during the first half of the year, according to Yun, is that sales to investors have subsided from a high of 18 percent in February to a low of 11 percent in June. Yun attributes this retreat to the diminished number of distressed properties coming onto the market at any given time and the ascent in home prices, which have now risen year-over-year for 52 consecutive months.

In spite of the slight slowdown in contract signings from April's peak high, existing-home sales this year are still expected to be around

5.44 million, a 3.6-percent boost from 2015 and the highest annual pace since 2006 (6.48 million). After accelerating to 6.8 percent a year ago, national median existing-home price growth is forecast to slightly moderate to around 4 percent.

Regional breakdown

The PHSI in the Northeast advanced 3.2 percent to 96.0 in June, and is now 1.7 percent above a year ago. In the Midwest the index increased 0.8 percent to 108.9 in June, and is now 1.6 percent higher than June 2015.

Pending home sales in the South decreased modestly (0.6 percent) to an index of 125.9 in June but are still 1.8 percent higher than last June. The index in the West declined 1.3 percent in June to 101.3, and is now 1.8 percent below a year ago.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Benefit Estate Sale

Hall & Hunter Realtors will hold its 13th annual Estate Sale of Antiques, Collectibles and Treasures to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Hall & Hunter Realtors, 442 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. All year long, Hall & Hunter Realtors collect antiques, gently used furniture and more. Since Hall & Hunter Realtors' inception 11 years ago, they have raised

RELIGION CALENDAR

Email event information for this calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

AUGUST CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 18-19 and 25-26

Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 26880 La Muera, Farmington Hills

Details: Trinity and Friends choir presents "Let's Go To The Movies." Tickets are \$12

Contact: trinityinthetwoods.org

CONCERT CANCELED

Time/Date: Aug. 15

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28860 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Kim-Char Meredith's concert has been canceled

Contact: unityoflivonia; 734-421-1760

FAMILY TAO SUMMER CAMP

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21

Location: Michigan Zhong Shu Temple, 23845 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: The theme is "cherish life." The camp is for families with children, 6-12 and aims to help children develop character and learn to cherish all life with respect, joy and gratitude. Cost is \$30 per participant and includes a T-shirt and vegetarian meals. At least one adult from the child's family must attend the camp. Register by Aug. 10 at facebook.com/michigantemple

Contact: Brenda at 248-910-6608 or Rocky Chen at 734-890-2307

FREE YARD SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia; Unity of Royal Oak, 2500 Crooks, Royal Oak; God Lan Unity, 22450 Schoolcraft, Detroit

Details: Shoppers can take whatever they want, including clothing, home and yard goods, pictures, jewelry, toys, and

more, for free. The number of items a person takes may be limited during peak hours

Contact: Rev. Eileen Patra at 734-421-1760

GRIEFSHARE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21-Nov. 6

Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Grief support group provides help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Cost is \$20 and includes workbook.

Contact: 248-766-5977

HEARTBEAT OF PLYMOUTH

Time/Date: 12:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13

Location: Kellogg Park, Penn Theater, and The Gathering in downtown Plymouth

Details: Third annual festival features Christian speakers, music and activities for children and teens. Bob Dutko, a Christian radio show host, and Joseph Solomon, a Texas native

who started chaseGodtv, will speak at 12:30 p.m. at The Penn Theater. Tickets are \$10 and available at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, Plymouth First United Methodist Church, and Praise Baptist Church. Chosen, Kingdom Come Alive, and You Shine Through will perform from 3-7 p.m. in the park. Visitors can participate in a community service project from 2-5 p.m. at The Gathering. They'll paint tiles that will be placed on a wall in Clair's Home, a planned safe house in Detroit for human trafficking victims

Contact: heartbeatofplymouth.com

PICNIC

Time/Date: 12:30-2 p.m. Aug. 7, immediately following Worship in the Park

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, at Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse grounds, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, Canton

Details: Hot dogs, cookies, chips and water will be provided and a praise band will perform

Contact: 734-459-3333

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/dates: Week 1, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 1, 3 and 5; Week 2, Aug. 8, 10 and 12.

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Theme is Serengeti Trek - "Where kids are wild about God." The program, for grades K-6, will include games, Bible stories, snacks and music

Contact: Katelyn at 734-620-4778 or Melissa at 734-765-1827

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 21

Location: Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse grounds, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, Canton

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church holds outdoor services with childcare provided

Contact: 734-459-3333, connectingwithGod.org

YOUTH SOCCER

Time/Date: 1:30-3 p.m., Aug. 15-19

Location: Crossroads Church/Trinity Church Grounds, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Soccer camp for boys and girls ages 5 and up, any skill level. \$25 per student; non-refundable. Includes water bottle, instruction, snacks. Register at www.crossroad-snow.org

Contact: info@crossroad-snow.org, or Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyelen879@att.net

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniast-michael.org.

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available

if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township

Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386

Contact: facebook.com/stinnocentredford

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

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HELENE age 73 of Plymouth; passed away peacefully at home on July 29, 2016. Beloved wife of 51 years to Thomas; dear mother of Lauren (Jeff) Borenski and Brendon (Lyndell) Masterson; proud grandmother of Jaidin, Olivia, and Jack; caring sister of Vicki Welch, Michael (Terri) Timko, Polly (Gene) Hager; sister-in-law of William Masterson, Maureen (Ian) Dawson, Judee Reber. Helene was a LPN, loved working in the geriatrics field and she retired from the Plymouth Inn. She will be remembered for being a loving wife, mother and grandmother. At the request of Helene, cremation has taken place and the inurnment will be held Saturday, August 6, 2016, at 1 PM at Calvary Cemetery, 555 N. Ridge Road W., Lorain, Ohio 44053. Arrangements entrusted to the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth (734) 459-2250. To share a tribute of Helene, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

MCGEAGH

ADELAIDE lived her life with extraordinary style. Her look, clothes and home filled with color, pattern, texture and antiques all reflecting a unique viewpoint. Her personal style was also her calling card; you knew Addie was near when you heard the jingle of the many sterling silver bangles she wore at all times. In later years, her striking silver hair matched the bracelets she had worn her entire life, a legacy passed on from her mother to her daughters, Adelaide and Gretchen, who continued the tradition with their daughters and onto a fourth generation, Addie's three granddaughters. Born in Los Angeles, California in 1927, Adelaide was the daughter of Donald and Esther Berger, the youngest of three children. Married to William D. McGeagh in 1946, Bill and Addie became parents of Kyle McGeagh Bowers and Kevin McGeagh. A resident of Birmingham since 1960, before moving to Carmel, Indiana, Addie was an active member of the First Church of Christ Scientist, Birmingham; a volunteer at the Christian Science Reading Room; and a volunteer at the Cranbrook house and garden. Her originality and style were seen in the interiors she created for many of her friends as well as the tablescapes fashioned for the Cranbrook Holiday Tables fundraiser. In addition to her decorating talents, she was an accomplished cook, and an avid reader with a deep interest in the American Civil War and military history. She never missed a New Yorker; clipping favorite cartoons to share with others. Adelaide McGeagh died July 24, 2016 in Carmel, Indiana. Addie is survived by her sister, Gretchen Simpson; her daughter, Kyle McGeagh Bowers (David) of Carmel, Indiana; and her son, Kevin D. McGeagh (Ellen) of Lake Orion, Michigan. Addie was the proud grandmother of three granddaughters: Alexandra and Claire Bowers and Allison McGeagh. Addie's constant grace in the face of adversity is an inspiration to all. Her family and friends benefit from her warmth, sense of humor, generosity of spirit, and her encompassing style, which continues to echo through their lives like the soft chime of silver striking silver. She will be missed.

VERESH

EDWARD of Northville, passed away August 1, 2016, at the age of 86. He was born in Detroit, on November 25, 1929, to John and Helen (nee Repka) Veresh. Edward is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years Irene (nee Matthews), his three loving children David (Janice) Veresh, Kathy Veresh, and Karen Veresh, his dear grandchildren Brad Toombs, Tim Veresh, Bethany (Dave) Harris, and Benjamin Veresh, his six precious great-grandchildren, and his two siblings Frank Veresh, and Ethel Wilson. Edward was preceded in death by both of his parents John and Helen Veresh, and seven of his siblings John, Joe, Steve, Helen, Al, Johnny, and George. Visitation for Edward will be Friday, August 5, 2016 from 5-8 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, 48170. His Funeral Service will be Saturday, August 6, 2016, at 11 a.m. at Praise Baptist Church, 4500

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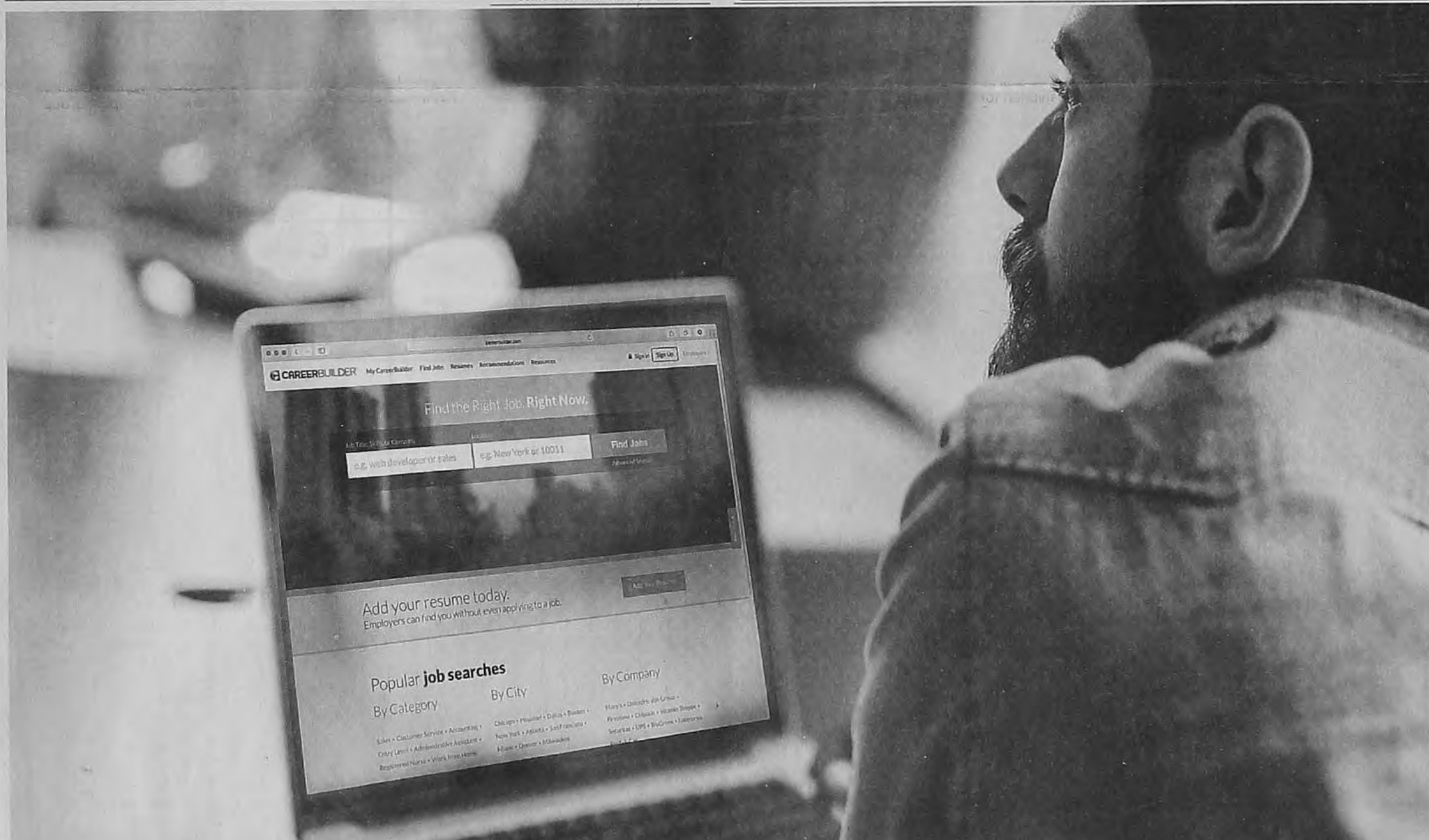
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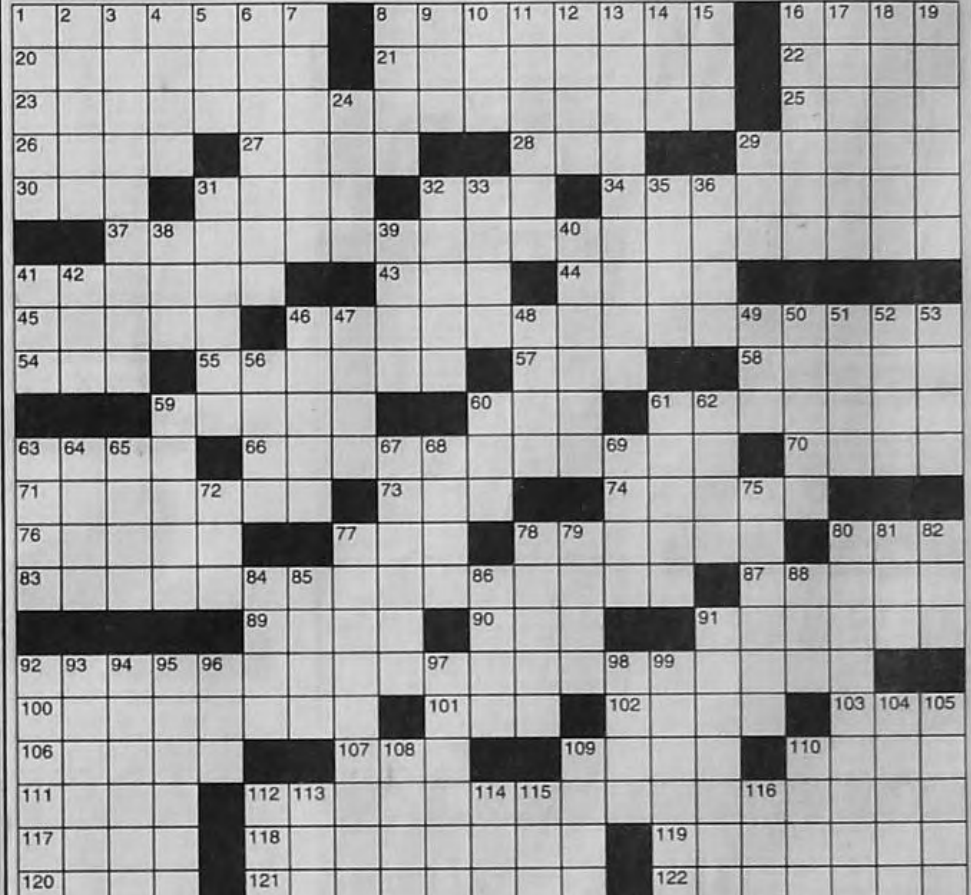
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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 As a substitute
 - 8 Part of VCR
 - 16 Snow clearer
 - 20 Saint who converted Scotland to Christianity
 - 21 Informal "Leave it to me"
 - 22 Roll-call call
 - 23 Public speech about unity?
 - 25 Dictator Idi
 - 26 D.C. baseball team
 - 27 Dog pests
 - 28 On the — (in hiding)
 - 29 Gun-carrying
 - 30 — devil
 - 31 Roster
 - 32 Canto or esprit lead-in
 - 34 Big online dating site
 - 37 Japanese dancing girls being helpers?
 - 41 Shunned sort
 - 43 Hagen of the stage
 - 44 Former U.N. head
 - 45 Citizen of Muscat
 - 46 Don't leave the Hoosier State?
 - 54 Method
 - 55 Walk atop
 - 57 "Wow!" in a text message
 - 58 Get via logic
 - 59 Reeves of Hollywood
 - 60 Dandy guy
 - 61 Substitute
 - 63 Prefix meaning "both"
 - 66 Infant next to a famous British poet?
 - 70 Holders of holy tablets
 - 71 Observant
 - 73 French "yes"
 - 74 Atlanta university
 - 76 Carne — (Mexican dish)
 - 77 Method: Abbr.
 - 78 Feta, e.g.
 - 80 English article
 - 83 Route for some travelers headed for Ohio from Ontario?
 - 87 Housing at 74-Across, e.g.
 - 89 London vehicle
 - 90 Hawaii's Mauna —
 - 91 Style of many ski chalets
 - 92 Police officer in a certain military posture?
 - 100 Having several parts
 - 101 They may be parked at KOA sites
 - 102 Dark film genre
 - 103 Seattle-to-Phoenix dir.
 - 106 Weed B Gon brand
 - 107 Stable diet?
 - 109 Followers of Attila
 - 110 Like two peas in —
 - 111 Miles of film
 - 112 What DNA paternity tests provide?
 - 117 Shah's home
 - 118 Assumed control of
 - 119 Polar light phenomena
 - 120 To be, to Tacitus
 - 121 Fireplace log supporters
 - 122 Adolescents, informally
- DOWN**
- 1 Holy relics
 - 2 Singer Jones
 - 3 Roofing color
 - 4 Mild rebukes
 - 5 Former U.K. record co.
 - 6 Nullify
 - 7 Pastry type
 - 8 French film
 - 9 In time past
 - 10 Prince, e.g.
 - 11 Artist Frank
 - 12 2015 eruption
 - 13 TV show
 - 14 — "a pity"
 - 15 19th letter
 - 16 Big — (drug companies)
 - 17 Actor Jack
 - 18 Act aligned
 - 19 Rival of Burger King
 - 24 Bi- times
 - 29 Goya's field
 - 31 Act as a link
 - 32 Not — eye (show no reaction)
 - 33 Actor Morales
 - 35 Player of 45s
 - 36 "It's —!" ("That's just wrong!")
 - 38 A, in Berlin
 - 39 Japanese sport
 - 40 Like bikinis
 - 41 "Smack!"
 - 42 Org. for drs.
 - 46 Of kidneys
 - 47 Digital book file extension
 - 48 Tyro PC user
 - 49 Drop down
 - 50 Mosaic piece
 - 51 Miles off
 - 52 Tie locale
 - 53 Eros' father
 - 56 Perfume from Dana
 - 59 Fella
 - 60 Sticky-note initialism
 - 61 Juliet's flame
 - 62 Baseball's Slaughter
 - 63 At the drop of —
 - 64 "You've Made — Very Happy"
 - 65 Pooh, e.g.
 - 67 Cellist with 18 Grammys
 - 68 Total failure
 - 69 Marsh stalk
 - 72 Real admirer
 - 75 West Coast evergreen
 - 77 Hawaii achieved it in 1959
 - 78 Congaals
 - 79 Sun provision
 - 80 Take place
 - 81 "I wonder ..."
 - 82 Suffix of nationalities
 - 84 Certain Vette roof
 - 85 Uttered
 - 86 Kingly Norse name
 - 88 Pedro's gold
 - 91 In dispute
 - 92 Cheap flick
 - 93 Sirens, say
 - 94 Radicals
 - 95 Gas in fuel
 - 96 AFL —
 - 97 Strive to get
 - 98 Adequate, in dialect
 - 99 Skim, maybe
 - 104 Sub finser
 - 105 Rims
 - 108 Gaffer Isao
 - 109 — d'oeuvre
 - 110 Elvis — Presley
 - 112 K-12 gp.
 - 113 Pal of Harry
 - 114 Lacto- — at Hogwarts
 - 115 Marsh
 - 116 Lead-in to existing



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5	4	9		2	7		6	
8	9		7	5		6	4	
3	5		6	1		8	9	
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			3		4			

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6	8	2	1	4	9	7	5	3
3	7	5	6	2	8	1	4	9
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