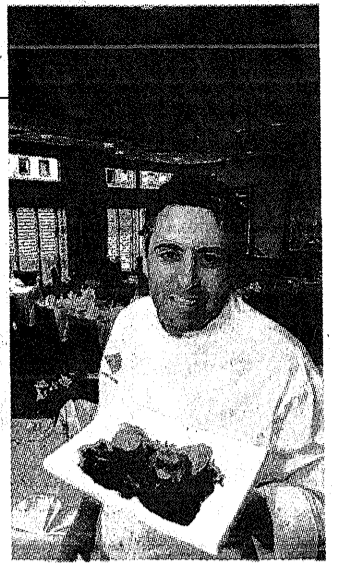


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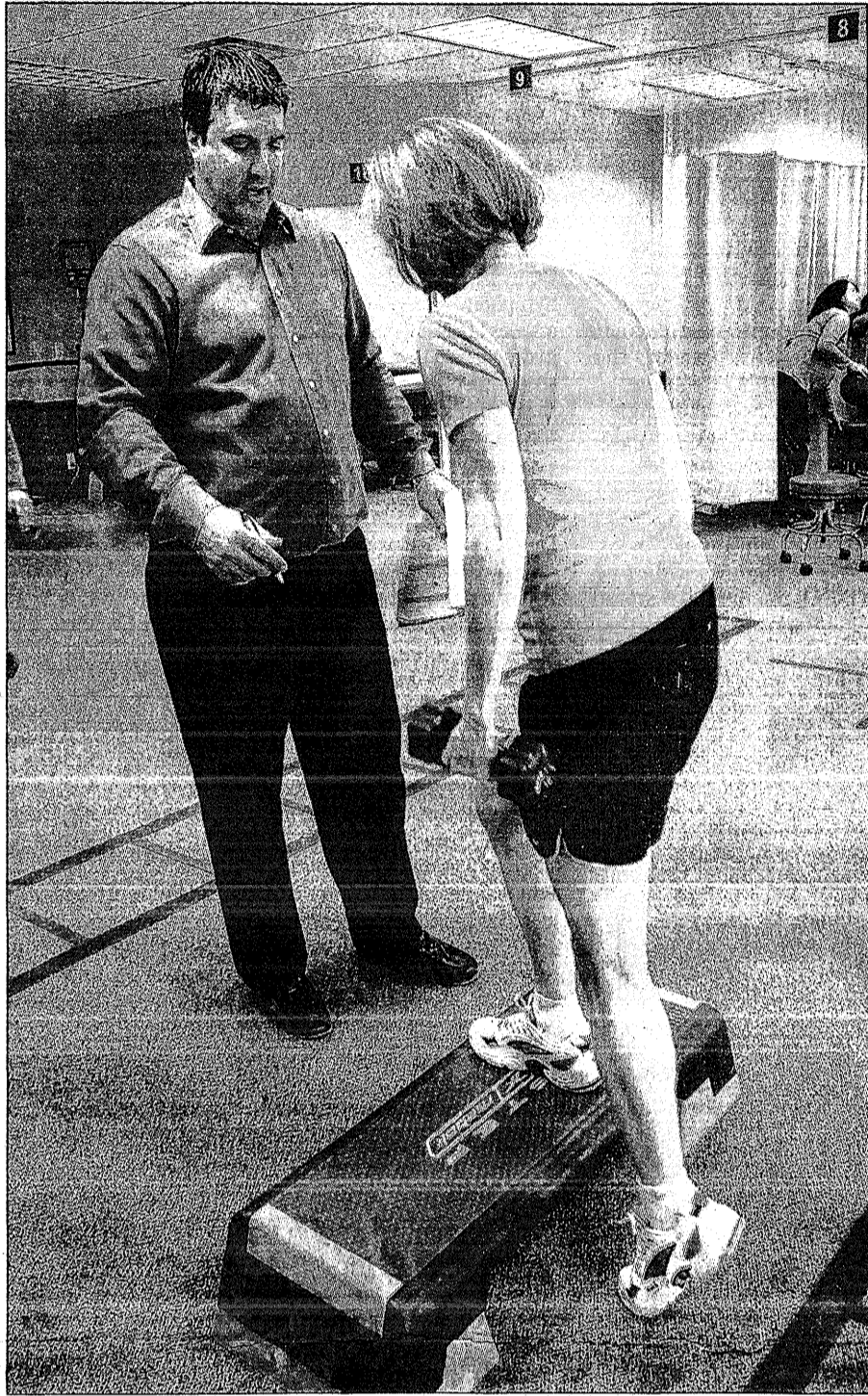
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Jeff Sirabian works with client Jennifer Turko of Canton.

## Outsmarting the economy

### Growing physical therapy business has Plymouth roots

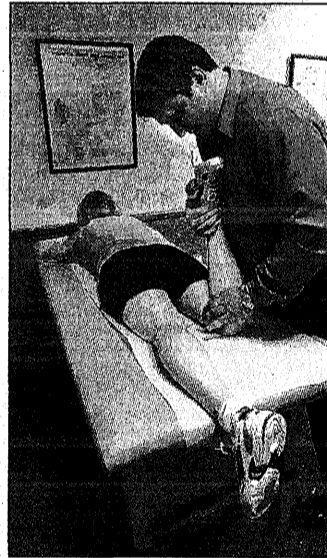
BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In nearly 20 years as a physical therapist, Jeffrey Sirabian has seen a lot of changes in the field — most notably in his own practice.

From a small facility on Lilley Road, Sirabian's Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists has grown to eight clinics in seven communities, and Sirabian is planning to open a ninth location, in Canton Township, this spring.

The Novi resident has come a long way since 1994 when, not quite five years out of the University of Michigan's physical therapy program, he opened his practice. As the business marks its 15th anniversary, it employs 23 therapists, provides teams at area high schools with athletic trainers, and serves as a training ground for college physical therapy students doing clinical rotations. The original clinic has been expanded to now encompass about 5,000 square feet.

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Jeff Sirabian's Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists has grown to eight clinics in seven communities, and Sirabian is planning to open a ninth location, in Canton Township, this spring.

## Ex-members cry foul as review board starts work

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Plymouth Township homeowners began appearing before the Board of Review to appeal property assessments this week, two former members spoke out about not being returned to the board.

Carol LaRue, who served for three years after being named to fill a vacancy in 2006, blamed a personality conflict for not being reappointed to a two-year term. She called the recent appointment process "nasty" and "unprofessional."

"Mr. Edwards won't have it," said LaRue, referring to Treasurer Ron Edwards, who had opposed her reappointment. "I had butted heads with Mr. Edwards on a couple of things."

Township officials, however, said the appointments are up to the Board of Trustees, and that some trustees wanted new faces on the review board.

"If Carol LaRue wants to claim what she wants to claim, let her do it," said Edwards, who would not respond to LaRue's specific criticisms.

A motion by Trustee Kay Arnold to reappoint all six Board of Review members — there are actually two boards of three members each — died for lack of support at the trustees' Jan. 20 meeting. Three new board members were appointed by a 7-0 vote later in the meeting.

During the Feb. 17 trustees' meeting, three more members were appointed by a 6-0 vote, with one trustee absent.

Only one current review board member, Michael Litwin, first appointed in 2007, has prior experience.

That doesn't worry Edwards or Supervisor Richard Reaume, who both said review board members go through several days of training.

"They all have common sense," Reaume said. "They're there to follow the law and to

get (property) valuations equitably throughout the neighborhoods."

"The (current) board members, from what I heard, are doing a very good job," said Edwards.

Edwards said he'd heard complaints from property owners that the former review board was not cutting state equalized valuations (approximately half a property's market value) that should have been cut during a declining housing market, and that some property owners said they had not been given a fair hearing.

"These are political appointments," Edwards said. "We thought it was time to make a change, and we voted on it."

But LaRue said Edwards had too much sway over the rest of the trustees when it came to the appointments.

"The Board of Trustees believes everything that falls out of this man's mouth," she said.

LaRue said review board decisions she was involved with were made fairly and according to the law.

"There are laws that govern this, and you have to do what the law tells you to do," she said.

Mary Ann Carey, who served for 15 years and was also not reappointed this year, agreed.

"I stand behind every decision we made. We had information to back it up," said Carey, who believes the issue was one of control. "They wanted to control us," she said of the trustees.

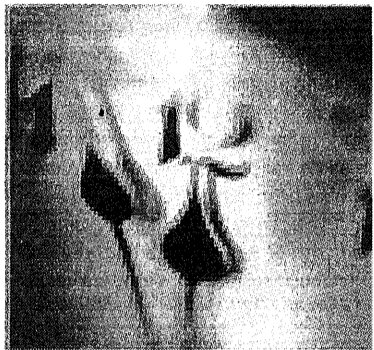
But Edwards said he'd heard property valuations weren't being decided in an even-handed way.

"This is about getting the assessments right. The taxable values are set by law," he said.

LaRue and Carey complained about not being told they would not be reappointed; Edwards said "you really can't

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## PIPELINE



### Ready to spring?

It's that time again, daylight-saving time. Remember the adage to spring forward. Before you go to bed Saturday night, set your clocks ahead one hour.

That means the morning will be a little darker when you go to work Monday, but the skies will stay lighter an hour longer in the evening.

### Press pass

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County invites the public to its meeting 7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 12, in the Michigan Room of the Livonia Civic Center Library.



Guest speaker will be Hugh Gallagher, managing editor of the

Observer Newspapers.

Gallagher will speak about the changes in print journalism, including the recent changes at the Observer.

### Air Force on ice

Some 30 or 40 new enlistees in the U.S. Air Force will take their oath Friday night on the ice between periods of the Plymouth Whalers game at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

The enlistees, all from the local area, will take the Oath of Enlistment during one of the intermissions.

The enlistees are set to leave for basic military training in the next six months.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Richard Rice, (734) 522-1190.

### Parental control

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Early Childhood Department will have a Preschool Parent Meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford Road, in Canton.

At this meeting, parents will receive 2009-10 enrollment materials, hear a presentation from the Early Childhood Director and meet the preschool staff. For more information, please call (734) 416-6190 or visit the program's Web site at [web.pccs.k12.mi.us/early-childhood](http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/early-childhood).

## Township support workers to swap unions

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a dispute over job cutbacks set for arbitration, Plymouth Township's administrative support workers are switching unions.

The 27 employees are moving from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees to the Technical and Professional Office Workers of Michigan, a branch of the union that represents township police officers.

Ballots cast Jan. 8 but not revealed until Monday showed that of 26 union members voting, 20 favored joining TPOAM, three wanted to stay with AFSCME, two voted for no union and one spoiled the ballot. The results had been sealed by the Michigan Employment Relations Commission because of an unfair

labor practice claim over the December cutbacks.

Local president Kathy Pumphrey, an ordinance officer and one of seven employees whose hours and benefits were cut, said members are excited about a fresh start. "They have a good track record of working with the township," she said of the TPOAM.

Pumphrey said AFSCME had tried to cooperate with township officials, to no avail. "Hopefully our representation will be stronger and it will encourage the township to take a different approach," she said.

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said officials had no favorite in the election and will be happy to work with the new union.

Arbitration has been scheduled for March 23 over the employees' contention that cutting the hours of seven workers to 30 a week vio-

lated their contract. The affected workers' part-time status meant the loss of health insurance.

Reaume has said officials were within their rights, and that the cuts were made to offset an expected drop in tax revenue. The seven were not the only employees affected by cutbacks, he said.

The union switch leaves open the question of which union will represent the employees during arbitration. The complaint was filed through AFSCME.

"It certainly throws a wrench into it," said AFSCME lawyer Bob Fetter. AFSCME and TPOAM officials will work to resolve the issue, he said.

Also unclear, said Pumphrey, is whether joining TPOAM will require her local to hold another election for officers. Pumphrey is new to the local presidency, having been chosen just over a month ago.

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tell anybody until the board votes on it" unless trustees make a decision before voting in public, which would violate the Open Meetings Act.

LaRue said she will appear at Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting to speak on the issue.

Carey, on the other hand, said she's relieved to be off the review board.

"I just kind of washed my hands of it," she said.

In addition to LaRue and Carey, Robert Harris, Roy Banks and Kendra Barberena were also not reappointed, but they had asked to step down.

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**CORRECTIONS**

■ A Letter to the Editor from Don Zaksek of Plymouth should have said, "Michigan hit double-digit unemployment last month - 10.6 percent - the highest monthly rate surge since 1884," not double-digit inflation. The Observer apologizes for the typographical error.

■ A photo caption in the March 1 edition of *The Observer* incorrectly indicated that Bob Lemon, who restored a 1965 Plymouth Satellite that's on display during this weekend's Autorama, had served in Vietnam. Lemon's two years in the U.S. Army in the 1960s did not include service in Vietnam.

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**Grand opening**

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**Barefoot auditions**

Barefoot Productions of Plymouth announces auditions for its next production, Prescription: Murder, by William Link and Richard Levinson.

Auditions take place March 9 and March 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library. Roles are available for three men (late 20s to early 50s) and three women (mid-30s to 50s).

Actors should bring Headshot/Resume/Prepared Monologue, if available. Performances are scheduled for April 30-May 10.

For more information visit the Web site at www.justgobarefoot.com or call (734) 582-9688.

**Saturdays at Penn**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society are presenting a series of family variety shows in downtown Plymouth. These shows are offered at noon on the first Saturday of each month at the Penn Theater. Cost is \$3 per person.

The next performance on March 7 will feature special musical host Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express with special guest performers Nan Washburn, conductor of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, and acts to be announced. The announcer for this performance is Timothy Thompson.

The Penn Theater is located at 760 Penniman in Plymouth. Tickets may be purchased the day of the show. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. These shows are sponsored by a grant from the Wilcox Foundation, as well as by several local businesses and individuals: Travel Leaders, Quixworks, Signature Audio, Plymouth Rotary AM and Steve and Renee Alexandrowski.

**Easter Egg Hunt**

The Plymouth Lions Club will be sponsoring this year's Easter egg hunt at Plymouth Township Park

Saturday, April 11.

The park is located off Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha. The hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Don't forget to bring your baskets, bags and cameras! We will also be collecting hearing aids, eyeglasses and cell phones.

For more information e-mail Debbie Baudino-Dowling at debbaudino@hotmail.com, call (734) 207-7464 or see the Web site at www.plymouth-lionsclub.org

**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 fol-

lowing dates: 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 at <http://pcep09seniorparty.blogspot.com/> or its Web page at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof/2009/senior-party09.htm>

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# Nelson twins set for New Hope fund-raiser

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER



Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, twin sons of rock legend Ricky Nelson and grandsons of TV's Ozzie and Harriet Nelson, perform at a benefit concert for the New Hope Center for Grief Support.

The Baby Boomers all remember the TV show "Ozzie and Harriet."

Now the Nelson twins, Matthew and Gunnar, the grandsons of that famous early TV couple, will present the music of their father, Ricky Nelson, in a fund-raiser for Northville's New Hope Center for Grief Support, run by Cathy Clough of Plymouth Township.

The event takes place March 27 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

"Ricky Nelson Remembered" will benefit the nonprofit bereavement outreach work of the center in downtown Northville that is kicking off its 10th anniversary year with this performance.

The Nelson twins wrote the 90-minute program as a tribute to their father. These young men sing all their Dad's hits interwoven with family film and out-takes from the "Ozzie and Harriet" television show.

They tell background stories to help the audience remember and appreciate what was happening when their dad wrote many of his top hits, including "Garden Party."

The Nelsons have recorded under their own rock name, Nelson, and are the third generation of America's only family to have three successive generations with number one musical hits.

The evening starts with champagne cocktails and desserts at 7 p.m.

Patrons will be seated starting at 7:40 p.m. for the

8 p.m. performance.

The Nelson twins will remain after the performance to meet guests and sign autographs.

For tickets, phone the Village Theater box office at (734) 394-5300, or purchase tickets online at [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater).

Tickets are \$52, with a portion of the ticket purchase being tax-deductible.

New Hope Center for Grief Support, located at 113 E. Dunlap St. in Northville, offers grief support to anyone who calls (248) 348-0115. Information is also available online at [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net).

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Sirabian said the work is more like a hobby than a job.

"It's enthusiasm. Helping people and getting results, it's just a good feeling," Sirabian said in his office Tuesday.

"You're always interacting with people," said Shawn Grant of New Boston, a therapist at Sirabian's Wixom clinic.

The growth of Sirabian's business parallels changes in the field itself. Sirabian and Grant said physical therapy is constantly evolving as the understanding of anatomy improves, as diagnostic tools get better and as the value of therapy as an alternative to surgery, in many cases, becomes clearer. In addition, many major college physical therapy programs, they said, have recently become doctoral programs. (Sirabian and Grant each have a master's degree, and say they keep up with physical therapy advances.)

Most of Sirabian's therapists specialize in orthopedic therapy, and most are certified by the American Physical Therapy

Association, or are working toward that certification. He called his therapists' knowledge base "the key to our success."

Many of their patients are recovering from sports or work injuries or are rehabilitating a joint, such as a knee or a hip, that has been replaced. There is a geriatric therapist, who specializes in working with senior citizens, and an occupational therapist, with expertise in helping people with hand rehabilitation, Sirabian said. Grant and Sirabian said their approach is "evidence-based," meaning each therapy plan is based on that patient's needs. "It's not a cookie-cutter approach," Sirabian said.

For both men, a football injury suffered in the ninth grade, and the rehabilitation required to recover, sparked their interest in physical therapy. Sirabian (broken arm) was attending Reuther Junior High (now a middle school) in Rochester Hills, while Grant (broken leg) was at Allen Park High School.

"I went through rehab and it was like, 'Yeah, this is it,'" Grant said.

Both said many physical thera-

pists have a sports background; Sirabian recently hired a former patient, who had been a soccer player at Plymouth Salem High School, as a therapist in his Northville office.

Both said their profession is rewarding; even patients with little motivation, Grant said, while they can be discouraging for a therapist, can also come away from rehab with more interest in and a better understanding of what they need to do to keep themselves healthy.

"At the end of the day, you're coming here to make a difference in your life," Sirabian said.

Sirabian said he picked the Plymouth area as the site for his first clinic because of his love for the community. He had worked for a local clinic beginning in 1990, and still works out of his original clinic, seeing patients as well as managing the business.

"It's a great community," he said. "It's a fun community."

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Woman arrested after pot is found during traffic stop

A routine traffic stop turned into a drug bust early Sunday when a plastic bag of what proved to be marijuana was found in a passenger's purse.

The 24-year-old Detroit woman was arrested on marijuana-possession and drug paraphernalia charges — police said they also found a suspected marijuana pipe — at a gas station at Ann Arbor Road and I-275 just after midnight, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. At the police station, officers found two more small plastic bags of pot, one in the purse and another in a boot the suspect had been wearing, the report said.

The incident began when an officer saw the driver of a 2008 Cadillac Escalade make a prohibited right turn on a red light from a freeway exit ramp to Ann Arbor Road, police said. The driver pulled into the gas station, and the officer followed and approached the man, the report said.

The officer smelled burned marijuana in the car while talking to the driver, who said there were no narcotics in the car, the report said.

Asked a second time about drugs, the driver said there might be a "roach" or a "cocktail" in the car, police said.

The passenger, police said, admitted having "a little marijuana." She told police it had fallen between the front seats, but the officer noticed her clutching her purse, and another officer searched it, finding the marijuana, police said.

Police said testing later con-

firmed the material was marijuana. The driver was released at the scene.

### Awakened, arrested

A 42-year-old Detroit woman was arrested on outstanding warrants and a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property early Friday after police found her passed out in a vehicle that had been reported stolen in Detroit.

A witness reported spotting the woman, unresponsive, inside a Chevrolet Blazer that was sitting in a parking lot on Haggerty, a township police report said. The witness called police shortly before 5 a.m. after being unable to wake the woman.

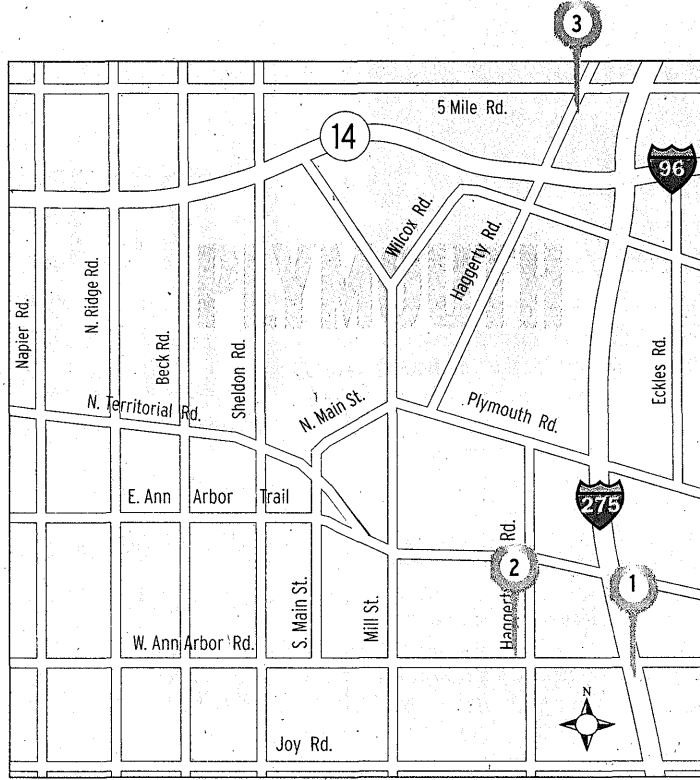
The responding officer reported pounding on a window of the Blazer 10 to 15 times before the woman, startled, woke up. She said she had earlier dropped off a friend in the area and decided she had smoked too much crack cocaine to drive, and thus pulled into the parking lot to "sleep it off," the report said.

The ignition on the Blazer was damaged and the key didn't fit properly, police said. Police found several outstanding warrants for the woman, and found the Blazer's owner had reported it stolen. Police impounded the vehicle.

The suspect claimed she and the owner were friends and she had borrowed the Blazer.

### Shoplifting arrests

Three male teenagers from Canton were arrested at



the Kmart at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty after a security employee reported seeing them hiding digital video disc movies, a police report said.

The boys left the store without paying for the discs and were stopped by the guard outside, the report said. Four movie discs, including D.J. Caruso's *Eagle Eye* and Spike Lee's *Miracle at St. Anna*, were recovered, police said. The suspects were released on their own recognizance and were to appear in court to face third-degree retail fraud charges.

### Tires slashed

Three tires were slashed on five vehicles parked in a residential area near Five Mile and Haggerty on the night of Feb. 23, according to a township police report.

The owner of a Ford F-150 pickup and a Cadillac reported the next morning that at least one tire on each had been slashed. Both vehicles had been parked in his driveway, police said.

The owners of three other vehicles parked in the area that night also reported tire-slashings, police said. The targeted vehicles were another

Cadillac, a Ford Explorer and a Ford Ranger, reports said.

### More vandalism

The rear window of a 1996 Ford Explorer was broken out the morning of Feb. 21 while the vehicle was parked in the driveway of a house on Maple in the township. The victim told police she heard a noise outside some time between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m.

Someone used a pellet gun to shoot a hole in a window of a house on Polk Drive recently. The victim discovered the vandalism, to a window in the master bedroom, on the morning of Feb. 22, police said.

Obscenities and an obscene drawing were spray-painted onto the side of a barn at a property on Ann Arbor Trail last month. The vandalism occurred between 7 p.m. Feb. 16 and shortly before 9 a.m. the next day, police said.

A taillight on a 2002 Ford Focus was broken out early on Feb. 20, while the car was sitting in a lot on Brougham Court. The vandalism occurred between midnight and 5 a.m., the victim told police.

By Matt Jachman

## Trial date set for mom accused in baby's death

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The pre-trial motions are done and the date is set for Plymouth Township resident Emily Portellos.

Attorneys met in a final conference Friday with Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Daniel Ryan and came away with a trial scheduled for June 1.

Portellos, 28, faces felony murder, first-degree murder, second-degree murder and first-degree child abuse charges. She could be sentenced to life in prison if convicted of the murder charges.

Portellos was taken by ambulance to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia the afternoon of Oct. 15 after her mother found her bleeding badly. Emergency room Dr. Michael Prescott said a pregnancy test was among the tests administered to Portellos. He also testified an OB/GYN doctor took Portellos to surgery and removed, among other procedures, a placenta.

Having cause to believe Portellos had delivered a baby, but with no baby present, hospital staffers notified Plymouth Township police, who opened an investigation. Detective Marcy Linton said that, during questioning, Portellos admitted to smothering her baby and putting it in the garbage bag.

Dr. Cheryl Loewe, the deputy Wayne County medical examiner who did the autopsy on Portellos' infant daughter, ruled the death a homicide caused by asphyxia due to smothering.

Loewe has testified in court the baby's lungs had expanded, there was signs of blood



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Emily Portellos of Plymouth Township goes to trial June 1 on murder charges in the death of her baby.

pressure where the baby's umbilical cord had been cut, and the baby weighed 7.5 pounds, all signs of life.

"Had this baby received (proper care after birth) ... the baby would probably be having her picture taken by now," Loewe testified. "The baby was a victim of infanticide - the killing of a baby shortly after birth, usually by the mother."

Police said staffers at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia notified authorities around 8 p.m. Oct. 15 they had treated a woman who had apparently given birth and was hemorrhaging. Portellos eventually told investigators where to find the baby.

Lt. Robert Antal testified he and other officers were dispatched to the Portellos home on Deer Creek Run, where they were eventually met by Portellos' mother, Maria, who allowed them into the house and gave them permission to search her daughter's bedroom.

Police found the garbage bag where Portellos had told Linton it would be.

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## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### State of the community

Registration has begun for the 2009 State of the Community luncheon, the annual opportunity to join fellow business people and community leaders as we hear about what to expect in the coming year. Last year's event drew 133 people. With tax revenues shrinking and the difficult state of our economy, this is a crucial time for local units of government and schools to determine how they will continue to provide needed levels of service. The results of those decisions will significantly impact local residents and the business community. Speakers will include Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox and Plymouth-Canton Superintendent of Schools Dr. Craig Fiegel. A City of Plymouth speaker has not yet been determined.

The event will be on March 18 from noon to 1:30 p.m. and the cost to attend is \$20. The luncheon is at Plymouth Manor, located at 345 N. Main St. To attend this event, please reply to [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or contact the Chamber at (734) 453-1540. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior

to the event, since the Chamber is liable for all meals. Community Financial and National City Bank are sponsoring the event.

### Grocer blogs

"Jimmy's blog on cigarettes brought this all back... youthful adventures I had almost-forgotten," wrote George Feldman, in his new blog on the Hiller's Markets Web site, "Ruminations of a Flayed Fox." After CEO Jim Hiller wrote a blog about why he won't sell cigarettes in his seven south-east Michigan stores (including the one in Plymouth), Feldman was compelled to respond in words.

"Maybe, just maybe, if you can't buy your cigarettes where you buy your groceries, you might stop, too. You could live as long as I have," said the self-described history nerd who divides his time between Fishers, Ind., and Naples, Fla. The connection between Hiller and Feldman has nothing to do with groceries. The pair, separated in age by two decades, are connected by Feldman's daughter Eva, who cared for Hiller's mother during her battle with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease. Hiller gave prominent space on his company Web site to Feldman's new blog because, he says, the site is a place for conversation and ideas - and Feldman's

got a lot to offer. Flayed Fox gets more play on [www.hillers.com](http://www.hillers.com) than even Hiller's blog, A Message from the Helm.

"I invited George to join me in conversation on the Hiller's Web site because I believe my shoppers are savvy and sophisticated and interested in a whole range of opinion beyond just grocery-focused content," says Hiller, whose recent blogs about why he buys American cars and why he discontinued selling cigarettes have reached nationwide acclaim.

### Construction update

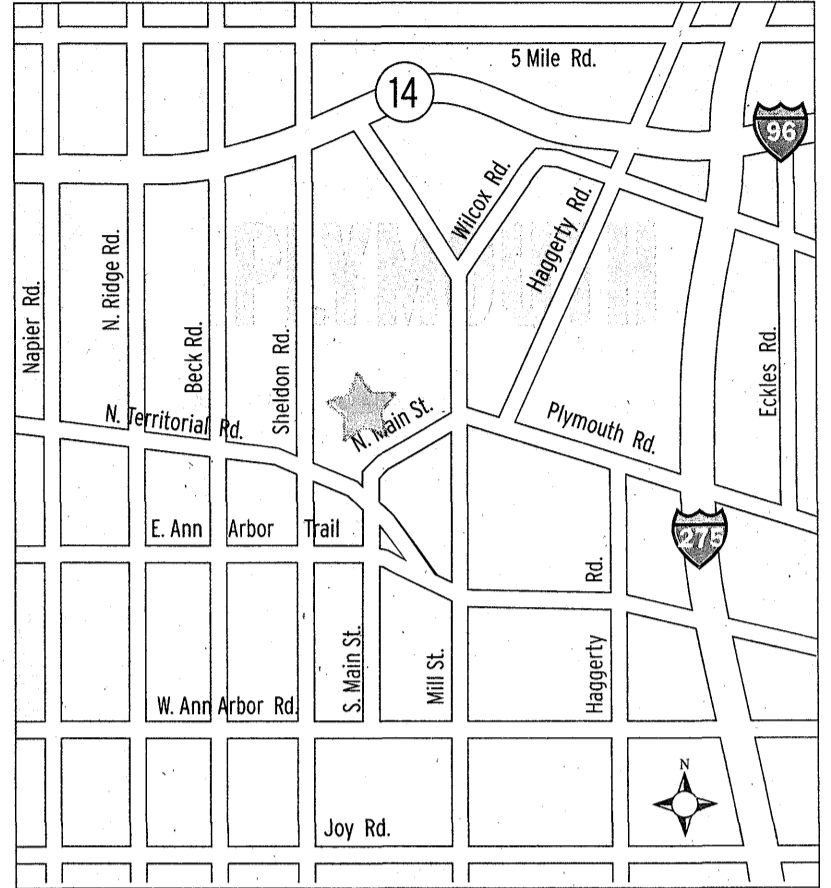
From the Downtown Development Authority:

■ 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.

■ Candy Trail - Build-out of the new candy store on Ann Arbor Trail is nearly complete. The owner hopes to open this month.

■ Kilwin's - Owners expect to have construction permits and demolition and build-out were expected to start this week. They're aiming for an opening in late April or early May.

■ 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.



## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Service caters to 'pet' projects

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

**Platinum Pet Service:** We offer exceptional, comprehensive, in-home pet care and excellent customer service. We are members of Pet Sitters International, a professional organization with over 8,000 members. Sitters are insured, bonded, first-aid certified, and trustworthy. Our prices are very competitive. New client discounts are available and we offer periodic monthly specials as well. Expanded services in the future will include dog training. Too many owners abandon their dogs due to behavioral issues. Our goal is to provide owners the skills necessary to create happy, fulfilled dogs and a harmonious environment for the whole family!

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

**Platinum Pet Services:** Mine is the only professional in-home pet sitting business located within the city of Plymouth. We also offer services in Northville, Livonia, Canton, and Ann Arbor. These days customer service has become a lost art. We stand behind our high-quality service with a 100% money-back guarantee. We set up personalized, one-on-one initial meetings so that you know who we are. We listen to you, respond to your requests. All inquiries are handled promptly. We also encourage responsible pet ownership... it's expensive, requires patience, and a time commitment. Owners need to understand their pets and their needs. Via our web site, clients have access to educational resources for breed traits, pet health care, and training tips. Clients can also link to PSI's on-line store for shopping.

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

**Platinum Pet Services:** After 12 grueling years as a road warrior in the pharmaceutical industry, I decided to follow my heart and open a pet business. Animals have played a meaningful role in my life since childhood. They give back to us more than we can ever give to them. I've rescued countless animals, loved and lost many. Now I share my home with rescued guys Bear, Bailey and Juneau (aka the Beastie Boys!). I support animal rescue groups, as well as volunteer at the Huron Valley Humane Society.

**Observer:** How did you decide to locate in the Plymouth community?

**Platinum Pet Services:** My family's roots are in Plymouth. I moved back here four years ago and love the small-town, energetic atmosphere. You really do know your neighbors in this town and it's such a dog-friendly place! It's ideal for my business.

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

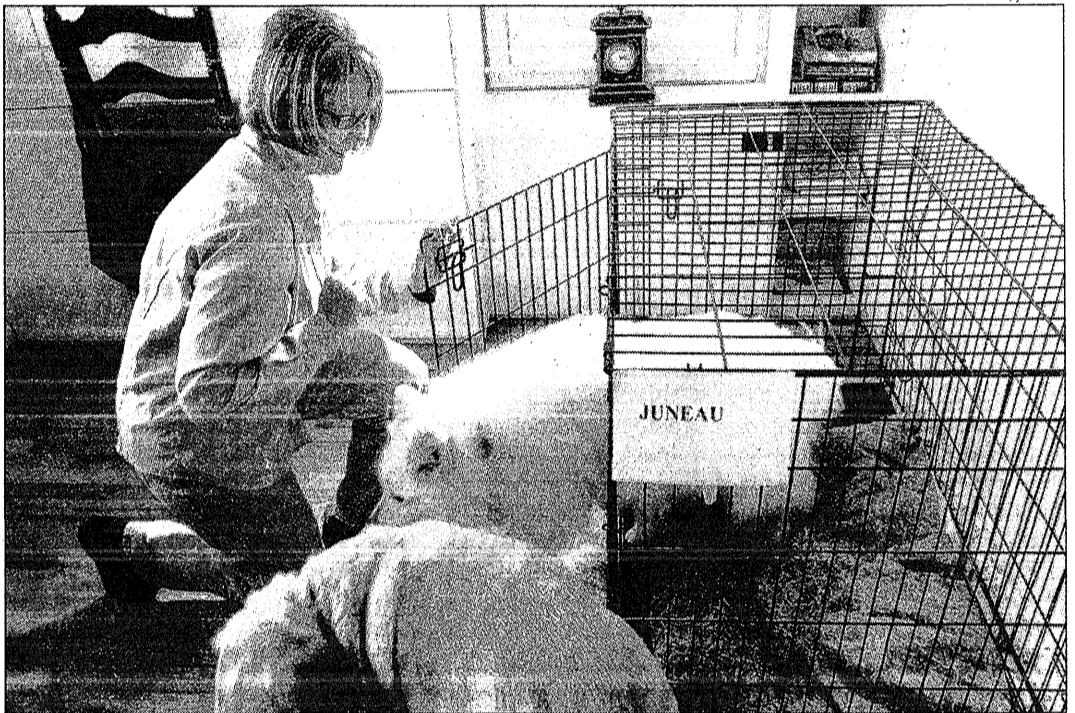


Pam Boughan hits the road with her clients.

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- Business Phone: (734) 737-0363 (office); (734) 657-0482 (cell phone)
- Web site: [www.platinumpetservice.com](http://www.platinumpetservice.com) (under construction)
- E-mail: [tail-wag@msn.com](mailto:tail-wag@msn.com)

**Platinum Pet Services:** Opening the business has been exciting and educational. I've met great new people. Everyone has been incredibly helpful and willing to share business advice. It's wonderful to be involved in work you love because then it really isn't work. Now my days are stress free and fur filled!




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Pam Boughan gets ready to take her clients for an afternoon walk.

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### School Board Coffee

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hosted by our Education Committee. Members are invited to join a celebration where we thank the School Board for their efforts in dealing with a job that is always difficult. Certificates of Appreciation will be given to the School Board members at the coffee. If you are interested in joining us to acknowledge the School Board's efforts and share a cup of

### Wes Graff

coffee with fellow members, please contact the Chamber at [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or call (734) 453-1540.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Action needed now on special ed funding

It seems that every day brings news of another economic disaster in the making. Private businesses, governments and households are all struggling to stay ahead of the escalating problems we face.

Wayne County's sharp increase in unemployment and foreclosures and declining population are causing concerns for governments at all levels about which programs to fund and how to fund them.

Special education funding for Wayne County will be facing those hard questions in a short period of time, when funds received from a 3.5-mill county tax will be inadequate to support the county's center-based special education programs.

The Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency expects a shortfall from the millage by the 2012-13 school year. RESA administers the funding, which supports 38 center-based programs in 18 school districts. The programs serve students with severe disabilities who cannot be mainstreamed into regular classrooms. School districts save money by pooling their resources in providing these programs.

RESA has been making presentations to local school boards - including a video presentation at Plymouth-Canton's last meeting - to alert them of the potential shortfall and to suggest concerted efforts to work with the state legislature to find more funding.

One idea advanced by RESA spokesmen is for a change in Proposal A that restricts raising additional millage. RESA associate superintendent Steve Ezikian said that at this stage the important thing is getting the word out to school boards and parents about the problem. He said both revenue enhancement and cost containment will be part of the discussion.

In these uncertain times, a suggestion for increasing taxes is rarely well received. But some government programs are a social and moral obligation. The millage that was adequate in good economic times is unable to raise the necessary funding for these necessary programs, while the need not only continues but grows.

We join RESA in urging the state Legislature to take a hard look at this impending crisis and to act responsibly and quickly. We also urge RESA to make the best possible case by suggesting honest cost containment initiatives and the best possible structure for providing centralized services for special education students.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

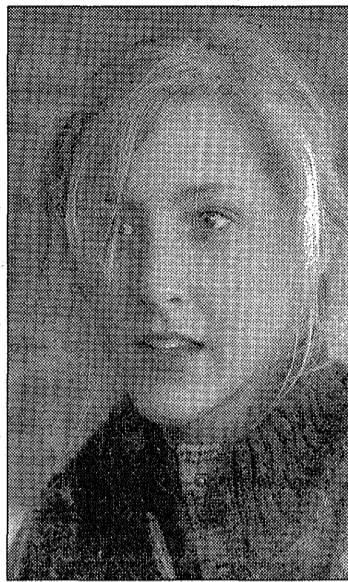
Where would you most like to be to escape the cold weather? We asked this question Monday at the Plymouth District Library.



"I don't know. I like the cold."  
Annie Monroe  
Plymouth



"I would like to be on an island, on Jamaica, swinging on a swing."  
Angela Falbe  
Ann Arbor



"Florida. ... Just because it's really sunny and all the beaches are nice."  
Ann Noetzel  
Plymouth Township



"Florida. Because it's nice and warm down there and we just got back from there an hour ago."  
Katie Noetzel  
Plymouth Township

## LETTERS

### Praise for Parkway

We would like to acknowledge Dr. Bares and all of the staff at Parkway Veterinary Clinic in Plymouth.

Last fall he discovered that our dog had bladder cancer. Although she was treated by several specialists, we felt that they only cared about Pumpkin as a "test" case. In the last month we took her back to Dr. Bares several times. He was concerned and caring. He answered each of our questions with honesty and integrity.

When the time came to put her down, he and each of his staff lovingly took care of her and us too. We'd like to thank Dr. Bares and his staff for their loving dedication to our pets.

Mike and Jane Casey  
Plymouth

### Open the books

Before the Plymouth-Canton school board begins any budget discussions, they need to open their books to the public.

The best and quickest way to do this is to publish the monthly check register online. When I first brought this to the board's attention a year ago, there were only two districts in the state doing this. Now there are more than a dozen.

When I brought it up again this January, I was told that the finance committee has been discussing it. What is there to discuss? This is taxpayer money. Just as taxpayers deserve to know how the banks are spending bailout money, local taxpayers deserve to know how the school district is spending our money.

To take this one step further, and really show the public that the board is in control of the budget rather than the budget being in control of the board, they should once again approve the bills for payment monthly in open board meetings.

The budget discussions this year will again fill the board room with different groups upset at the cuts that must be made. Having the register available online will help in the resulting discussions about where taxpayer money goes.

As a final point, the district continues to emphasize that 90 percent of the budget is "people-related" costs. While it is technically true that 88 percent of the budget is wages and benefits, it is relevant to note that wages account for only 59 percent of the budget while benefits are 29 percent of the budget. That 29 percent translates to \$46 million of the \$156 million budget!

Larry Martin  
Plymouth Township

### McCotter's next

I live in Farmington Hills. We in the 9th District removed the Republican Joe Knollenberg last election and replaced him with a Democrat, Gary Peters.

It looks like the next target should be Thaddeus McCotter in the 11th, who again has proved that main-street Americans cannot count on him to represent their interests. He voted against the recovery legislation and has followed the Republican line, supporting the wealthiest of our citizens consistently.

Only out of fear did he vote to extend health care to our children. In the past he has voted against it and supported Bush's veto of the health care for kids act. He has to go in 2010.

Chuck Collins  
Farmington Hills

### What do you think?

Mail comments to the Plymouth Observer, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226 or e-mail to bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

### McCotter is a hypocrite

Recently I had the opportunity to listen to a conference call held by Congressman Thaddeus McCotter regarding the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which is aimed at trying to right America's economic ship.

During the call McCotter called for Congress to support the loans to the auto industry during this time of economic turmoil. However, he also said he hopes the "federal government understands we need an American auto industry." Of course, he's right, however, it has been members of his party, the Republicans, specifically senators from southern states, like Sen. Richard Shelby and Sen. Bob Corker, who have taken the position that bankruptcy may be good for the auto industry. I don't know what they're smoking, but losing an additional three-four million jobs isn't good for anyone in this country.

Another opinion Congressman McCotter expressed was his opposition to the Economic Recovery Act and this is where I take exception with what Congressman McCotter told those on the conference call. The economic disaster that we are currently facing is the result of the tinkle-down economic policies that have been in place ever since the Reagan administration. The economic disaster we face is the equivalent of 9/11, caused by economic terrorists on American soil. Where is the support from Republicans for our President in this time of crisis? Even after President Obama reached out a hand of bipartisanship, Republicans slapped his hand away and gave him zero support. This lack of support is un-American. We need to rally behind President Obama for the good of the country.

My second problem with Congressman McCotter is the ad he is currently running touting his vote on the recent expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program. Congressman McCotter had voted against this legislation on prior occasions and helped sustain President Bush's veto in the last Congress. However, barely surviving his re-election bid, receiving only 51 percent of the vote against a weak opponent that raised only \$29,000, he has apparently had a Come-to-Jesus moment on this legislation and now expects his constituents to thank him for his vote. Why? Because he has finally realized voters support giving health care to children and 11 Congressmen that voted against SCHIP lost their seats. To quote another Republican hypocrite, Sarah Palin, Thanks, but no thanks, Congressman. You have no soul, Congressman, and in 2010 you'll be unemployed like so many in your district, as a result of failed Republican policies.

Bruce Fealk  
Rochester Hills

### Article one-sided

I was very disturbed to read the article "Controversial treatments for autism" (Observer, Feb. 8) by Linda Ann Chomin.

I am faculty in the Department of Surgery and at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and I am also an editor of a blog (<http://www.sciencebasedmedicine.org>) devoted to presenting science-based information regarding medicine. Rarely have I seen such a one-sided article on a medical issue that came down so clearly on the wrong side without even an attempt at presenting the consensus viewpoint of the science involved.

Unfortunately, Ms. Chomin apparently did not bother to contact or interview any actual experts on autism or vaccines. If she had, she would have learned that much of what she was told by Heidi Scheer and Dr. DeMio is not science-based and borders on, if not crosses the line into, outright pseudoscience and quackery.

For example, Mrs. Scheer apparently believes vaccines cause autism, or at least strongly suspects that they might have caused her son's autism. Dr. DeMio clearly shares her belief vaccines can cause autism. Unfortunately for them, the best scientific and epidemiological evidence available does not support that belief. There have been numerous well-designed studies that have searched for an association between vaccines and autism, and none of them have found a detectable association.

Most disturbing of all, many of the treatments touted at the American Medical Autism Board's (AMAB) First International Conference on Autism Spectrum Disorders in Novi are either scientifically and medically dubious at best or rank quackery at worst. For example, there is no evidence to support the use of chelation therapy in autism, yet it can kill. Indeed, it did kill a young autistic boy named Abubakar Tariq Nadama in Pennsylvania in 2005.

None of this means Mrs. Scheer is unintelligent or deceptive. She almost certainly truly believes what she told Ms. Chomin. Not being well-versed in science, she, like most people, does not understand that we humans are very easily deceived by our own anecdotal experience. We are very quick to mistake correlation for causation, and, although we don't believe this to be the case, our memories are very selective. This makes self-deception particularly easy in a condition like autism, which is a condition of developmental delay, not stasis. Children with autism can and do develop. Sometimes they even develop to the point where they "lose their diagnosis" of ASD, perhaps as much as 19 percent of the time. That is why the scientific method and carefully controlled clinical trials are paramount in determining what does and does not work for a condition like autism.

While I am very happy that Mrs. Scheer's son is doing so well now, I strongly suspect that he would be doing just as well without all the dubious therapies his mother subjected him to. As a counter to the misinformation given to Ms. Chomin, I suggest two very accessible sources written for the lay public that describe how pseudoscience and anti-vaccine ideology have taken over the "biomedical treatment" movement for autism, *Autism's False Prophets: Bad Science, Risky Medicine, and the Search for a Cure* by Paul Offit (which I reviewed here) and *Vaccine: The Controversial Story of Medicine's Greatest Lifesaver* by Arthur Allen.

I can only hope my warning will make you and your reporters think twice before publishing such one-sided and misleading articles.

David Gorski  
associate professor of surgery  
Wayne State University School of Medicine

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com):

■ In response to "Grieving owner goes beyond the paw print:"

sgolden81 wrote:  
"This story really brings the issue of pet loss and grieving to light and is so helpful and informative. Thank you."

dhunter1271 wrote:  
"This is a great article, I am not a lover of pets but I do understand that a loss of a close member of your family is very traumatic. I wish your group all the success and I hope you make a great impact in someone's life as you did mine, by just learning your story."

### Join the discussion

### What do you think about ...?

Gov. Jennifer Granholm says liquor sales and longer bar hours will bring in more money for Michigan's budget. Her plan involves liquor stores and restaurants selling spirits on Sunday mornings and bar owners buying permits to stay open until 4 a.m.

Do you think it's a good idea?  
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## Fashion is War at Go Red Luncheon

**W**ell, dear readers, I won the purse. Some of you read my column a few weeks ago on the silent auction that was part of the American Heart Association's Metro Detroit Go Red For Women Luncheon, held Feb. 25 at the Renaissance Center.

I helped collect about 30 purses for the event, and fell in love with one. I became determined to win it, secretly hoping no one else would recognize its value. The coveted clutch was donated by Patricia Field, award-winning stylist for "Sex & the City." Field is a genius when it comes to mixing unexpected pieces into revolutionary ensembles. When "The Devil Wears Prada" needed the world's vogue-est wardrobe, who do you think they called? A fellow fashionista at the Go Red luncheon knew, and she was not leaving that purse's side. Participating in a silent auction is like waging a military



Spoils of war: the House of Field clutch Patricia Field donated to the Metro Detroit Go Red for Women Luncheon on Feb. 25.

campaign. You must stake out your target, identify your challengers, and attack at precisely the right moment. It takes bravery. Stamina. And a good friend to use as cover. My strategy was to lurk about 10 feet away, "chatting" with fellow O&E reporter Linda Chomin and keeping an eagle eye on my arch rival. She was so excited about owning that handbag she could hardly contain herself. This wasn't going to be pretty. The war of attrition gave me plenty of time to explain to Linda why I should spend money I don't have on a purse I

don't need. After all, I met Patricia Field in 2005 when she visited Metro Detroit to host styling seminars at Marshall Field's Somerset. I even joined her for dinner at Forte in Birmingham, witnessing how she turned heads with her fiery magenta hair and age-defying outfit. When it came time to collect purses for the auction, I wrote to Field at the Hotel Venus in New York, requesting a donation. It was a long shot, but it turned out she was among the first to respond — by sending the little magazine-style clutch from her House of Field label.

Recommended starting bid? \$62. She is so modest. See, the purse has personal meaning, I told Linda. I could even hand it down to my daughter someday. An heirloom. She humored me to go for it. My window of opportunity arrived four minutes before the end of the auction, when my opponent made a grave tactical error. She phoned a friend. Distracted, she wandered into the banquet hall, breathlessly gushing about the purse into her cell phone. Like a sniper, I swooped in at the closing bell, edging my final bid onto the filled sheet. When the auction results were circulated, my nemesis, who wouldn't you know wound up sitting at my table, leafed through the sheets to see if she'd won. And there was my name, Wensdy Von Buskirk, Confessions of a Shopaholic, \$80. It was a small price to pay for victory, and the spoils are absolutely divine. Wensdy Von Buskirk is features editor and fashion writer for Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She is scared to use her new clutch for fear of staining its fabulous red shantung lining.

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# McCotter says he's rooting for Obama

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Though he voted against the president's stimulus package and is skeptical of a budget that restores higher taxes, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said Friday he's rooting for Barack Obama.



McCotter

Friday capped off a busy week on Capitol Hill for McCotter. On Monday, McCotter was the subject of an extensive article in *The New York Times* speculating on whether his seat was vulnerable in the 2010 election. On Tuesday, Obama delivered an address to Congress, on Tuesday and Wednesday the House Financial Services Committee, of which McCotter is a member, questioned Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and on Thursday the White House released the details of a proposed 10-year federal budget.

"The budget is a signal of where they're going," McCotter said. "But we're willing to see what real legislation will be when it comes. This is just the start of the process."

He said the budget has a lot of increased spending and tax increases.

"As the people of Michigan know raising taxes on anyone in a recession is not a good idea," McCotter said.

The 11th District representative said he was happy that Obama continued his support for the auto industry in his address to Congress.

## 'HEARTENED'

"I was heartened that the president said we will not walk away from the auto industry," he said.

The troubled auto industry was also the topic of McCotter's questioning for Bernanke. McCotter asked about the restrictions placed on Term Asset-Backed Security Loan Facility (TALF) funds for auto dealers. McCotter told Bernanke that he was concerned about a requirement that those seeking the federally backed loans needed a Triple A credit rating, a condition which many dealers would have trouble meeting.

McCotter said he is working with U.S. Rep. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, on pushing Bernanke to lift this requirement.

In his testimony, Bernanke said he wasn't sure that could be done given Congress' concern over past loans to those with lower credit ratings. McCotter said he believes they will be able to work something out with Bernanke on this issue.

McCotter's support for the auto industry has been at odds with his party. But he said while 79 percent of Republican voters opposed the bridge loans for General Motors and Chrysler, 60 percent of Democrats also opposed the loans.

"A large segment of the coun-

try doesn't understand the auto industry's importance to the U.S. economy and security," McCotter said.

He said he is also concerned about the Obama administration's support for a more vigorous "cap and trade" policy to cut down on carbon emissions. The cap and trade program involves the sale of greenhouse-gas emission permits to polluters. According to Obama's budget projections, the program would generate \$645.7 billion by 2019.

McCotter said the program would hurt the already struggling manufacturing industries.

## DEMS AT WORK

Despite McCotter's support on auto-related issues, the Democratic Party sees him as potentially vulnerable in the 2010 election because of his opposition to the stimulus package. In the 2008 election, Democrats were successful in unseating Reps. Timothy Wahlberg and Joseph Knollenberg.

"Our nation is in a crisis and instead of rolling up his sleeves and putting aside differences to work with his colleagues — both Democrats and Republicans — to find a solution, Congressman McCotter let partisan politics guide his vote," said Mark Brewer, chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, in a press release responding to McCotter's no vote on the stimulus package. All House Republicans voted against the package.

# Get rich quick schemes make woes worse

Over the last few weeks, I have given a number of talks at public libraries on helping investors during difficult financial times. I tell investors I have no idea when things will begin to turn around, but I am confident they will.



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

This recession is deeper and longer than anyone anticipated, particularly for Michigan. However, our economy has experienced numerous recessions over the years and it has always bounced back. That is one reason for my optimism.

At one library presentation, a middle-aged man discussed an ad that told of a strategy to help people recoup losses from their stock market investments. He wanted my opinion whether it was worth pursuing. I said stay away. After looking at the ad, I

am convinced it is just another scam.

It is National Consumer Protection Week throughout the United States. The week is meant to educate consumers. Unfortunately, government and laws can only do so much. You and I are ultimately the ones who have to protect ourselves. Due to the carnage on Wall Street, Web sites are popping up all over the Internet claiming to have the strategy to make money in this market. Many of these sites are professionally done and very believable. In addition, consumers want to believe there is a quick fix to slumping portfolios. We all know these are nothing more than attempts to separate us from our hard-earned money.

In difficult times, when people are desperate, they let down their guard. The swindlers know this and prey on taking advantage of those vulnerabilities. I cannot stress enough the old adage, "if something sounds too good to be true, it is." When individuals let greed

dictate decision-making, they end up getting taken advantage of resulting in the loss of more money.

A great way to do research on a business is through the Better Business Bureau. It has a wealth of information that consumers can tap. Whether it's a business or consumer tips, the Better Business Bureau is a solid resource. In addition, it's free. The Web site, [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) has information aimed at helping consumers make better decisions.

I wish there was a quick way to recoup our losses from the stock market. There is not. Patience and investor discipline will allow investors to recoup losses. Get rich schemes will do nothing but cause further losses.

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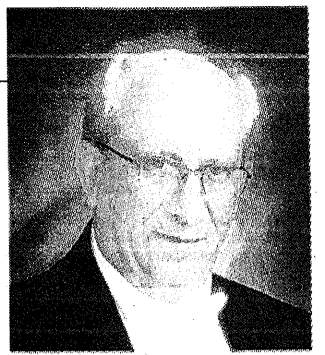
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## GIRLS MARCH MADNESS TIPS OFF

# Rise & Shine

### Plymouth owns boards in win over Mustangs

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At times Monday night, the Class A district first-round clash between Plymouth and Northville resembled a track meet as much as a basketball game — just the way Wildcat head coach Ted Sturdivant likes it.

Putting the proverbial pedal to the metal, the Wildcats sprinted to an impressive 50-40 victory that earned them a berth in Wednesday's semifinal contest against Novi, which drew a first-round bye. (Visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) for results.)

"My coaching identity is to play an up-tempo game and it's taken our players almost the whole season to understand that," said Sturdivant, whose team improved to 9-12. "Tonight was an indication of what we're capable of when we push the ball up the court."

While the pace may have favored the 'Cats, it was their dominant rebounding that demoralized the scrappy but undersized Mustangs. Led by Shaakira Haywood's 20 boards and Stacey Klonowski's 15, Plymouth out-boarded Northville 45-19. Haywood paced the winners' offense with 19 points while Klonowski added a strong 14. Alex Roberts and Kelsi Robinson both contributed six points each.

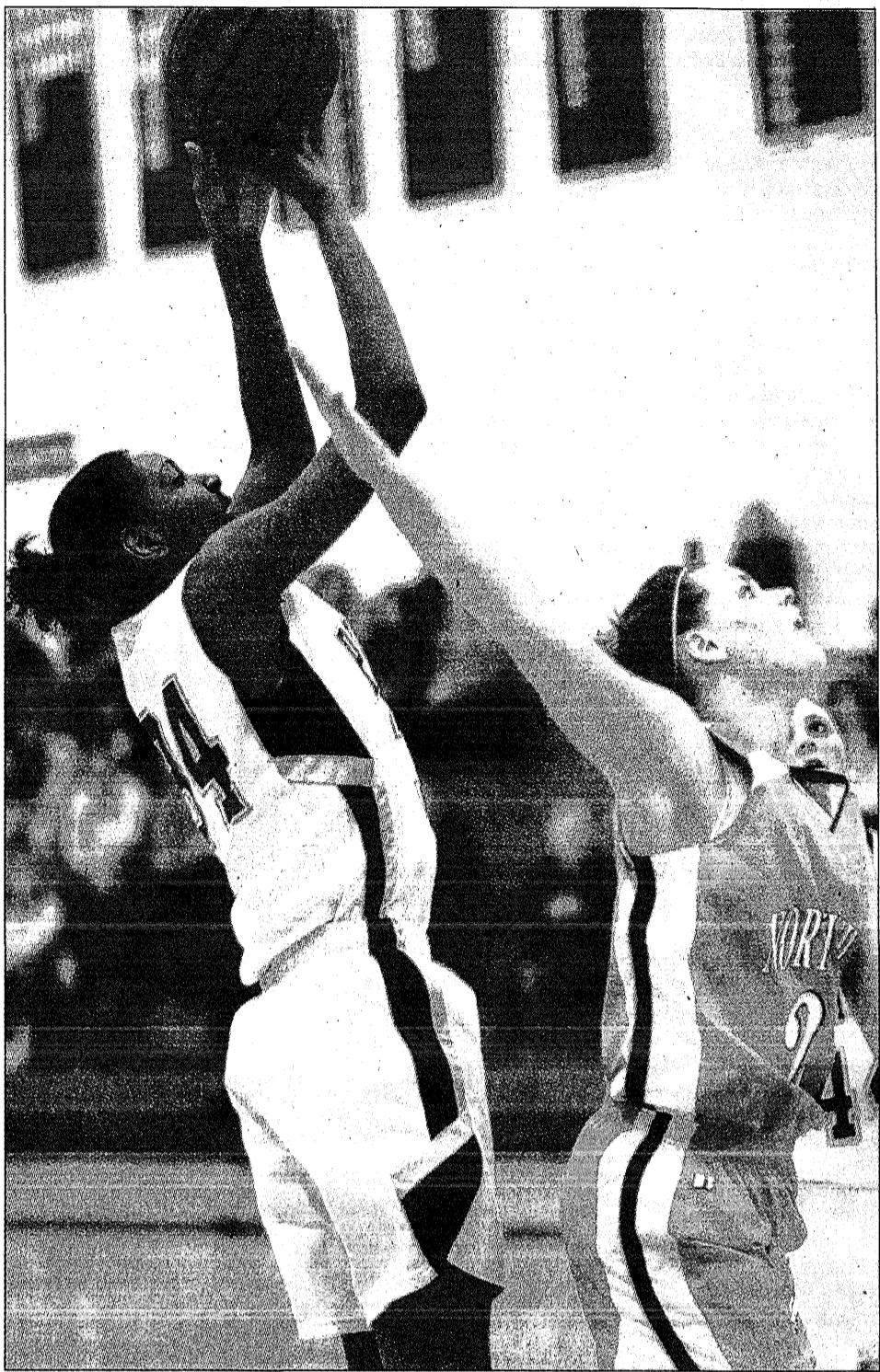
"We knew it wasn't going to be easy tonight because Plymouth has been playing a lot better recently," said Northville coach Todd Gudith, whose inaugural season as the Mustangs' head coach closed with an 11-10 record. "They out-rebounded us like crazy. We knew 'Shaak' (Haywood) was going to be an issue for us, but they had some other girls step up and play great."

"I'm proud of the way our girls kept fighting. Plymouth was up 10 at one point in the second half, but we kept battling and got it down to four. We just couldn't get that one extra stop and that one extra basket that would have put some pressure on them. Every time we'd get within striking distance, they'd get a loose ball or a put-back." Haywood's long arms and relentless effort caused havoc for Northville the entire game. The Northern Illinois-bound star never looked fatigued despite playing all 32 minutes. The same could be said for Klonowski, who sparked the Wildcats' 24-21 halftime lead with a team-high nine first-half points. "Shaakira and Stacey played very aggressively tonight," said Sturdivant. "And we switched from a zone to a man-to-man defense late in the season and the girls are really getting after it."

Plymouth extended its lead to 41-34 after three quarters. Northville pulled to within 44-38 with 4:55 to play on a driving layup by Erin Hughes. Two minutes later, the Mustangs' Chelsea Atzinger knocked in an apparent three-point shot to bring Northville to within 44-41, however, the basket was disallowed because the ball bounced off the rim and hit the vertical pole above the backboard before dropping through the nylon.

The Wildcats ended the game on a 6-2 run thanks to four Robinson free throws and a Klonowski put-back. Julia Ramey led Northville with 10 points and four steals. Atzinger and Hughes both added six while Johanna Poterala and Katherine Jansen contributed five. Tori Wright led Northville with five rebounds.

The Wildcats won despite turning the ball over 23 times. Plymouth registered nine turnovers in the first quarter alone.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Shaakira Haywood elevates for a jump shot over Northville's Johanna Poterala during Monday night's 50-40 Wildcat victory in a Class A district opener at Livonia Ladywood.

## GAME WRAPS

### Chief cagers fall

Canton's boys basketball team dropped a 57-51 decision to Livonia Stevenson Tuesday night in a KLAAs cross-over game played in the Spartans' gym.

The loss dropped the Chiefs to 10-9 heading into tonight's regular season-ending contest against the loser of Tuesday's Waterford Kettering-Milford game.

Canton raced to an 18-12 lead after one quarter and 26-21 halftime lead. However, Stevenson reeled off back-to-back 18-point quarters in the second half to claim the victory.

"They played a two-three zone and we struggled to get good shots against it," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "To their credit, Stevenson executed their offense very well."

Canton was led by sophomore guard Dietrich Lever, who scored 22 points. Senior guard Marlan Glenn added eight.

Brian Rowe and Gary Cobb both netted 11 points for the Spartans, who improved to 11-7.

Canton sank 11 of 17 free throws. Stevenson was 12 for 21 from the charity stripe.

### Ignition stalled

In its second game in 24 hours, the Detroit Ignition (7-6) dropped a 6-4 decision Sunday afternoon to the Chicago Storm.

The Ignition's third consecutive setback dropped its record to 7-6, while the Storm improved to 6-9.

The Ignition, which has never lost more than three games in a row in its three-year existence, was nipped by just one goal in each of its last two setbacks.

Detroit's Kyt Selaipopoulos knocked in the first goal of the afternoon at 3:59 of the first quarter — a two-pointer from the right corner off an assist from Josh Rife.

Chicago defender Lazo Alavanja answered for the home team at 8:31, hammering a two-pointer of his own past Detroit net-minder Danny Waltman.

Following a scoreless second quarter, the Storm's Ian Bennett, who scored a hat trick against the Ignition last weekend, added two more points 54 seconds into the third.

### Whalers double up Otters

The Plymouth Whalers dominated the Erie Otters for two periods on Sunday in a 6-3 victory before 3,221 at the Tullio Arena in Erie, Pa.

Plymouth has won four games in a row, is 13-3-0 over its last 16 games and 15-4-1-0 over its last 20 games. Plymouth remains in sole possession of third place in the OHL's Western Conference playoff race with an overall record of 34-23-5-0, good for 73 points and two points ahead of Saginaw.

Erie is now 30-28-3-1, good for 64 points and seventh in the Western Conference.

With the line of Chris Terry (a goal with four assists), Matt Caria (2-1) and Tyler Seguin (1-2) leading the way, Plymouth built a 6-0 lead after 40 minutes. Ryan Hayes (25th) and Tyler J. Brown (11th) scored the other Plymouth goals. Whalers defenseman Beau Schmitz recorded a +4 evening.

# Blazers burn Rocks' district title hopes

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With feet that never stopped sliding, arms that never stopped waving and adrenaline that never stopped pumping, Livonia Ladywood's basketball team executed the brand of 32-minute defense that wins championships Monday night.

The Blazers didn't win a Class A district title against Salem, but they took a giant step toward potentially earning one by upending the Rocks, 32-28, in a first-round district game played in the Blazers' gym.

Ladywood (11-10) hosted Canton (18-2) in Wednesday night's semifinal (visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) for results).

Ladywood may not have painted a pretty picture on the offensive end of the court — the Blazers connected on just 10 of

44 field goals (22 percent), but they delivered a Rembrandt-like effort on the defensive end, forcing the Rocks into a 28-percent shooting night while holding Salem senior standout Chelsea Davis to six points with suffocating double-teams.

"This whole week at practice we worked on our post defense because we knew Salem's offense was great in the post," said Ladywood senior captain Caitlin Szczyпка (pronounced ZIP-ka). "We focused on doubling down on (Chelsea) Davis and (Sara) Stone and we made them work for their points."

Stone, who led all scorers with 14 points, was the catalyst of a hard-charging Salem rally that brought the Rocks to within 30-28 with less than two minutes to play.

However, with 1:23 left, the junior's potential game-tying,

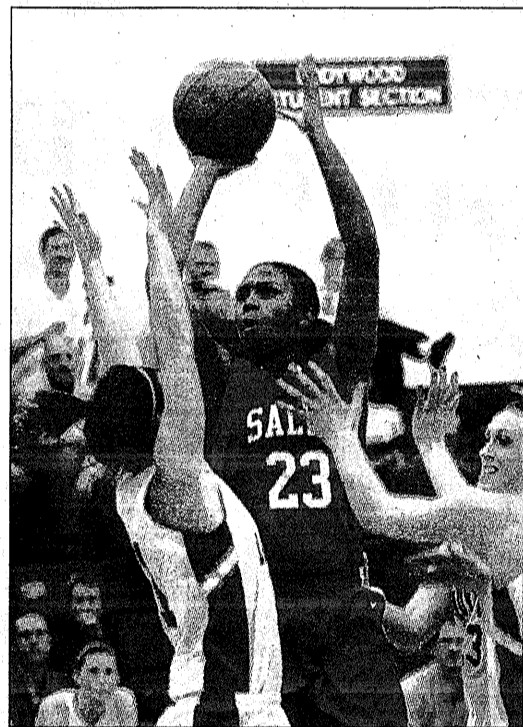
five-foot pull-up, net-finding jumper was wiped out when she was whistled for a charging foul — her night-ending fifth.

"Sara made a great basketball move, stuck it in the bottom of the net and should have went to the free-throw line with a chance to give us the lead," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, discussing his displeasure with the pivotal call. "It was an awesome play by Sara that should have been rewarded."

Thomann, whose team finished 13-8, knew the Blazers were a better team than their 10-10 record indicated.

"We knew this was going to be one of those games where we had to bear down the entire game," he said. "We knew they were going to make some great shots and we knew we were going to

Please see **ROCKS, B3**



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Salem's Sara Stone scored a team-high 14 points before fouling out late in the Rocks' 32-28 loss to Livonia Ladywood.

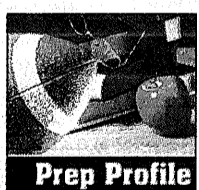
# Russell earns 'C' with his stellar work ethic

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you asked every athlete who played hockey in the KLAAs this past season to step into a large room, then asked the ones who at one point in their lives played for a travel team to step back outside, the room would be nearly empty.

Salem's David Russell would be one of the few who stayed, which is pretty amazing considering the 5-foot-8, 155-pound Rock's current status.

"Here's a kid who, four years ago, the year before he was a freshman at Salem, played bantam house hockey," said Salem hockey coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "He never played travel hockey. Now, he's one of the top two or three two-way centers in the entire league."



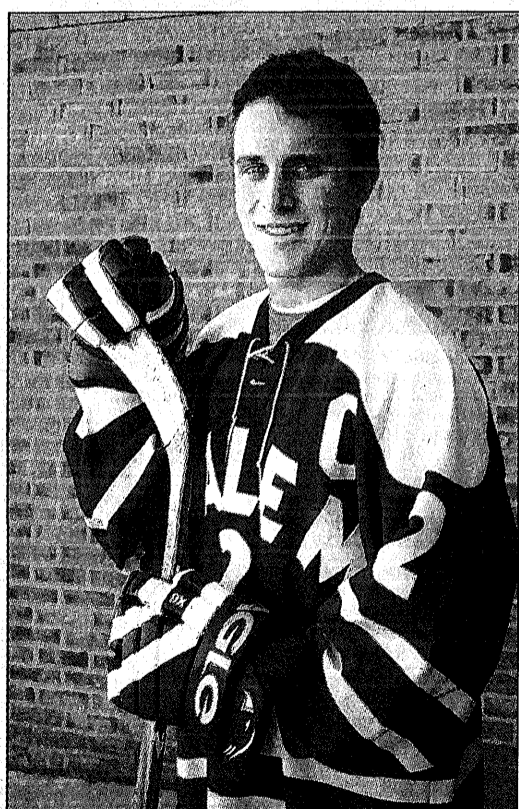
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his incredible work ethic. He's our hardest-working player, no question about it."

### Productive, not flashy

Russell may not light up the scoreboard with dazzling goals or crowd-pleasing assists — he had eight goals and nine assists following Monday's pre-regional game against Plymouth — but he does so many little things, Ossenmacher emphasized, that have helped the Rocks roll to their most successful season in the 10-year history of the program.

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Senior captain David Russell has been labeled the "hardest-working" player on the Rocks' roster by coach Ryan Ossenmacher.

# Slow-starting Rocks bury Plymouth, 9-1

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's hockey team was singing the first-period blues for the third consecutive game Monday night against Plymouth.

But over the final two periods, the Rocks rocked and rolled.

In a Division 1 pre-regional contest played at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia, Salem overcame a

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1-0 first-intermission deficit and registered an emphatic 9-1 victory, which was called with just over six minutes left in the third period due to the MHSAA's eight-goal mercy rule.

Salem improved to 14-8-3 and advanced to Wednesday's 6 p.m. pre-regional final against Livonia Churchill, against whom the Rocks have split a pair of games this season.

"I'm not exactly sure why, but that's the third game in a row we've struggled in the first period," said Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "Our big-

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# Seven P-CEP grapplers earn berths in D1 state tourney

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Calling them the "Magnificent Seven" wouldn't be a stretch — not after the handful of P-CEP wrestlers survived a grueling back-to-back Saturdays test of skill to advance to the Division 1 State Individual Wrestling Tournament.

Five grapplers from Canton and two from Salem finished in the top four places of their respective weight classes Saturday at Woodhaven High School to earn the right to compete at the Palace of Auburn Hills March 12-14.

The Chiefs' state qualifiers were 112-pound Waleed Faraj, 119-pound Carl Lucke, 135-pound Donnie Watkins, 145-pound Brent Winekoff and 171-pound Keith Zech. All but Zech are repeat state qualifiers.

Salem's two state qualifiers are 103-pound Nick Kim and 215-pounder Sam Lepper. Both will be making their first appearance at the Palace.

Winekoff (55-1) was the lone local regional champion. He breezed through his first two matches, winning on technical falls over Novi Catholic Central's Gerid Gee and Monroe's Nick Lujan before outlasting Highland Park's Desmond Jones, 7-4, in the final.

Watkins (52-2) advanced easily to the 135 final with a major-decision triumph over Livonia Churchill's Bryan Fortney and a technical fall win over Livonia Stevenson's Mitch Gonzalez.

However, Watkins lost to once-beaten Dearborn Fordson standout Paul Hancock, 6-4, in the championship match.

Faraj (41-11) also earned a runner-up finish after pinning Livonia Franklin's Steve Tuvo in a first-round match before ousting Wyandotte's Evan Guffey in Round 2. Faraj dropped a 13-3 battle to the Shamrocks' Alec Mooradian in the final.

Lucke's 3-1 day was highlighted by his 8-6 victory over Westland John Glenn nemesis Joshua Austin in the 119-pound third-fourth match. Lucke (48-10) clinched his Palace ticket by defeating Griffin Fortin of Grosse Pointe South, 7-1, in the previous match.

Zech's took the most challenging path to the state finals as he lost his opening match, 4-1, to eventual 171 champ Hassen Berry of Dearborn Fordson. He battled back to win three close decisions in a row to move on.

Salem's Lepper did likewise, falling in his opener to Highland Park's Quean Smith, 12-8. However, the Rock captain, who improved to 38-8, stayed alive by defeating Woodhaven's Justin Dozier, 6-2, and Lincoln Park's Buster Wilson, 7-4. He lost a 6-5 squeaker to Franklin's Cody Hay in the 215-pound third-fourth match, but he had already punched his Palace ticket.

Kim will take a 34-11 mark to the state finals thanks to an exciting 6-4 victory over Woodhaven's Devin Foster in the win-or-go-home bout.

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"For example, he's probably our best player when it comes to face-offs," Ossebmacher said. "And the reason for that is because he stays after practice a lot of nights for five or 10 minutes and works on his face-off technique."

"Dave is a lead-by-example type of captain, but when he does speak up, his teammates listen because they respect what he has to say."

## Fast start

Russell learned to skate at the age of "3 or 4" on a frozen Lake St. Clair when he'd visit his dad.

"I didn't play on a real house team until I was in the sixth grade," Russell remembered, "so I got kind of a late start. The first year was tough because everyone was stronger and faster, but that inspired me to work hard to try and get better."

The sweat equity paid off, Russell recalled.

"During my second season, I was one of the leading goal scorers in the league."

With no travel-hockey experience on his resume — and the fact he stood just 5-5 and

weighed 120 pounds — Russell faced long odds of making the Rocks' varsity squad his freshman year.

But his non-stop effort caught the eye of the coaches, who cut every ninth-grader except Russell and three others.

"Nick Genetty and me are the only seniors on the team this year that played all four years of varsity," Russell said. "We only won about four games my first year, so it's been nice to see the team improve every year like it has."

Despite his less-than-Chris-Chelios frame (he weighs 155 "soaking wet," Ossebmacher said), Russell logs as many minutes as any other Rock skater.

## No time to rest

He's not only one of the team's top centers, but he's a key member of Salem's penalty-killing and power-play units.

"I'm usually a little sore and tired the day after a game," he admitted, "but it doesn't bother me. I go all out because I know this isn't going to last forever."

A 3.3 (grade-point average) student, Russell is undecided about where he'll attend college in the fall.

"I've been accepted at Central (Michigan University), so that's a possibility," he said. "I'm also looking at Adrian and

## THE RUSSELL FILE

**Name:** Dave Russell  
**Age:** 17  
**Athletic status:** Senior captain for Salem's division-winning hockey team and back-up short-stop for Rocks' baseball team;  
**Parents:** Joyce Hassen and David Russell;  
**Favorite pro athletes:** Marian Hossa and Derek Jeter;  
**Favorite class:** History;  
**Favorite TV show:** "Family Guy";  
**Favorite movie:** "Miracle";  
**Favorite restaurant:** National Coney Island;  
**Why does he wear the No. 27:** "It's the number I wore for my first baseball team in third grade."  
**If he could change one rule in high school hockey, it would be...** "I'd make it optional to wear the neck guards."

## Schoolcraft

"If I go to Central or Adrian, I'm going to try out for their club teams."

"When the day comes that I can't play any more, I'm really going to miss it."

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# Salem, Canton earn top-5 finishes at KLAA meet

BY BRAD EMONS  
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New competition, no problem.

The Livonia Stevenson boys swim team has been able to transition nicely into the new Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

The Spartans captured all three relay races and added three individual titles to take the 11-school Kensington Conference crown.

Former Western Lakes Activities Association members took four of the first six spots in the team standings with Stevenson, ranked No. 6 in Division 1, scoring 526.5 points.

Northville was runner-up with 440.5 followed by South Lyon Unified (247), Salem (209), Canton (198.5) and host Novi (197.5). See meet results.

"We had all good swims from top-to-bottom again,"

said Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker, whose team entered Saturday's meet as the KLAA Central Division champion. "What makes this team unique is the camaraderie. They get along well, and it's one of the hardest working teams I've had."

Stevenson, which captured last year's final WLAA meet, continued its dominance in the relays.

The foursome of Kellen Schoff, Jereme Pesta, Joey Wingett and Ryan Scott opened the finals by winning the 200-yard medley relay in 1:40.5.

The Spartans' 200 freestyle relay team of Aaren Marecki, Chris Behler, Michael Cruce and Pesta also emerged victoriously, beating Northville by more than four seconds in 1:28.36.

Stevenson then closed out the meet by winning the 400 freestyle relay as Behler, Marecki, Cruce and Kellen

Schoff were clocked in 3:15.62 with Northville runner-up in 3:16.24.

"We wouldn't go as fast as we go if it wasn't for Northville," Shoemaker said.

Meanwhile, individual firsts for the Spartans were garnered by Behler, 50 freestyle (22.17); Marecki, 100 freestyle (48.24); and Kellen Schoff, 100 backstroke (55.01).

Stevenson also raised its individual state qualifying cut total to 20 when Bryan Bielicki took a fifth (2:05.29) and Charles Turlo placed sixth (2:05.5) in the 200 IM. Daniel Schoff also earned a third in the 500 freestyle (4:56.41).

"I'm probably happier with our position now, which is top four (in the state), than I was at this time last year," Shoemaker said. "Having all three relay cuts is also a key to the state meet. We have a second-chance meet Thursday at Northville

and we're looking for a couple of more cuts."

Northville led the way with four individual first-place finishers — Nate Lunn, 200 freestyle (1:46.51); Kevin Bain, 1-meter diving (399.90 points); Ben Schoenek, 100 butterfly (53.69); and Chris LaFayette, 500 freestyle (4:52.67).

Salem's Adam Seroka captured the 200 IM (1:59.43), while Novi's Joon Chung took the 100 breaststroke (59.84).

But the day belonged to the Spartans, who will now gear up for the Division 1 state finals, set for Friday and Saturday, March 14-15, at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

"They're self-motivated," Shoemaker said. "They understand, too, that they're not allowed to slack off, and that makes them easy to coach."

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## SWIMMING RESULTS

### KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET Feb. 28 at Novi

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Stevenson, 526.5 points; 2. Northville, 440.5; 3. South Lyon Unified, 247; 4. Salem, 209; 5. Canton, 198.5; 6. Novi, 197.5; 7. Plymouth, 126; 8. Livonia Franklin, 91; 9. Livonia Churchill, 74; 10. Westland John Glenn, 61; 11. Wayne Memorial, 49.

### FINAL EVENT RESULTS

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Stevenson (Kellen Schoff, Joey Wingett, Jereme Pesta, Ryan Scott), 1:40.5; 2. South Lyon, 1:41.3; 3. Novi, 1:41.5; 4. Northville, 1:42.1; 5. Canton, 1:46.98; 6. Plymouth, 1:47.0; 7. Salem, 1:47.31; 8. Churchill, 1:53.85.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Nate Lunn (Northville), 1:46.51; 2. Michael Cruce (Salem), 1:46.78; 3. Matthew Collingwood (Salem), 1:48.5; 4. Aaren Marecki (Salem), 1:49.26; 5. Richard Zhang (Canton), 1:50.23; 6. John Bielicki (Northville), 1:50.27; 7. Jason Oldani (Ply.), 1:50.97; 8. Evan Bischoff (S.L.), 1:51.14.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Adam Seroka (Salem), 1:59.43; 2. K. Schoff (S.L.), 2:00.03; 3. Joon Chung (Novi), 2:01.17; 4. Andy Stone (Salem), 2:04.92; 5. Bryan Bielicki (S.L.), 2:05.29; 6. Charles Turlo (S.L.), 2:05.5; 7. Brandon Larkins (L.F.), 2:06.33; 8. Adam Oxner (S.L.), 2:06.52.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Chris Behler (S.L.), 22.17; 2. (tie) Clay Malloure (Novi) and Pesta (S.L.), 22.69 each; 4. Wes Smith (Novi), 22.93; 5. Adam Dabkowski (S.L.), 22.98; 6. Scott (S.L.), 23.61; 7. Patrick Jenner (Canton), 23.61; 8. Jaryd Timm (S.L.), 23.67.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Kevin Bain (Northville), 399.90 points; 2. Will Price (Northville), 368.65; 3. Jeff Kinsvater (S.L.), 345.35; 4. Dan Gironza (S.L.), 338.15; 5. Travis Holt (C.L.), 330.05; 6. Matt

Figlewicz (Canton), 305.00; 7. Andrew Richards (L.C.), 301.00; 8. Cody Roe (W.J.), 297.00.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Ben Schoenek (Northville), 53.69; 2. Cruce (S.L.), 54.04; 3. Pesta (S.L.), 54.58; 4. Victor Zhang (Canton), 54.62; 5. Lunn (Northville), 55.41; 6. Ryan Keeney (S.L.), 55.47; 8. Noah Santer (Salem), 55.47; 8. Tyler Vincent (Novi), 56.29.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Marecki (S.L.), 48.24; 2. John Lubisco (Northville), 48.9; 3. Behler (S.L.), 49.61; 4. Malloure (Northville), 50.01; 5. Collingwood (Salem), 50.05; 6. R. Zhang (Canton), 50.46; 7. Mohammed Ghotemil (S.L.), 50.83; 8. Scott (S.L.), 51.03.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Chris LaFayette (Northville), 4:52.67; 2. John Bielicki (Northville), 4:52.78; 3. Daniel Schoff (S.L.), 4:56.41; 4. Schoenek (Northville), 4:58.34; 5. Wingett (S.L.), 4:59.46; 6. Santer (Salem), 5:01.98; 7. Max Mills (Salem), 5:02.04; 8. Travis Vincent (Novi), 5:03.79.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Marecki, Behler, Cruce, Pesta), 1:28.36; 2. Northville, 1:32.46; 3. Canton, 1:33.23; 4. Salem, 1:33.84; 5. Plymouth, 1:34.13; 6. South Lyon, 1:34.23; 7. Novi, 1:34.59; 8. Franklin, 1:36.87.

**100 backstroke:** 1. K. Schoff (S.L.), 55.01; 2. Seroka (Salem), 55.35; 3. Lubisco (Northville), 55.93; 4. V. Zhang (Canton), 55.96; 5. Chet Jankowski (S.L.), 57.06; 6. Bielicki (S.L.), 57.4; 7. Alex Zabinski (Novi), 58.14; 8. R. Zhang (Canton), 58.64.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Chung (Novi), 59.84; 2. Wingett (S.L.), 1:00.62; 3. Oxner (S.L.), 1:00.74; 4. Dan Stoccup (Ply.), 1:03.94; 5. Stone (S.L.), 1:04.07; 6. Eric Schumann (S.L.), 1:04.09; 7. Larkins (L.F.), 1:04.6; 8. Turlo (S.L.), 1:05.21.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Behler, Marecki, Cruce, K. Schoff), 3:15.62; 2. Northville, 3:16.24; 3. Canton, 3:24.15; 4. Salem, 3:26.16; 5. South Lyon, 3:26.47; 6. Novi, 3:27.48; 7. Plymouth, 3:32.17; 8. Franklin, 3:37.77.

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# Piowar creates new ceiling for floor routines

# ROCKS

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BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The score for Canton gymnast Robyn Piowar's floor-exercise routine during last week's meet against Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Central nearly went through the roof.

Thus, the graceful sophomore standout is the latest to etch her name in the school's gymnastics record books.

Piowar's floor-ex routine earned a 9.775 mark, which eclipsed the former record held by Alyssa Kelley, who graduated in 2007.

"It was a flawless routine," noted Canton coach John Cunningham. "There were no deductions."

Not surprisingly, buoyed by her record-setting floor routine, Piowar placed first in

the all-around with a 36.875 score. Her performance led Canton to a 141.20 score — roughly nine points better than Northern (132.30) and just less than 10 better than Central (131.675).

The two wins improved the Chiefs' record to 9-3 heading into Saturday's Regional meet at Plymouth High School.

Piowar also won the uneven bars competition with a 9.0, barely edging teammate Cathy Huang, who notched an 8.85.

Huang won the vault with a 9.375 and placed second in the floor-ex competition with a 9.5.

Mallory Hudak, Lauren Martin and Marina Milad also excelled for the Chiefs in their sweep of the Walled Lake schools.

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LORETTA O'FLYNN

Canton's Robyn Piowar, pictured during a meet earlier this season, set a school record in the floor-exercise competition last week when she recorded a score of 9.775.

make some great shots. The team that could hold on the longest was going to win. Ladywood has a very good team and they played hard."

All 60 points scored in the game came from both teams' starters. Szczypka and freshman Cara Miller led the winners with eight point a piece while Molly Gacioch added seven, including an oh-my-gosh deep-corner triple with 2:56 remaining that doubled Ladywood's lead to 30-24.

The 5-foot-11 Miller also cleaned up around the glass, snaring 16 rebounds.

Mary Fitzgerald and Jennifer Kelley rounded out the Blazers' scoring ledger with five and four points, respectively.

"We had such a tough schedule this year — we played five teams in the (Detroit Free Press) Super 10," said first-year Ladywood head coach Pat Cannon. "Our schedule is what prepared us to play tough defense. The girls came out and played tenacious tonight. They did a great job of helping and recovery on Stone and Davis, who are both great players."

Ladywood built a 14-7 second-quarter advantage on a Fitzgerald triple at the

six-minute mark, but the Rocks rebounded to knot the halftime score at 16-all with a 9-0 run in which four players scored.

The Blazers never trailed in the second half after Gacioch converted an inside shot to put her team ahead 18-16.

Trailing 30-24 in the fourth, Salem crept back to two on a Stone jumper with 2:45 left and a Victoria Brotz "J" 55 seconds later. But the Rocks never scored again while Szczypka added a pair of insurance free throws down the stretch.

Ladywood nailed 6 of 10 free throws. Salem's night from the line consisted only of Stone's 2-for-4 effort.

Davis, who had Blazers in her shadow all night, grabbed 11 rebounds.

"I told the girls after the game that they had an absolutely great season and not to let what happened tonight get them down after all they've accomplished," said Thomann, whose team was just three days removed from winning the inaugural Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship.

"They came to play every night and they worked their butts off, even tonight. There were a couple times tonight when they could have folded up their tents, but they kept battling."

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# HOCKEY

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gest asset is our speed and when we're not skating well, we're an average team. It looked like we were skating in mud the first period, but the guys got it going in the second period."

The Rocks' six-goal second period was sparked by Sam Ott's unassisted net-finder.

"That was a big goal for momentum purposes," said Ossenmacher. "We had a couple of good opportunities at the end of the first period, but we couldn't finish them. Sam's goal helped us get our confidence back."

Not long after Ott's equalizer, the Rocks took the lead for good when Josh Jarvela lit the lamp off assists from Michael Hochkins and Ryan Blakey.

Adding to the second-stanza goal onslaught were Mario Macari (from Kurt Driscoll), Kyle Powell (unassisted), David Russell (from Eddie Mazorowicz and Driscoll, who received helpers from Powell and Macari).

Ott (from Wes Carr and Matt Downey), Driscoll (from Jarvela and Macari) and Ryan Quigley (short-handed) scored in the third period for the winners.

Adam Powers earned the victory with 16 saves.

Salem doubled up the 'Cats in the shots-on-goal department, Ossenmacher estimated.

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# Chargers upend Chief icers

BY BRAD EMONS  
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Mike Woynick has pumped new life into Livonia Churchill's hockey team.

The junior forward notched a hat trick and added one assist as the Chargers began the postseason with a 6-3 win over Canton in the Division 1 pre-regional opener at Edgar Arena.

Churchill, now 10-10-5 overall, moves on to Wednesday's second round pre-regional vs. the Plymouth-Salem winner. (Game time is 6 p.m. at Edgar.)

Woynick has been back in the lineup for about month after being injured before Thanksgiving in a game against rival Livonia Stevenson.

He scored the game-tying goal 2:10 into the third period from Scott Hamill and Steven Klisz to make it 3-all.

And only 1:33 later, senior defenseman and co-captain Ken Masiarczyk tallied the game-winner from Mike Kutek and Ryan Cioch.

Woynick's unassisted goal after steal at the blue line with only 1:50 remaining and Kutek's empty-netter from Rick Stack and goalie Aaron Crouse (19 saves) iced the victory for the Chargers.

Canton jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead while outshooting the Chargers 11-5.

Rohn Gaudi's wrap-around goal just 33 seconds into the game from Alex Berlin made it 1-0 followed by Donnie Barlow's goal from Nick Tomilenko at 6:41 for a

two-goal Canton cushion.

Churchill then answered with a pair of second-period goals just 14 seconds apart.

Woynick scored the first of his three on the night from Stack at 4:44 and Klisz knotted the count at 2-all at 4:58 after a scramble in front of Canton netminder Zane Birchler. Woynick and Drew Sieber drew the assists.

"We felt good about the game and I thought we settled into our game plan," Canton coach Dan Abraham said of the first 15 minutes. "But in the beginning of the second period we started running around and that's when they scored the two goals."

At the 5:30 mark of the same period, Ryan Lash answered for Canton from Tomilenko and Berlin to put the Chiefs back on top again, 3-2.

But the lead didn't last long as Churchill began to carry the play. The Chargers outshot Canton 27-11 over the final two periods.

"We had our chances and did not capitalize . . . and they did," Abraham said. "I applaud coach Mazzoni and the way they came after us. They never gave up."

Canton, which loses 15 seniors to graduation, ends its season at 16-8-1 overall. The Chiefs lost two of their three meetings this season against Churchill.

"Overall I'm proud of the season," Abraham said. "It's the most wins in our 10-year history."

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# Bible study class opens arms to adults with special needs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

James Jones was having a good time clapping his hands and singing Christian songs at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia on a cold, Monday evening in early February. While many congregations study the Scriptures apart from Sunday worship services, the Open Arms Bible Class is especially designed for adults with developmental disabilities. A committee led by parish education director Judy Cook saw a need for the special ministry after several men associated with Angel's Place group homes started attending the church's contemporary worship services and annual picnic.

The first Open Arms event, a pizza and movie night last fall, drew more than 100 proving there were many hungry for the Word. Bob Kotrba is still in the process of developing a program that best reaches students. He first asked the men to introduce themselves then sang a song. The Bible study began in January with about 16 attending. In spite of the weather in February nearly 30 men turned out with their care workers for the hour-long class that takes place the second Monday of every month.

"We're trying to figure out who our clientele would be," said Kotrba of Farmington Hills. "Last time we had autistic, verbal and nonverbal, and have to regear for nonverbal. We're in the process of developing hands-on activities. In the future we'd like to break into a couple of different groups."

Kotrba works with learning disabled, autistic and emotionally impaired as a special education teacher in the Learning Resource Center where students come for assistance and emotional support at Birmingham Groves High School. He kept the program

## OPEN ARMS BIBLE CLASS

**What:** Bible study class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Monday, March 9, and continues every second Monday of each month

**Where:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

**Register:** Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

simple as he asked questions and told the men that prayer was talking to God.

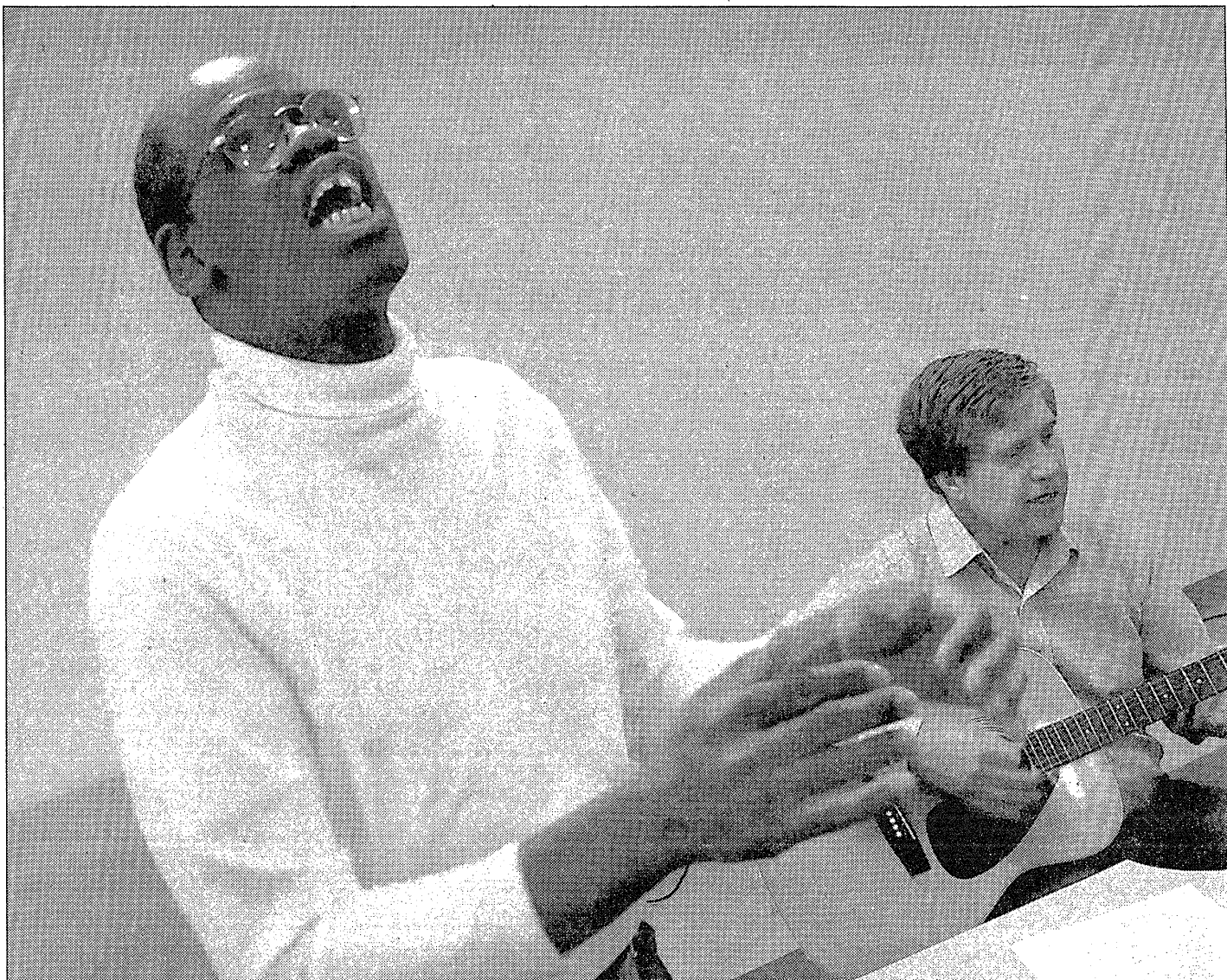
"I try to bring meaning to students and want to give them skills to take back," said Kotrba. "We're going to be assembling crosses. That way it will bring understanding. They love music, love the beat. Some listen, some participate."

The men's presence at Emmanuel is a welcome one. Many attend and usher the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday in addition to studying the Bible with Kotrba on the fourth Monday of the month at Angel's Place in West Bloomfield. Jones is a resident of Muirwood Apartments in Farmington Hills, one of 17 Christian-based group homes.

"James sings in the Praise Band. They're a very active part of our service," said Kotrba. "We've all grown because of them. The benefit for them is the interaction they have with us and vice versa."

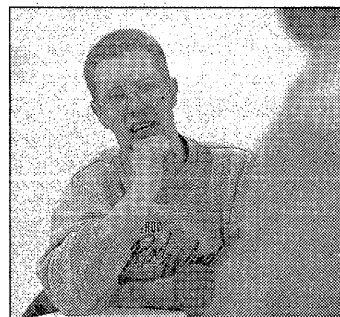
"We like to get them involved in spiritual development," said Renee Hunt, a direct care worker. "They watch and sing, really get involved. They were excited about coming because they knew they were going to have music and singing."

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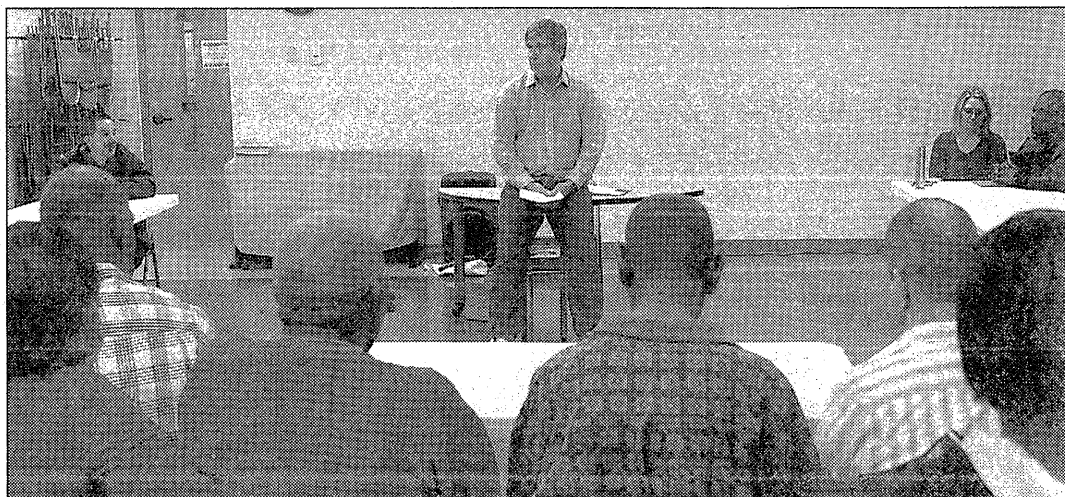


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James Jones enjoys singing Christian songs to the guitar music of Bob Kotrba as part of the monthly Bible study for adults with developmental disabilities at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia.



Ryan Fisher participates in a monthly Bible study class for adults with developmental disabilities at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia. Fisher is a resident of the Angel's Place Christian-based group homes.



Bob Kotrba explains to the Bible study class that prayer is talking to God.



Brian Fay listens as Bob Kotrba talks about prayer.

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**ROBERT "BOB" BRUCE LAMB**

Died at home in Tryon, NC on March 1, 2009. Born May 16, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan, he is survived by his wife of 24 years, Joyce Huey Lamb, and a sister, Bettie Lamb Fairbanks of Michigan. He was predeceased by his first wife, Delphine Kerr Lamb. Bob was a veteran of World War II where he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and subsequently was detained as a Prisoner of War. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, among other decorations. After graduation from Michigan State University, Bob spent his working career as a partner in the firm Schmidt, Lamb & Smith, Manufacturing Agents to the automotive industry. Foxhunting in Metamora, Michigan was a passionate avocation for many years. Bob was a long-time advocate of animal rights and a loyal supporter of the Salvation Army and Disabled American Veterans. After retiring to Tryon, NC he served on the Board of Directors of the Foothills Humane Society. An online guest register is available at [www.mcfarlandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.mcfarlandfuneralchapel.com)



**JENNIE M. FREW**

Age 94, of Plymouth, March 1, 2009. Beloved wife of the late William. Loving mother of Lois (Jerry) Hotchkin. Proud grandmother of Jerry W. (Rhonda) Hotchkin and Elaine (Paul Moody) Hotchkin; and great-grandmother of Kaitlyn and Megan Hotchkin. The family will gather with friends Saturday March 14, 11 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Memorial Service at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 North Territorial Road (west of Sheldon), Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center, 301 East Liberty, Ste. 130, Ann Arbor MI 48104. To leave a message of condolence, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com).

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**WILLIAM N. MALISZEWSKI**

Age 90. Of Farmington, MI. March 1, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

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**MARCH**

**All-you-can-eat fish**

The St. Michael the Archangel Parish's "All You Can Eat" Lenten Fish Dinners continues 4:30-7 p.m. March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3 in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. Dinners feature hand-dipped fresh Alaskan cod, fried or baked, along with an assortment of side dishes and beverages. Cost, \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$4 children ages 3-11, free ages 3 and under. Carryout orders, \$7. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

**Rush hour concert series**

Continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.org.

**School open house**

If you have children ready to enter pre-school through eighth grade in the fall, Guardian Lutheran School is holding an Open House 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at 24544 Cherry Hill Road in Dearborn. Families may take personalized tours of the facility, spend time in classrooms, enjoy light refreshments and talk with teachers, parents and board members. Call (313) 274-3665, e-mail walter.krone@guardianlutheran.org or visit www.guardianlutheran.org.

**Bethany Suburban West activities**

■ Saturday, March 7, Monthly

Dance 8 p.m.-midnight, St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago, Redford. Dance lesson, Swing, \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 261-5716.

■ Sunday, March 15, annual 9 a.m.

Lenten Mass, Felician Sister House Chapel, Madonna College Campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Use the Newburgh entrance; breakfast will follow. Call (734) 513-9479.

■ Saturday, March 21, Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m., Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry. Bethany provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

**Lenten vespers services**

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit conducts the first in its 2009 series of Lenten Vespers services 6 p.m. March 8, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, at St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Church, 4575 E. Outer Drive, Detroit. The Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, spiritual advisor to the COCC and president of the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit, presides. The general public as well as Orthodox Christians is invited to attend. All proceeds will be used for COCC charities and projects. Call (734) 422-0278 or e-mail paschabooks@sbcglobal.net. Vespers services continue during five Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent March 15, Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas, at St. Michael Orthodox Church, Redford; March 22, Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, at

St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, Southfield; March 29, Sunday of St. John Climacus, at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, Dearborn; and April 5, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Farmington Hills.

**Sunday night lights**

Riverside Park Church of God presents the non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses, every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music within a casual atmosphere.

**Dining in the kingdom of God**

For five Wednesdays in Lent, St. Aidan will host the series. Luke's Gospel revealed 10 meals that describe different dimensions of the Eucharist. This presentation will be given by St. Aidan's Faith Formation Director, David Conrad, M.A. Theology, 7-9 p.m. March 11, 18, 25, April 1, and April 8. Free. Call (734) 425-5950.

**Mid-week spiritual enrichment**

Two opportunities for spiritual enrichment are available at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, each week on Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays is a study/discussion group focused on understanding our relationship with God and that of other religions and the many philosophical and scientific issues that might impact our faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim Pastor Larry Hoxey, Call (313) 274-3820.

**Purim carnival night**

5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the Jewish Community Center, The Jimmy Prentis Morris Building

in Oak Park. Carnival games, prizes, face painting, craft booths, popcorn, cotton candy and a dunk tank to soak Haman, the evil nobleman in the Story of Esther. Purim Carnival is \$1 for JCC members; \$2 for non-member children; free for adults and children under 3. Call (248) 967-4030.

**Elery concert**

Husband and wife singer-songwriters Tasha and Justin Golden perform 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$25, adult and \$15, student at the door; \$5 less in advance. Doors at 7:30 p.m. UUCF is a progressive congregation of men, women and children dedicated to the principles of Unitarian Universalism. Call (248) 478-7272 or visit www.uufarmington.org.

**Hungry for God**

Continues 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays to April 7, in the church building of St. Colette, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The six-week Hungry for God series helps adults and teens enjoy an even deeper, closer love-relationship with the God who is loving them first, best, and always. Facilitated by Deacon Bob Ovies, former director of the Detroit Archdiocesan Office for Family Life. Themes include: Hungry for God's Love, Hungry for Salvation, Hungry to Know God's Plan for Your Life, Hungry for Jesus, Hungry for the Power to Forgive, Hungry for Faith and God's Spirit. Register at religioused@stcolette.net or call (734) 464-4435.

**Evenings of reflection**

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia offers a special Lenten Evening of Reflection 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, with Rev. Daniel Jones, a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit and Assistant Professor of Theology at Sacred Heart Major

Seminary in Detroit, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

**An evening with Simon Peter**

A live dramatic presentation of the story of the ministry, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth from the point of view of one of his closest friends, the Apostle Simon Peter, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church on Farmington Road, Livonia. Free will offering. Performed by former parishioner John Dzwonkowski and family.

**Detroit Lutheran Singers**

Present four concerts in their Spring 2009 series: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, and at 7:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham. Also 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21915 Beech Street, Dearborn, and 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 202 E. 5th Street, Royal Oak. The children's choir from St. Paul Lutheran School will sing several selections in this final concert.

**Taizé prayer**

All are welcome to a Taizé ecumenical prayer service 7:30 p.m. Monday,

March 23, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Taizé worship combines prayer, silent meditation, candlelight and special music, and dates back to 1940 when a community of Catholic and Protestant brothers was formed in Taizé, France. Today, Taizé services are held across the globe and are especially popular among young adults. Taizé will be part of the church's Lenten 40-Hour Devotion beginning with 6 a.m. Mass on Monday, March 23, continuing with around-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration, and ending after 7 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, March 24. For more information, call (734) 981-1333.

**Midweek Lenten services**

Loia Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have midweek Lenten services at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. For information, call (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523.

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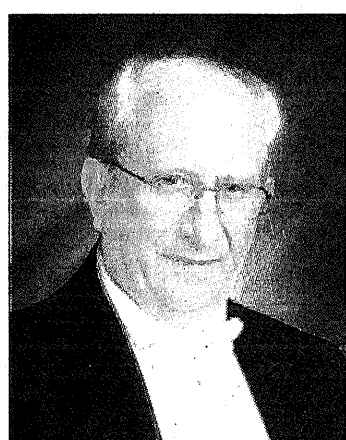
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# Livonia symphony brings ballet to life

Once you've heard live ballet music you never forget the intensity of the sound. It's been several years since the Royal Ballet of England danced "Swan Lake" in Detroit but I still vividly remember the orchestra's telling of the story of Prince Siegfried and his love for a fair maiden under an evil spell. Sadly, as a young ballet student, it was



Linda Chomin



Volodymyr Shesiuk conducts the Livonia Symphony Orchestra in music for the ballet Saturday, March 7.

## BALLET MASTERPIECES

**What:** Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents famous ballets including Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake  
**When:** 4 p.m. Saturday, March 7  
**Where:** Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Tickets:** \$17 adults, \$5 children and students. Call (734) 421-1111

the only live ballet music I would experience for years. Local little dancers won't have to wait as long. The Livonia Symphony Orchestra is performing Ballet Masterpieces 4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

The Board is making it especially enticing for those who have never attended an LSO concert by giving away 300 tickets, 10 per member. All ballet enthusiasts have to do is call a board member or the LSO hot line at (734) 421-1111.

"We want to make sure everyone gets to see these things," said LSO board president Rose Kachnowski. "Board members are going out and passing them out to their circle of friends. Everybody loves the beauty of the ballet and don't get to hear it performed live. Right now so many young people

are studying ballet and this gives them an opportunity to hear the music."

Volodymyr Shesiuk enjoys conducting ballet music when he doesn't have to worry about tempo. He's loved Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" since he was Conductor-in-Residence of the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow.

"There's ballet music for the orchestra and dancer. For me to perform only with orchestra, I'm not responsible for tempo for their legs. I'm following only my feeling and what's in the score. It's fun to play ballet music without ballet. Many instruments in the orchestra solo like voices of the dancers. We start from Chopin and piece by piece go through the whole classical ballet - 'Swan Lake,' Debussy's 'Afternoon of a Faun Prelude.' For me my favorite is Khachaturian's 'Spartacus.'"

As co-chair of the LSO music committee it's Jim Poe's job to select music to please the audience.

Last year, the audience left whistling selections from "A Night at the Opera." Theme programs always seem to be popular, says Poe, LSO principal bassoonist.

This season's ballet program features Chopin's "Le Sylphides" in addition to "Swan Lake Suite," "La Damnation du Faust" by Berlioz, Bizet's "Carmen," and Saint Saens' "Samson and Dalila-Bacchanale." "It's ballet music that people will recognize," said Poe of Farmington Hills. "It's good to display the variations composers bring to that but also the tunes people know and love."

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at lchomin@hometownlife.com or (313) 222-2241.

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 Mendelssohn A Midsummer Night's Dream Overture (1826)  
 Schumann Symphony No. 4 in d minor, Op. 120 (1841)  
 Mussorgsky Pictures at an Exhibition, arr. Ravel (1874/ arr. 1922)

**PROGRAM (SUN 3/8)**  
 Berlioz Roman Carnival Overture, Op. 9 (1843-44)  
 Tchaikovsky Suite No. 3 in G Major, Op. 55 (1884)  
 Stravinsky The Rite of Spring (1913)

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**PROGRAM**  
 Haydn String Quartet in d minor, Op. 76, No. 2 ("Quinten") (Hob. III:76) (1796-97)  
 Wuorinen New Piano Quintet (commissioned by the artists)  
 Schoenberg Ode to Napoleon, Op. 41 (for quartet, piano, and baritone) (1942)  
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### ART

**Art is in Market:** Grand re-opening wine and cheese reception, 3-9 p.m. March 7, new location in Laurel Park Place, 37642 Six Mile Road, Livonia, <http://artismarket.blogspot.com>.  
**Christine's Cuisine:** Gwen Joy's Red Headed Vixen, through March 21, 729 East Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, (248) 584-3384, [www.gwenjoy.com](http://www.gwenjoy.com).  
**CPop Gallery:** "Conformity Exhibition: Live Conformists/Dead Troublemakers," through March, opening reception, 7-11 p.m. March 7, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9901, [www.cpop.com](http://www.cpop.com).  
**Northville Art House:** "Creative Minds-Changing Minds," through March 21 and "The Persistence of Personal Vision: The College of Creative Studies Illustration Alumni Annual Show," through March 29, both opening receptions, 6-9 p.m. March 6, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, [www.northvillarts.org](http://www.northvillarts.org).  
**Visual Arts Association of Livonia:** Studio classes for the public, spring season started March 4, 18000 Newburgh Road; Spring Show, May 1, Livonia City Hall, (734) 838-1204, [www.vaalart.org](http://www.vaalart.org).

### BENEFITS

**Detroit Hard Rock Cafe:** Rockers Brandon Calhoun, Frankie D'Angelo and Robin Horlock, acoustic performance to benefit Musicians on Call, March 5, doors 8 p.m., \$5, 45 Monroe St., Detroit, (313) 964-7625.  
**Village Theatre at Cherry Hill:** Ricky Nelson Remembered with Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, March 27, to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, includes champagne, desserts and meet the artists, \$52, (734) 394-5300, [www.canton-mi.org/village-theatre](http://www.canton-mi.org/village-theatre).

### BOOKS/LITERATURE

**Borders:** "Twilight" DVD release party, 10 p.m. March 20, participating stores include Canton, check [www.borders.com](http://www.borders.com) for complete listing.

### CHORAL

**First Presbyterian Church:** Pipedusters w/ organist Tom Trenney, 7:30 p.m. April 17; Music for a Cathedral, 7:30 p.m. May 22, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 644-2040 x136, [ttrenney@comcast.net](mailto:ttrenney@comcast.net).  
**Rackham Choir:** "Dear Mrs. Parks" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, March 6-8, Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Dearborn, [www.rackhamchoir.org](http://www.rackhamchoir.org).

### CLASSICAL

**Plymouth Symphony Orchestra:** "Fanfare for Freedom," 8 p.m. March 14, Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville; Benefit Concert of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, 8 p.m. April 24, Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org).  
**Schoolcraft College:** Avalon String Quartet, March 20; Cellist Robert de Maine, May 15; \$10, students, \$20 adults, Presentation Room in the VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.

### COMEDY

**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia:** Brad Williams, through March 7; Tracy Smith, March 11-14; Mike Vecchioni, March 18-21; Roz G, March 25-28; Ryan Belleville, April 1-4; Jarrod Harris, April 8-11; Mark Theibold Special Engagement, April 15-18; Bobby Miyamoto, April 22-25; Shane Moss, April 29-May 2; Mike Veneman, May 6-9; Erik Blake, May 13-15; Colin Moulton, May 20-23; Jimmy Dore Special Engagement, May 27-30, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, [www.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.com).

### CONCERTS

**The Fillmore:** Taste of Chaos Tour, March 10, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.  
**The Fox Theatre:** Bill Gaither and his Homecoming Friends, March 12, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) (248) 433-1515.  
**MotorCity Casino Hotel:** Bret Michaels Rock of Love Bus Tour featuring Dirty Americans, 8 p.m. March 13, \$41-\$56, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), [www.motorcitycasino.com](http://www.motorcitycasino.com).  
**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** Fleetwood Mac, March 8, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com).  
**Royal Oak Music Theatre:** MMA: Xtreme Cagefighting Championships, March 6; Missy Higgins & Justin Nozuka, March 11; Umphrey's McGee, March 12, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272, [www.royalokmusictheatre.com](http://www.royalokmusictheatre.com).

### DANCE

**Detroit Dance Collective:** "The Power of Green," 8 p.m. March 13, \$18-\$22, Michael A. Guido Theater, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 943-2354.  
**Detroit Opera House:** "Romeo & Juliet," American Ballet, March 13-15, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-3426, [www.michiganopera.org](http://www.michiganopera.org).

### FAMILY

**Canton Cinema:** Free Spring Matinee Series, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturdays, "Space Chimps," March 7-8; "Madagascar 2," March 14-15; "Igor," March 21-22; "Kung Fu Panda," March 28-29; "Horton Hears a Who," April 4-5; "Tale of Despereaux," April 11-12; "Open Season," April 18-19; "Hotel for Dogs," April 25-26, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456, [www.GOTI.com](http://www.GOTI.com).  
**Marquis Theatre:** "Little Mermaid," March 14-April 17, 135 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-8110, [www.northvillamarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillamarquistheatre.com).  
**Palace of Auburn Hills:** Smuckers Stars on Ice Tour, March 7, 5 Championship Drive, [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com).  
**Penn Theatre:** Saturdays @ The Penn, old fashioned variety show featuring Conductor Nan Washburn of Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, noon March 7, \$3, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 377-0914, [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com).

### FILM

**AMC Livonia 20:** "A Powerful Noise LIVE," 7:30 p.m. March 5, 19500 Haggerty Road, (734) 542-9909.  
**Detroit Film Theatre:** "Gomorrah," through March 8; "Harvard Beats Yale 29-29," through March 15; "Timecrimes," March 13-22, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. See [www.dia.org/dft](http://www.dia.org/dft) or (313) 833-7900.



## Local Artists Show

"Dreaming Boats" by Kate Paul (pictured) is featured in Lotus Arts Gallery's Second Annual Local Artist Exhibit. The exhibition showcases work by 15 Michigan artists including oils, acrylics, pen and ink renderings, ceramics, photography and mixed media. It opens with a meet-the-artists reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 6 and runs through March 27. Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 995 West Ann Arbor Trail (corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street) in downtown Plymouth. Call (888) 889-4ART or visit [www.lotusartsgallery.com](http://www.lotusartsgallery.com).

**Detroit Historical Museum:** "More Bob-Lo Memories," 1 and 8 p.m. March 7-8, 5401 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-1805, [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).  
**Henry Ford IMAX:** "Watchmen: The IMAX Experience Rises," opens midnight March 6, doors at 10:30 p.m. March 5; "Journey to Mecca," "Under the Sea 3D," 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 271-1570.  
**Penn Theatre:** Hitchcock Month, "Marnie," March 5; "Shadow of a Doubt," March 12; "Saboteur," March 19; "To Catch a Thief," March 26, shows at 7 p.m., \$3, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com).

**Redford Theatre:** "The Karate Kid," March 6-7, 17360 Lahser, Detroit, [www.redfordtheatre.com](http://www.redfordtheatre.com).

### MORE MUSIC

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**Token Lounge:** Paradime with Marv Won, Danny Brown, Street Justice and Chief, with MTV filming "Made," March 13, 21 and older, 28949 Joy Road, Westland, (734) 513-5030.

### MUSEUMS

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell," March 8-May 31, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900.  
**Detroit Historical Museum:** Book signing and talk, "Motor City Rock and Roll: The 1960s and 1970s," authors Bob Harris and John Douglas Peters, 6-8 p.m. March 11; "Detroit's Classic TV Personalities" opens March 14, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org), (313) 833-1805.  
**Plymouth Historical Museum:** "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 155 S. Main St. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission, \$5; \$2 for students 6-17; \$10 for families. Tour groups can be accommodated, (734) 455-8940, [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org).

### SOMETHING DIFFERENT

**Astronomy Expo & Swap:** 6th annual, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 7, Holy Cross Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, \$5, [key\\_string\\_guy@yahoo.com](mailto:key_string_guy@yahoo.com).  
**Michigan Woodworkers Guild:** Custom Woodworking 2009 Show, noon-5 p.m. March 8, parking and admission free, Livonia Senior Activities Center, 15218 Farmington Road, (313) 278-2150.  
**Rock Financial Showplace:** The Michigan Golf Show, March 6-8, 46100 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-5600, [www.rockfinancialshowplace.com](http://www.rockfinancialshowplace.com).

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### THEATER - COMMUNITY

**The Farmington Players:** "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," through March 7, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 553-2955, [www.farmingtonplayers.org](http://www.farmingtonplayers.org).  
**Destination Theatre:** "Canton Follies: One Hit Wonders," March 12-14, \$15, Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5460.  
**Spotlight Players:** "Divine Stella Devine," through March 8, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300, [www.spotlightplayers.net](http://www.spotlightplayers.net).

### THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

**Detroit Opera House:** "Fiddler on the Roof," through March 8, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.  
**Fox Theatre:** "Movin' Out," March 27-29, tickets \$30-\$75, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com), [OlympiaEntertainment.com](http://OlympiaEntertainment.com), (248) 433-1515.  
**Jewish Ensemble Theatre:** "The Diary of Anne Frank," through March 15, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900, [www.jettheatre.org](http://www.jettheatre.org).  
**Gem Theatre:** "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through March 29, 333 Madison Ave, Detroit, (313) 963-9800, [www.gemtheatre.com](http://www.gemtheatre.com).  
**Meadow Brook Theatre:** "Kong's Night Out," through March 8, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), for more information, visit [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com).

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# FOOD & WINE

## Local chefs semifinalists for top award

BY WENSY VON BUSKIRK  
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### BEST CHEF NOMINEES

Of the 20 semifinalists for the James Beard Award for Best Chef: Great Lakes Region, five are from Michigan. They are:  
**Luciano Del Signore:** Bacco Ristorante, Southfield  
**John Somerville:** The Lark, West Bloomfield  
**Alex Young:** Zingerman's Roadhouse, Ann Arbor  
**Brian Polcyn:** Five Lakes Grill, Milford  
**Ali Barker:** Bistro on the Boulevard, St. Joseph

The Academy Awards might be over, but "the Oscars of the food world" are just getting underway. Five Michigan chefs have been named semifinalists for the James Beard Foundation 2009 Award in the Great Lakes Category.

Two of them are from Oakland County — Luciano Del Signore of Bacco Ristorante in Southfield, and John Somerville of The Lark in West Bloomfield.

Del Signore, nominated for the second year in a row, said he was thrilled when the James Beard Foundation phoned him with the news.

"It caught me by surprise both years. It's not like I had any kind of warning," he said. "We're excited. It's very, very nice to be included with that list of chefs that have been nominated."

Del Signore worked for 25 years at his parents' restaurant, Fonte D Amore in Livonia, and opened Bacco Ristorante seven years ago.

"Quality Italian food is our passion," Del Signore said. "I concentrate on finding unique and interesting fresh produce that's Michigan grown. We're more interested in what's called the 'slow food movement,' where everything is made in-house."

John Somerville joined The Lark in 1994 as a garde manger chef, and worked his way up to chef de cuisine three years ago. According to Jim Lark, Somerville is the finest head chef the restaurant has had since it opened in 1981.

"That's not only my opinion and the opinion of Mary Lark, but our patrons who have been coming for many, many, many years," Lark said. "To my mind he's undoubtedly the best chef in mid-America."

Whether the judges for the James Beard Award agree

remains to be seen. Del Signore and Somerville are among 20 chefs in the running for the Great Lakes Region. The category will be narrowed to five finalists by a panel of 400 judges on March 23. Winners will be announced May 4.

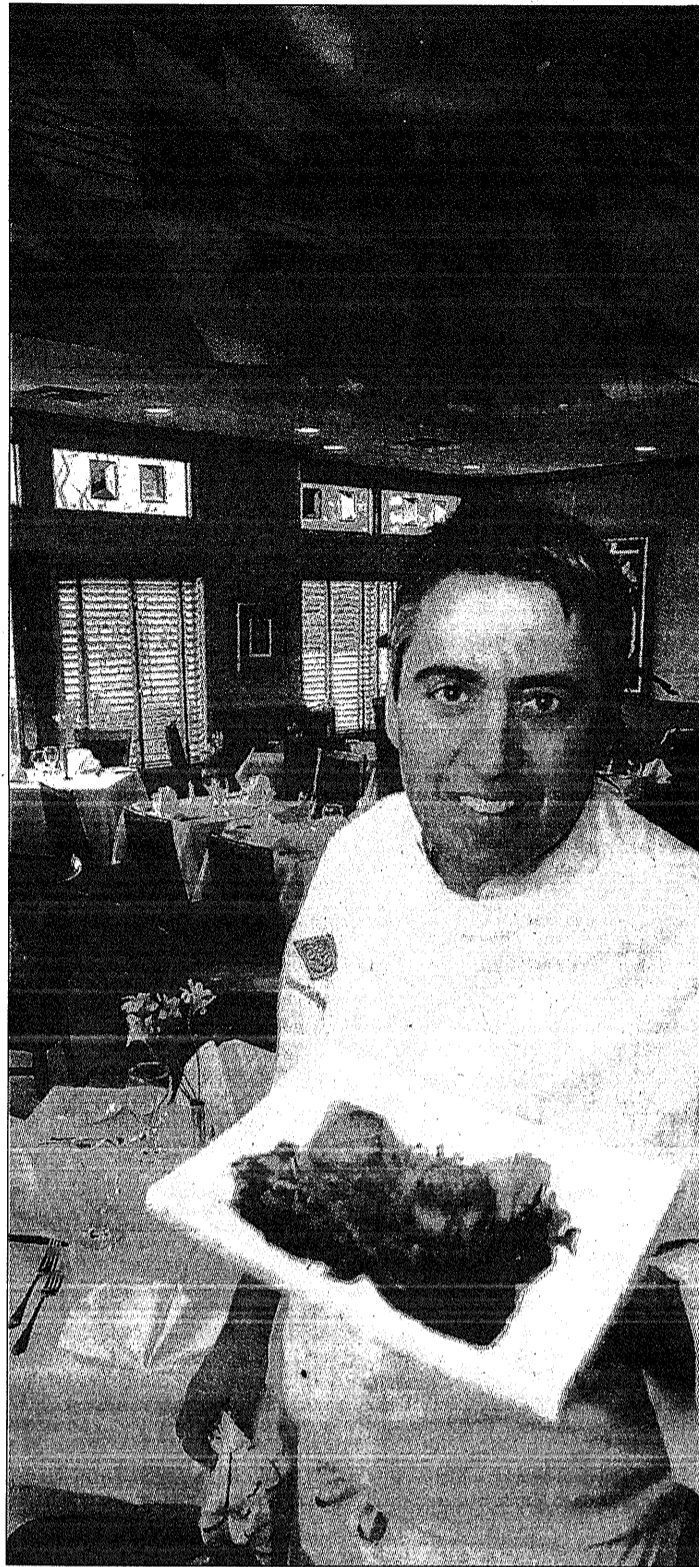
"I just feel privileged to make the semi-finals, whatever happens from there remains to be seen but the James Beard Foundation is certainly one of the most prestigious awards to win," Somerville said.

Dubbed "the Oscars of the food world" by Time Magazine, the awards have been considered by many to be the highest culinary honor since their creation in 1990.

Categories include best restaurant, best chef by region, outstanding service, recognition for wine and spirits, as well as a variety of others that extend into the realm of food photography and media. They are presented every spring at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City.

Bacco Ristorante is located at 29410 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. Call (248) 356-6600 or visit [www.baccoristorante.com](http://www.baccoristorante.com).

The Lark is located at 6430 Farmington Road in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-4466 or visit [www.thelark.com](http://www.thelark.com).



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Chef Luciano Del Signore of Bacco Ristorante in Southfield.

### CAPEANTE AL BALSAMICO

This dish, created by Chef Luciano Del Signore of Bacco Ristorante, features pan seared sea scallops served over a cauliflower puree and arugula, topped with balsamic glaze.

#### CAPEANTE AL BALSAMICO

Serves 4

- 8 extra large dry pack sea scallops
- Olive oil for cooking
- 2 shallots minced
- 1/4 cup aged balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 1 head cauliflower (boiled and pureed same as mashed potatoes, seasoned with butter, cream, salt and pepper)
- 2 cups arugula, washed and patted dry

Season scallops with salt and pepper on both sides. Bring a 12" skillet to high heat, add a 1/4 cup of olive oil, sear scallops on both sides for 3 minutes each side till deep golden brown. Drain oil from pan and add shallots, sauté for 1 minute, deglaze the pan with the wine and balsamic vinegar, reduce sauce on high heat till thickened. Serve scallops over the cauliflower puree and arugula and top with the glaze.



Capesante al Balsamico, as prepared by Chef Luciano Del Signore of Bacco Ristorante.

### Truffled Macaroni and Cheese by Chef John Somerville of The Lark

In the hands of Chef John Somerville of The Lark, comfort food goes gourmet. This Truffled Macaroni and Cheese is made with rich custard.

#### TRUFFLED MACARONI AND CHEESE

Custard:

- 12 eggs
- 1 quart creme
- 1 quart milk
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 1 tablespoon white pepper

Combine all in a small mixer fitted with a paddle. Mix till incorporated. Will hold for 2-3 days.

Macaroni & Cheese:

- Small amount soft butter
- 1 pound elbow noodles (preferably Whole Foods 365 Organic brand)
- Custard (see above recipe)
- 1 pound truffle cheese, grated
- 1 pound gruyere cheese, grated

Lightly butter small baking pan. Place elbow noodles in pan. Cover with custard. Top with cheese being sure to press in to keep cheese moist. Cook for 30 minutes in a 350° oven or till custard is set. Cool in refrigerator. Cut into attractive molds. Line in baking tray, top with additional grated truffle cheese. Reheat in oven till cheese is melted.

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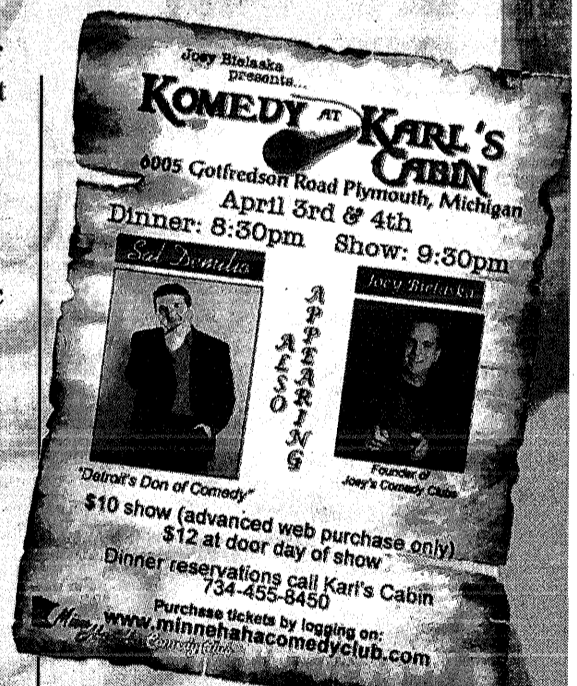
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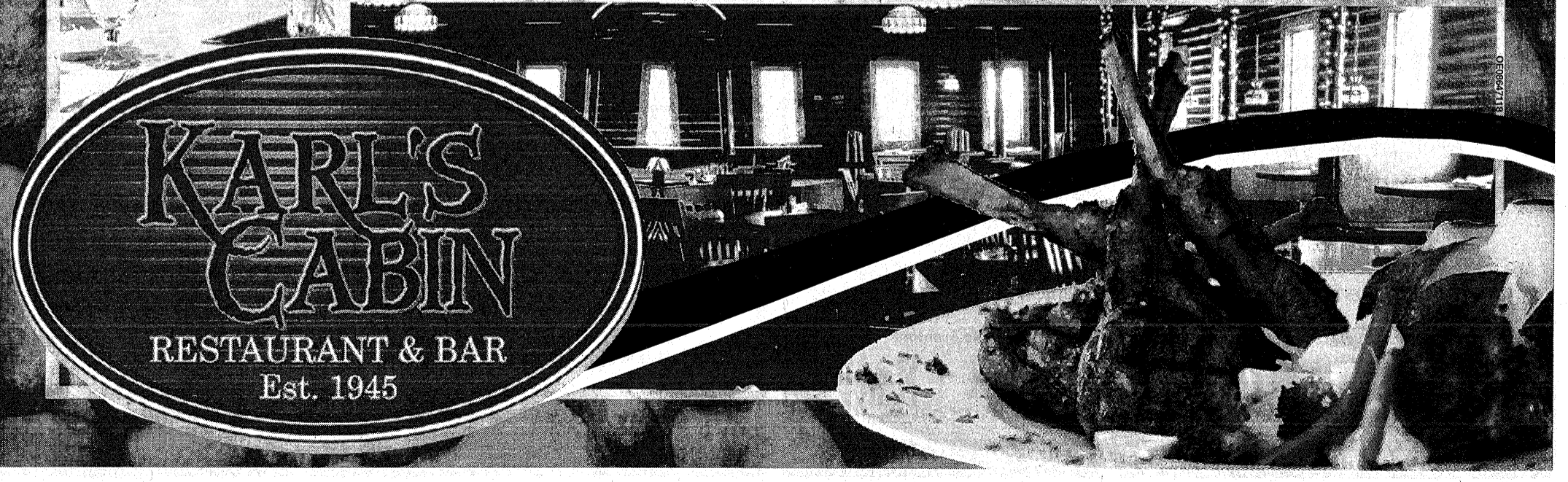
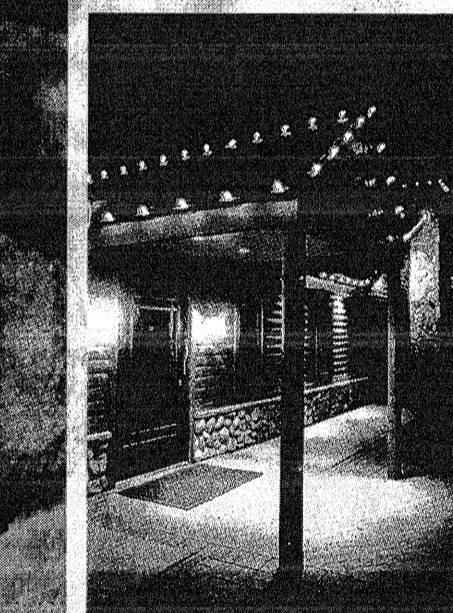
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### ACROSS

- 1 Pull the lever
- 5 Cartoon possum
- 9 Domestic animal
- 12 Flush with
- 13 Football field
- 14 Snort of disgust
- 15 Bakery items
- 17 Twist and twine
- 19 Caterwauled
- 21 In shape
- 22 Bear's pad
- 24 Pacino or Jolson
- 25 Hearing aid?
- 26 German article
- 27 Fragrant blossoms
- 29 PC capacity
- 31 Work unit
- 32 Numeral on a sundial
- 33 Baseball assn.
- 34 Gloating cry

- 35 Blue Grass st.
- 36 Protozoans
- 38 U-boat movie "— Boot"
- 39 1300 hours
- 40 Worldwide org.
- 41 Lip—
- 42 Cable channel
- 44 Spooky noises
- 46 Was a bandit
- 48 Sundowns
- 51 Won — soup
- 52 Project starter
- 54 Carrie's "Star Wars" role
- 55 Blow away
- 56 Cafe handout
- 57 Bobcat

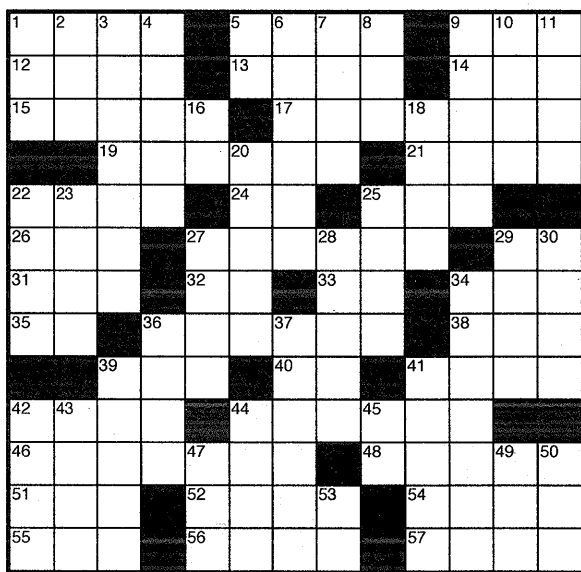
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- 2 Future fish
- 3 Calling
- 4 Calculator key
- 5 Movie rating
- 6 "1984" author
- 7 Surround

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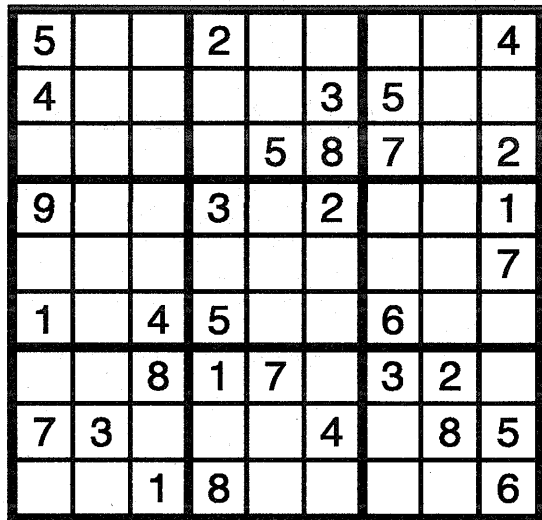
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- 8 Kind of poem
- 9 Shrewder
- 10 Turkish honcho
- 11 "And — some!"
- 16 True
- 18 Mourful wail
- 20 Dispense with
- 22 Mild onion
- 23 Spacious
- 25 Underwater shockers
- 27 Cement component
- 28 Lacking sense
- 29 Mongol ruler
- 30 Juicy pear
- 34 Homer epic
- 36 Murray or Baxter
- 37 Weigh down
- 39 Express a view
- 41 Pirate flag emblem
- 42 Comics' Miss Kett
- 43 Prove
- 44 Surrender territory
- 45 Commercial
- 47 Vitality
- 49 Extended family
- 50 Jazz instrument
- 53 Gold, in the lab

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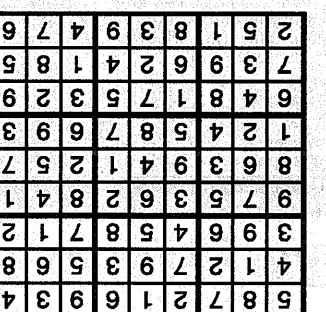
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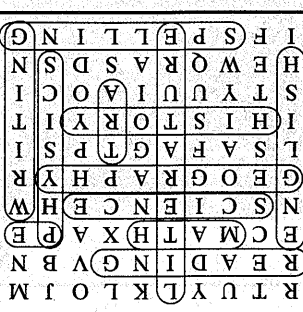
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 <p><b>Brighton</b> 248-437-3800 Great Home To Entertain In Wide open floor plan, GR has soaring ceilings, fireplace &amp; lots of windows. 1st flr mstr suite w/jetted tub. Large kit w/hardwood floors. Prof/fin bsmt. (28181801) \$259,000</p>	 <p><b>Farmington</b> 248-348-6430 Prime Building Lot - 80 x 110 Nice corner lot located in Farmington Hills. Close to uptown and downtown Farmington. Don't delay, make an offer today. (28180740) \$49,000</p>	 <p><b>Livonia</b> 734-591-9200 4 Star offering, 40K in upgrades. No expens spared. Map kit w/ceramic tile &amp; stainless steel app. Hrdwd flrs. Decorat in neutral tones. Spac low lev. Fam rm w/dry bgnd off. Rf tear off, updted wind. Furn &amp; CA. (29025340) \$139,800</p>	 <p><b>Northville</b> 248-348-6430 Updated Charmer, 2 Story Condo Immaculate condo on court. 2 BD, 1.5 BA, BSMT part fin, KIT w/white cabts &amp; Pergo FLs, patio off DR, lovely view. Privt entry all new paint &amp; carpeting. Neutral. (29022881) \$79,900</p>	 <p><b>Plymouth</b> 248-684-1065 Cute ranch close to downtown Plymouth w/ Township taxes. Open flr plan. Detail trim in LR, ceramic kit ctr, CA/ceiling fans, fenced tree-lined yard. (29007409) \$100,000</p>	 <p><b>Southfield</b> 248-348-6430 Charming 3 Bedroom Western Ranch Stucco Over 1/2 acre treed lot. Open ceramic foyer, GR offers sculptured FP in raised hearth. DWs leading to entertaining deck, BKFSI rm, find LL, vaulted ceilings. (28180829) \$225,000</p>
 <p><b>Canton</b> 734-455-7000 WELL-MAINTAINED 4 BEDRM COLONIAL! Corner lot w/side garage, 2-story hrdwd foyer, kitchen w/bkfst nook. Fam rm w/FP, formal dining/living rms, fin bsmt. Exterior painted in '08. Priced to sell! (29011426) \$230,000</p>	 <p><b>Livonia</b> 248-851-4100 Neat and clean Ranch. Nice brick home with HDWD Flrs. 3 bedrooms, BSMT, tiled floor, fenced yard. 1.5 car &amp; carport too. High energy furnace, central air, close to Edward Hines Park. (28196596) \$123,900</p>	 <p><b>Lyon</b> 248-437-3800 1.5 Acre Lot Backs To Coyote Golf Course Add'l fin. bonus room upstairs. Cherry cabinets, granite countertops in kitchen. Some hardwood-shows well. 4 BR, 3.1 BA. Bank owned. (28206790) \$279,900</p>	 <p><b>Novi</b> 248-684-1065 Amazing custom bt builders home - wooded 1.32 acres &amp; pond. LR w/ french drs, bay window, GR w/ troy ceiling, FP; kit HDWD flrs, MBR w/WIC-much more! (29012727) \$900,000</p>	 <p><b>Redford</b> 248-348-6430 Very Rare River FRT Home on 2 Acres! Features: Prvt bridge to your own peninsula, deck overlooking river, new 200 sq.ft. FLA RM, updt'd BAs, 4 car attached, 1800 gallon kol pond, new win, new HDW FLRS. (28114753) \$170,000</p>	 <p><b>Southfield</b> 248-348-6430 Nature Has Provided 3 lots left in this great location in a beautiful neighborhood of fine homes and large lots. Mature trees in the back provide privacy. Build your dream estate. (29009167) \$100,000</p>
 <p><b>Canton</b> 734-455-7000 SHARP RANCH CONDO! Very nice 2 BR private end unit ranch in North Canton. Remodeled kitchen/bath, full basement under whole unit. Best spot in complex! (29008595) \$79,900</p>	 <p><b>Garden City</b> 734-591-9200 Quiet, Comfortable Neighborhood, stp looking 3 BR Bk Ranch, 2 Car Gar, Fin Bsmt, HWF, Kit redone w/granite &amp; ceramic FL in 07. Bt in Cab in bsmt. office in bsmt, neut paint in 09, new drs, emerald spa, 2 patios (29021948) \$128,900</p>	 <p><b>Milford</b> 248-684-1065 Luxury riverfront condo in downtown Milford across from Central Park! Craftsman style interior with fin w/o. oak cabts, granits ctops, HDWD flrs, deck. (28129939) \$485,000</p>	 <p><b>Novi</b> 248-348-6430 Wow! Best Describes This Colonial Home! Upgraded &amp; Expanded Approx 3200SF, 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 1/2 BA, 29 x 19 gourmet KIT w/mape, granite, commercial SS appl's. Lease or purchase. Cul-de-sac woods. 10- (29019285) \$375,000</p>	 <p><b>Romulus</b> 734-455-7000 ENJOY COUNTRY LIVING ON 1.11 ACRES! All modern updates! Newer carpet, wood flr, paint, furn, HWH, windows, C/A &amp; roof. Updtd kit w/oak cabts &amp; wood flr/newer drywall in dining area. Lg. backyd. (29025115) \$174,900</p>	 <p><b>Walled Lake</b> 248-684-1065 Spectacular loft condo w/ numerous upgrades, private entry, HRWD flrs, gourmet kit, 42" cherry cabts, granite, SS Appliances, MBR w/WIC and balcony. (29011102) \$135,000</p>
 <p><b>Clarkston</b> 248-684-1065 Wonderful site condo w/ 2 BR and 2 full BA up and BR/Full BA in Fin W/O bsmt. GR w/FP. Association fee includes yard, street maint, garbage pick-up. (29014294) \$245,000</p>	 <p><b>Garden City</b> 248-348-6430 Beautifully Remodeled 3 BR brick ranch. 1194SF. Gorgeous updated KIT, LR, FR, BRKFSI RM, Full BSMT. Newer roof, windows. All appls. Move-in ready. Walk to elementary. LG fenced yard. (28145040) \$128,000</p>	 <p><b>Milford</b> 248-684-1065 Home with 3.9 acres. First floor laundry. Unfinished basement. Two car attached garage with side entry. Dining, living and family rooms. Library/study. (29017806) \$334,900</p>	 <p><b>Novi</b> 248-437-3800 Just Listed Located in area of higher priced homes in popular sub. Bank owned addendum required. All Buyers to qualify through sellers lender before offers are submitted. (28195201) \$134,900</p>	 <p><b>Romulus</b> 248-208-2900 Great Opportunity! Own this 2 yr old home at a great price. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Just needs some elbow grease and kitchen rehab. (28167307) \$93,586</p>	 <p><b>Waterford</b> 248-684-1065 Great buy with this bank-owned condo in super condition. 2 BR and 2 full baths. Ready to move in! (29006254) \$40,000</p>
 <p><b>Commerce</b> 248-684-1065 Great location on over 1/2 acre. 2 story foyer, HDWD flrs, GR w/ gas FP open kit &amp; nook, FF Laundry, MBR, fin W/O, sun room, deck, 3 car garage. (29009765) \$228,000</p>	 <p><b>Green Oak</b> 248-437-3800 For Folk 55+ Located deep in this complex w/trees &amp; nature as the backdrop. Very nice condo w/finished W/O LL &amp; 3 season sunporch. Family rm in LL w/cozy fireplace. (28159134) \$99,900</p>	 <p><b>Milford</b> 248-684-1065 Well maintained home on 1.5 wooded acres. Huge LR w/ hwd flrs. DR w/ D/W to covered porch. Oak kit. Spacious FR w/ D/W to deck. 1st flr laun. 2 car gar. (28171749) \$189,900</p>	 <p><b>Novi</b> 248-851-1900 JUST REDUCED! Cozy 3 BR end unit townhouse. Spacious open kitchen/dining area. Living rm w/FR. Large bedrooms. Finished basement. Private patio, 1 car garage. New windows, furnace, AC (28142020) \$104,500</p>	 <p><b>Salem</b> 248-437-3800 Wooded 2 Acres! Abounds w/wildlife. Brick cape w/4 car garage, paver driveway, 1000 SF of decking. Spectacular views. Private deck off 1st flr mstr, jetted tub. Custom built. (28115013) \$475,000</p>	 <p><b>Waterford</b> 248-684-1065 Great investment or wonderful place to live. Very clean 1st flr condo w/pergo &amp; parquet flrs. Views of pond/fountain. Walk to clubhouse/pool. (29007790) \$39,900</p>
 <p><b>Dearborn</b> 734-284-5400 GO NO FURTHER! many choices right here. Well maintained home w/3 BD. Quiet Dearborn neighborhood. Finished basement. Newer siding, roof, carpet, &amp; more. Move right in! (28168500) \$89,900</p>	 <p><b>Gregory</b> 248-208-2900 HUD home. Colonial w/3 bdms and 2.5 baths. Living rm and breakfast rm. Over 1 acre w/well and septic. (29018615) \$132,000</p>	 <p><b>Milford</b> 248-684-1065 Milford Village 3-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath brick ranch with finished lower level and two car garage. Fenced yard, central air and much more. (29020668) \$139,000</p>	 <p><b>Plymouth</b> 734-455-7000 THE HOME YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! Gorgeous granite kitchen; hardwood; french doors; 4 bedrooms; charming &amp; spacious. Walk to downtown! (29011881) \$332,750</p>	 <p><b>South Lyon</b> 248-437-3800 Carriage Trace "Aberdeen Model" Offering spacious gourmet kitchen, great rm w/ soaring ceilings, extra lrg front study, Jack &amp; Jill bath, oversized 3 car garage and finished basement. (29023638) \$319,900</p>	 <p><b>Wayne</b> 734-455-7000 OH ME, OH MY! Updates galore! kitchen, baths, trim, doors, roof, furnace, floors, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, basement, garage. (29004240) \$75,000</p>
 <p><b>Dearborn Heights</b> 734-591-9200 Must See! Orig Own, Home Updated Thru Years New Furnace, Hardwood Floors Under Carpet. Fin Bsmt w/BA. Kitchen Updted. Nice Clean Home. Great Bargain with Crestwood Schools. Buyers Agent to Verify All Info. (28185364) \$114,900</p>	 <p><b>Highland</b> 248-684-1065 Enjoy the 1/2 acre parcel backing to nature preserve! 2-story foyer, HDWD flrs, GR w/ stone FP, vaulted ceiling, MBR w/WIC. 3-car heated garage. (28203761) \$225,000</p>	 <p><b>Monroe</b> 248-208-2900 Awesome brick home! Tastefully decorated 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath tudor home. Updated kit, newer roof &amp; windows, recently painted. Hrdwd flrs, fin bsmt w/frplc, spacious liv rm w/frplc. (28192562) \$126,900</p>	 <p><b>Plymouth</b> 734-591-9200 Spacious Ranch in Deer Creek; Very Open Flr Plan. Lg kit &amp; BFT rm! all kit appls stay; Grt FR w/FP&amp;D/W o lrg deck. Mstr BR w/BA has roll-in shower. Home has hadicap access w/ramp from gar to bsmt. (29009792) \$314,900</p>	 <p><b>South Lyon</b> 248-437-3800 Prestigious Trotter's Pointe Home features 3 car garage, fireplace, lots of storage and is on one of the largest lots in sub. Open Sunday 1-4. (29024609) \$278,000</p>	 <p><b>Westland</b> 248-348-6430 Totally Updated Maintenance Free Home New roof, updated BA, new win, carpet, 6 panel doors, steel DRs, ceramic tile in foyer, HWH, all appls, shed, 2 car gar &amp; a patio w/a retractable awning. (28133015) \$124,900</p>
 <p><b>Dearborn Heights</b> 734-591-9200 Lg Nth DH Home on huge lot w/oversiz gvr Ovr 1350 sq ft. Never wind. Lg yd w/pool &amp; deck. Fireplace, High eff furn, nwr HWH, Updtd BAs. Short sale sub) to bank app. Buy respon for DH city inspe. Comp fee \$199 24 hr not (29023907) \$65,000</p>	 <p><b>Howell</b> 248-437-3800 Wonderful Floor Plan! Newer end unit w/lrg 1st flr mstr. Vaulted LR w/skylights &amp; FP, open to dining area &amp; kitchen. Hrdwd flrs entry, kit, din. area &amp; powder rm. 1st flr laundry. (29024080) \$179,900</p>	 <p><b>Northville</b> 248-348-6430 Unique Opportunity in Historic District One of the prized sites in Northville. 2BD, 2BA farm house w/frnd walkout BSMT, 2 stry carriage house w/attd carport. Plus a separate vac lot. Approx .75 acres. (29020632) \$674,900</p>	 <p><b>Plymouth</b> 734-455-7000 HUGE PRICE REDUCTION! \$60K in upgrades in '07. Kit w/cherry cabts, corian countertop &amp; ceramic tile. New paint t/o '07. Hickory hrdwd flr in GR &amp; foyer. 1st flr mstr BR &amp; laundry. (29024591) \$279,900</p>	 <p><b>South Lyon</b> 248-437-3800 Corporate Relo Forces Sale Pond view off a quiet cul-de-sac w/one of the best lots in the community. Spacious gourmet kit., soaring ceilings in GR, fully fin. W/O LL w/wet bar &amp; 2nd kit. (29025076) \$269,900</p>	 <p><b>Westland</b> 734-284-5400 POPULAR TONQUISH SUBDIVISION Beautiful brick ranch. 2 car garage, 1.5 BA. All neutral tones thru-out. Kitchen w/ oak cabinets &amp; bath in oak too. Newer windows, roof, furn, HWH, Florida rm. (28154627) \$79,900</p>
 <p><b>Dearborn Heights</b> 248-348-6430 Attention Builders! Lot w/ 2 Car Garage! Great price on this premium lot with a brand new 2 car garage. Crestwood schools, fenced yard &amp; a large shed! New construction will be built unless lot is sold. (27193396) \$38,000</p>	 <p><b>Keego Harbor</b> 248-684-1065 Bank-owned foreclosure in good condition! Open flr plan. Updates: drywall, carpet, closets w/ organizers, 6-panel drs, furnace, water heater, and more! (29007364) \$40,000</p>	 <p><b>Northville</b> 734-455-7000 STUNNING HOME! 3rd hole on T of Arnold Palmer golf course. Hrdwd foyer, kit, LR, DR, &amp; lib. Maple/granite kit. Mstr w/sitting rm. Jet tub. Exceptional daylight LL w/BR &amp; BA. (29018502) \$499,000</p>	 <p><b>Plymouth</b> 734-455-7000 COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY! Come home to this warm and cozy bungalow w/natural fireplace and lots of natural wood. Oak cabinet kitchen w/laminate floor. 2 full baths. Large backyard. (29015504) \$155,000</p>	 <p><b>South Lyon</b> 248-437-3800 Premium Lot Overlooking Pond! Well maintained home. Hardwood floors in kit &amp; foyer. Bay window. Custom window treatments stay. Workshop in bsmt. Freshly painted. Open Sun 1-4. (29007937) \$214,000</p>	 <p><b>Westland</b> 248-348-6430 GREAT! LEVEL CONDO w/ Spacious LR NEWER WINDOWS, ROOF &amp; CENTRAL AIR. GALLEY KIT w/ DR. WOOD FLRS IN BRs. FINSHD LL w/ STORAGE WORK ROOM, &amp; LAUNDRY. PLAY AREA &amp; COMMUNITY CENTER. PETS WELCOME. (29015785) \$50,000</p>