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## New look, new features debut in today's Observer

Dear Readers:  
Your hometown *Observer* has a new look. The changes are a result of your feedback in e-mail surveys and local interviews over the last four months. The design has been updated and inside you'll find new features on "Public Safety" and "Strictly Business" and a Hometown Life section with Sports, Filter and Food & Wine. It's all local and packaged with more photos and more local names. In addition, you will see a new emphasis on local opinions - from us and from you.

I welcome your comments. You can reach me at (313) 222-5397 or at srosiek@hometownlife.com

Susan Rosiek  
executive editor

## PIPELINE

### Suspect nabbed

Canton Township used an undercover surveillance camera to arrest a maintenance worker Friday for stealing money from a desk drawer in the Phase 3 building at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Deputy Chief Robert Kerr says 34-year-old Sheila Honeycutt of South Lyon was arraigned Saturday on two counts of larceny from a building, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and a maximum \$5,000 fine.

"The problem was brought to our attention last month when \$30 of school money was taken from the drawer of a secretary," Kerr said. "As a result, we put a surveillance camera on a desk and put some plant money in an envelope, and late last week discovered the suspect - working the midnight shift - took the money out. She also admitted to taking the \$30 in cash."

Kerr said the second envelope contained \$28 in cash.

Honeycutt's preliminary exam is scheduled for Feb. 13 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

### Happy birthday, Abe

Abraham Lincoln turns 200 this month, and he and his wife, Mary, have agreed to celebrate Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with free admission for all. Abe, portrayed by Fred Priebe, and Mary, portrayed by Fred's wife Bonnie, will be joined by Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Sen. Jacob Howard and re-enactors from the 21st Michigan Infantry.

The Plymouth Historical Museum's current exhibit, "In the Presence of Lincoln," showcases original furniture from Lincoln's Springfield, Ill., home - on loan from The Henry Ford - as well as original historic ephemera associated with Lincoln, loaned by the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street just north of downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8940 or visit [www.plymouth-history.org](http://www.plymouth-history.org).



The new Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron was welcomed at Our Lady of Good Counsel on Monday evening for a celebratory Mass.

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## OLGC throng welcomes new Detroit archbishop

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If parishioners at Our Lady of Good Counsel were concerned about presenting a sense of seriousness Monday as they welcomed new Archbishop of Detroit Allen Vigneron, he let them know they could relax pretty quickly.

Vigneron, appointed last month by Pope Benedict XVI to replace Cardinal Adam Maida, cracked a joke that drew laughter from some 1,000 people who attended a celebration of the Eucharist to welcome Vigneron.

"I was talking to one of your deacons, who told me he remembered when I was rector at the seminary," Vigneron told the throng gathered at OLGC. "He was taking classes at the time and said he thought I was a pretty decent teacher. High praise, indeed."

Vigneron, 60, had been a bishop in Oakland, Calif., prior to his appointment to replace Maida. A Mount Clemens native, he's happy to return to his southeast Michigan roots for such an important job.

"I feel a great confirmation in it," Vigneron said. "This is the community that nurtured my faith, and I'm happy to come back and nurture others."

Vigneron went to Detroit's Sacred Heart Seminary high



The choir at Our Lady of Good Counsel sings for the new archbishop.

school and college. Before being appointed bishop of Oakland, Calif., in 2003, Vigneron was an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Among his other positions: rector/president of Sacred Heart Seminary; work in the administrative section of the Vatican Secretariat of State; and service as associate pastor at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Harper Woods.

With all that experience in southeast Michigan, Vigneron said he knows the state's economy is among the hottest issues for his new flock.

"The people are feeling very significantly the economic downturn," Vigneron said. "I want to help the priests respond to that need for their people."

His message of renewal in faith and in love of God reso-

nated with his OLGC flock. "It was overwhelming to see the shepherd of the Lord," said OLGC member Mary Poskie of Plymouth. "For me, it's hard to put into words. When I saw him coming down the aisle... you just felt the presence of the Lord. To be that close to the one chosen to be our shepherd was an honor."

The evening closed with a reception during which parishioners waited in long lines to shake Vigneron's hand. That kind of welcome didn't surprise the archbishop.

"Certainly, (OLGC members) are very welcoming, very accommodating," Vigneron said. "With Father (John) Riccardo in the parish, there's a good tradition of hospitality."

## Quieting train horns too costly, officials say

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Imagine a Plymouth free of blaring freight-train horns, especially the ones that sound at 3 a.m.

Now put that one down - far down - on the city's wish list.

Plymouth City Commission members saw a presentation on railroad quiet zones at their Monday meeting, but a prohibitive price tag makes it unlikely they will adopt such a program in the near future, officials said.

It would cost a minimum of \$700,000, and possibly many times that, to outfit Plymouth's railroad crossings with the safety measures needed to be eligible for a quiet zone at each, officials said.

Train engineers are required to sound train horns for between 15 and 20 seconds as they approach every grade-level crossing, said John Buzuvis of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, who gave the presentation. But with so-called "supplemental safety measures" at each crossing, the city could apply to the Federal Railroad Administration for quiet-zone status, meaning the horn rule would be waived.

One catch is that the safety measures - traffic medians, for example, or crossing gates with four arms, one for each direction of vehicular traffic flow - would have to be installed before the FRA considers the city's application, Buzuvis said.

"We'd make an investment, a multimillion-dollar investment, to see 'if maybe ...' Commissioner David Workman said.

"To see if it would work," said City Manager Paul Sincoc, finishing the commissioner's thought.

Buying and installing four-arm crossing gates would cost a minimum of \$100,000 at each crossing, officials said. Traffic-channeling devices (estimated at \$13,000 per crossing) and medians (\$15,000 a crossing) are cheaper, but wouldn't be practical in Plymouth, Sincoc said, because they wouldn't necessarily prevent motorists from driving over them, and they would pose problems for traffic coming out of side streets and driveways in close proximity to railroad crossings.

The quiet-zone program would have to be coordinated with Wayne County and CSX Railroad as well as the FRA, Buzuvis said. In addition to the supplemental safety measures, Buzuvis said, all crossings would have to be outfitted with special railroad signalling technology, if they don't already have it. Buzuvis said he's heard estimates for the new technology of between \$50,000 and \$300,000 per crossing.

Sincoc said complaints about disruptive train horns don't come from just one or two parts of the city.

"We always get complaints, and it's really from all over town," he said.

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## Groundhog debate thrives at New Morning

BY KELLY KRAWCZYK  
CORRESPONDENT

What better way to demonstrate the Groundhog Day tradition than with a real live groundhog?

The preschool class at New Morning School used its class pet, Joey the hedgehog, to conduct its very own Groundhog Day experiment Monday.

First thing in the morning, preschool teacher Molly Kramer gently set Joey down in a fluffy snow bank on the playground. The students lined up eagerly to watch.

Since Joey is a nocturnal pet and it was still quite early, Joey was unfazed by her sudden move to the chilly outdoors. She remained tightly curled up her prickly self and refused to awaken. The sun was shining brightly



Students crowd around New Morning School preschool teacher Molly Kramer to see Joey, the school's own groundhog, on Groundhog Day Monday.

and Joey's round form cast a definite long morning shadow. According to legend, the shadow forecast an already long, cold winter to continue for another six weeks.

But the weather prediction still remains unsolved. After all,

since Joey was sleeping, did she actually see her shadow? If no shadow is seen, spring is said to arrive early. Time will tell, but either way, Joey is once again warm and dry in her cozy nest located in the preschool room of New Morning School.

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# Coach resigns in wake of sex scandal

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Madonna University officials Monday accepted the resignation of men's basketball coach Chuck Henry in the wake of allegations he had inappropriate sexual

contact with a 13-year-old student when he taught in the Wayne-Westland school district more than two decades ago.

The allegations were made by the former student, whose name was not divulged, in a report aired

Sunday and Monday nights on WDIV-TV (Channel 4).

In a statement released Monday by the university, officials said: "Our prayers are with the young woman. We have accepted Mr. Henry's resignation, and he is no longer a university

employee."

In the wake of Henry's resignation, assistant coach Myron Brown was named the school's interim coach. Assistants Monte Dennard and Noel Emenheiser will help run the team.

The woman, now 36, alleged the inappropriate contact happened some 23 years ago, when she was a student and Henry, then 37, was a gym teacher at Adams Junior High School in Westland. The girl had a tape recording of a conversation she recently had with Henry, a conversation she recorded without telling Henry he was being taped.

During that conversation, played during the televised report, the woman could be heard asking Henry if she was "the only one or were there others?" Henry's reply: "You were the only one."

When approached by WDIV reporter Karen Drew, Henry, a Canton resident, at first denied the allegations. When shown a transcript of the recorded conversation, and being told the girl alleged the inappropriate conduct happened multiple



Henry

times over the course of a year, Henry admitted to recalling "maybe two or three times." He also called it "the one thing in my life ... I've never been able to understand or forgive myself for."

Neither Henry nor the victim could be reached for comment.

Henry moved from Adams to Wayne Memorial High School and then coached at Agape Christian Academy. Officials for those schools said no complaints had ever been filed against Henry.

In a statement, pastor Mark Moore, lead pastor and administrator for the Agape Family Worship Center and Christian Academy, said Henry was "well-respected" in his years at Agape.

"We were saddened to hear the news of Chuck Henry's alleged involvement in the molestation of a former student of Adams Jr. High in the Wayne-

Westland Public School District," the statement read. "Chuck Henry was a well-respected coach at Agape Christian Academy for several years. There were never any allegations of misconduct occurring while he was on our coaching staff. We will continue to pray for the alleged victim and also for his family during this time."

Wayne-Westland Community Schools Supt. Greg Baracy said no complaints were ever filed with the district against Henry.

"The District has learned through the media that allegations have surfaced regarding an inappropriate relationship which occurred over twenty years ago between a teacher/coach and a student," Baracy wrote in a statement.

"While the teacher/coach retired from our district several years ago, we are deeply disappointed to learn of these allegations. Our thoughts and prayers go out to this young woman and her family."

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Angela Predhomme



Singer-songwriter Angela Predhomme, a Plymouth native, performs at Livonia's Trinity House Theatre Feb. 6 as part of the Songwriters Anonymous Showcase.

## Local songwriter wins national recording contest

Singer-songwriter Angela Predhomme, a Plymouth native, had a 2008 that kept getting better.

She started off the year performing locally and writing music, and ended it with a song sold to Warner Brothers, a national contest win under her belt, and a CD released to very positive reception.

Angela's catchy song, "Everything is Alright" has been sold exclusively to Telepictures, the division of Warner Brothers that produces the Tyra Banks and Ellen Degeneres TV shows. It is expected to be aired on national television.

Noteborn Music, a licens-

ing company that supplies music to the film and TV industry, chose another one of Angela's songs as the grand prize winner of their national recording contest. The song, "Passing the Days," was produced at Big Sky Recording, in Ann Arbor and is currently being marketed for major film and TV placement. Noteborn Music is based in Ann Arbor.

These songs and more can be heard on Angela's debut full length CD, released in December, 2008. The CD features added instrumentation by key talent from the Detroit metro area, including guitarist Brett Lucas, Scott Christopher

and Dale Grisa. It is currently available on cdbaby.com, iTunes, Rhapsody, and other digital distributors.

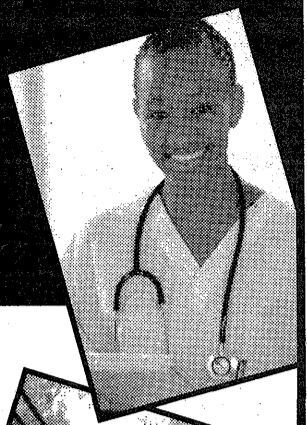
A dedicated songwriter and vocalist, Angela grew up in Plymouth and now resides in Hamburg Township. She is an active member of NSAI Detroit (Nashville Songwriters Association International) and Songwriters Anonymous, groups where songwriters get both industry and peer feedback in order to perfect their craft.

Predhomme will be performing at Livonia's Trinity House Theatre on Feb. 6 as part of the Songwriters Anonymous Showcase.

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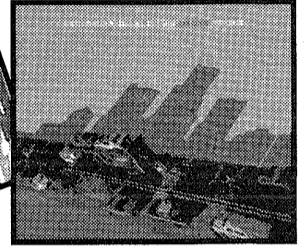
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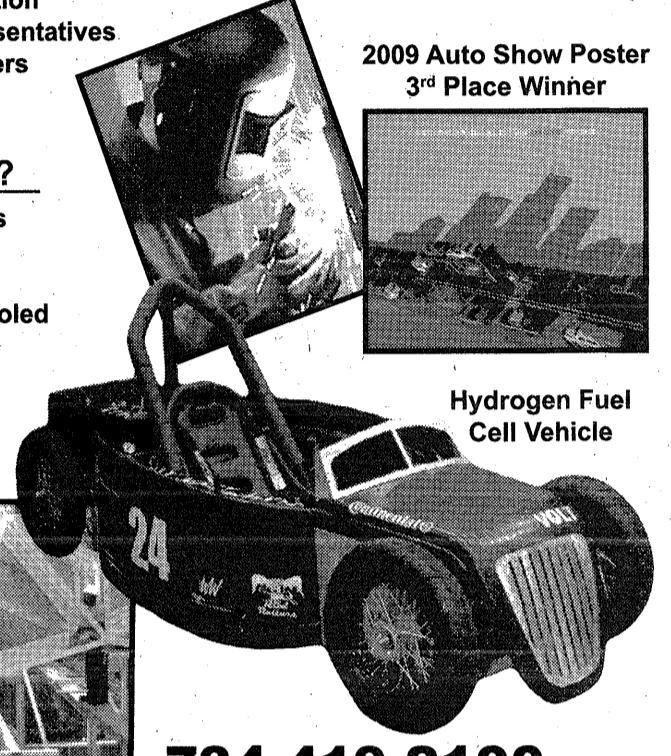
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Traffic stop ends in township marijuana bust

A routine traffic stop Jan. 28 turned into a marijuana bust in Plymouth Township after the driver told the officer who had pulled him over that he had a half-pound of pot.

The arrest occurred on Ann Arbor Road just east of I-275 at around 9 p.m., according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The officer had just seen the man turn right, on a red light, from a northbound freeway exit ramp onto eastbound Ann Arbor Road, despite a posted ban on right-on-red turns, police said.

The man had no license; police said it had been suspended. While being arrested for that offense, police said, the suspect said he had a half-pound of marijuana on the car's passenger seat.

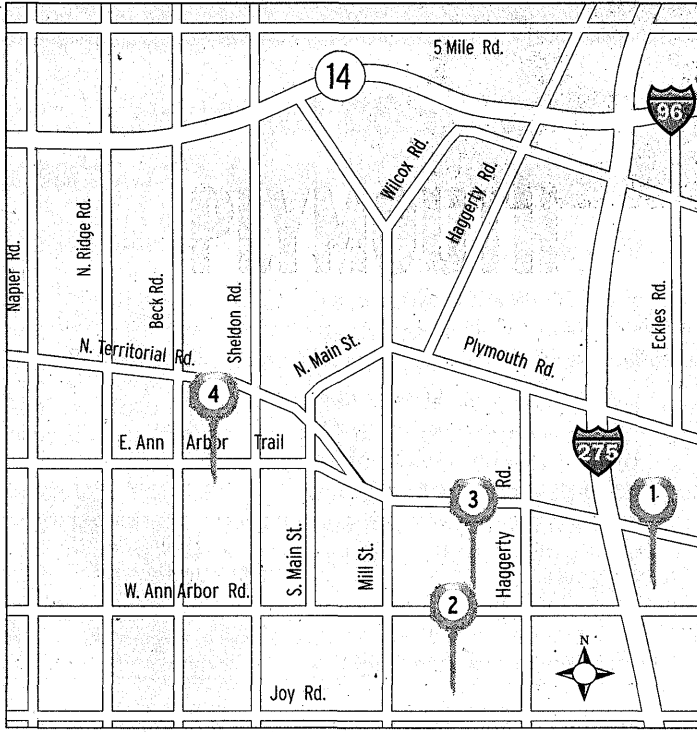
The officer found the suspected marijuana in a plastic bag, police said. The suspect's aunt was called to the scene to take custody of his young son, who was in the car.

Police said a preliminary test on some of the material showed it was marijuana. The suspect told police he intended to use some of it and sell some of it, police said.

### Paraphernalia bust

Police arrested a 36-year-old man Saturday afternoon on charges of possessing drug paraphernalia and driving with a suspended license.

A township police report said a patrolling officer spotted the man, who was described as a known cocaine user, driving a black Mercury on Joy Road near General Drive shortly after 2 p.m. During a traffic stop, the report said, the officer spotted small plastic packets,



with white powder residue on them, on the floor and driver's seat of the car. The officer also found the man's license was suspended, police said.

Another packet with white powder on it was found in a pocket of the suspect's pants, police said, and a search of the Mercury turned up a suspected crack cocaine pipe.

In all, 13 packets were recovered. The powder on one of them was put through a preliminary test that showed it was cocaine, police said.

### Vandalism

An exterior light was smashed and Christmas lights were vandalized at a house on Barrington Road on Monday evening.

The victim told police she was sitting in her living room when she heard a noise at the front of the house shortly before 8 p.m. When

she went outside, she said, she discovered a light on her garage had been smashed and Christmas lights had been taken from front-yard bushes and strewn across the driveway.

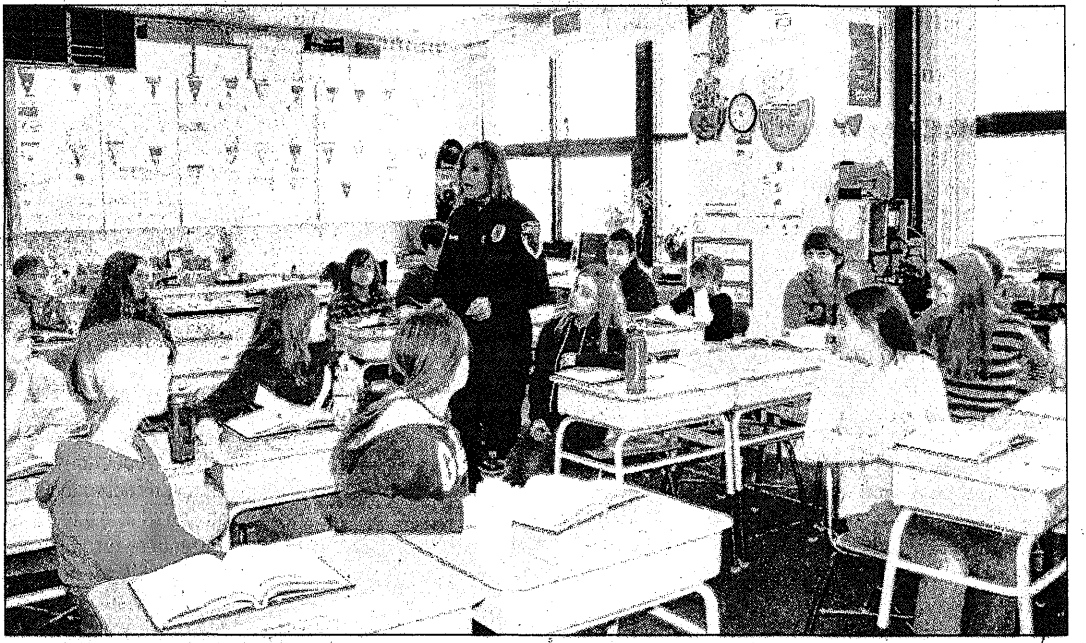
### Generator stolen

A generator was reported stolen from a backyard shed at a house on Southworth Road last week.

The victim told police the theft occurred between the evening of Jan. 26 and 8 a.m. the next day. A responding officer reported seeing tracks in the snow between the yard and the parking lot of a nearby church; the victim told the officer the tracks were made by the generator, police said.

It was unclear how the shed had been entered. Police said a combination lock securing it did not appear to have been damaged.

- By Matt Jachman



Plymouth Township Police Officer Jamie Senkbeil talks with the fifth-graders in Delene Franchi's classroom at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth Township.

## Taking the fifth (and second)

### Police, schools work TEAM concept in elementaries

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For years, the Plymouth Township Police Department has placed a premium on establishing a strong partnership with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

That partnership renews next week when the department takes its long-running TEAM (Teaching, Educating and Mentoring) school liaison program into elementary schools in the district.

Officer Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township's community resource officer, will be busy conducting the seven-week TEAM curriculum at Bird and Isbister elementary schools. The concept is taught at Parrand, Fiegel and Allen in the fall as Senkbeil rotates it around the schools.

"This partnership is designed to promote responsible character traits, and teach safety," Senkbeil said. Senkbeil teaches the TEAM

program to both second- and fifth-grade students. The second-graders get an abbreviated three-week program that's heavily tilted toward safety.

It includes basic safety rules, how to dial 911 in emergencies and traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety.

The fifth-grade curriculum is a bit more involved. It lasts seven weeks and includes rules and laws, personal safety, two weeks on bullying, Internet safety and two weeks on drugs and the consequences of using them.

"(Senkbeil) provides our students with an opportunity to have a positive experience with police, and during this program the students are able to discuss topics that are necessary at their age," said Delene Franchi, in her fifth year teaching at Bird Elementary. "The TEAM program helps prepare my fifth-graders for middle school, and for their world."

Senkbeil pointed out the TEAM concept, developed

by the Michigan State Police, replaced the DARE drug program several years ago. DARE had been taught since 1990, but with a shrinking budget and less time, the 17-week program became cost-prohibitive.

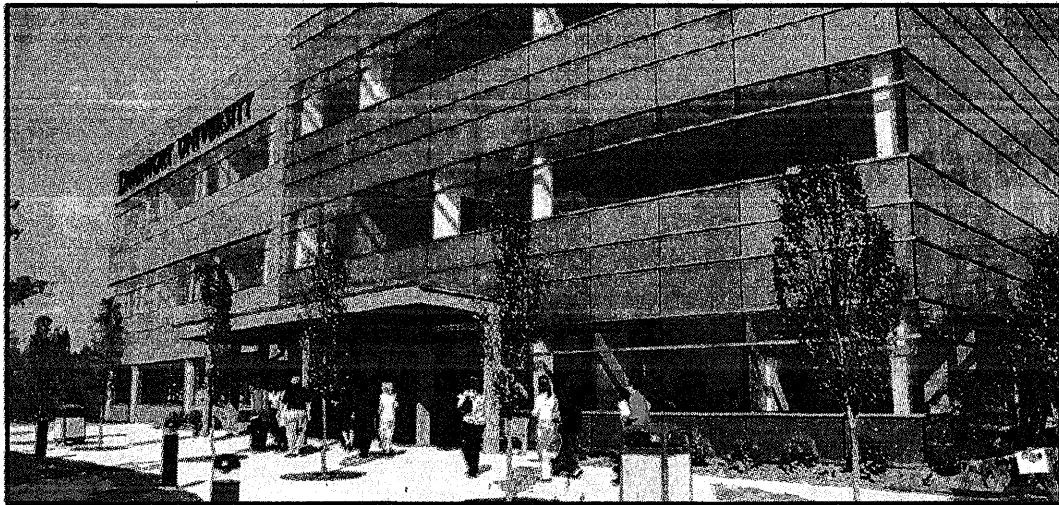
Plus, the TEAM concept had been developed in Michigan, and the department decided to make the switch.

"Seventeen weeks was a bit long to commit an officer," Senkbeil said. "Now DARE has even shortened their course, but we like the one developed here."

While the course promotes safety and responsible behavior, Senkbeil said the biggest benefit is the relationship the department has with kids in the classrooms.

"I can walk into any of these schools, and the kids high-five me and talk to me," Senkbeil said. "There's a respect there, but there's also a comfort level with police officers, not fear."

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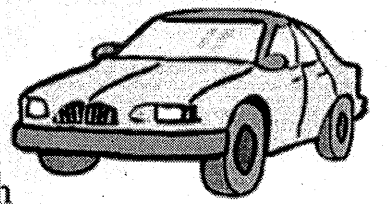
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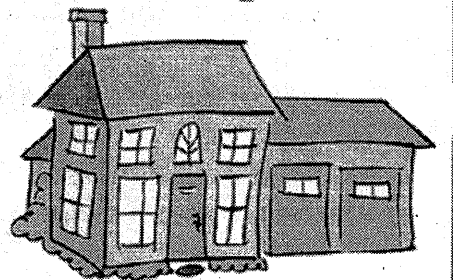
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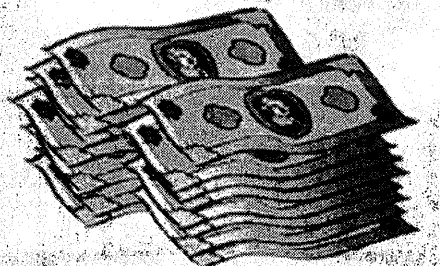
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**Winter Guard competition**

Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, together with the Plymouth Canton Educational Park, hosts an all-day high school invitational for Winter Guard and Winter Drumline groups starting 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road.

More than 39 groups from Michigan will participate in the Michigan Color Guard Circuit-sponsored event. Twenty-six color guard teams and 13 percussion groups will participate in the day-long competition.

Tickets to attend are \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children/students 18 years and under at the gate.

Plymouth-Canton's Winter A Guard will perform at 5:09 p.m. The Plymouth-Canton Winter Drumline will perform at 8:05 p.m. The competition is a celebration of the dedication and effort of thousands of high school students from across the State of Michigan that participate in the indoor sport of the arts. Proceeds raised from the day's events will be used to help fund extra-curricular band and guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

For more information, call (734) 416-7535

**Symphony concert**

The Plymouth Symphony presents "Mendelssohn, Marimba & More!" 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

The concert features guest artist Gwendolyn Thrasher on the marimba.

The concert will also feature a special performance of the Finale of Symphony No. 2 by



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**Symphony.**

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**Senior party fund-raisers**

The PCEP Senior Party Committee is inviting diners to dine out for "a wonderful cause," supporting the senior party by dining out at one (or more) of the area restaurants which have agreed to donate 20 percent of the purchases made during a specific time and date.

Fund-raisers take place at the following restaurants on the following dates: Thursday, Feb. 12 at Caravel; Max & Erma's, Tuesday, March 10, all day, a flyer is needed, which can be downloaded from our web site. They will donate 20 percent of their profits to the senior party; Monday, April 6 at Palermo's; and Thursday, May 7, also at Palermo's. All restaurants are on Ford Road in Canton.

Detail information and a flyer is available at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof/2009/senior-party09.htm> (this flyer must be presented at time of purchase for us to receive 20% credit of your purchase).

Visit the committee's blog



**Winter production**

Benjamin Karl of Redford plays George and Betty Berryman of Canton is Doris in Barefoot Productions' "Same Time, Next Year," a romantic comedy by Bernard Slade, directed by Barefoot's Craig Hane, and presented Feb. 19-21 and Feb. 26-28 at 8 p.m., and Feb. 22 and March 1 at 2 p.m. at the old Walker/Buzenberg furniture store in Plymouth. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students and seniors 60 and older. The building is located at 240 N. Main in Plymouth. For tickets and reservations, call (734) 560-1493, visit [www.ticketleap.com](http://www.ticketleap.com) or Barefoot's Web site at [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com).

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To volunteer or for questions, contact [pcep-senior-party@comcast.net](mailto:pcep-senior-party@comcast.net)

**Lincoln's birthday**

Abraham Lincoln turns 200 this month, and he and his wife, Mary, have agreed to celebrate at the Plymouth Historical Museum Saturday, Feb. 7. The museum will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with

free admission for all. Abe, portrayed by Fred Priebe, and Mary, portrayed by Fred's wife Bonnie, will be joined by Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Senator Jacob Howard, and re-enactors from the 21st Michigan Infantry.

The Plymouth Historical Museum's current exhibit, "In the Presence of Lincoln," showcases original furniture from Lincoln's Springfield, Illinois, home - on loan from The Henry Ford - as well as original historic ephemera associated with Lincoln,

loaned by the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The Museum's own voluminous Weldon Petz Lincoln Collection enhances displays throughout the Main Street exhibits, as well as in the permanent Petz Lincoln Collection area. The permanent collection's displays have recently been refreshed with new signage and a more historic interpretation.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street just north of downtown Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission prices are still only \$5 for an individual, \$2 for students 6-17, and \$10 for families. Four groups can be accommodated, but please call in advance. For more information, call 734-455-8940 or visit [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org). The exhibit is made possible through generous sponsorship from Hines-Park Lincoln Mercury, as well as donations from Citizens Bank and the McLaren family.

**Saturdays @ The Penn**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society present Saturdays at the Penn @ noon.

The next old-fashioned variety shows for children and families is Feb. 7, with special musical host Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express and special guest performer Like Water Drum and Dance. The announcer is Timothy Thompson.

Tickets cost \$3 and may be purchased the day of the show. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. at the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman in Plymouth. To purchase tickets before the concert or for more information on group purchases, contact Deb Madonna at (734) 377-0914. Visit [www.PennSaturdays.com](http://www.PennSaturdays.com) for more information.

**Blood drives**

NorthRidge Church hosts a blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28.

It's one of several the church has scheduled in 2009. The others: April 5, July 25 and Oct. 24.

Donors can register to give online at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and enter NorthRidge in Step One (sponsor code) or call (800) GIVELIFE (1.800.448.3543).

**Free financial seminar**

If your income has changed due to job loss, divorce or retirement, Community Financial invites you to attend a free seminar to help you through transitions. The seminar will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Michelle Richards of Community Financial will present "Life Transitions-How to Survive a Change in Income." Richards will share how careful planning, useful tools and a positive approach can help individuals and families overcome challenging and stressful situations. For more information or to make a reservation to attend this free seminar, call (734) 582-8702.

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BY ALISON BERGSIEKER  
ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

With Valentine's Day around the corner, restaurant reservations are booking up fast, candy boxes are flying off the shelves and *love, love, love* is in the air.

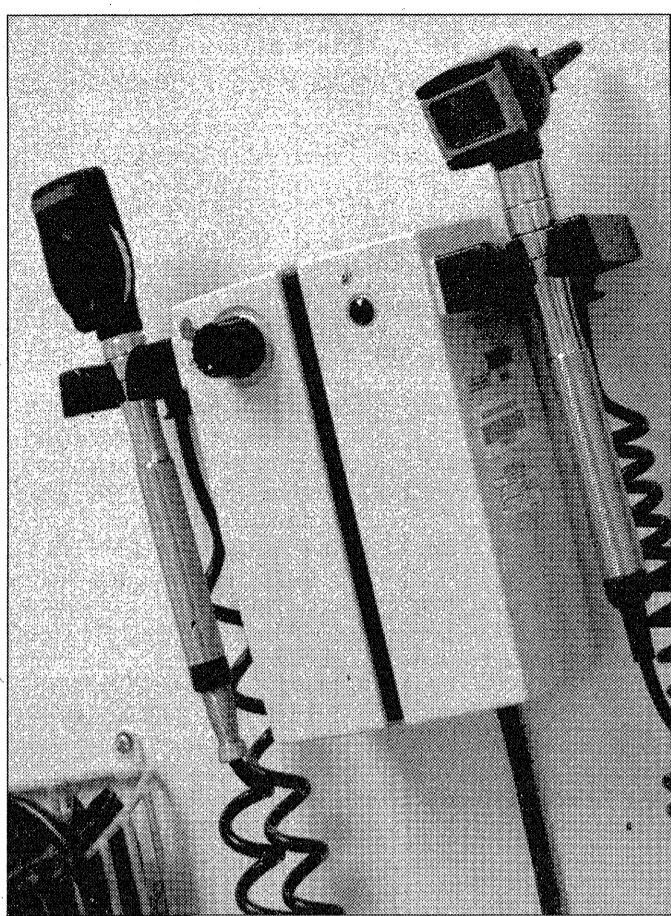
Whatever your thoughtful plans are this month for loved ones, February is also a month for nurturing your own health — starting with your heart.

February is American Heart Month, a reminder that healthy nutrition and fitness habits are essential for reducing the risk of heart disease, diabetes, stroke, lung disease, cancer and injury.

"Heart disease is probably one of the most common causes of illness and death in the country," said David Steinberger, a board certified internist at Infinity Primary Care's Vital Internal Medicine facility in Livonia. "There's a lot we can do to mitigate that risk, and having regular checkups is a great place to start."

Symptoms associated with some heart-related issues often aren't obvious indications of a problem, Steinberger said.

"Even if you feel great, it's important to go over things about how your daily life is going and to go over nutrition and things to do to lower cholesterol and lower your risk," he said. "Many people show no symptoms — or no



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symptoms that they're recognizing."

Now is also a great time for already diabetic patients to come back in and check up on their health.

"If you have diabetes, it makes you susceptible to other diseases that are associated with heart diseases," said Cheryl Schwartz, Chief Operating Officer of Infinity Primary Care. "By managing a health lifestyle and helping patients take care of themselves, we help them stay well."

Diabetic patients are especially at higher risk for kidney disease and should be on certain medications to prevent its onset, Steinberger said.

"Diabetes untreated could also lead to blindness and nerve damage," Steinberger said.

A low-fat, high-fiber diet is generally recommended to maintain good health,

Steinberger added. To maintain a normal weight, a person should aim for a body mass index (BMI) lower than 25. "Americans have a huge misconception about weight," Steinberger said.

"We all think that people look healthier when they are actually slightly overweight. I think that an easy target is that men should have a waist smaller than 37 inches and women should have a waist smaller than 33 inches, but a BMI is a more accurate test based on height and weight."

Infinity Primary Care is a group of family and internal medicine physicians located in Brighton, Farmington Hills, Livonia and Novi.

Infinity recently built a new Diagnostic Testing Center, providing ultrasound, nuclear vascular, echocardiogram, dexta testing, X-ray, CT scanning and laboratory services.

## Pilates Fitness Evolution delivers personalized training

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER  
ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

Maintaining a fit and healthy body can be a difficult priority to manage between a full-time job, raising a family or attending school.

But there are fitness professionals close to home eager to help you achieve your fitness goals.

Pilates, a non-impact exercise that focuses on the deep muscles of the abdomen and spine, is a method increasingly in popularity for those looking to improve their fitness in a low-stress environment.

Ron Jegadeesh, owner of Pilates Fitness Evolution in Southfield, is a Stott Pilates certified instructor and physical therapist. His fitness studio offers Pilates, Gyrotonic, physical therapy and Power

Plate training to those looking to strengthen their minds and bodies.

"Pilates builds strength without building up bulky muscles," Jegadeesh said. "It creates a newly-conditioned body with a long, lean look."

Pilates Fitness Evolution also offers Cardiolates classes — incorporating cardiovascular activity into Pilates routines.

Those looking for a more advanced technique can try the Gyrotonic Expansion System at Pilates Fitness Evolution, a unique exercise system that incorporates three dimensional and circular movements to mobilize the spine and joints.

"Gyrotonic incorporates movement principles from swimming, yoga, gymnastics, dance and martial arts," Jegadeesh said. "It's similar to pilates but slightly more

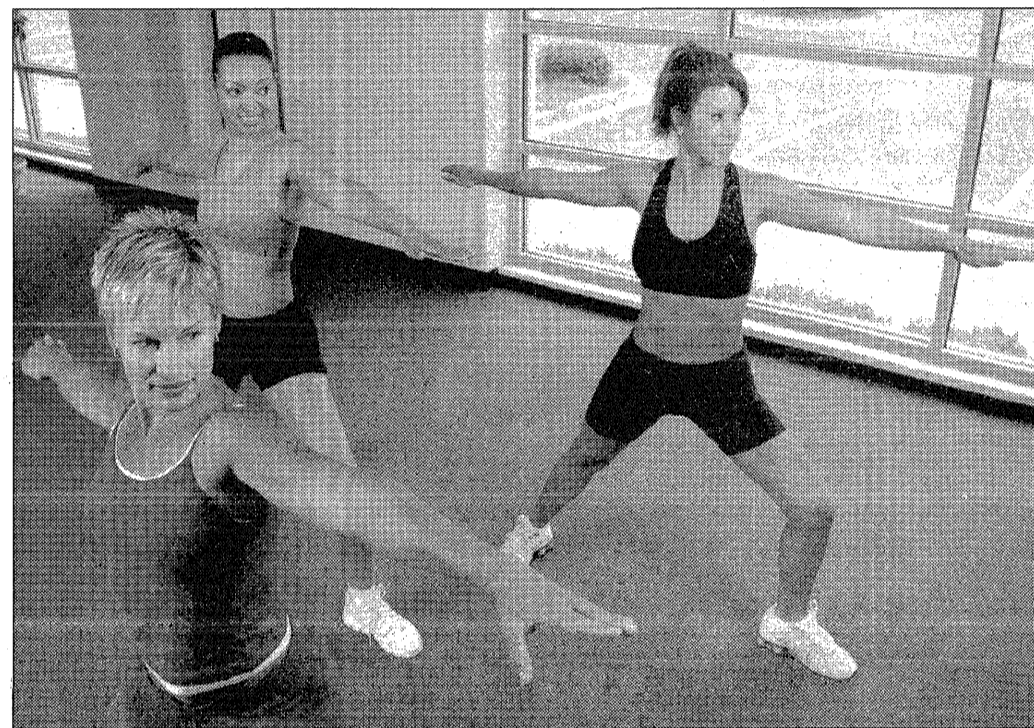
advanced."

For those seeking relief from Osteoporosis, Fibromyalgia, hormonal imbalance, obesity, stress and a variety of other conditions, Pilates Fitness Evolution offers Power Plate Advanced Vibration technology, offering the same strength benefits of conventional strength training at the gym in just 10-minute sessions.

"When you stand on it, it vibrates 30 to 60 vibrations per second and then activates all the muscles and postural muscles," Jegadeesh said. "I use it for arthritis and lower back pain and it also helps for sports conditioning."

Pilates Fitness Evolution is located at 17418 W. 10 Mile Rd. in Southfield. To learn more about Pilates Fitness Evolution, contact Jegadeesh at 248-552-1012 or visit [www.pilatesfitnessevolution.com](http://www.pilatesfitnessevolution.com).

Pilates focuses on the deep muscles of the abdomen and spine and is a low-impact exercise regime used to improve overall fitness and strength.



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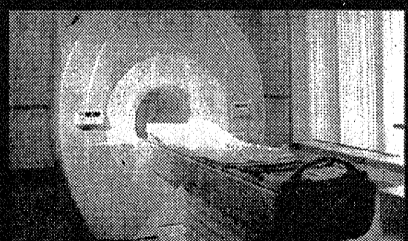
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# Local dentist passing on his love of music to youth orchestra

BY KURT KUBAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Since the time he can remember, music has always been an important part of Howard Volk's life. And although he has played and enjoys all forms of music, it is classical music that holds a special place in his heart.

The 51-year-old Volk, who owns Volk Dental Care in Canton, is now trying to pass that passion on to a new generation of classical musicians. Volk has taken on the role of mentor for the members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO), the youth of orchestra of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society.

Since he owned a local business, Volk had been wanting to take a more active role in the community. When he heard about the CYO, he knew it was a perfect fit for him. Not only did he start mentoring the kids last year, he also became a board member of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society and is the main sponsor of the CYO this year.

But ask him his favorite part about being involved and he will tell you it is actually sitting down with the kids and playing with them.

"They're a gas. I love playing with them. I get a lot of energy off of them," said the lifelong violinist. "I think I have a nice influence on them. I think they like my low-key approach."

Although he has been in various bands over the years, including a rock band called Dogs of War, Volk decided to become a dentist, establishing his current practice in 2001.



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Dr. Howard Volk, a Canton dentist, who played in youth orchestras when he was younger, is trying to pass along his passion to the Celebration Youth Orchestra.

"Dentistry was a natural segue for me. I love working with my hands," said Volk, who even makes his own musical instruments.

While his profession is dentistry, he said music is still his passion. He still plays regularly and has met some of his best friends because of their shared love of music. And that's what he wants to convey to the kids in the CYO.

"I want the kids to stay with the music. There are so many benefits, even into adult life. My message to them is don't give it up, because that is so easy to do," he said. "It's enriching. It's a social thing. And it's always there for you."

According to Plymouth Canton Symphony Society Executive Director Beth Stewart there are 52 students from the area who participate in the CYO, from elementary

students to those starting high school. There are four different levels of players, and they perform several times a year, including two main performances at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. They also perform alongside members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton.

If you want to check out the CYO, they will be performing alongside members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7 at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. The show, "Mendelssohn, Marimba & More!" will celebrate the 200th birthday of composer Felix Mendelssohn.

Order tickets online at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org) or by calling (734) 451-2112. For more information about the CYO or the Plymouth Canton Symphony's 63rd season please visit their Web site at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org). For more information about Volk Dental Care, visit [www.volkdentalcare.com](http://www.volkdentalcare.com).



Dr. Howard Volk presents a donation to Plymouth Symphony conductor Nan Washburn, Plymouth Canton Symphony Society Executive Director Beth Stewart, Celebration Youth Orchestra conductor Ariel Toews and Education Coordinator Jane Libbing. Clearly, the kids are excited about the donation, too.

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## OUR VIEWS Township, firefighters need to pull together

The standoff between the Plymouth Township administration and its fire department needs to end sometime, and we think it should be sooner rather than later.

The latest salvo thrown, in what has become something of a war, came when the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved changes to fire department practices which included the elimination of overtime for firefighters called in to handle excess runs and the like.

Previously, if on-duty firefighters were otherwise engaged when a call came in, other Plymouth firefighters were called in and paid overtime for their efforts. Claiming their budget can't take the hit, the township board eliminated that practice, instead deciding to rely on mutual aid, that is, assistance from the departments of surrounding communities (largely Northville, Canton and Livonia).

Township officials said the new practice saved them some \$15,000 last month. If that's true and township residents were provided the level of service they've come to expect, score one point for the township board.

But score one for the firefighters who are demanding a chief they deserve. Former chief Randy Maycock retired in July, and the board has yet to appoint a new chief. Assistant Chief Mark Wendel is doing a fine job leading the department, but that's like a baseball team where the bench coach manages the team while the manager is out of action. Eventually, the team needs the manager back in the saddle.

The township administration is falling back on the financial pickle they believe they'll soon find themselves in, and say they aren't ready to fill the position yet. But it's long past time. While Wendel does a good job and may well be the right man for the job, the fact is there are others in the department who are qualified and deserve to face the civil service process in an attempt to assume the leadership position.

The contract arbitrated late last year has already expired, because it took the parties nearly the entire three years to get it done. That means negotiations on the next contract are set to start soon. Township officials are warning that cuts in the department could come soon if the economy doesn't pick up. Firefighters warn board members they're risking residents' safety.

It's time for that kind of bickering to be put aside. The township needs to get a chief installed, and both sides need to come to the table ready to do what's best for everyone involved.



## LETTERS

### Responsible leadership

I have never contacted any Plymouth Township official before but felt compelled to do so after reading the article by Brad Kadrich ("Board members give back salaries," *Observer*, Jan. 25).

This has simply reaffirmed my confidence in my local government. There are elected officials that take economic times into account in the decision making process. Public servants that serve the voting people with common sense rational thinking that does not stem from greed. Perhaps additional salary cuts will be warranted as we all try to be fiscally responsible and balance budgets.

Your actions and this article were a breath of fresh air in the sea of negativity. Thank you all for your responsible leadership. You continue to help make Plymouth Township a great place to live.

Molly M. Kilby  
Plymouth

### What do you think?

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unemployed Americans needing jobs, many desperately.

The economists may be right. Most likely, a lot of these 3 million new jobs will quickly be filled by legal and illegal arrivals from all over the world. The \$1.2 trillion plus interest will be added to the country's already enormous debt, and charged to our future generations. And, most likely, a large part of that \$1.2 trillion will somehow disappear into some unknown sinkholes, without a trace, as apparently already had half of the monies from the \$700 billion bailout of financial institutions.

President Obama recently said he is open to suggestions of how to bring the economy and country back to health. Here are such suggestions:

1. Impose tariffs on all imports to this country, 20 percent to begin with, and then increase the percentage as necessary. This would greatly limit imports, reduce the mounting of foreign traded deficit, boost buying in this country of products made in America hence reverse the trend of transfer of our manufacturing to foreign countries, and would create millions of jobs for our own people. Additionally, tariffs money would contribute to balancing the country's budget, even perhaps create its surplus.

2. Require the money we owe to foreign countries be spent by them within a defined-by-us time on purchase of American-made products.

3. Adequately tax the payments made by this country's manufacturing companies and other entities for outsourced-by-them jobs to foreign countries. This will discourage outsourcing and save jobs for our own people.

4. Limit immigration to a minimum. In most cases, it is a financial and otherwise burden on society. This earth's population quickly approaches 7 billion. Third-world-like overpopulation imperils quality of life.

5. Discontinue gifts, subsidies and forgiven "loans" to foreign entities to the tune of tens of billions of dollars of taxpayers' money every year, that in order to provide their people with better standard of living, while our own tens of millions suffer poverty, homelessness and other deprivations. Require that delinquent loans to foreign countries be repaid.

6. End extremely costly and highly detrimental to this country's health wars.

7. Do away with the unconstitutionally established Federal Reserve Bank.

8. Prohibit monopolies of news media, and of large industrial and financial conglomerates, all incompatible with competitive free enterprise.

9. Terminate this country's memberships in WTO, NAFTA, CAFTA and the like other globalistic AFTAs which are obviously not in this country's and its people's best interest. This great country of ours and its industrious people can easily be made self-supporting, not dependent for anything on outside entities and on ill-advised all kinds of entanglements with them.

10. Embark on immediate, large-scale development of clean, renewable and inexhaustible solar, wind and hydroelectric energy. This will free this country from dependency on foreign oil and gas, and create new jobs to hundreds of thousands, perhaps to millions of our people, this in addition to providing us with friendly air for healthy breathing.

But above all, this country needs to revert to governing truly by the people, for the people. These suggestions are a prescription for instant, guaranteed and permanent recovery, and for long-term prosperity to our own people.

Joseph Wira  
Plymouth

### Thanks for story

Thank you very much for doing the article on the March for Life held in Washington, D.C. ("Local family uses march to take a stand," *Observer*, Feb. 1).

It is rare that this side of the issue of abortion is given fair treatment. I agree with Ms. Stevenson that it is not just a religious issue.

With that, may God bless you for your fairness. Continue the good work. I have hope that true and honest journalism can prevail again.

Jennifer Faust  
Novi

### Economic fixes

Some savvy economists doubt President Obama's stimulus package — \$1.2 trillion of diluted deficit dollars designed to create 3 million new jobs — will do much good for the depressed and still-worsening economy, and for the more than 15 million

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## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, www.hometownlife.com:

■ In response to "Chamber rocks out a new marketing campaign," eagle1975 wrote:

"Fran Toney did one heck of a job as Executive Director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce before Facebook has even around. Fran had great ideas brought great programs to the Chamber and worked long and hard promoting PLYMOUTH I hope people do not get the wrong idea. I would put Fran Toney with past mayor Mary Childs for doing great things for Plymouth."

■ In response to "Coach resigns in wake of allegations of sexual misconduct," mrs\_potatohead wrote:

"Does he really deserve to collect his public school teachers pension paid for by taxpayers when we now know he betrayed the trust that all parents give to teachers and coaches?"

## PLYMOUTH OBSERVER



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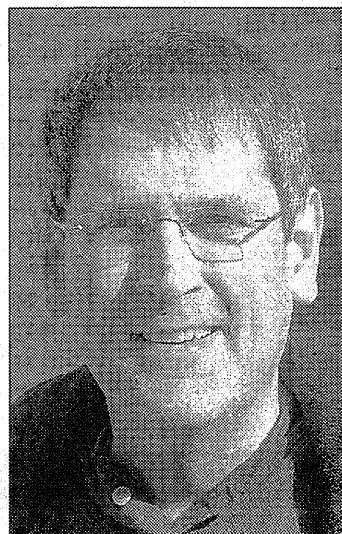
## COMMUNITY VOICE

The groundhog saw his shadow this morning, which is supposed to mean six more weeks of winter. How many more weeks of winter do you think we have left? We asked this question Monday at the post office in downtown Plymouth.



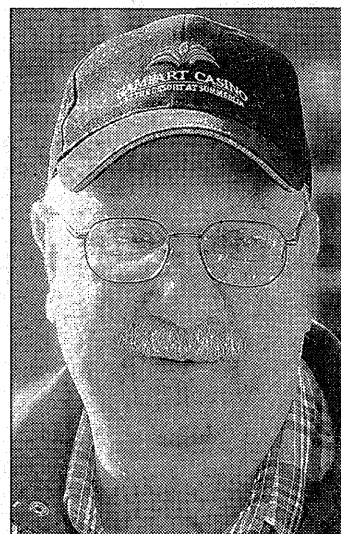
"I'd say about seven."

Richard Gothe  
Plymouth



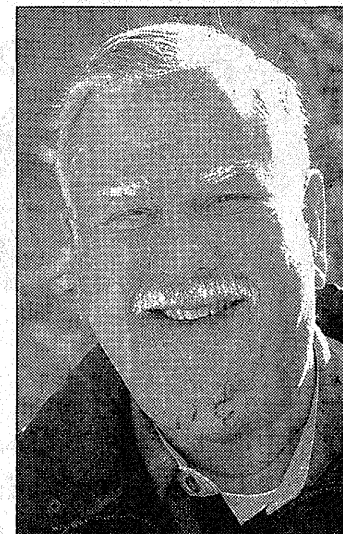
"I'd say eight. I'd give it a two-week bonus."

Dale Bailey  
Plymouth



"Seven. I'm an optimist."

Richard Wegrzynowicz  
Canton Township



"Probably about eight — because of the way it's been."

Richard Zalewski  
Plymouth Township



pink picks

Kat Von D signs 'High Voltage Tattoo'

BY WENSZY VON BUSKIRK  
O & E STAFF WRITER

Tattoos have made Kat Von D an international sensation. Soon, you'll be able to see them for yourself as the tattoo artist and star of *L.A. Ink* comes to Borders Birmingham to sign her new book "High Voltage Tattoo," at 1 p.m. on Feb. 13.

According to Amy Stanton, Event Manager for Borders, turnout is expected to be so great, Borders will begin handing out colored wristbands in the morning to determine fans' positions in line.

Kat Von D, 25, was born to Argentinian parents and grew up in Mexico and Southern California. She got her first tattoo at age 14, and gave her first tattoo soon after.

After working at several Hollywood tattoo shops, she was asked to join the show *Miami Ink*. The beautiful brunette, with artistic talent to match, quickly stole the spotlight and was asked to star in her own spinoff, *L.A. Ink*, which became Discovery TLC's number-one-rated program. The show's third season started last month.



KAT VON D BOOK SIGNING

**Who:** Kat Von D, star of The Learning Channel's "L.A. Ink," will sign copies of her new book, "High Voltage Tattoo."  
**When:** 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13  
**Where:** Borders, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham  
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Von D has since been tapped to create a makeup line with Sephora, and is working on a line of apparel along with her own self-titled magazine.

"I think tattooing and makeup and fashion — anything that you wear can definitely be used as a form of self expression so I think it makes sense that tattoo col-

lectors are avid fans of fashion as well for the most part," she said.

Von D also holds the Guinness World Record for doing the most tattoos in a 24-hour period (400).

Now, she can add published author to her lengthy resume. *High Voltage Tattoo* (Collins Design, Jan. 20, 2009, \$29.95) is designed to resemble a leather bound journal, and reads like Von D's personal diary.

"Much like the show the book really sparked my interest to show people an insider's view on the tattoo world. I think the show did a really great thing for the world of tattooing and hopefully the book will do the same," Von D said in a recent interview with *Pink*.

In the book, Von D shares stories behind tattoos she has both given and received. It also includes a forward by rocker Nikki Sixx, pho-

tos of her outrageous tattoo machine collection, as well as profiles of other tattoo artists she admires.

Among them is Bob Tyrell of Night Gallery tattoo shop in Eastpointe, Mich. Kat said she met Tyrell on the tattoo convention circuit and has always admired his fine line, black and white portrait work.

"He is one of my mentors," she said. "He's definitely someone I look up to in the industry."

Since Von D is visiting The D the day before Valentine's Day, we asked her about the significance of hearts in the tattoo culture.

"Hearts date back to the old Catholic artwork, the sacred heart of Jesus and the sacred heart of Mary, and since sailor times the heart was definitely a prominent image you saw in tattoos — hearts with banners with 'mom' or wives' names," she

said. Readers can search for Von D's own heart tattoos in the book's 10-page photo spread of her wearing a yellow bikini.

As busy as she is, Von D still takes appointments at her L.A. Shop High Voltage and responds to every tattoo request. "I don't like to get booked more than like two months in advance, but it takes us about a year to get to everyone's e-mail," she said.

Her passion for tattooing is what gives rise to all her other pursuits, and it's still her top priority.

"I tattoo almost every day. The book tour is going to be pretty tough for me because the longest I've gone in 10 years without tattooing is six days, and it was the worst time of my life," she said. "I'm bringing my kit with me on the road. Maybe I'll tattoo my boyfriend."

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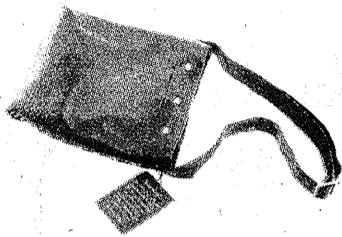
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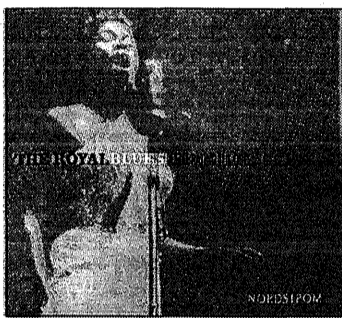
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# IRS offers free tax filing software for those who qualify

I don't know about you, but I am happy January is behind us. It was a lousy month for investors and for the economy as a whole — hundreds of thousands of jobs lost, the worst month for the Standard & Poors 500 Index on record, and a deepening recession. I wish I could give you some good news.

Nothing I can say can offset the present difficulties we are experiencing. The recession is a deepening recession, so try to save money wherever possible. Live within your means because while the government may bail out banks and businesses, it will not bail out the individual taxpayer.

One area for many to save money is 2008 tax returns. A partnership between the Internal Revenue Service and private tax preparation companies allows many taxpayers to take advantage of tax preparation software. Known as IRS Free File, the software is typically available to anyone with an adjusted gross income of \$56,000 or less. This income threshold applies whether you are married or single. Go to the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on "free file program." Once you link to the

program there will be a number of software companies you can select.

Of course, when most people hear the word free they are skeptical. However, this program is free and legitimate.

Why do these companies offer such a program? For a number of reasons. First, from the IRS standpoint, it is one way to encourage people to e-file their return. About 70 percent of taxpayers will e-file 2008 tax returns. The IRS encourages this because it is more efficient and more cost-effective to process.

Private companies benefit in a number of ways. First, it allows them to introduce their product to a variety of taxpayers. Many companies offer a variety of software packages above and beyond preparation of tax returns and this provides an excellent way to introduce those products to the public. Furthermore, the free tax preparation software only applies to federal returns not state returns.

After using the free service for a federal return, these companies will offer to sell the software to prepare your Michigan return. There are many companies that participate in the free tax file system that also provide free state tax preparation software.

The only way to take advantage of free tax software is through the IRS Web site. If you go to the tax preparation company Web site directly, you

will be charged.

For those who don't qualify for free software, can you/should you prepare your return? Over the years, taxes have become more complex. It is virtually impossible for the average person to complete his/her tax return unassisted. I recommend hiring a professional or buying a software package. Most people, with the assistance of a software package, can prepare their own tax return.

The question I get is what tax preparation software is the best? There is no one software package that is better than the rest. Most of the popular tax preparation software is similar and it's difficult to distinguish between them. You will be in good shape no matter what system you use. However, as with all software, pay attention to what you are doing. If you think that you can mindlessly complete your tax return by using a software package, you are mistaken. Following the instructions on the software package and use last year's tax return as a guide.

Finally, when it comes to completing your tax return, take your time, don't rush and leave plenty of time to review the return before filing.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).



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# HOMETOWN LIFE

## Remember Salowich for more than record

The youth football camp was barely 20 minutes old, but it was already obvious to the parents who stood along the perimeter of the P-CEP varsity stadium field that it was going to be a productive one — well worth the \$20 registration fee.



Ed Wright

The young gridiron campers — probably close to 100 kids between the ages of 7 and 13 — were divided into even-sized groups before hustling off to the drill stations that were strategically aligned across the stadium's synthetic-turf surface.

Each station was manned by one or two high school football players, all of whom appeared enthusiastic about the prospects of spending the next several hours teaching their young peers vital techniques that may help them excel during the autumn weeks ahead.

The camp was spirited, well-organized and loaded with potential.

And then it rolled in — a massive storm cloud that, on an intimidation meter, would have outscored the one that took Dorothy and Toto for a ride in *The Wizard of Oz*.

Before you could say "Holy Chuck Gaidica!," the storm system unloaded waves of drenching rain and unyielding gusts of wind on the campers, the players, the parents, the field.

### SAFETY VALVE

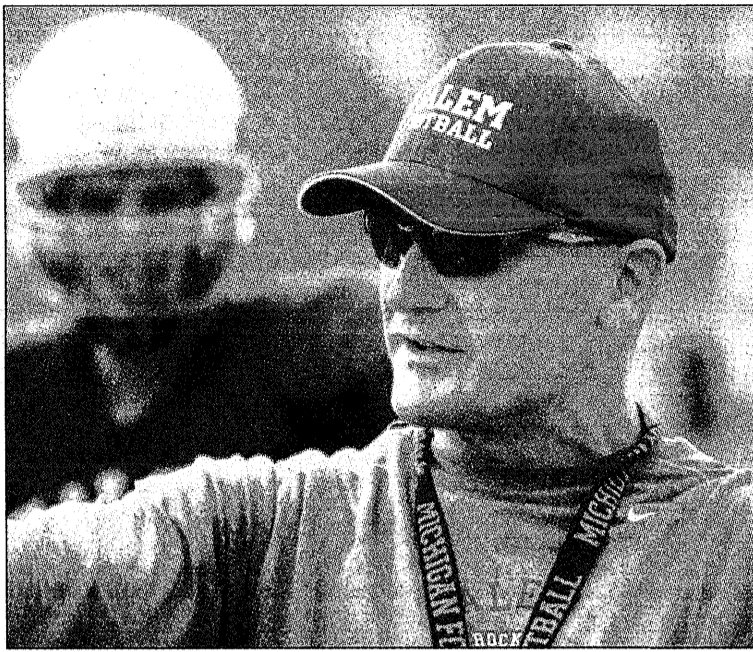
As the orchestrator of the camp — Salem head football coach Parker Salowich — sprinted from station to station, leading the rapid evacuation efforts to the Salem High School weight room a few hundred yards away, one thought must have been racing through his mind that Saturday morning last summer: "Why can't I catch a break?"

On Friday, nearly three years after he was named the Rocks' head coach and seven months after the arrival of that symbolic storm cloud, Salowich resigned.

I'll be the first to admit I don't have one strand of Vince Lombardi-caliber DNA in my body, so I can't even begin to tell you from a strategic standpoint why the Rocks won just two of the 27 games Salowich coached.

Maybe they didn't have the personnel

Please see **SALOWICH, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Parker Salowich resigned as head football coach at Salem on Friday. The former North Farmington assistant coach was hired to replace Bob Cummings in April of 2006.

## GAME WRAPS

### Wildcats pound Zebras

Sparked by a 22-point first quarter, the Plymouth girls basketball team roared to a 51-30 victory at Wayne Memorial Tuesday night.

The Wildcats' second consecutive triumph improved their record to 5-8 overall and 3-2 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. The Zebras dropped to 2-11 and 0-5, respectively.

"The key to tonight's win was our ability to get out and run," said Plymouth coach Ted Sturdivant. "We also did a nice job of executing our pressure defense."

On a night when every Plymouth player on the roster scored, Shaakira Haywood led the way with 15 points and 13 rebounds. Fellow seniors Jalesa Moise and Kelsi Robinson also sparkled, scoring seven and six points, respectively.

Stacey Klonowski added five points and nine boards while Alyse Calcaterra netted five points.

Holland Boertje paced the Zebras with 12 points.

Plymouth led 27-12 after one quarter and 42-16 after three.

The Wildcats sank 12 of 25 free throws. Wayne was 5 of 10 from the charity stripe.

### Madonna men fall

Junior forward Noah Williams' 22 points was not enough as the Madonna University men's basketball team fell Saturday to host Indiana Tech, 95-84.

The loss drops MU to 9-15 overall and 3-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Anthony Johnson led Tech (15-7, 5-3) with 22 points.

Shaun Cabrera added 18, while Brad Webster and Tim Browning chipped in with 14 and 12, respectively, for the Warriors. Webster also grabbed eight rebounds.

Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) added 12 points and seven rebounds of the bench for MU, which trailed 42-39 at intermission.

Ryan Waidman (Canton) contributed 11 points and eight rebounds, while Leroy Allen scored 10 points.

MU shot 45.6 percent from the field (31-of-68) and only 9-of-26 from three-point range (34 percent). The Crusaders were 13-of-19 from the foul line and committed 18 turnovers.

### Langham leads Ocelots

The winning beat goes on for the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team.

The Lady Ocelots earned their 21st straight MCCA Eastern Conference victory Saturday with a convincing 85-57 triumph against host St. Clair County CC at the Skipper Dome.

Schoolcraft, 19-2 overall and 12-0 in the conference, pulled away in the second half after leading 41-31 at intermission.

The Lady Ocelots got a game-high 23 points from Salem High's Tayler Langham, while teammates Sheray Brown and April Goins each added 21.

Sheray Brown also had a team-high 12 rebounds, while Jasmine Brown chipped in with nine points, going 4-for-4 from the field and hitting her only free throw.

## 18TH ANNUAL OBSERVERLAND INVITATIONAL

## Shamrockland

### Balanced Catholic Central earns title; Salem pins down third, Canton fourth

Please see complete results on B4.

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Novi Detroit Catholic Central proved Saturday it's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog.

The Shamrocks held a 10.5-point advantage over Westland John Glenn heading into the final matches of Saturday's 18th annual Observerland Invitational Wrestling Tournament hosted by Livonia Churchill.

CC, the pre-tournament favorite, then put an exclamation point on its first team title since 2003 by dominating the lower weights and winning first four individual flights to earn its seventh Observerland crown overall with a team-best 218.5 points.

Glenn finished with 181 to earn runner-up honors, with Salem (155), Canton (150.5) and Livonia Franklin (137.5) rounding out the top five in the 17-school field.

CC is ranked fourth in Division 1 behind Rockford, Holt and Hartland and was

just coming off an impressive win over Davison.

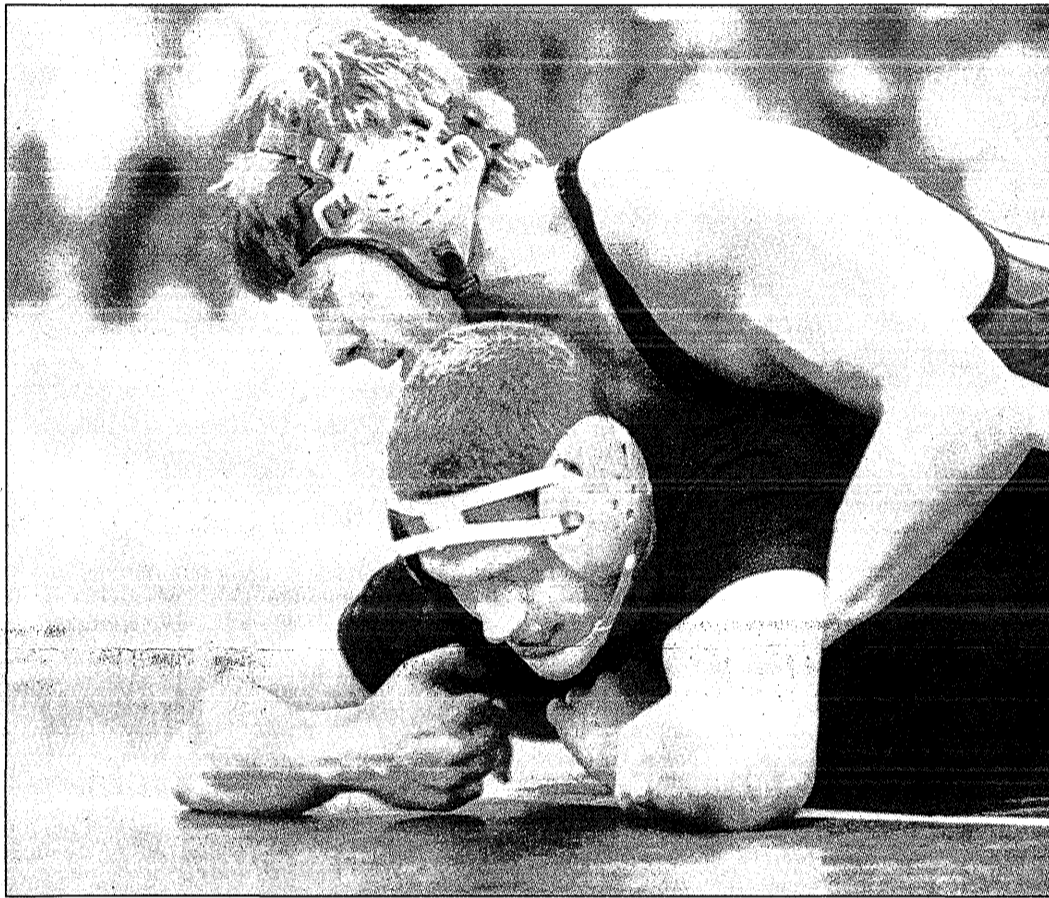
"It's very unusual for a CC team to be stronger at the lower weights, but it's something we've prided ourselves on all season," CC second-year coach Mitch Hancock said. "Usually it's the football-type guys in the upper weights who have carried us, but we've had some young guns step up."

CC took a team-best six individual titles, including wins from Todd Melick (103 pounds), Alec Mooradian (112), Juston Melick (119), Charlie Joseph (125), Trevor O'Connor (152) and Mike Kinville (189).

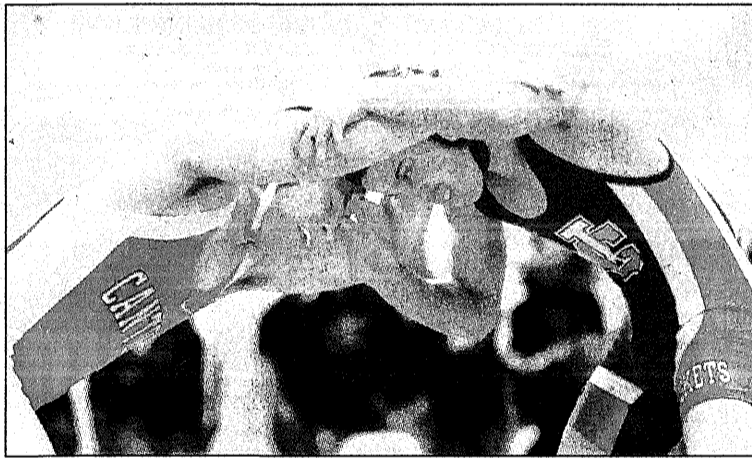
The Shamrocks did it with only 11 available wrestlers after voiding three weight classes — 145, 160 and 285. Two grapplers were ruled out because of skin abrasions, while another was injured.

"It hurts, but you have to do what's right for the sport and it's for the good for the greater number of people," Hancock said of the disqualifications. "Even with 11, I knew we could do it with these guys. I knew they could accomplish this. We had a good week of practice."

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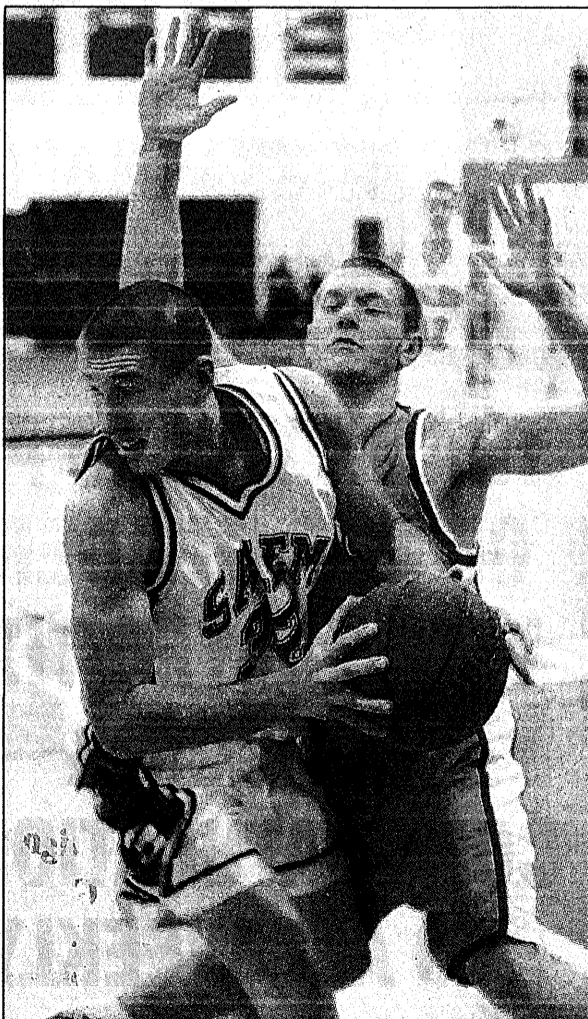


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Above, Salem's Austin Root (top) gains the upper-hand against Belleville's Kaare Cigan during a 189-pound semifinal match at Saturday's Observerland Wrestling Invitational. Root advanced to the finals before falling to CC's Mike Kinville, 3-1. At left, Canton's Carl Lucke (left) locked up with John Glenn's Joshua Austin in a 119-pound match. Lucke beat Austin before dropping a hard-fought decision in the final match.

Salem's Jim Dexter (with ball), pictured in a game earlier this season, poured in 11 points in Tuesday night's victory over South Lyon East.



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## Cougar sighting

### Rocks hold off winless South Lyon East

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The most dangerous kind of Cougar is a hungry Cougar.

And the South Lyon East Cougars' boys basketball team was ravenous for its first win of the season heading into Tuesday night's Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division showdown with host Salem.

They were dangerous, too, but the Rocks survived, 59-56, after fighting off a game-long attack from constantly improving East, a school that won't have seniors until next fall.

"It was nip and tuck all the way; it was a battle," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose squad improved to 4-7 overall and 2-3 in the division. "The lead went back and forth the whole game. We changed our defense up in the second half and started trapping some because they were hitting their outside shots."

Brodie couldn't rest easy until Heath Parling calmly drained a pair of free throws with three seconds left to give the Rocks their final margin of victory.

"They're an up-and-coming team," Brodie

said of East. "I talked to their coach before the game and he said they're getting it going. They have a good ball club."

Steady senior forward Joe Posler led the winners with 14 points. Senior forward Jim Dexter and junior forward Jake Peterson both registered 11 points while senior post player Courtney Frazier contributed 10 rebounds and four blocked shots.

"Courtney and Jimmy Dexter both made a couple of key buckets down the stretch for us," Brodie added.

The Cougars, who have lost their last three games by a combined six points, were led by Blake Jones, who netted 16.

East led 16-12 after one quarter before Salem bounced back to take a 28-27 halftime lead.

The Cougars regained the advantage, 45-44, with eight minutes left, but couldn't eclipse the more-experienced Rocks.

Salem nailed eight of 13 free throws while the Cougars went 2 for 6 from the line.

The Rocks host Northville in a rare Thursday night game tonight.

The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

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# SALOWICH

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necessary to execute Salowich's intricate spread offense.

Maybe their opponents were just a little bigger, a little faster and a little stronger. I'm not exactly sure.

But after observing Salowich the past three years, I'm confident of two things:

1. The 25 losses weren't the result of a lack of effort and passion; and
2. The guy didn't get a lot of breaks.

## BAD BREAK NO. 1

My first face-to-face meeting with Salowich came in August 2006 in an unlit Pioneer Middle School hallway. The Rocks' two-a-day practices that year — Salowich's first as coach — were moved to Pioneer because of ongoing construction work at Salem.

Before I located Salowich in his makeshift office, I walked through halls lined by tired, sweaty players who were taking a well-deserved break between that day's two practices.

The situation was comparable to asking a very large family to spend a couple of

weeks in a Motel 6 while their home was being rebuilt. It was not, to say the least, the ideal setting for someone who was kicking off his high school head-coaching career.

## NO EXCUSES

But Salowich didn't lament the inconvenient setup. Instead, he accepted it with an "It-is-what-it-is-so-let's-make-the-best-of-it" attitude.

And what I found most impressive about Salowich the ensuing three years was that this positive, always-look-ahead attitude never wavered — not even in the face of 25 losses in 27 games.

While he may not have improved the school's all-time winning percentage during his tenure, Salowich did leave a lot of positive marks on Salem.

He played a major role in renovating the school's weight room and locker room.

He instituted an annual bond-building rope-climbing exercise that Salem players enthusiastically participated in each summer and, most importantly, he nearly doubled the size of the program in terms of the number of players — despite the fact he faced the daunting obstacle

of not having a teaching job at the school.

These are the things I will remember most when I look back on Parker Salowich's three years at Salem.

## FITTING ANECDOTE

After waiting close to two hours for the stubborn storm to pass that Saturday morning last summer, with the young campers getting antsy waiting indoors, a steady rain still falling and the field getting more damp by the minute, Salowich reluctantly announced that the rest of the day's activities — the ones he had diligently planned the

details for weeks in advance — would be cancelled.

And then — wouldn't you know it? — not more than 15 minutes later, as the campers' parents' cars pulled out of the Salem parking lot and headed for home, the clouds parted and the sun shone.

At which point, Parker Salowich must have looked up to the Salem blue sky and asked himself, "Why can't I get a break?"

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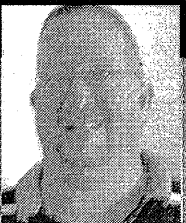
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Dustin Piepsney Memorial fundraiser

The Canton Wrestling Club Boosters Little Kids Club has organized a fundraiser in the memory of 13-year-old Dustin Piepsney, one of the club's former wrestlers who passed away on Dec. 12.

The fund-raising event will be held Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Buffalo Wild Wings, which is located at 41980 Ford Rd. in Canton.

A 20-percent-off-all-purchases certificate can be downloaded off the www.cantonchiefs.com Web site. All proceeds from the certificates will be donated to the Dustin Piepsney Memorial Fund.

Dustin was an eighth-grader at East Middle School at the time of his death.

Free open skate at Arctic Edge

In celebration of the 4th Annual Hockey Day in Michigan, the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton will be offering a free public open skate on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 1 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Skate rentals will be available for \$3 based on availability.

The "Declan's at the Edge" concession stand will be offering a hot dog, bag of chips and small fountain drink for just \$3 during the open skate.

Hockey Day in Michigan is a state-wide initiative to celebrate the game of hockey and all those involved at all levels and to expose hockey to new audiences.

For more information, call the Arctic Edge at (734) 487-7777.

John Glenn edges Canton boys hoop team in OT thriller, 75-74

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Notice to all fans who attended Tuesday night's Westland John Glenn-Canton boys basketball game: You can exhale now.

In a breath-taking overtime thriller, the 6-4 Rockets prevailed 75-74 to join the Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division log-jam.

Thanks to Plymouth's 57-46 upset victory over previously-unbeaten-in-the-division Wayne Memorial Tuesday night, five teams — including the Rockets (2-3) and the Chiefs (3-2) — are within two games of first place.

"That was a great game to be a part of," said Canton coach Dan Colligan, whose team slipped to 6-5 overall. "I was proud of the way our guys played the entire game. Our first lead of didn't come until overtime, so we were

battling back most of the night." Junior guard Austin Anderson was the catalyst of the John Glenn attack, netting 30 points. Anderson was nearly flawless at the free throw line, sinking 10 of 11 attempts.

Junior Jeremy Langford, Anderson's back-court running mate, also excelled, contributing 16 points and a late-game steal that led to Anderson's eventual game-winning layup.

Dorian Prather chipped in with 14 points for Glenn.

Canton sophomore guard Dietrich Lever continued to play at a higher level, registering 26 points, eight assists and five steals.

Marlan Glenn tallied 14 points for the Chiefs while junior forward Kevin Weisz added nine.

Trailing 67-65 with 23 seconds left, Canton forced the OT when Glenn knocked the ball from a Glenn player and into the

hands of Lever, whose scored the equalizer.

A similar scenario unfolded for the Chiefs with less than two minutes to go in the extra session when, trailing by two, senior guard Sherif Hassanien buried a three-pointer to put the Chiefs ahead 72-71.

Canton regained possession of the ball, but only temporarily as Langford stole an in-bounds pass and pushed the ball to Anderson, whose layup gave Glenn the lead for good, 73-72.

Anderson added two final-minute free throws to put the Rockets up 75-72.

Dan Stoney's last-second tip-in accounted for the Chiefs' final points.

Glenn led 39-35 at the half and 55-52 after three stanzas.

Canton made 10 of 15 free throws. The Rockets buried half of their 12 shots from the charity stripe.

Salem girls hoop team thumps Cougars, 59-9

Salem's girls basketball team rolled to a 59-9 triumph over South Lyon East Tuesday night in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division contest played in the Cougars' gym.

The victory improved the Rocks' record to 6-7 overall and 4-1 in the Central. The Cougars slipped to 1-12 and 0-5, respectively.

"We're really starting to play well as a team," Salem coach

GIRLS PREP HOOP

Fred Thomann said.

The Rocks were never threatened, building leads of 8-0 after one quarter, 18-2 at the half and 38-2 with eight minutes to play.

Sara Stone led all scorers with 15 points. Chelsea Davis turned in a solid, all-around performance, tallying 11 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Tracy Whalen added nine points and five assists while sophomore guard Heidi Schmidt netted six points.

Four players scored four points for the Rocks: Brett deBear, Victoria Brotz, Tara Durocher and Tabitha Mann.

Both teams shot 50 percent from the free throw line.

Salem travels to Northville tonight for a rare Thursday night game. The opening tip is slated for 7 p.m.

**CANTON 63, JOHN GLENN 37:** On Tuesday at Glenn, the Chiefs led 28-16 at the half and never looked back to improve their record to 11-2 overall and 4-1 in the KLA South Division. The Rockets slipped to 5-8 and 1-4, respectively.

CarolAnn Sexauer led the Chiefs with 16 points. Melanie Pickert added 12 and Kayla Bridges tossed in 11.

John Glenn was paced by Chanel Payne, who twined 14.

Canton extended its lead to 50-27 with a 22-point third quarter.

The Chiefs connected on 11 of 19 free throws. John Glenn hit 13 of 16 from the line.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- BOYS PREP BASKETBALL**  
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Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.  
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Farmington gymnasts edge Canton

Farmington's formidable gymnastics team proved to be a little too strong for fall-prone Canton Monday night in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Farmington earned a 145.825-140.150 victory to remain unbeaten in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. The Chiefs slipped to 4-2.

"We literally fell out of contention," quipped Canton coach John Cunningham. "We were falling left and right. Despite that, I thought the girls had a good meet. You get rid of some

of those falls and a 140 score turns into a 143 or 144."

Canton was led by third-place all-arounder Robyn Piwower, who racked up a score of 36.375. The Chiefs' Cathy Huang placed fifth in the all-around with 34.25 and Alex Hamric was sixth at 33.30.

Piwower placed second on the vault (9.35), sixth on the bars (8.75), in a second-place tie on beam (8.7) and second in the floor exercise event.

Huang placed fourth on the vault (9.2), fifth on the bars (8.95) and fifth on the floor (9.20).

Beyer's 18 spark Wildcats' upset of Wayne Memorial

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth boys basketball coach Tom Van Wagoner shouldn't be surprised if he receives "thank-you" cards in the mail from a few of his fellow Kensington Lakes Activities Association coaching peers following the Wildcats' impressive 57-46 victory over visiting Wayne Memorial Tuesday night.

Plymouth's victory not only boosted its record to 7-4 overall, it made the KLA South Division standings tighter than a Volkswagen filled with Sumu wrestlers.

"I'm sure there are a few teams out there that will be happy to see our score tonight," said Van Wagoner, whose team improved to 3-2 in the South, one game behind the 4-1

Zebras. "Wayne came out and built an early lead on us when they hit three threes in the first quarter, but the kids didn't panic because they've been there before."

"We came out in the second half and really buckled down on defense."

Like Plymouth, Canton is also 3-2 following Tuesday night's one-point, overtime loss to John Glenn, which improved to 2-3.

The second trip around the round-robin schedule for all six teams begins Friday night with Plymouth hosting the Rockets and Canton traveling to Livonia Franklin.

Wildcat sophomore forward Brennan Beyer's name should be somewhere on the thank-you cards. The powerful post player netted a career-high 18 points and pulled down three

rebounds.

Senior Brad Lineberry also excelled, netting 12 points, eight rebounds and seven assists.

Sophomore forward Justin Moss added 10 for the winners while Cliff Buttermore and Mike Nadratowski chipped in with six a piece.

Nadratowski led the Wildcats' 8-for-9 fourth-quarter assault at the free throw line by nailing all four of his freebies.

Wayne sped to a 15-6 first-quarter lead before the 'Cats rallied to cut their halftime deficit to 19-18.

The hosts grabbed the lead for good in the third quarter when they outscored the Zebras 19-14.

Plymouth swished 15 of 24 free throws. Wayne made 1 of 2.

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# Plymouth Strictly Business

## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### Chamber and hockey

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts Chamber Day with the Whalers Feb. 22 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. With each adult ticket receive two free tickets for children. Chamber members can get a discount on tickets for the Whalers game on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets are discounted to \$9 for adults and TDS Metrocom is donating two tickets for children 13 and younger for each adult ticket purchased. There are only 136 children's tickets available. To purchase tickets call their box office at (734) 453-8400. Tickets must be preordered.

### Business update

From the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:  
 ■ **Kilwin's:** A Michigan-owned company will open a fudge and ice cream store on Main Street in the space previously occupied by Lynn's Corner Shop. Other locations include Birmingham and Ann Arbor. Visit their Web site at [www.kilwins.com](http://www.kilwins.com)  
 ■ **Candy Trail:** An old-fashioned

candy and educational toy store will open in the space next to Subway on Ann Arbor Trail.

### Construction update

From the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:  
 ■ **Ironwood Grill:** Build-out of the new restaurant in the space formerly occupied by The Book Cellar & Cafe continues. Owners hope to be open in the spring.  
 ■ **Parkside Development:** The developer plans to have contractors on-site in the near future to continue working on electrical and mechanical systems in the interior of the building.  
 ■ **Elite Family Eye Care:** Build-out of the new eye doctor office continues in the space formerly occupied by the Riley Grace Boutique on Forest.

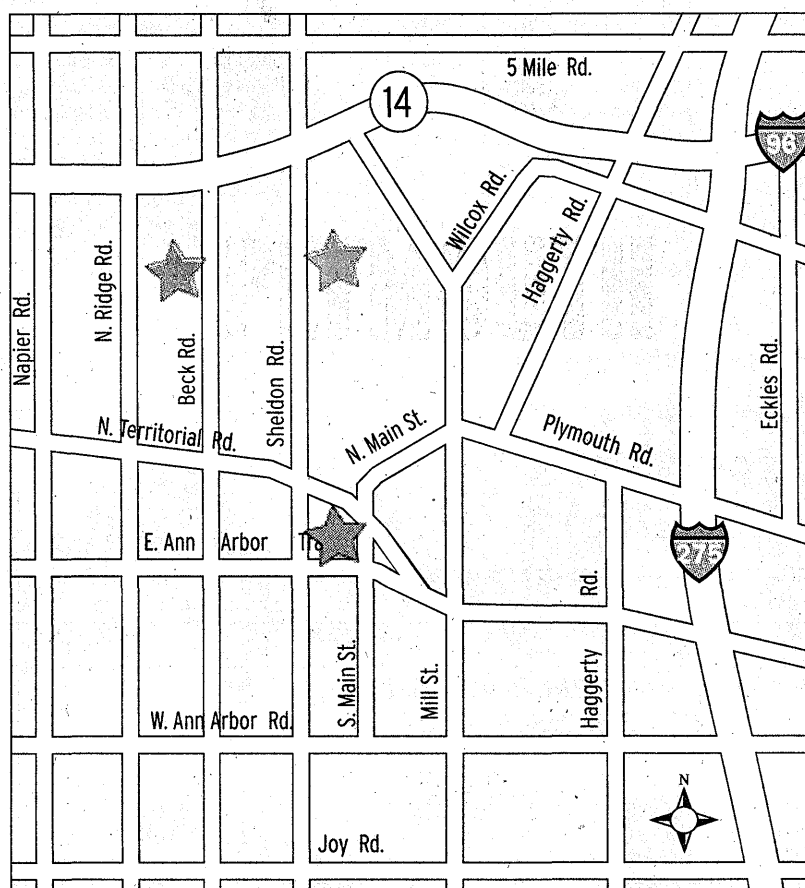
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p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Social Hall. The cost to attend is \$35. For more information or to purchase tickets call (734) 414-8900.

### On-line services

Citizens Bank has launched its latest convenient on-line banking tool, Online Account Opening. Personal checking, savings and certificate of Deposit (CD) accounts can now be opened through Citizens Bank's Web site banking program. Clients can visit [www.citizensbanking.com](http://www.citizensbanking.com) to see the latest CD rates and account comparison charts to determine the best account for them, and then click to open the account. The new account can be funded from an existing Citizens Bank account or from any other financial institution. Citizens Bank is part of Citizens Republic Bancorp, a diversified financial services company providing a wide range of commercial, consumer, mortgage banking, trust and financial planning services to a broad client base.



## SEND IT

Get in on the new Strictly Business page of the *Plymouth Observer* by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones.

It's simple: Just e-mail all of the details to editor Brad Kadrich at [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com) and he'll take care of the rest.

Our new local business page runs each Thursday in your *Plymouth Observer*. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Fox Hills Banquet Center drives golf, weddings

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

**Fox Hills:** Today's family-owned 63-hole daily fee golf and banquet facility had its beginnings in 1927 as a private country club. The original log cabin clubhouse is still preserved today and offers guests at the Fox Classic clubhouse a peek into its history. The Plymouth Country Club continued to operate as a private club and in 1958 changed its name to Fox Hills Country Club. By the late 1960's, Fox Hills had fallen into a state of disrepair and it lost members.

In 1974, Alexander & Estelle Dul with their daughters Kathy & Sandy purchased the course and began to turn the property around. Course and clubhouse renovations were undertaken and growing demand for golf prompted the family to add another 9 holes in 1983 making Fox Hills into a 27-hole complex. In 1986, Alexander passed away, which only served to strengthen the family's resolve to continue the work he helped start.

Eager to expand further, sisters Kathy and Sandy successfully negotiated with neighboring farmers to purchase several parcels of adjoining land. After two years of planning, the 18-hole championship course, the Golden Fox opened in 1989 along with an outstanding driving range. Designed by Arthur Hills, the world-class golf-course architect, the Golden Fox immediately impressed golfers with its

### FOX HILLS GOLF & BANQUET CENTER

**Business Name:** Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center  
**Business Address:** 8768 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth  
**Your name and title:** Kathleen Aznavorian, President  
**Your hometown:** Salem Twp/Plymouth  
**Business opened when?** Our family purchased Fox Hills (formerly a private club) in 1974 (35 years ago)  
**Number of employees:** 30 full time - up to 200 during the golf season  
**Your specialty:** Golf course with 63 holes (3 types of courses for all levels of players) as well as Banquet facilities with 2 unique clubhouses. Golf Outings, Weddings and Social gatherings are our forte. We do many special events like Breakfast with Santa, Sunday Brunch all year long, Friday night dinners during the golf season and other special events!  
**Hours of operation:** Golf seasonally - dawn to dusk; Banquet operation depending on bookings  
**Business Phone and Web site:** (734) 453-7272; [www.foxhills.com](http://www.foxhills.com)

sportsy design. Golf Digest described the Golden Fox as a "design with a Scottish flair, undulating greens and steep bunkers." The new clubhouse at 32,000 sq. ft. rivaled the amenities of most private clubs accommodating up to 500 people for golf outings, weddings or business meetings.

**Observer: How has your business changed over the years?**  
**Fox Hills:** To reflect a new business model, Fox Hills changed its name in the 1990's to Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. In 2001, another course was built to add variety and interest to an already large golf complex. Ray Hearn designed championship par-three course, named the Strategic Fox. A great course for beginners because of its shorter length, the course also offers the more advanced player a true challenge. The Strategic Fox has become a popular course for families since it offers fun and

challenge for people of all ages. Fox Hills now sports 63 holes of golf making it the largest single golf facility in Southeastern Michigan.  
**Observer: Do you have an amusing anecdote about your business?**  
**Fox Hills:** Wilfried Reid, a well-known golf course architect was said to have designed the original 18 hole course then known as the Plymouth Country Club for \$50 and a bottle of spirits; a pretty hefty fee during the Prohibition days.  
**Observer: What awards have you won?**  
**Fox Hills:** Protecting the environment has always been a top priority of the family. In 1996, Fox Hills achieved the designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary by the International Audubon Program sanctioned by the United States Golf Association. At that time, Fox Hills was third in the State of Michigan and among the first 40 in the nation to achieve this award.



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## CHAMBER CHAT

The February After Hours Business Mixer will be at the Plymouth Historical Museum 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, in conjunction with the new Lincoln Exhibit, which features artifacts owned by the President. The event is sponsored by Monroe Bank and Trust.

After Hours are great networking events attracting between 60-80 people. There is no fee to attend and there will also be light hors d'oeuvres served. The museum is located at 155 S. Main St. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting the Chamber at [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or at (734) 453-1540.

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Wes Graff

or to purchase tickets call (734) 414-8900.

■ Sign up today for small group networking on Feb. 20. The hottest new networking event is the Chamber's 6 on 6 Networking held the third Friday of each month from 8-9 a.m. We have 12 people from different industries come together for one hour to talk about their businesses in an intimate setting where they can really get to know each other. It is proving to be a success because people find it easier to connect in these smaller groups.

Sign up for the next session Friday, Feb. 20 by calling (734) 453-1540. This 6 on 6 Networking session is at the Chamber office, 850 West Ann Arbor Trail. Please bring marketing materials to handout. We ask that you do not attend in two consecutive months to allow for a new mixture of

people each time.

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■ **Web Site of the Week:** International Minute Press  
 To help members see other web sites in the community and get ideas they could use for their own sites, we will feature a different member's site each week. This week we are featuring the web site from International Minute Press: [www.myprinter.intlminutepress.com](http://www.myprinter.intlminutepress.com).

Wes Graff is executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached at (734) 453-1540.

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RELIGION

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Tai Chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages

and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia.

Day of service

A Day of Service and Spirituality is available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, meet and have one's faith grow.

Worship service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia.

Worship services

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160.

Celebrate Recovery

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m.: dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts).

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. Call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

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Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off.

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service.

Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

Services open to all in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 or visit www.betchaverim.com.

Detroit World Outreach

A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner, child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org.

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh, at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and

Merriman, Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services

St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, invites the community to a new worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for additional information.

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

Your Invitation to Worship

Grid of church advertisements including: CATHOLIC (St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, St. Genevieve Roman Catholic Church, St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church), EVANGELICAL COVENANT (Faith Covenant Church), UNITED METHODIST (Clarenceville United Methodist, Redford Aldersgate United Methodist, Cherry Hill United Methodist, Newburg United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth), LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD (Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church & School, Immanuel Lutheran Church), CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE (Plymouth Church of the Nazarene), EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (Timothy Lutheran Church), PRESBYTERIAN (Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, St. James Presbyterian Church, First Church of Christ, Scientist), NON DENOMINATIONAL (Bell Creek Community Church), CHRISTIAN SCIENCE (First Church of Christ, Scientist), and others.

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 734-582-8342 or e-mail: dhart@dnp.com

# FILTER

## Home tour highlights two private art collections

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK  
O & E STAFF WRITER

Most home tours are done for the love of architecture, antiques and decor.

An upcoming Canton home tour is being conducted "For the Love of Art."

Set for 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, the tour focuses on two homes owned by avid art collectors Walt and Mary Menard and David and Judy Johnson.

The tour was staged by the Public Art Committee of the Canton Commission for Culture,

Arts & Heritage. According to volunteer Sandy Gillig, the idea was hatched when committee members visited the Johnsons' South Lyon home.

"After spending several hours there, we decided it would be wonderful to share this experience with other art lovers, so the idea was ignited," Gillig explained.

The Johnsons' art complements the country setting of their Victorian farm house, on land with a barn, horse and white fences.

"Their collection is mainly comprised of 19th and 20th century pastoral art — pastures, farm animals, still lifes and portraits," Gillig said.

The Menard art collection is very different. Owners of Lotus Arts Gallery in downtown Plymouth, they have their pick of work. Walt Menard said they tend to hang their most prized pieces at home.

"We have a tendency to fall in love with our inventory which we're not



"Concert on the Beach" by Yuroz, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Menard.

supposed to do," Menard said. "What I have at the house are more originals and probably more expensive works that probably aren't going to do very well at an art gallery price-wise, especially in this economy in Michigan. They're just out of reach for most people looking to purchase art."

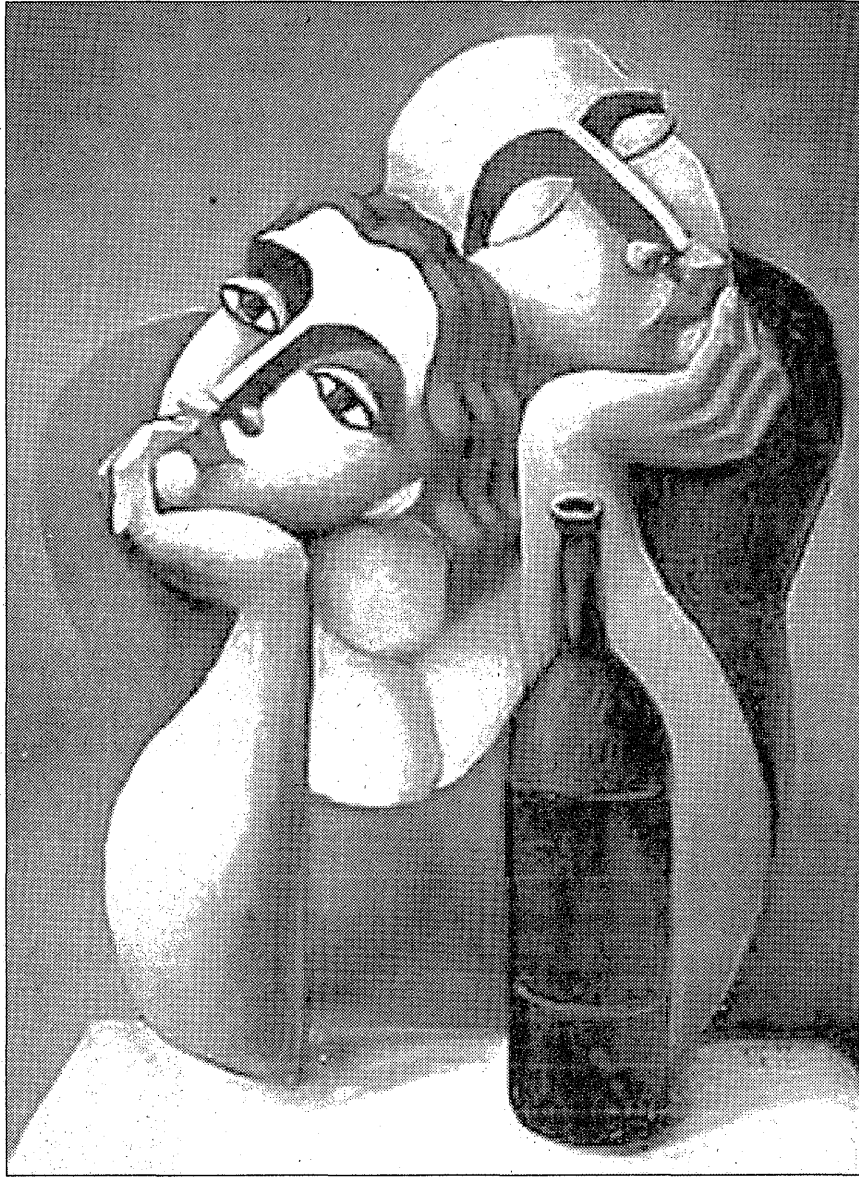
Artists on display include Edna Hibel, Salvador Dali, and the actor Anthony Quinn. Paintings by Todd White, lead animation designer for SpongeBob SquarePants, depict cosmopolitan nightlife scenes, while those by Michele Delacroix capture downtown Paris.

Also prominently featured are works by Yuroz. An immigrant from Armenian Russia, the Menards met Yuroz in New York in 1990.

"At first some of his works didn't really appeal to me, then they kind of grew on me and we became friends," Menard said.

Yuroz was a starving artist when he arrived in Los Angeles in 1985, but today one of his simple line drawings can sell for \$1,000, while a large oil painting can fetch \$150,000, Menard said.

Yuroz supports many humanitarian causes, and the Menards attended a ceremony to dedicate one of his paintings for use on a United Nations stamp in 2005.



"Dreams" by Yuroz, is among paintings found in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Menard.

Since the Menards are custom home builders as well as gallery owners, their country French-style Plymouth home was designed with art in mind. It features special nooks and lighting, along with door panels and a fireplace mantle carved and chiseled based on Yuroz sketches.

A shuttle will transport home tour participants to and from both homes from the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill. And since the tour falls on Valentine's Day eve, it also offers drinks, hors

d'oeuvres, chocolates and roses. Gillis said it's a one-time opportunity to get a glimpse into the homes of serious art collectors, and spots are filling fast.

"What we wanted to achieve through this tour was an understanding of art collecting from the experts," Gillis said. "To hear about the process of finding and buying the art, restoring it, and displaying it. To basically remove the mystery that keeps us all too intimidated to purchase art for our homes."

### HAPPENINGS

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB COMEDY FOR A CAUSE

LIVONIA — The Senior Alliance will team up with Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia for a night of entertainment, great food, and spirits on Tuesday, Feb. 10. Tickets are \$20, and Joey's will donate 80 percent of proceeds to assist TSA in sustaining its mission to provide advocacy, programming, planning, contracting, funding and personnel necessary to enable older persons to function as independently as possible in their community.

Tickets also include a 25 percent discount on meals at Kickers All American Grill, located below the comedy club, or half-off pizza during the show. Reservations required for dinner. Call (734) 261-0555 and tell the operator you are supporting The Senior Alliance's "Comedy for a Cause." Joey's Comedy Club is located at 36071 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

#### JCELEBRATE LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY AT MUSEUM

PLYMOUTH — Abraham Lincoln turns 200 this month, and he and his wife, Mary, have agreed to celebrate at the Plymouth Historical Museum 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. Abe, portrayed by Fred Priebe, and Mary, portrayed by Fred's wife Bonnie, will be joined by Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Senator Jacob Howard and reenactors from the 21st Michigan Infantry.

The Plymouth Historical Museum's current exhibit, "In the Presence of Lincoln," showcases original furniture from Lincoln's Springfield, Ill. home — on loan from The Henry Ford — as well as original historic ephemera associated with Lincoln.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main St. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$5; \$2 for students 6-17; and \$10 for families. Tour groups can be accommodated. Call (734) 455-8940 or visit [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org).

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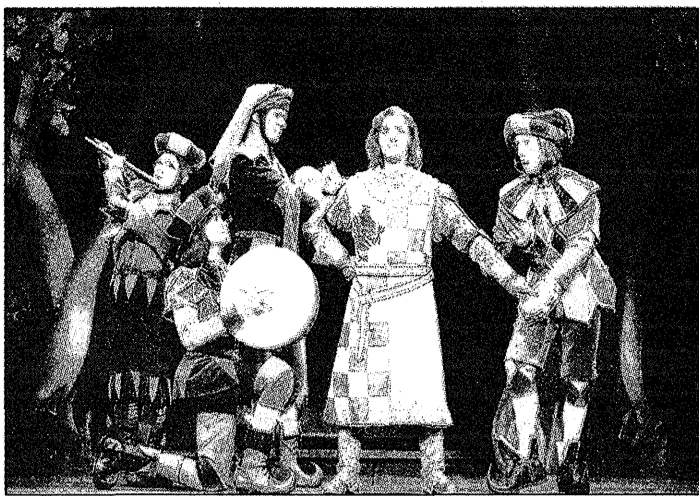
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PURE PICKS



Monty Python's Spamalot has returned to Detroit's Fisher Theatre with Richard Chamberlain reigning as King Arthur for a limited two-week engagement through Feb. 15. Tickets are available at the Fisher Theatre box office, online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.broadwayindetroit.com](http://www.broadwayindetroit.com), and by phone at 1-800-745-3000.

**5** Monty Python's Spamalot returns to Detroit's Fisher Theatre with Richard Chamberlain reigning as King Arthur through Feb. 15. Lovingly "ripped-off" from the comedy team's most popular motion picture, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," Monty Python's Spamalot tells the legendary tale of King Arthur, complete with a chorus line of dancing divas and knights, flatulent Frenchmen, killer rabbits and one legless knight. Tickets are available at the Fisher Theatre box office, online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), and by phone at 1-800-745-3000.



Celebrate the season by roasting marshmallows at Winter Blast in and around Campus Martius Park this weekend.

**6** Don't let the cold keep you in the house. Get outside for the fifth-annual Winter Blast, Feb. 6-8 in and around Campus Martius Park in Detroit. The weekend includes free ice skating, marshmallow roasting, professional skating shows, and a new, 100-foot Arctic Blast Ice Slide. The music lineup features TJ Kelly, Twistin Tarantulas, Universal Temple of Divine Power and Macpodz, Rev. Marc Falconberry, The Mickeys and Brandon Calhoon. Free. Visit [www.winterblast.com](http://www.winterblast.com).

**7** Put a little love in your heart with A Valentine's Rock n' Roll Spectacular at the Detroit Opera House on Saturday, featuring The Miracles, The Reflections, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, The Contours, The Diamonds and The Drifters. The concert starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$37-\$67. Call (248) 645-6666.

HAPPENINGS

ABALI AFRIKA APPEARS AT OCC-ORCHARD RIDGE

**FARMINGTON HILLS** — The Kenya-based band Jabali Afrika will appear at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, Friday, Feb. 13. The two-hour program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the campus' Smith Theatre. Admission is \$20. Jabali Afrika's unique sound is a special fusion of African rhythms. Its origins lie in the Kenya National Dance Troupe. The group performs more than 250 shows per year internationally. For more information contact Dusty Rhodes at (248) 522-3595 or email him at [lprhodes@oaklandcc.edu](mailto:lprhodes@oaklandcc.edu). The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696. Ample free parking is available in nearby college lots.

INTERNATIONAL FEST AT THE VILLAGE THEATER

**CANTON** — Find your passport around the globe during Canton's 2nd Annual International Festival, 1-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. A special project of the Canton Cultural Commission, the educational event includes stage performances, cultural displays and merchandise, and international sweets for sale and sampling. Cultural displays include storybooks, jewelry, Sri Lankan and Indian exhibits, and the Bilingual Fun Group. A \$2 donation is suggested at the door. Call (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.canton-mi.org/village-theater](http://www.canton-mi.org/village-theater). Visit [www.canton-mi.org/village-theater](http://www.canton-mi.org/village-theater).

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# FOOD & WINE

## A sweet treat for Valentine's Day

Why not use this Valentine's Day as an excuse to bake something sweet for your sweet? Here's a recipe for an exotic dessert from Ristorante Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills.

### NAPOLEON DI LIMONCELLO

Prep Time: About 30 minutes

Cooking Time: About 20 minutes

Refrigeration Time: At least 30 minutes

1 lb. hand-made puff pastry (or pre-made if preferred)

1 shot of limoncello liquor

4 cups whole milk

½ cup granulated sugar

½ cup flour

7 oz. butter (room temperature)

2 tbsp. cornstarch

2 vanilla beans

10 egg yolks

Additional flour to roll out pastry crust

Additional butter for baking sheet (or use parchment paper as a lining)

Powdered sugar to decorate

Preheat oven to 400°F

1. On a lightly floured surface, roll out pastry into a large rectangle that you will be able to cut into three even parts. Transfer rolled out pastry onto a baking sheet (lightly buttered or else lined with parchment paper). Prick top of pastry with a fork. Cover pastry with a layer of parchment paper and place another baking sheet, of the same size, on top, to keep pastry flat. If you don't have another baking sheet, just pour rice or any dried bean over the top. Put in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes.

2. Remove pastry from the refrigerator and bake (with either the additional baking sheet on top, or with the rice/beans on top) for 10 minutes. Take out of oven, remove baking sheet (or rice/beans) and remove top layer of parchment paper. Put back in oven for another 10 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from oven and let cool off entirely before spreading on cream filling.

3. As your pastry is baking, you can prepare the cream filling. In a large saucepan combine the yolks and sugar and stir well. Then stir in flour, and cornstarch.

4. Cut vanilla beans in half lengthwise, and scrape out the seeds into the mixture and stir well. Add limoncello.

5. Slowly stir in the milk until homogenous. Put the cream filling on the stove (light heat) and very gently bring to a simmer — when you see small bubbles, take it off the heat and refrigerate.

6. In a large mixing bowl, beat the butter so that it rises. Gently mix in the rest of the cream filling.

7. Once the pastry has cooled, cut it carefully (a serrated knife works best) into three even parts. Using a spoon and a spatula spread a thick layer of cream filling on two parts of pastry crust. Stack these two layers and cover with the third (top) pastry piece. Sprinkle top with powdered sugar. Refrigerate until serving.

Source: Ristorante Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. Ten Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-3033 or visit [www.cafecortina.com](http://www.cafecortina.com)



Layered Napoleon di Limoncello from Ristorante Cafe Cortina.

## Seek designated syrahs

Syrah is the focus of some of the world's most creative winemakers. Although we first think of syrah as the principal grape of France's northern Rhone Valley, we are impressed by several syrahs from California and Australia.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Aroma and flavor profiles of syrah depend on the climate and soil where grapes are grown, a notion the French refer to as terroir. Tasting a series of vineyard-designated syrahs illustrates the distinct taste differences determined by place.

Jeff Cohn (JC Cellars) makes wine in his urban winery in Oakland, Calif., but he sources grapes from vineyards as far south as Santa Barbara County and north to the Rockpile American Viticultural Area (AVA) in Sonoma County.

He likes steep, rocky vineyards producing distinctive fruit, resulting in wines of complexity and concentration. Each wine is fermented with a yeast selected to enhance the terroir aspect of the fruit. Wine is then aged up to 16 months in oak barrels sourced from more than 10 different French coopers.

WINE PICKS SYRAHS FROM JC CELLARS

Ventana Vineyards 2005 Syrah, Monterey County, \$30

Fess Parker's Vineyard 2006 Syrah, Santa Barbara County, \$30

Broken Compass 2006 Syrah, California, \$40

Caldwell Vineyard 2005 Syrah, Napa Valley, \$45

Rockpile Vineyard 'Haley's Reserve' Syrah, Sonoma County, \$60

Steve Beckmen farms Purisima Mountain Vineyard in Santa Ynez Valley, Santa Barbara County, Calif. He grows his grapes biodynamically, a very strict organic method of farming, originally proposed by the Austrian scientist Rudolf Steiner. Beckmen has noticed that his vines are healthier and his wines more flavorful since he adopted biodynamic farming techniques.

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### BECKMEN VINEYARDS:

Purisima Mountain Vineyard 2006 Syrah, \$42

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Clone #1 2006 Syrah Purisima Mountain Vineyard, \$50

Australian winemakers, Michael Twelftree and Richard Mintz created Two Hands Wines and took on the challenge of making top-shelf shiraz (that's Aussie for syrah) from six different regions of Australia.

To emphasize regional character of each wine, Twelftree explains, "All vineyards are managed the same leading up to harvest. When we make the decision to pick, we look for optimum flavors and ripe tannins. When it comes to winemaking, for all these wines it's exactly the same. A key factor is that the use of new oak is kept low, between zero and 20 percent, so the regionality comes through."

### WINE PICKS FROM TWO HANDS WINES, AUSTRALIA

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## Obama presidency gives real estate pros cautious hope

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Local real estate leaders are cautiously optimistic about new President Barack Obama's impact on the housing industry. They realize the new commander in chief has a lot of work to do in areas both domestic and foreign.

"We are the No. 1 economic engine in the world. You start building at the bottom and get that flow up," said Walt Baczkowski Jr., chief executive officer of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, representing primarily Oakland and Macomb county professionals. "I think it has to be one of the prominent issues."

The message coming from the National Association of Realtors and locally is that the bailout OK'd by Congress and the housing stimulus shouldn't just be passing out money to financial institutions. Baczkowski points to the NAR's favored plan now in Congress which would include 4.5 percent interest on home loans and a \$7,500 tax credit.

In the past, some buyers got money to purchase a home when they shouldn't have, he said. "We presold a lot of people." That led to heavy foreclosure volumes, which have in turn impacted the "move up" market of people moving into larger homes as families grow.

"Let's give incentives to the people coming in, new first-time buyers," Baczkowski said. The number of sales are up, although some half of metro

properties sold are foreclosures. "We have some of the best prices on properties now," he said.

He and colleagues don't just want to see lenders bailed out. "Let's help the people in getting them forward." Baczkowski is concerned about the lack of hope and would like to see Obama's presidency turn that around: "Hopefully, we'll see some new hope."

Baczkowski remembers when he bought his first home. He had to have 10 percent down and a job. "Then we bought the property." He wants the new Obama administration to have good guidelines in place to help those who are responsible and have stable jobs.

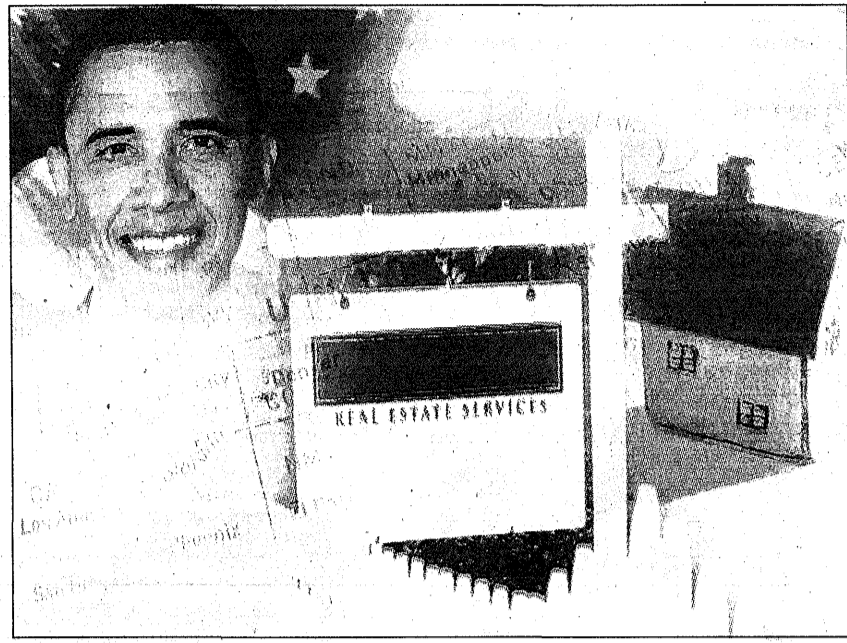
"Why not give them some kind of break, too?" said Baczkowski of such consumers.

"It's no short-term solution," he said, noting it took several years to get to this point. "It's going to take us some time to get out of it." He's encouraged by recent sales.

"There is affordable property out there everywhere," he said.

Gary Reggish is president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, and associate broker/owner with Remerica United Realty in Novi. "I hope that it's going to mean some great things for the real estate industry," he said of the new presidency.

The housing industry has a staggering impact on the economy, Livonia resident Reggish said. "There has to be a stabilization of the real estate market and housing prices."



Reggish isn't sure additional bailout funds will do the job; he's focused on the need to free up lending. Some buyers did get into home loans where they couldn't make the payments, but tight credit now is a factor for many. "A large number of homes are being sold on what's called a short sale," Reggish said. In such a transaction, the bank agrees to take less than what's owed.

Regardless of the side of the political aisle, "property values continue to decline affect everyone," he said. Few buyers can wait the three-six months to close on a short sale with a bank.

"As a result, most buyers are not looking at short sales right now," said Reggish, who favors standardizing and streamlining that process.

He noted homes that go back into foreclosure then are often stripped; the negative connotation means they tend "to solicit much lower offers."

Some legislators in Washington, D.C., are in synch with the problems, he said. Reggish also advocates for the 4.5 percent interest rate on home loans and the \$7,500 tax credit now available for first-time buyers, defined as someone who hasn't

owned a home for three years or longer. The NAR proposes extending that tax credit to all purchasers.

Reggish points with pride to WWOCA's Project Jump-Start Michigan, with Grand Valley State University researchers looking at what to do to put our state back on track.

"We are already meeting with legislators and locally," he said. The 2001 recession's still a factor in Michigan, as is the subprime/housing crisis.

Reggish and colleagues favor a tax structure to create jobs to replace the more than 500,000 lost since the start of the century.

He's pleased with the film incentive program, and plans to make Michigan "the battery capital of the world." At the same time, Reggish notes those combined mean about 5,000 jobs statewide.

"So it's a step in the right direction but it's also a drop in the bucket. If we don't have people, there's nobody to buy these houses."

The NAR Web site at realtors.org has details on the plan in Congress.

## Law applies to service personnel

**Q:** I have heard about the Serviceman's Civil Relief Act. I am wondering how it affects our association. Do you have any information?

**A:** The Serviceman's Civil Relief Act (SCRA) is a law that affects your association's collection of assessments against a member in long-term active military duty. The law is intended

to temporarily suspend judicial proceedings and transactions such as foreclosures and debt collection proceedings that may negatively affect the service member's rights during their

military service. The SCRA protections begin when a person enters active military service. The members of the military service are covered on the date they receive active duty orders and the SCRA terminates on the date the service member is released from military service. In general, a service member may postpone any pending court proceedings against him or her including the stopping of the filing of liens and the entering of a judgment. Your best advice is to check with your attorney to insure that you are complying with this act.

**Q:** I have read something about a new tax credit for homebuyers. Do you have any information about it?

**A:** In July, Congress passed the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 which President Bush signed into law. This act contains multiple provisions aimed at stimulating the housing market, along with several revenue raisers designed to hold the government's costs. One key provision is a tax credit for first-time homebuyers. This allowance may be valuable to many individuals and families but it is not a pure tax credit. Instead, selected buyers will receive what amounts to a loan from the federal government. Taxpayers can repay this loan over many years with no interest. The tax credit in the housing act is retroactive to April 1, 2008. If you bought a home on that date through Dec. 31, 2008, you can claim a credit on your 2008 tax return (assuming you meet various qualifications). If you are qualified and buy a house in the first half of 2009, you can choose to claim the credit on either your 2008 or 2009 tax return. You should consult with your CPA or tax adviser concerning these potential benefits.

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

## Building Industry Assn. taps 2009 leaders

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) has announced its 2009 Executive Committee. BIA's new president is Darshan S. Grewal, Singh Development, L.L.C., West Bloomfield. He and the other Executive Committee members took the oath of office as part of BIA's Economic Forecast Luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Best Western Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights.

In addition to Grewal, the Executive Committee includes Richard Kligman, Superb Custom Homes, Plymouth, moving into the position of secretary, Richard



Grewal

Ives, Trinity Land Development, Clinton Township, as immediate past president and Norm Finkelstein, Norwood Homes, LTD, Farmington Hills, as vice president. Continuing in their positions are Adorno Piccinini, Adco Group, Novi, as treasurer, James S. Bonadeo, Bonadeo Builders, Plymouth, as president emeritus; Richard Komer, Wineman & Komer, Southfield, as first vice president; and vice presidents Paul

Aragona, Aragona Properties, Clinton Township, Michael Mocerri, Leader Homes Inc., Novi, and Sam Palazzolo, Palazzolo Brothers Construction Co., Sterling Heights. BIA's executive officer, Michael C. Stoskopf, CGP, also serves on the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is responsible for furthering the building industry's relationship with municipal and county governments and providing representation in the state and national associations.

Additionally, the committee assists in overseeing BIA's mission to provide education, information, programs, networking, political action

and all other activities that advance the building industry, while making the American dream of home ownership a reality for Michigan families.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing more than 1,200 builders, remodelers, multifamily property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 235,000 individuals and companies.

### BRIEFS

#### Seminar

There will be a Homebuyers & Sellers Seminar Thursday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m. It will cover: What is a short sale? Should I sell or buy with a short sale transaction? Sponsored by Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate & Homesite Mortgage. Location of the seminar is 2915 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills (on the northeast corner of Rochester and Auburn roads).

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### HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded Oct. 13-17, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	Sales Price
6498 Carlton Rd	\$212,000
3158 Greenwich Ct	\$238,000
1323 Heritage Dr	\$150,000
769 Pheasant Woods Dr.	\$270,000
2542 River Woods Dr N	\$320,000
7872 Thornwood St	\$240,000
1932 Wentworth Dr	\$259,000
Farmington	Sales Price
33999 Moore Dr	\$180,000
Farmington Hills	Sales Price
30539 Ambeth St	\$157,000
29515 Ashford Pkwy	\$201,000
31678 Bristol Ln	\$299,000
38847 Country Cir	\$108,000
37011 Driftwood	\$150,000
28961 Green Castle Rd	\$137,000
27339 Hystone Dr	\$159,000
24066 Middlebelt Rd	\$46,000
29501 Pendleton Club Dr	\$70,000
22464 Springbrook Ave	\$130,000
32260 Tall Timber Dr	\$240,000
24131 Tana Ct	\$120,000
29680 White Hall Dr	\$233,000
Garden City	Sales Price

28956 Bock St	\$104,000	29303 Douglas Dr	\$173,000
31448 Marquette St	\$187,000	23923 Greening Dr	\$235,000
951 Radcliff St	\$82,000	42991 Novi	\$176,000
1252 Ralph St	\$127,000	47370 Sunnybrook Ln	\$40,000
33081 Sheridan St	\$89,000	24475 Surfside Rd	\$163,000
		28364 Wolcott Dr	\$368,000
Livonia	Sales Price	Plymouth	Sales Price
30246 Acacia St	\$135,000	345 Burroughs St	\$129,000
27517 Buckingham St	\$80,000	9950 Fellows Hill Ct	\$505,000
19138 Canterbury Dr	\$85,000	41465 Greenbriar Ln	\$129,000
16854 Country Club Dr	\$199,000	13542 Hilltop Dr W	\$375,000
35225 Dover St	\$177,000	673 Kalloupy St	\$165,000
15489 Fairlane Dr	\$258,000	46330 Lafonde Ct	\$325,000
16431 Levan Rd	\$180,000	49908 Pointe Xing	\$129,000
9928 Marie St	\$180,000		
36524 Marler St	\$159,000	Redford	Sales Price
31658 Scone St	\$139,000	17357 Denby	\$88,000
34527 Summers St	\$185,000	15346 Dixie	\$62,000
16590 Wayne Rd	\$195,000	8935 Kinloch	\$85,000
		9043 Lenore	\$75,000
Milford	Sales Price	15914 Macarthur	\$69,000
1795 Brookbury Dr	\$385,000	8974 Rockland	\$112,000
3061 Central Blvd	\$95,000	15824 Woodworth	\$90,000
525 W Buno Rd	\$160,000		
Northville	Sales Price	Westland	Sales Price
1040 Bristol Ct	\$115,000	7006 Bison St	\$169,000
16607 Dorral Dr	\$225,000	8085 Coventry St	\$45,000
19848 Irongate Ct	\$100,000	2101 E Williams Cir	\$125,000
17870 Maple Hill Dr	\$295,000	8589 Ingram St	\$105,000
16037 Morningside	\$140,000	7590 Manor Cir	\$41,000
16058 Morningside	\$136,000	924 Mitchell Dr	\$198,000
49879 Parkside Dr	\$320,000	202 N Christine	\$126,000
21543 Woodfarm Dr	\$284,000	6025 N Crown St	\$85,000
		232 S Willwood St	\$130,000
Novi	Sales Price	1757 Surrey Hts	\$128,000
42032 Borchart Dr	\$349,000		
21685 Chase Dr	\$421,000		



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  - 14 Karachi language
  - 15 Disallow
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  - 17 Prospector's find
  - 18 Gathered wool?
  - 20 Gold, in the lab
  - 21 L. — Hubbard
  - 22 Six-shooter
  - 26 Come clean
  - 29 Kipling novel
  - 30 Summer in Cannes
  - 31 Attack
  - 32 Spoil
  - 33 Hairy humanoid
  - 34 Vote in favor
  - 35 Author's need
  - 36 Floor models
  - 37 Twin drums

- 39 Barn habitant
  - 40 — hoc committee
  - 41 Went below freezing
  - 45 Pipe fittings
  - 48 Modern-speed unit
  - 49 Yes, in Kyoto
  - 50 Farm structure
  - 51 Ayla's creator
  - 52 40-cup brewer
  - 53 Makes a choice
  - 54 Wheel part
  - 55 Fast transport
- DOWN**
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  - 2 Memsahib's servant
  - 3 Homer's instrument
  - 4 Belgian sleuth Hercule —
  - 5 Of the past
  - 6 Tall grass
  - 7 Dawn goddess

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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- 8 Bantu people
  - 9 Pizarro's quest
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  - 22 Orchestra's place
  - 23 Crawl with
  - 24 Conductor — Klemperer
  - 25 Aloha tokens
  - 26 Bedouin
  - 27 The Banana Boat Song (hyph.)
  - 28 Pose
  - 29 "— Tiki"
  - 32 Thing, in law
  - 33 Hedge shrubs
  - 35 Bean hull
  - 36 Draw squiggles
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  - 39 Hardhearted
  - 41 Artificial, as pearls
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## SUDOKU

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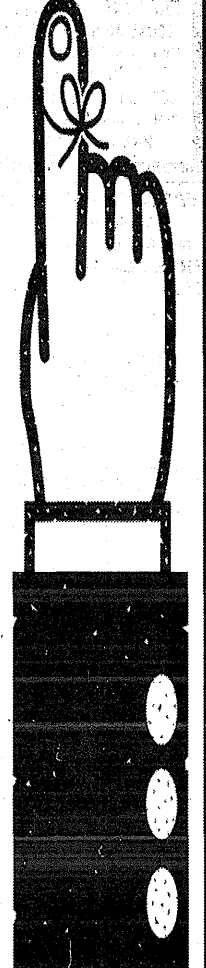
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## Media Use Cloudy Lens To Cover Auto Industry

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By Dale Buss



At this year's Detroit auto show, the biggest drama involved a visit by Bob Corker, the Republican senator from Tennessee who had been the point man for Congressional opposition to the automotive bailout last month. He dutifully toured the show floor with company executives, politely nodding and asking questions. Naturally, some journalists also asked him questions -- about his opposition not only to the loans to GM and Chrysler but, specifically, to the UAW wage rates that make Big Three plants so non-cost-competitive with those operated by foreign automakers in this country, including the Nissan complex near Nashville in Corker's home state.

"I actually scratched my head reading some of the media reports here as if I was living in a different world," said Corker, who ran a highly successful family-owned construction firm before he came to Washington. "The solution I offered was tough love, and I realize that, but it was a solution to that problem."

The only thing about Corker's views that didn't come out of this scrum was how he came by his views which are so vile to many Michiganders. It apparently didn't occur to reporters that he might have come by them honestly, as a matter of principle. Why would Senator Corker want to make Michigan autoworkers more competitive with his electorate? The success of his plan to bring UAW wages immediately in line with those of his constituents in Tennessee would have made the Big Three far stronger rivals.

The Corker visit illustrated three major flaws in how the news media are covering the American auto industry during these crucial times: ignorance, bias and parochialism.

Perhaps the best example of parochialism is the attitude of political, cultural and media elites from the coasts who really do consider the Big Three automakers -- like the rest of us in the Midwest -- residents of some



GM caravanned these Saturn Vue hybrids to Washington in support of its cause.

strange fly over country that they don't understand. Exacerbating this reality is the fact that the people who do business journalism tend to go to the same elite schools and cocktail parties and don't know people who went to General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) or even to Michigan State.

And in Washington -- where the political and media elites are distilled into a robustly dangerous concentrate -- an astounding 80 percent of new-car registrations are foreign makes, according to the latest figures compiled by R.L. Polk and reported by Warren Brown in the Washington Post.

But these shortcomings really have shown themselves in how the news media have covered the automotive bailout. They resulted in a handful of perspectives that have emerged as strong themes during this period.

First, media coverage has been strongly tilted in favor of a bailout. As everything was taking shape, between November 1 and November 18, the three broadcast networks' morning and evening shows aired 31 stories with a pro-bailout tone compared with 12 balanced stories and only one -- on ABC's Good Morning America -- that had a negative tone. That's according to the Business and Media Institute, a conservative watchdog organization in Washington, D.C.

Meanwhile, the American people remained evenly divided in their sentiments about the auto bailout. According to a Gallup poll released on November 18, about 49 percent opposed a federal bailout of the industry while only 47 percent supported it.

The second theme of bailout coverage has been the

preposterous notion that bankruptcy isn't such a bad option for General Motors or Chrysler. Never mind the fact that executives of the companies uniformly insisted that this was not a viable possibility and thoroughly explained why.

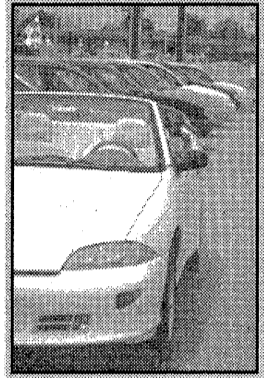
A third theme: Big Three management is stupid. It's difficult to defend them because of all that has gone wrong over the last generation. And of course the Big Three CEOs did themselves no favors by showing up in Washington for the November hearings without a clue as to how to state their plea to Congress -- and on their private jets.

But the national media are ignorant about the reality of what the Big Three automakers have accomplished. The politicians focused on snapshots of the industry from 10 and 20 years ago, and many national journalists dutifully reported them as if they were modern fact. They ignored what GM indeed has achieved over the last decade, for example, in the areas of product design, quality, innovation, organization, and globalization.

And the pundits and the politicians who said that Detroit hasn't been building what America wants are out-of-touch elitists who are wrong on two counts. First, for 15 years, the Big Three have been building the SUVs and trucks that American consumers actually wanted -- otherwise, they wouldn't have been able to generate the huge profits they did in selling them. And, second, the American people really don't want the "green" cars that the global-warming lobby has been pushing for -- at least, not yet.

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**Hartland** 248-684-1065  
Super 3 BR, 2.5 BA Ranch in great neighborhood w/Hartland schools. Lrg MBR: vaulted ceiling, ceramic BA, GR: FP, skylight, door to deck. Fin LL: FR, BA.  
(29002254) \$189,000



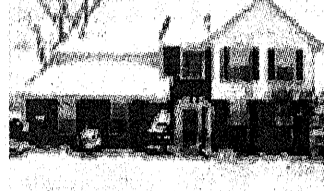
**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Stately Custom Colonial Spacious RMs t/o. Gorgeous entry w/curved strcse. Gour KIT, FR w/2 sty paladium windows. Priv lib. All FR suites. Deck, sidewalks, pool & clubhouse in complex.  
(28086672) \$724,900



**Plymouth** 734-591-9200  
Spacious Ranch in Deer Creek, Very Open Fr Plan. Lg kit & BFT rm; all kit appls stay; Grt Rm w/FP&D/W to lg deck. Mstr BR w/BA has roll-in shower. Home has handicap access w/ramp from gar to bsmt.  
(29009792) \$339,000



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Well Maintained, Freshly Painted Unit. Have your morning coffee on the private courtyard/patio area. Back of bldg location. Close to pool. 2 BR, 2 full baths, beautifully decorated. Most appl. incl.  
(28149395) \$104,900



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
WELL-MAINTAINED 4 BEDRM COLONIAL! Corner lot w/side garage, 2-story h/w/d w/foyer, kitchen w/bkfst nook, Fam rm w/FP, formal dining/living rms, fin bsmt. Exterior painted in '08. Priced to sell!  
(29011426) \$230,000



**Dearborn** 734-591-9200  
Absolutely beaut. Compitly updated. Fin bsmt w/carpet 04, furn, C/A OS, updated Bthrms 04. Light fix 04, h/wth 04, gls blk wind 03, prof decor thru-out, updated kit, st drs, updated elec, tremo wind, rf, bk por, x-tra dp yd.  
(28176835) \$139,000



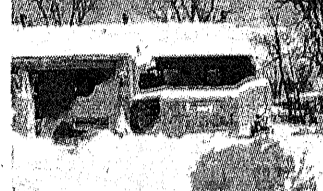
**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Walkout ranch on over 6 acres w/40x40 pole barn w/12x12 office w/heat & AC. New gourmet kitchen. Mstr suite w/jet tub/WIC. Fr doors to FR w/FP. Much more!  
(29004908) \$200,000



**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Desirable Nville Hills Prestwick Estates Stunning & Picturesque updates galore! Cape Cod w/FF MSTR, premium lighting & plumbing fixtures, European MSTR shower, KIT, HDWD FLRS, community amenities.  
(28188154) \$564,500



**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
PLYMOUTH "FIXER UPPER"! Great potential in this 3 bedroom colonial near downtown Plymouth. Needs work but has some updates. Large tree yard. Much more!  
(28170441) \$127,500



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Best Price & Location! 55+ complex. Well kept end unit by woods. View of lake in front. New paint, light fixt, kit sink, faucet/disp. Newer neutral carpet. Appl stay. Open Sun. 12-2.  
(29000669) \$69,900



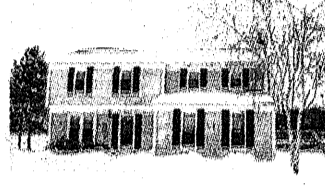
**Canton** 248-851-1900  
3 BR 2.1 BA HOME w/LARGE FENCED BACKYARD Overlooks nature preserve. Wood floors in foyer, dining rm, kitchen & half bath. Master suite w/master bath & large WIC.  
(29012355) \$200,000



**Dearborn Heights** 734-591-9200  
Brk Rch w/Wide open floor plan. Updtd kit with Ceram tile, oak cabs & tons of count sp. Kit ops to spac LR w/dwd flrs. Fin bsmt w/bonus rm & full BA. Cedar dk. As is sale. Buyer respns for city inspect.  
(29003077) \$99,500



**Holly** 248-684-1065  
If you're looking for country retreat, this is it. Oak cabinets, island counter, walk-in pantry, granite vanity top in MBR. Large deck. Swimbable pond.  
(28160806) \$228,000



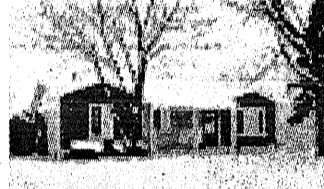
**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Great Location In Sub. Extremely nice 4 bedroom colonial, newer items inc: gorgeous kitchen, cabinets, wood floors, six panel doors, garage door. Large deck and private fenced yard.  
(29004366) \$255,000



**Redford** 248-684-1065  
Quaint brick home on tree lot. Knotty pine kit cabs, part fin bsmt adds 910 sq. ft. and rec room. 3 BDRM/1.1 BA. Fenced yard. Lovely neighborhood.  
(28094937) \$132,000



**Southfield** 248-348-6430  
Complete Renovation Affordable home. 2 story, 3 bed, 1.5 baths on 3 lots. Neutral decor, covered deck off FR. Jetted tub, fenced, 2 car garage, vinyl siding. Well cared for home.  
(28170784) \$145,900



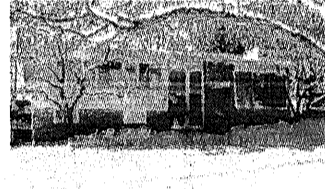
**Canton** 734-455-7000  
GREAT CANTON RANCH! Newly listed 3BR/2.5BA ranch offers many updates, incl: redone kitchen, family rm w/FP, florida rm, huge fin bsmt w/bath. Quiet setting in sub., and much more!!!!  
(28188596) \$161,900



**Dearborn Hgts** 248-437-3800  
Sharp Move In Ready Ranch! Updated thru-out. Updates include: roof 2008, kitchen, windows, bath, furnace, C/A, hot water heater, carpet & much more! Located across from a quiet park.  
(29012388) \$113,900



**Howell** 248-684-1065  
Superly maintained 3 BR, 2 BA home on 1.27 acres with huge 60x40 pole barn with 14 ft. ceiling & 220 volt electricity. FR with FP in finished W/O.  
(29005284) \$160,000



**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Beautiful Architects House Built In 1963. 2 FP, lots of light, wood floors, master suite w/Jacuzzi. 2.5 garage w/lots of storage. Beautifully landscaped. Deck, sandstone patio. Walk to town & schools.  
(28168581) \$224,900



**Redford** 248-684-1065  
Move in condition! 30x21 full fin. bsmt. HDWD flrs, all appl. included including washer & dryer. 2 1/2 car garage w/ workbench. Home warranty offered.  
(28170969) \$119,000



**Walled Lake** 248-684-1065  
Spectacular loft condo w/numerous upgrades, private entry, HRWD flrs, gourmet kit, 42" cherry cabs, granite, SS Appliances, MBR w/WIC and balcony.  
(29011102) \$175,000



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
BEST BUY FOR THE MONEY IN CHATTERTON! Very well-maintained and conveniently located condo. Cherry cabs, wood floors, neutral carpet & paint, bonus loft, WIC, open & spacious floor plan. Att. garage.  
(29013390) \$159,900



**Dearborn Hgts** 734-284-5400  
HOME IN NEED OF A BUYER Nice tree lined street. 3 bedrooms w/large master bedroom upstairs. 2 1/2 car detached garage w/ opener & workshop. Home needs a little TLC. Being sold as is.  
(28138432) \$39,900



**Livonia** 248-851-4100  
NEW RANCH MODEL CONDO-8 Mile & Newburgh. Spacious & open. High ceilings, large GR & DR, eat-in kitchen, 1st flr laundry. Customize to suit. Site condo includes landscape & street maint. Upgrades add.  
(28181554) \$279,900



**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Lovely Private Entry Condo. Nice condo located on quiet cul de sac. 1,220 sq ft, newer carpet, nice KIT inclds all appls, LR w/FP, find BSMT, clubhouse, pool, tennis CRTS, & LK in complex.  
(28111585) \$115,000



**Salem** 248-437-3800  
Charming Farmhouse. Lots of class put into this charming farmhouse in quaint downtown Salem. Inviting front porch and large yard. Huge kitchen with lots of natural light.  
(28185861) \$104,900



**Waterford** 248-684-1065  
Great buy with this bank-owned condo in super condition. 2 BR and 2 full baths. Ready to move in!  
(29006254) \$50,000



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
SPACIOUS UPDATED COLONIAL ON CUL-DE-SAC Porgo style fr in hall/kitchen, berber carpet & bay window in family rm, thermo windows '05, furn 02. FP w/raised hearth, crn moldings, new drive & steel door.  
(28172550) \$159,900



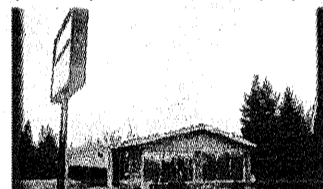
**Detroit** 248-348-6430  
Four Bedroom Unit Quadruplex. Great Income Producer! All brick. Updated: Brand new windows, electric system, 2 story deck, new carpet and paint, glass block in basement and parking in rear.  
(28168002) \$40,000



**Livonia** 248-348-6430  
Desirable NW Livonia Burton Hollow Woods Features: 2200sqft, HDWD in LR, DR, KIT, Brand new KIT w/Corian counters, ceramic backsplash & pantry w/rollouts, leaded FRT glass DR, cozy FP & all season FLA RM.  
(28109425) \$180,000



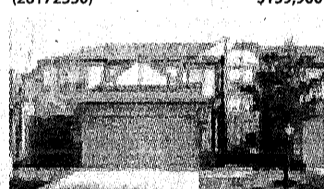
**Novi** 248-851-1900  
BUILDER'S HOME NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS Custom built .071 acre lot. Gourmet island kit w/granite, stainless, travertine & walk-in pantry. Great library. 4 BR including MBR suite guest suite. 4 car garage.  
(28197795) \$550,000



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Great Opportunity! Motivated Seller! High traffic area for retail or office visibility, or warehouse facility. Building has had recent build outs for offices & open areas. For sale or lease.  
(28186235) \$450,000



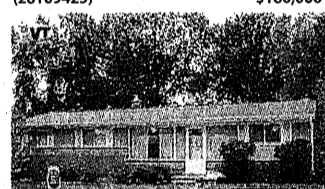
**Waterford** 248-684-1065  
Great investment or wonderful place to live. Very clean 1st flr condo w/ porgo & parquet flrs. Views of pond/fountain. Walk to clubhouse/pool.  
(29007790) \$39,900



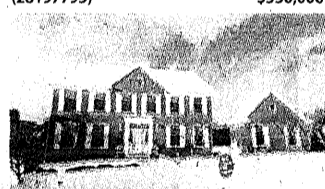
**Canton** 734-455-7000  
SUPERB LOCATION! NEVER KID OR PET TESTED Huge deck backs to pond. Open fr plan. Vaulted ceiling w/skylights overlooks GR from huge loft area w/countless possibilities. Mstr ste w/separate shower & tub.  
(28194482) \$159,900



**Detroit** 248-348-6430  
Loads of Potential! LR w/bay, DR and eat-in kit. Large mstr upstairs w/bath, convert as a walk-in closet. Find bsmt, separate laundry & bath. One car garage. Immediate occupancy.  
(27133297) \$25,000



**Livonia** 248-851-1900  
POTTERY BARN PERFECT! LOADS OF UPDATES LR w/HWF & vaulted ceiling. Huge FR w/FP. Doorwall to brick paver patio. Newer main bath w/corian sink, maple vanity. Newer vinyl windows. Walk to elementary school.  
(28181207) \$94,000



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Stately Brick Colonial Cul-de-sac setting on .93 acre lot. 4,000 sq ft +2,000 in first W/O LL. 9' ceilings 1st FLR, Gour KIT w/new gran counters, LR, FR, Den, 3 car heated gar, ingr pool.  
(28122171) \$548,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Premium Lot. Overlooking Pond! Well maintained home in desirable Trotters Pointe Sub. HRwd flrs in kit. & foyer. Bay window. Custom window treatments stay. Workshop in bsmt. Freshly painted.  
(29007937) \$224,900



**Wayne** 734-455-7000  
WOODED Ravine Lot! Plaster walls, cove ceilings, stained trim, fireplace & hardwood floors. 3 bedrooms, dining rm, 2.1 baths. Basement, garage & much more!  
(29012453) \$169,500



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
CONTEMPORARY RANCH CONDO! Stylish 1st floor unit like brand new! High ceilings, granite counters, huge basement, attached garage. Located in "Traditions" complex.  
(28162752) \$148,000



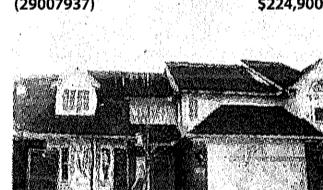
**Fenton** 248-684-1065  
Build your dream home on this fabulous Lakefront acreage! 500 acres of all-sports lakes, wooded, W/O sites, gorgeous view! Minutes from dtwn Linden.  
(29002286) \$225,000



**Livonia** 734-284-5400  
GREAT 3 BEDROOM HOME Perfect for the 1st time buyer. Updated kit w/lots of cabinets. Appl are included. New furnace & hwt in 2003. Lifetime composite deck around above ground pool.  
(28154570) \$93,900



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Imagine Owning This Beautiful Home. Accent on details, hwdw flr highlights kit & brkfst area. FR w/vaulted ceiling, elegant LR & DR, lib, nice mstr, extra wide 2 car garage, patio & lg priv yard.  
(27164836) \$336,900



**South Lyon** 248-851-4100  
BELMONT MODEL W/9' CEILINGS Exceptional MBR & BA, 2 lrg br w/Jack & Jill BA, GE appl. + many more options & amenities. Other models include a ranch & 2 story w/1st flr MBR. From the \$180,000's  
(29000143) \$199,900



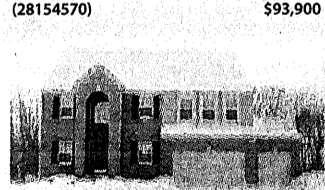
**White Lake** 248-348-6430  
Lake View From Rare 2200 SQ. FT. Ranch Wonderful open floor plan. Master suite opposite side of home from other bedrooms. Walkout BSMT. On beautiful low maintenance lot. Built 2004. Also for lease.  
(28080850) \$275,000



**Commerce** 248-684-1065  
Immaculate builders home on 1.67 acres. Wood windows/trim, GR w/ cath ceiling & FP. Gourmet island kit, 3 bd, 2.5 ba. HRWD in den. Great view from covered porch.  
(29007847) \$259,000



**Garden City** 734-591-9200  
Newer hme built 2001. Move in Ready. Needs no work. Well Maintain in excell cond. Every new on 2001. Spac kit w/opn fr plan. Hwdwd flrs, newer crpt, excell stor, neut decor. Lg MBR w/BA. Min. 1% EMD to be hid by LB.  
(29004146) \$139,900



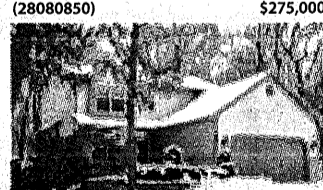
**Lyon** 248-437-3800  
WOW! Brand new 3 story home W/W/O LL. 5 BR located on 2nd flr w/computer rm & laundry. The real bonus is the 3rd flr family/rec rm. Kit w/granite, h/wd fr & FP.  
(29011534) \$289,990



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Good Value On This Very Nice Home. Nice circular dr, 6 panel DRs, spacious rms, priv den, formal LR & DR, nice KIT, FR w/cathedral ceiling, 1st flr laundry, side entry gar. Awaiting your inspection.  
(28121025) \$275,000



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Darling Bungalow! Almost 1 acre. Newly painted, hardwood flrs thru-out. Stained woodwork, new window, new vinyl siding. Plaster walls w/oval archways. Formal dining & living rm.  
(28086463) \$159,000



**White Lake** 248-684-1065  
Charming & well-maintained home. Open fr plan, LR w/gas FP, Eat-in kit, HDWD flrs, new carpet, fin. LL w/FM and half BA, All appl. Deck/wooded yd.  
(28134393) \$200,000



**Commerce** 248-348-6430  
Sports Commerce Lake! 265 acre LK Commerce. 2 full kit & ba's on separate flrs. New kit w/ ceramic island, brand new furnace, Anderson win 06, cr staircase, dock & seawall. Hurry!  
(27137133) \$195,000



**Green Oak** 248-437-3800  
Ring In The New Year With This Colonial Set in great family neighborhood! Extensive landscaping surrounds hm w/many mature trees for back yard privacy. Large deck wraps around side entry & back of home.  
(28204093) \$208,000



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Charming 3 BR ranch w/1.1 BA, HDWD flrs. New carpet/Neutral decor. Skylight in kit. Part fin bsmt. Patio and fenced yard. Sep. fenced kennel. Shed.  
(29003227) \$125,000



**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
THE HOME YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! Gorgeous granite kitchen; hardwood; French rms; 4 bedrooms; charming & spacious. Walk to downtown!  
(29011881) \$399,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Ready To Move In Ranch style condo w/open fr plan. Features 2 BR, mstr br w/2 closets. 2 full baths, gr rm w/gas fp, dining rm w/doorwall to deck. Home is handicap accessible.  
(28150911) \$139,900



**Ypsilanti** 734-591-9200  
Move in Condit & Priced to Sell. Short Sale. Separate Liv & Fam Rms. Fam Rm w/cath ceiling. Firepl & doorwall to hge wrap around deck. Eat in kit w/new appliances. Mstr bed w/priv BA. 1st floor laundry.  
(29006674) \$139,900