

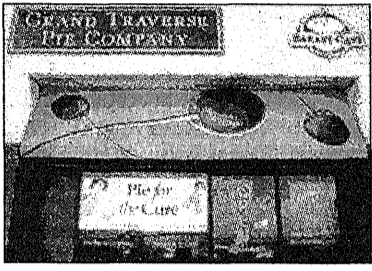
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PIPELINE



Plymouth's Grand Traverse Pie Company kicks off its second annual "Pie for the Cure" fund-raiser Friday.

Piece of the pie

Grand Traverse Pie Company restaurants — whose motto is "SAVE LIVES. EAT PIE!" — will kick off the second annual "Pie for the Cure" fund-raiser and donate 50 cents for each 9-inch dessert pie sold to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast cancer organization beginning Friday and continuing through Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10.

The local community is invited to the "Pie for the Cure" kick-off celebration at Grand Traverse's Plymouth location on Ann Arbor Road west of Haggerty at 3 p.m. Friday. Guests can enjoy a complimentary slice of pie and coffee and receive breast cancer awareness information from Susan G. Komen for the Cure representatives.

A new addition this year to the "Pie for the Cure" fund-raiser are Apple Pie Fridays, sponsored by the Michigan Apple Committee, who will double donation efforts (\$1) on all 9-inch apple and apple crumb pies that are sold each Friday of the fund-raiser. Another addition, \$2 of each whole pie order placed online at www.gtpie.com, will be donated to the cause and pies can be shipped anywhere in the U.S.

Women winners

Plymouth's Cynthia Bir, associate professor and director of research for the Wayne State University Bioengineering Center, is among those to be honored when the Women of Wayne Alumni Association hosts its annual Headliner Award luncheon and program Saturday, April 25.

For 43 years, the Headliner Awards have been presented to Wayne State University alumnae whose achievements have made headlines in the media during the preceding year. The award calls attention to the fact that Wayne State women are making their mark in society.

The Women of Wayne Headliners luncheon and program will begin at 11 a.m. at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods. Cost is \$35. For reservations, call (313) 577-2167.



Bir

Still no sign of missing teen

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Though Plymouth Township police were working with law enforcement agencies in other states and sifting through dozens of tips they've received, they were on Wednesday no closer to finding a teenager missing since Monday morning.

Justin Wainwright, 15, apparently left the Plymouth area around 2 a.m. Monday



Wainwright

Zohr

with an 18-year-old friend, Joshua Zohr of Northville. According to information posted by the teens' families on a Web site, the two left

in Zohr's red Pontiac Grand Prix.

Police issued an Amber Alert for Wainwright Monday after becoming troubled by some writings from one of the teens that suggested Wainwright may be in danger.

"We're still working with (police in) other states, checking out tips," said Plymouth Township police Chief Tom Tiderington. An Ohio State Highway

Patrol check was made on Zohr's license plate — BYP1180 — at 5:43 Monday morning after the car was seen at an Ohio rest stop. No action was taken at the time.

According to published reports, Wainwright left a note saying he and Zohr had left together, would be gone "a week or so" and weren't taking cell phones.

Wainwright is Caucasian, stands 5-foot-8 and weighs some 140 pounds, with

brown eyes and brown hair, according to the alert. Zohr is also 5-foot-8 inches and weighs some 125 pounds.

Anyone with information is asked to call 9-1-1 or the Plymouth Township Police Department at (734) 354-3232. The boys' families have also established a Web site at www.findjoshandjustin.com

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Leaders: Progress shown despite tight finances

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Plymouth area political and school officials on Wednesday painted a portrait of an energetic and innovative community that's pulling together despite a big concern — stagnant and falling revenue — that hangs over it.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual state-of-the-community luncheon at Plymouth Manor featured four speakers, from the city, Plymouth Township, Wayne County and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, who were upbeat about progress even as they stressed there isn't any extra money in the coffers.

"It's everywhere," said township Supervisor Richard Reaume of budget problems. "The state was talking about it, the county for sure. The city, the schools."

Reaume outlined steps the township has taken to cut spending, from pay cuts and pay freezes to a reduction in work hours for some employees to keeping positions in the police and fire departments vacant.

Nevertheless, Reaume seemed positive, presenting two slide shows and talking about efforts to diversify the local economy.

"That has been my push for the last several years," said Reaume, who is in his fifth year as supervisor.

Reaume said Secure 24, a records-storage facility and computer-server host for outside companies, was convinced to stay in the township through the joint efforts of the township, the

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Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox talked about budget challenges facing the county.

Deficits loom as district eyes budget process

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If the Plymouth-Canton school board does nothing else and the numbers crunch the way the district's financial team has planned, there will be enough money in the district's projected \$2 million deficit in 2009-10.

It's the following year that really presents problems.

As budget predictions sit now, the school district faces a potential \$7.4 million deficit in 2011, when it will have only about \$2.5 million in its fund equity. The numbers take into account a foundation level — the per-pupil amount of state funding — staying at a consistent \$7,604 over the next two years. Gov. Jennifer Granholm has said the level will remain the same while the state gets projected revenue from President Barack Obama's stimulus package.

Originally, administrators had expected a \$59 cut in state funding. And not everyone is convinced it still won't happen.

"This is my fourth budget ... and I don't think the state has met what it said it was going to do at this time of year," Trustee Steven Sneiderman said. "I'm a little nervous about them doing that again."

The school board, which has made some \$16 million in budget cuts over the last eight years, is beginning the budget process for the 2009-10 school year. Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel and Jim Larso-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, presented the initial budget document for trustees to begin considering.

The proposed budget calls for more than \$156 million in revenue, but also more than \$158 million in expenditures. Among the factors impacting the budget: \$2.3 million in STEP increases and related costs and an 8-percent increase in health care costs.

Some have called for an end to the STEP process — where teachers get an automatic raise as they move through their contract — but Fiegel warned the board it was a contractual obligation. "STEP increases are part of contracts," he said. "You'd have to negotiate that out."

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Dr. Craig Fiegel, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, talked about the budget and updated several projects under way in the district.

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Bathey set to stay as is, for now

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a metaphorical sigh of relief, Plymouth officials on Monday closed a chapter of the decades-long drama over an unused factory site.

The next chapter, they said, is likely months from being started.

A voice vote — no dissenters were heard — by the Plymouth City Commission at its regular meeting dropped a requirement that a developer complete demolition on the former Bathey industrial complex on Mill north of Ann Arbor Trail by the end of the month. Connektiv Communities of Royal Oak plans to transform the 16-acre site into a commercial and residential area, which it has dubbed Trailhead, anchored by a YMCA, but had asked for a sec-

ond extension of the demolition deadline.

City Manager Paul Sincock said economic conditions likely mean any development is at least six months away, if not longer.

Connektiv has floated conceptual drawings — and wants to keep part of the factory structure up as part of a new YMCA — but has presented no formal site plans or firm commitments.

"They can't move forward until they go to the Planning Commission," Sincock told the City Commission.

Connektiv was not represented at Monday's meeting and did not respond to a request for comment.

Until redevelopment plans take shape, the site will remain in its current condition, with part of the structure still up, offi-

cial said. But Connektiv will be responsible for site security and will have to address any remaining environmental issues before construction, they said.

The property was once the site of a tool and die shop; the city obtained it several years ago for nonpayment of taxes after a protracted legal battle.

More recently, the property was sold to Connektiv for a little more than \$2.2 million. Sincock said the commission's action Monday means the city can now proportionately distribute the sale proceeds to other taxing entities, such as Wayne County, Schoolcraft College and the Plymouth District Library, after reimbursing itself for its expenses.

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County commission studies transparency

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County residents — or anyone who has access to the Internet, for that matter — soon may be able to access county budget expenditures online.

County Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, who chairs the Task Force on Transparency in Wayne County and the commission's Ways and Means Committee, conducted a public hearing Monday at Livonia City Hall with hopes of starting a process where county government can become more transparent, that is publicly accounting for every tax dollar that is spent.

The transparency discussion has moved to the forefront since 2006, when Congress passed and President Bush signed into law the Federal Funding

Accountability and Transparency Act. That bill was supported by then U.S. Sen. Barack Obama. The bill created a publicly searchable Web site for all federal contracts, grants and loans and other financial assistance available in a regularly updated, user-friendly and searchable format.

Several state lawmakers updated the commission on what they were doing on the issue. Others updated the audience on potential misuse of dollars and how lawmakers were addressing it.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, said lawmakers were considering a bill that requires that lawmakers who leave their office would have to wait two years before they can be employed as lobbyists. That bill would help remove any potential conflict of interest on votes that lawmakers may make on a con-

tract for a company they may represent later. "We didn't see it as a problem, but more of a building block to get where we want to be," said Corriveau.

Sue Hall, director of administration for Sheriff Warren Evans, said the Wayne County sheriff department wanted to be transparent on the revenue and expenditure side of it, but reminded commissioners that exemptions were allowed for law enforcement employees.

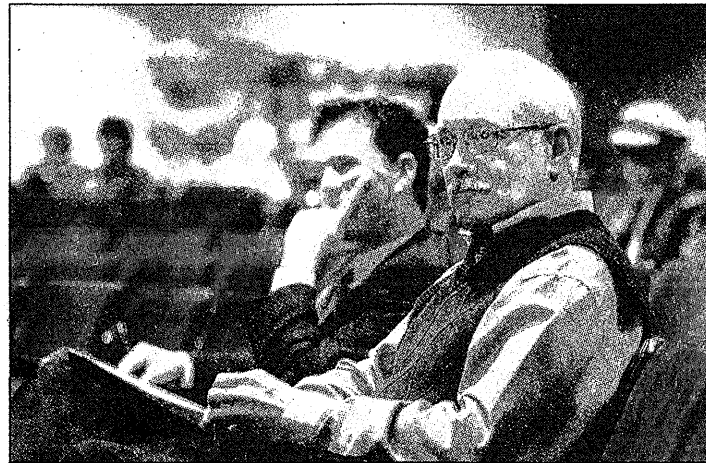
Scott Hagerstrom, state director for Americans for Prosperity, named six states that list their expenditures online, including Minnesota, Oklahoma and Texas.

"Let every taxpayer see where the money goes," Hagerstrom said. Hagerstrom challenged state lawmakers to bring the transparency bills up for a vote. "We want the state budget online

immediately," he said. Local governments, like Brighton Township, update their expenditure list with a PDF file every two weeks. "We'd like to see you do that immediately," Hagerstrom told commissioners.

Commission Chairman Edward Boike wondered about the cost of placing the information on-line and whether taxpayers would want to pay anywhere between \$200,000 to \$1 million for the service. But Hagerstrom believed the costs would be minimal if the information is copied from PDF or other computer files. Several states were doing it for less than \$300,000, he said.

Lisa McGraw, public affairs manager for the Michigan Press Association, supported transparency as an "advocate for open government," she said. "Taxpayers have a right to know,"



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (left) and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume listen to county commissioners discuss transparency in government.

McGraw said. "It will help to educate the public and help democracy."

Rose Bogaert, chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association, said taxpayers need this information.

"We need it to compliment you when your doing something right

and guide you when you're doing something wrong," Bogaert said. Bogaert also told Boike that she saw county expenses for far more money that made less sense to her.

Cox's staff has already placed her office's expenditures online for the public to view.

CORRECTION

A story March 8 Observer about the band competition at Thurston High School in Redford should have said the auditorium in which the competition was held was a brand new room and addition to the school, part of a bond millage proposal that included the auditorium, a field house and parking lot. The new William F. Weber auditorium publicly opened in April 2008.

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Benefit concert

Student-run radio station 88.1-FM presents Telarc recording artist Keri Noble, with special guests The Mean Reds and Rachele Eve, for a special concert Saturday, March 28, at the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School in Canton.

Noble was born in Detroit and now makes her home in Minneapolis. This month she released a new self-titled CD on Telarc Records. This CD follows "Fearless" and "Let it Go" which both were very successful in Japan.

Rachele Eve grew up in Plymouth. She was attracted to Chicago's diverse music scene so she set out for the windy city. On the search for a much more intimate yet driving sound, it was not even a month until she met her partner, Nikolai Giefer, a drummer and producer that relocated to Chicago after Hurricane Katrina. In October of 2007, Giefer introduced Eve to his former professor and record producer John Snyder, a veteran in jazz recording (Miles Davis, Etta James) and founder of Artists House Music Foundation. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. They can be ordered on-line at www.881TheEscape.com (\$2.50 service charge). The show is at 7:30 p.m. and doors open at 7 p.m. All the profits from the show will benefit WSDP, the student radio station at Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools.

Career seminar

Thought about a career in Real Estate? Keller Williams hosts a 59-minute career seminar 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday) to find out why now is a great time to get into real estate.

Your questions will be answered about commissions, costs and what it takes and your potential to succeed.

Keller Williams Realty is located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, in Plymouth. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a seat.

Passport Day

The Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Plymouth hosts a Passport Fair in Plymouth Township 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28,



Scholarship winner

Michigan's Junior Miss State Scholarship Program was held at Saline High School March 14, with Plymouth-Canton representative Willa Chen (far right) finishing as the runner-up to the winner, Joanna Bierlein of Bay County (next to Chen). Fourteen high school senior young women from all over the state of Michigan competed for \$13,000.00 in college scholarship money at this event. The contestants completed in the areas of scholastic achievement, physical fitness, self expression, talent, and personal interview. America's Junior Miss, Lindsey Brinton, was a guest performer. Chen was awarded a \$500 cash scholarship for Scholastic Achievement, a \$500 cash scholarship for high point talent, and \$2,000 for being named first runner up. Willa performed a piano piece to Valse in E Minor by Frederic Chopin. Also pictured are Madelyn Wager of Greenville and Naomi Lin of Ann Arbor.

to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications.

The Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Plymouth is joining the Department of State in celebrating "Passport Day in the USA", a national passport acceptance and outreach event.

Beginning June 1, U.S. citizens must present a passport book, passport card or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government to enter the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea-ports of entry.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a passport book and/or a passport card is available at plymouthtp.org and at travel.state.gov. U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

The Plymouth Township Clerk's Office is located at 9955 Haggerty. For more information, call (734) 354-3229.

Nelson concert

Ricky Nelson Remembered' comes to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton March 27. This performance will benefit the non-profit bereavement outreach work of New Hope Center for Grief Support.

New Hope is kicking off its 10th anniversary year with this exciting performance. 'Ricky Nelson Remembered' is presented by Matthew and Gunnar, twin sons of rock 'n' roll legend Ricky Nelson and grandsons of TV's Ozzie and Harriet Nelson. They produced the 90-minute performance as a tribute to their 'Pop.'

The evening starts with champagne cocktails and finger desserts at 7 p.m. Patrons will be seated starting at 7:40 for an 8 p.m. performance.

For tickets phone the Village Theater box office 734-394-5300, or purchase online at www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater. A portion of your ticket purchase is tax-deductible.

Miller Woods meeting

The annual meeting for Friends of Miller Woods takes place 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at the Plymouth District Library.

A review of the past year and planning for upcoming events will be the agenda. The public is welcome to attend the meeting as an opportunity to learn about this pristine remnant of early Michigan that is a part of Plymouth Township.

Patterson hours
State Sen. Bruce Patterson's district representative, Sue Trussell, will be conducting office hours 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 20, at the Northville District Library.

The library is located at 212 W. Cady in Northville.

Flute duo

Husband-and-wife organ and flute duo Scott and Melissa Elsholz will be joined by renowned guest flutist Lauren Erickson in a varied concert of musical gems 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at St. John's Episcopal Church.

The program includes the famous G minor Flute Sonata by J.S. Bach, liturgical meditations by the renowned Taizé composer Jacques Berthier, two dances by living American composer Gary Schocker, and an exquisite suite of character pieces by the beloved English composer John Rutter.

Admission is free. St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth.

For more information, call Scott Elsholz, (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16, or e-mail him at selsholz@stjohnsplymouth.org

Home-buying seminar

Community Financial Mortgage Services and Remerica Hometown invite potential home buyers to attend a free seminar for First Time Home Buyers. The seminar will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at Community Financial located at 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

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For more information or to RSVP to attend this free seminar, call (734) 582-8500.

Stardock nears tax break for expansion plans

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Beam them up, Scotty. Stardock Corp. of Plymouth Township, a software company with a growing computer-game business, was given industrial development district status on Tuesday for its headquarters on Beck Road, a step toward a township tax break intended to help the company with its planned expansion.

The Board of Trustees vote to create the district was 7-0 at the regular board meeting.

Officials did not say how much the planned tax abatement could be worth. Stardock's next step is to provide details about expansion plans; the tax break will be based on the amount spent on expansion.

Stardock plans to hire about 50 people — artists, animators and software developers — over the next three or four years. The physical expansion is to take place inside the company's current building and is to include a new game studio. Some 44 people work at Stardock now.

The planned \$1 million expansion accompanies a market breakout for Stardock, which excited computer gamers last month with news that it intends to develop a new role-playing game.

"It has operated ... generally under the radar for a few years," said attorney Richard Barr, who represented Stardock at the board meeting. "A very exciting company that started small and is growing quickly."

Stardock was founded in the early 1990s by chief executive officer Brad Wardell of Canton Township, who was a college student at the time.

The company's expansion plans were also helped by a state tax credit worth an estimated \$1.2 million over 10 years.

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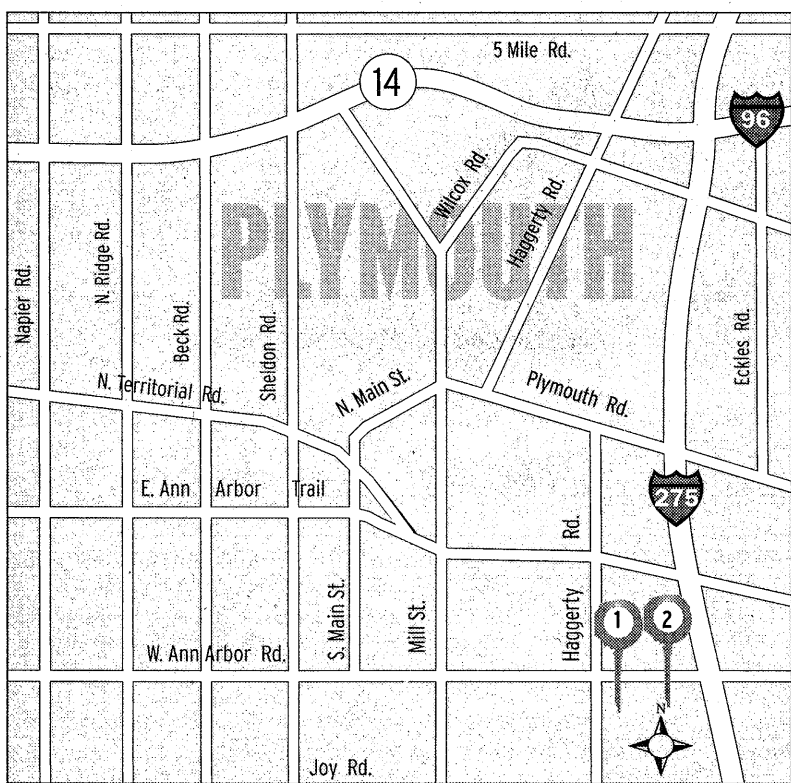
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PUBLIC SAFETY



MADD applauds good police work

Mothers Against Drunk Driving honored local police officers for their efforts in keeping roads safer. Awards were presented Thursday, March 12, at the annual LifeSavers luncheon at Burton Manor in Livonia.

Local officers honored are: Canton Police Department — Officer Michael Andes; Livonia Police Department — Officer Eric Eisenbeis; Michigan State Police Detroit #29 — Trooper Christopher Kurish; Michigan State Police Detroit #25 — Trooper Joseph Mankiewicz; Plymouth Township Police Department — Officer Michael Fritz; Redford Township Police Department — Officer Crystal Pasiak; Wayne County Sheriff's Department — Sgt. Ronald Rosselle, Cpl. Keith Rachwal, Cpl. Brian Glatfelter, Sgt. Rommel Saleh; Sgt. Cameron Porzondek; and Westland Police Department — Officer Kenneth Percin.

Ron Savage of FOX-2 News was master of ceremonies and Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano welcomed the honorees and their

guests.

MADD is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit grass roots organization with more than 400 entities nationwide. MADD is not a crusade against alcohol consumption — "MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking," said Nechole McClendon of MADD Wayne County. Founded in 1980, MADD has helped save more than 300,000 lives and has trained more than 1,200 victim advocates across the country. For more information, visit www.madd.org.

MADD is only one of several organizations nationwide spreading the message about the dangers of alcohol. But the millions of dollars spent on alcohol advertising each year pales in comparison to the economic and social cost of drunken driving paid by the innocent, which not only includes innocent victims but innocent taxpayers who share the economic cost. Consider that:

- Alcohol impaired drivers are estimated to cost American taxpayers \$21-\$24 billion dollars per

year, according to a recent Allstate Insurance Co. study.

- National Geographic recently stated that alcohol abuse costs American society \$136 billion annually.

- According to the Michigan Drunk Driving audit in 2004, the state had 364 alcohol related traffic fatalities (58 in Wayne County alone).

- Underage drinking costs the U.S. more than \$58 billion every year — enough to buy every public school student a state-of-the-art computer.

- More than 100,000 deaths in the U.S. each year are attributable to excessive alcohol consumption.

- Alcohol kills five times more teenagers than all other drugs combined.

- A study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows there are nearly two alcohol-related traffic deaths per hour, 43 per day, and 303 per week. This is the equivalent of two jetliners crashing per week.

- One out of every two Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related accident in his or her lifetime.

The eyes have it: Cop in store spots, then arrests, shoplifter

A Plymouth Township police officer who was finishing a shoplifting report at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road on March 10 was in the store to witness a second shoplifting — and make a second arrest — about an hour after the first.

It was just after 9:30 p.m., a Plymouth Township Police Department report said, and the officer was at the store gathering information about the earlier incident when a store guard told him of a man he was watching over the store's surveillance system. The officer joined the guard at a monitor.

The man being watched, police said, picked up a compact disc and walked around with it, opening the package and slipping the disc into a pocket of his sweater. Then he did the same with a game disc for a Sony Playstation, police said, and tried to leave without paying for the items.

The guard stopped the suspect and brought him to the security office, where he was arrested. The 19-year-old Canton Township man

CRIME

faces a charge of third-degree retail fraud.

Earlier shoplifting

In the earlier March 10 incident at Kmart, a 36-year-old Northville woman reportedly used a number of ways to conceal merchandise she had intended to steal.

A Kmart guard told police he had watched on a video surveillance system as the woman put items into a large purse, put a new pair of shoes on her feet and put her own shoes into the purse, and went into a dressing room with two bras and put them on.

The woman then purchased candy and pop, the guard said, and left the checkout line without paying for the other items. The guard detained her and called police.

The woman was arrested on a charge of second-degree retail fraud.

By Matt Jachman

Ex-ATF investigator explains bureau's job

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

These days, Isaac Hood is occupied with his new business as a Space Walk owner, providing inflatables for kids' parties and other events. He retired in July 2008 after some 20 years as an investigator for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Hood has a background in human resources and chose to go on the investigative side of the federal agency. Agents at the ATF have a different role.

"They carry the sidearm," Hood said. "They're the ones you see on television most of the time."

These days, you're likely to hear about the ATF related to arsons, firearms and explosives, Hood said.

Hood, whose wife teaches grade school in the Ypsilanti system, gave a brief history of his former employer.

Its origins date to 1933 and the end of Prohibition when it was the alcohol tax unit.

"They wanted to make sure they were able to collect taxes," he said.

A familiar name, Eliot Ness of "The Untouchables" fame, came up early in ATF history. In 1968, the agency began looking at firearms with the Gun Control Act of that year.

"We had a lot of automatic weapons that were out there, illegal guns," Hood said.

As a result, a national registry for guns was established.

In 2002, ATF went under the Justice Department, with a new bureau created for the alcohol side. "E" was added for explosives investigations.

The agency has some 5,000 staffers nationwide, about 2,000 of them agents. Hood was one of two recruiters for Michigan, visiting universities and

career fairs.

His work included making sure business owners complied with the law. Hood described the National Tracing Center which traces firearms used in crimes.

"It's in place to protect the public by reducing violent crime," he said.

Detroit-based agents were at the Super Bowl, baseball All-Star Game and other well-attended events. Bomb-sniffing dogs go through arenas and stadiums "to make sure they're safe for the public."

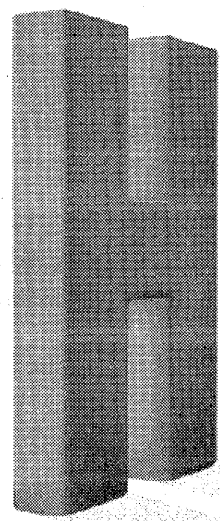
Agents generally retire after 20 years, with longer terms for investigators. Hood and colleagues were proud of outreach efforts like Project Neighborhood, visits to talk to students about firearms.

"We try to talk to the business owners as well," he said.

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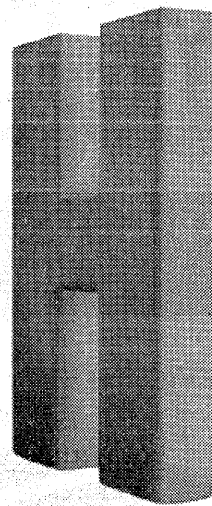
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One good week on stock market doesn't tell us much

After months of free fall, the stock market finally put together a good week. All three of the major indexes ended the week in positive territory — the best week on Wall Street in four months. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 9 percent for the week, while the S&P 500 and the NASDAQ market were both up nearly 11 percent last week.

Obviously, last week's stock market rally was a breath of fresh air for investors who've been beaten up over the last year. However, the real issue is what does the stock market rally mean?

I don't have an answer. I would

love to say it marks the bottom of the stock market and we are on our way up. I can't. In today's volatile times, where we have seen incredibly wide swings in the market over short periods of time, one good week in the market does not mean that the worst is behind us. Basically, one good week in the market means simply that we had one good week.

Not unexpectedly, I have received numerous e-mails from investors who have bailed out of the stock market and are questioning whether now is the time to jump back in.

My response to these individuals is that I am not a market timer and I do not believe that is a strategy that most people should implement. After all, when you time the market you have to be correct twice, once when you buy and once when you sell and over the years, no one has been able to

do that consistently.

What I have told those investors is that it's not the market that determines whether you should be investing or not, but rather what your individual goals and objectives are. I've always believed that markets are irrational and unpredictable over short-term periods, but are much more understandable when you look long term. Investors should not be investing in the stock market thinking they will get rich quick. Typically, when you invest thinking that you can get rich over the short run, the only thing that happens is inevitably you lose money.

I know this seems like old-fashioned advice, but the stock market is for the long run and what happens over any week should not cause an investor to change their strategy one way or the other. Therefore, if you are a

nervous investor and pulled out of the market because you were concerned with the volatility, one week of an up market should not cause you to jump back in.

The stock market rarely goes straight forward in one direction. When the market is trending up, there are many down days and vice versa. When the market is trending down, there are many up periods. Because of the wide fluctuations in the market, it is difficult to see overall trends over short-term periods of time. The only way we will know what the bottom of the market was is when we look back over time and say yes, that was the bottom of the market.

It may take another year for us to determine when the actual bottom was hit. After all, in this volatile, crazy market, anything can happen. Next week may be another great week in the market

or we may give up all the gains that we saw last week. We just don't know.

There are all sorts of soothsayers who claim that their stock system can predict when the bottom has been reached and when it's the right time to get back in. I wish that their claims were accurate as it would make life a lot easier; unfortunately, they are clueless.

That is why the one sure way to invest, the way that gives you the highest chance of success, is to invest based upon your individual situation.

What that means is that short-term needs for money are kept out of the market and only long-term money is in the market. Of course, you do have the aberration like last year where everything went down; however, remember last year was the aberration, not the norm.

I've always told investors not to let emotions dictate their investment decisions. Emotions are a two-way street. I don't believe we should get overly giddy when the market is rising; nor should we get overly depressed when the market is falling.

Emotions need to be kept out of investing as much as possible. You need a clear mind when it comes to investing so you can make the right decision not the decision that provides you with the most short-term comfort, but the one that best suits your situation both short-term and long-term. Good luck!

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Dining with the Stars sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* takes a special twist this month. The winner will dine with the yoga stars of metro Detroit.

The group includes Katherine Lucas, founder of Karma Yoga, Inc.; Sara Davidson, ERYT-500; Matthew Darling of Ashtangamichigan.com; and Linda Kay of Yoga Shelter.

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with yoga stars at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 31.

The contest winner will be treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo, a makeover courtesy of Christine from the Beauty Salon in Birmingham, a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in



Pictured are Matthew Darling (right back), Sara Davidson (middle front), Katherine Lucas (front), Buddy's owner and student, Robert Jacobs (center); Linda Kay (back left) and Aaron Fenton (left). Davidson, Lucas, Darling and Kay are participating in this month's Dining with the Stars contest.

Bloomfield Hills.

Robert Jacobs, owner of Buddy's Pizza and an 18-year student of yoga, says the yoga community played a major role in his recovery from Guillain-Barre syndrome, a rare autoimmune disease which attacks the body's

nerves. He used yoga to heal and was supported by the yoga community.

His quest for health has expanded into his own business. He created a healthy nine multi-grain pizza which will be served at the yoga stars lunch.

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county and the state, and that state and local tax breaks are helping Stardock Corp., a software company with a growing game business, expand its headquarters in the township and add jobs.

Plymouth Mayor Phil Pursell said city officials had earlier taken steps to prepare for an economic downturn, and that the city has a current fund balance.

He praised city employees, who, he said, continue to do more with fewer resources and have a deep commitment to Plymouth. He also spoke about the work of local service clubs, mentioning the Rotary and the Kiwanis, which provide local youths with scholarships that let them join athletic leagues they couldn't otherwise afford.

"We keep working together, and I think that's what's important," he said. The city, he added, is "always looking for that room for improvement."

Pursell mentioned discussions between city and township officials, and officials in Northville and Northville Township, on the possibility of creating a regional fire and emergency medical service. People want a quick response when they dial 9-1-1, he said, but "it's getting very, very expensive to provide that service."

Housing values in Plymouth have fallen over the past year, but the impact on the city's property tax revenue has been relatively slight. Next year, Pursell said, will be more telling.

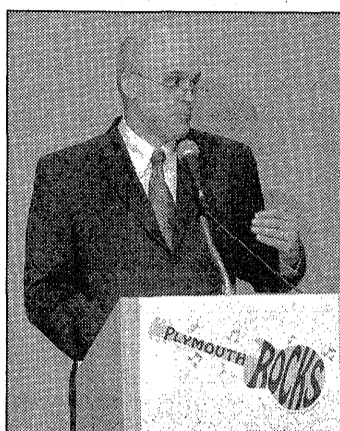
"We're really concerned about home values," he said.

Laura Cox, who represents the area on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, said



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A full house listened as local leaders talked about the state of the community at Wednesday's luncheon.



Plymouth Mayor Phil Pursell extolled the city's virtues during his speech at the State of the Community luncheon Wednesday.

the county is deep in a financial hole, with an estimated deficit that could reach \$116 million this fiscal year. But, Cox said, County Executive Robert Ficano is focused on the problem, and she, as chairwoman of the board's Ways and Means Committee, is ready to tackle it.

Cox has also begun a push for more transparency in county government, including a Web site that would put county dealings at the public's fingertips, and said her first hearing on the topic, held

Monday in Livonia, was a success.

"Families in Wayne County deserve the ability to monitor how their tax dollars are being spent," Cox said.

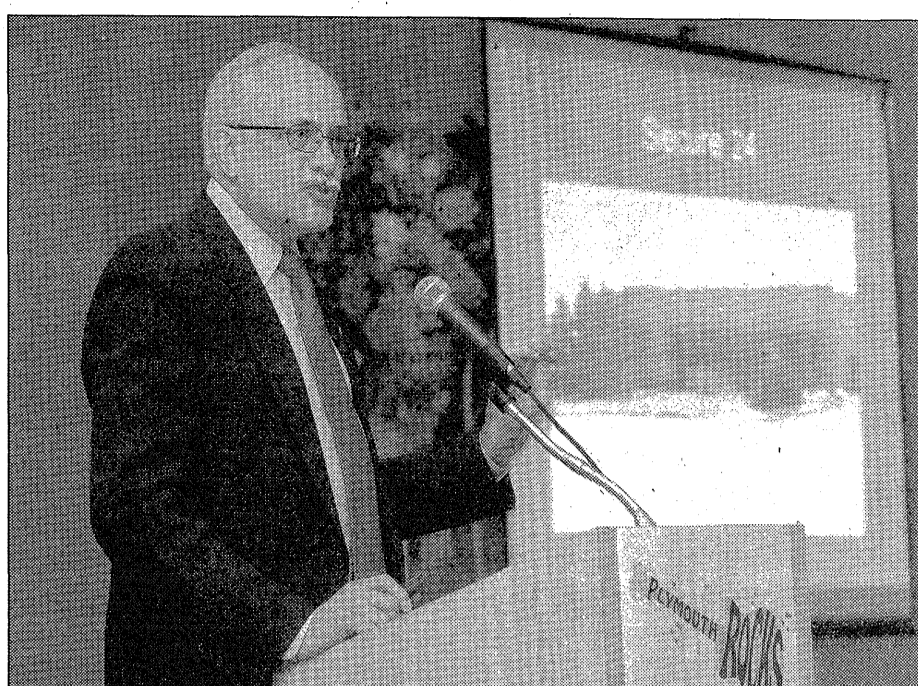
School district Superintendent Craig Fiegel also stressed a tight budget, saying that \$16 million has been cut in recent years and that it doesn't appear that the district's foundation grant from the state will increase for the coming state fiscal year. Expenses, however, are increasing, he said.

"I don't have any money, and when you don't have any money, there's not much you can do," Fiegel said.

But Fiegel mentioned many positives for the district, including the preliminary results of recent student testing that show improvements in 21 of 28 areas, an initiative to "go green" in an attempt to improve buildings and cut energy costs, and a welcoming and supportive community.

"I was lucky to inherit a district that had high achievement," said Fiegel, who was named superintendent last summer.

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Passion, talent send strong message

The Plymouth-Canton community becomes more and more diverse by the day, and the Plymouth-Canton school district, by and large, does a pretty good job embracing it.

They'll give it a bit of a hug again next weekend, when the Second Stage Players present *The Laramie Project* at the DuBois Little Theatre in Canton High School.

Director Shannon McNutt and the cast of a dozen actors brings to life the characters in Moises Kaufman's play about the reaction to the 1998 murder of University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyo., a killing widely considered to be a hate crime.

It's been a controversial play, because many directors play it for the homophobic aspects that have drawn protestors to many productions. McNutt sees it differently, less a discussion of our differences than a chance to open a dialogue about our similarities.

She's cleaned up most of the language, but has made certain to post the parental warnings on the audition sheets and any publicity the Players have done.

The cast features a dozen actors playing some 60 roles. The original play used eight actors, and McNutt herself was going to limit it to 10, but there were so many good auditions she increased the cast.

It's part of what sets the school district's dramatic troupes apart. They see a challenge, they rise to it. Second Stage is tackling homophobia, tolerance and respect this year; last year, the Park Players attacked the darkness that lives in *Jekyll and Hyde*. It's the challenges that draw the attention. Park Players director Kristen Quesada had never done a musical revue; the Players are now in the middle of their run of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. If you haven't had a chance to see it, take the opportunity to attend one of this weekend's performances.

Then get ready for *The Laramie Project*. It lends a voice to all sides of the debate over hate crimes, over tolerance, over respect. Salem senior Tim Thompson, who has been accepted to the North Carolina School of the Arts, counts Fred Phelps — the controversial reverend who has led pickets against productions of the play — among the eight characters he plays. He lends the kind of passion Phelps — agree with him or not — feels for the issue.

"I have to play him as someone who is passionate in his beliefs," said Thompson, who admitted he was about 180 degrees from Phelps' philosophy. "The audience makes the determination of what kind of person he is."

It's what the actors in both the Park Players and Second Stage do best: They hit the stage and deliver great performances, and let the audience decide.

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Hire Montoya

I would like to offer my support of the re-hiring of Martin Montoya as director of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band. I am a junior in the program, and I have marched for three years. I can honestly say this season has been the best. It was completely different from the first two seasons that I was in this great program.

My first two years, I was not motivated to try very hard, I heard that we were Plymouth-Canton and we were the best. This year, Mr. Montoya showed me the down sides of our program. He taught me to never be satisfied with where I am, to always reach for more, and to want to be the real best, not just the best according to yourself.

I always thought we would be fine because we were Plymouth-Canton, but Mr. Montoya showed me that you have to earn the right to be good; you are not just good because people before you have been. He also taught me that giving up is simply not an option.

When everyone counted us down and out, he was the one that never gave up on us; he was the one that always told us we could be great, if we truly wanted to be.

I strongly believe that Mr. Montoya did a miraculous thing with the band this season. This band thought we were all down and out, we thought we were done, we all thought we would not make to the national finals at Indianapolis. We thought this for many reasons; we were scared about having a new director, we were scared about losing our visual caption head, we were scared about losing 50 good seniors, we were scared that we would not live up to the Plymouth-Canton name.

Mr. Montoya washed those fears away by showing us that he was a more than capable director; he showed us he was a great director. Mr. Montoya showed us that it was not all about who was telling us how to march, it was about us and how we wanted to march. Mr. Montoya showed us that losing 50 seniors just gave others an opportunity to step up and lead.

Mr. Montoya turned Plymouth-Canton back into what it used to be. A band was once a well-balanced marching band, that could play well, and march well, too. In recent years, the musical part of our program had not been what it once was. We could march really well and we had to compensate for the musical part of the program. Mr. Montoya was determined to change that, and change that he did. In past years, it was always the Plymouth-Canton marching band winning the MCBA competitions, but we sounded like garbage, and we knew it. We learned this year that it is not about what place you get, it is about how good you know you did. It was about giving it everything you had, and holding nothing back. It became about having pride about what you just sounded like out on the field, not just what you looked like.

This marching season can be defined by one word: adversity. Mr. Montoya was eight months behind in show design, hiring a staff and everything else. We had no reason to make the national finals at Indianapolis at all. Mr. Montoya did this season what Mr. Whitlock failed to do, he carried his first-year band all the way into finals on the national stage. We did not have a real visual caption head, we had a small, new staff.

I know that given all the advantages a band director should have in preparation, Mr. Montoya will take this band above and beyond what it has been in recent years.

LETTERS

What do you think?

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Seeing what he helped us achieve with such short preparation time, and help from others, it makes me so excited for next year. I am so excited to see what he can do with a full year to get ready for the upcoming season.

Paul Shanks

Canton High School Class of 2010

Let sun shine

It is very easy to find out the Michigan State Reptile. A short Google search yields the answer: Painted Turtle. It is also easy to find the words to the State song *My Michigan*.

Have you ever tried to find out the latest inspection report for the Plymouth Road bridge over I-275? Harder to find, but still doable; structurally deficient. Now try finding out how much of your money was spent for meals by elected officials during normal business hours.

This week, March 15-21, is Sunshine Week. It is the special time each year that highlights the need for government bodies to be transparent and provide free access to information that citizens need to play an active role in their communities. All government bodies need to let the sunshine in, from the federal, state, city and township government to local school districts. These organizations are all funded with public money and should be open to public review WITHOUT the need to file Freedom Of Information Act requests.

This goes beyond publishing legally required information such as open bidding on projects. It includes publishing the checkbooks online for all to see. No FOIA required. It also includes the items tracked by sunshineweek.org; death certificates, financial disclosures, audit reports, project expenditures, Department of Transportation projects, bridge inspection reports, fictitious registration of business names, disciplinary actions against attorneys, disciplinary actions against medical physicians, hospital inspection reports, nursing home inspection reports, child care center inspection reports, statewide school test scores, teacher certifications, school building inspections, school bus inspections, gas pump overcharges, consumer complaints against businesses, environmental citations, and campaign finance information.

Many of these items are readily available online, but many are not, yet. Let your local office holders know that they need to open the books and let the sunshine in.

Larry Martin

Plymouth Township

School pay cuts

I retired from the Plymouth-Canton Schools Maintenance Department last May. Now that I feel I can speak freely without putting my job and my family in jeopardy, I would like to share my feelings about the cutback inequality in our community regarding the school board management and administration (I call it freedom of speech without retaliation).

These soon-to-be cutbacks and cost-saving challenges will be affecting the staffs at our schools. They are already underpaid. I

don't know how you could ask a teacher to be paid any less to do the most important job — educating our children. But they will. I was with the school district for 18 years and I have observed many cutbacks in that period of time. And, as always, the little people are the first to feel it.

It is a fact that all over the country, and here in Michigan, everyone is taking an economic hit, big and small. In Washington, there are freezes on pay for anyone over \$100,000. Here in Michigan, Lansing is cutting departments and also making pay cuts for the big people. It seems to me that these leaders are putting their hats in the ring, realizing the sacrifices that will have to be made while our economy mends.

But it doesn't seem so when you look to the leaders of the Plymouth-Canton school district. Our superintendent makes \$195,000 a year — and that doesn't include the health care that we have to pay for him and his family. The governor of Michigan doesn't make that kind of money and she runs the whole state!

And while our school board is passing out pay hikes like candy to the top people in our schools, parents are shelling out their own money (in addition to their tax dollars) for the stuff on the infamous LIST that each student brings home detailing the things that their parents have to buy for the classroom — pencils, paper, art materials and even cleaning supplies. I also have heard of teachers spending their own money on supplies the parents could not (would not?) send in. How sad.

The total wages paid for the administration and management is \$6,810,247. The total paid for benefits is \$2,538,429 (you may go to the school board office and ask for these numbers yourself). That is a LOT of our tax money.

Well, I have a great idea that will save money for the district and people paying taxes for the Plymouth-Canton schools. I am suggesting this: The administration and the management should take a 10-percent cut in pay with a three-year pay freeze. Everyone who is paid over \$100,000 should pay their own health insurance.

Don't get me wrong. These are good people and probably worth the money. But they must toss their hat in the ring as well as everyone else. The cost savings on wages alone would be \$681,024 a year. Perhaps then that list that the children bring home in August can stay at school, and the money that the parents would spend on supplies for the classroom could go for bread and milk.

I had a coffee with Thomas Wysocki regarding this suggestion, and of course he said it couldn't be done. He did say that soon everyone will feel the pinch. So I asked him how the administration and management were going to staff an entire school district's management team.

It's time to speak up. We can all really make a difference in our schools.

John Pappas

Plymouth

COMMUNITY VOICE

Given the national recession, how do you think the Plymouth-area economy is doing?
We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"OK. It is affected by the auto industry."

Nancy Chapman
Plymouth Township



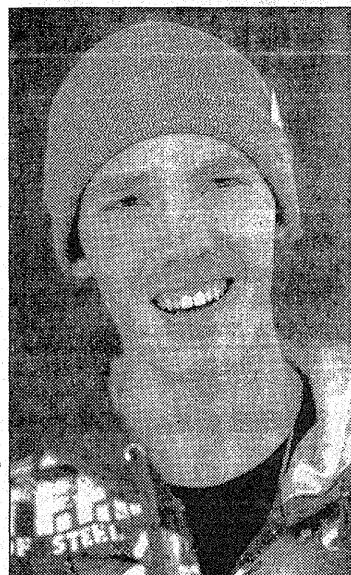
"I guess it's OK. It seems like the restaurant business is doing pretty well, but I'm kind of concerned about stores."

Marilyn Alimpich
Plymouth



"I think it's doing OK. Unfortunately, you see some of the stores (closing). Otherwise, it seems just ... normal."

Cindy Kochanek
Northville Township



"It seems pretty decent to me. ... I'm not from this area. I already got a job offer."

Leon Moran
Canton Township

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At left, simulated snakeskin accessories are hot for spring, and Pink Pump owner Tawny Thieu says you can pick up the trend at a reasonable price. At right, a display at the store.



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Owner Tawny Thieu is changing the name of her shop from Shoe Envy to the Pink Pump. The name will debut on the boutique's new location in Royal Oak, and change on the storefront in Bloomfield Hills and the signature "Heels on Wheels" Beetle.

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The Pink Pump

Local shoe store set to expand this spring

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

Times might be tough, but a girl's still gotta have her shoes. Even as the economy continues to contract, one local shoe store is poised to expand, opening a new location and setting the stage for more.

Shoe Envy, located in Bloomfield Hills with an outlet in Keego Harbor, expects to open a new location in Royal Oak next month, and will change its name to the Pink Pump in preparation for franchising.

Owner Tawny Thieu says women are still buying shoes, albeit maybe fewer, less expensive pairs.

"We sell affordable luxury,"

PINK PUMP SHOE DRIVE

The Pink Pump will host a shoe drive for charity throughout the month of April. Drop off gently used shoes in wearable condition, and get \$10 off your purchase. All donated shoes will be delivered to Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac in the Pink Pump's fuchsia and leopard "Heels on Wheels" Volkswagen Beetle.

said Thieu, 29, "People are still spending, they're just spending more wisely."

Customers realize the importance of shopping local, and they're looking for a value-added experience, she said.

That's why Thieu unveiled the "Heels on Wheels" concept last year. She and her staff now deliver stilettos and sandals to their customers in a Volkswagen Beetle. Thieu said they bring shoes to offices for private lunchtime shopping sprees, and visit homes for personal shoe styling.

Heads always turn when the fuchsia and leopard-print Bug pulls up to deliver gifts to unsuspecting recipients.

"If you're spending money you want to spend smart," she said. "The impact of having a pair of shoes delivered is great. Usually the person who gets a gift delivered turns around and buys a gift for someone else."

There are tons of fun sandals

for the coming season, Thieu said.

Look for animal skins, embellishments and the modified gladiator style, which has evolved since it hit the scene last year.

"For spring, there's a lot of fringe, natural stones and beads, and colors that look great with a tan," she said. "You're going to see the gladiator look, but softer, lacing mid-ankle or calf."

Thieu always recommends shoes with hidden wedges and platforms.

"They are great if you're on your feet," she said. "A little bit of cushion at the toe makes a big difference."

Shoes start at \$40 and go up to \$400, although Thieu admits high-end heels have become a hard sell.

"I think those day are over for a lot of people, especially if you

have daughters. Not every mom can come in and spend \$200 on a pair of shoes for every daughter," she said. "But I feel like you can still be part of the trends at any price."

Originally from Pontiac, Thieu graduated from Oakland University with a degree in business marketing. Using skills she picked up working at Heidi's Salon, Thieu opened Liquid Salon in Bloomfield Hills in April, 2005. A year later, with the opening of Shoe Envy, she fulfilled another dream.

"Growing up we didn't have a lot of money. I wore hand-me-downs from my sisters," Thieu said. "I always wanted a store. It's not even work, I love it so much, and that's why I want to give back because I know how it feels to go into a store with my mom and not be able to afford it."

Thieu said so many people have asked her advice on opening a shoe store she decided to offer franchise opportunities.

She plans to start locally and expand from there.

"We're one of the first women's shoe boutiques to offer that. It's a good time because a lot of people are taking company buyouts and entrepreneurial spirit is strong. We've had requests outside of Michigan as well," she said.

In order to avoid future conflicts, Thieu is dropping the name Shoe Envy, which is in use in other states. The change is expected to be finalized in April. Thieu is preparing to close her outlet store in Keego Harbor this spring, and everything is marked down.

In addition to shoes, Pink Pump carries fashion-forward T-shirts, accessories, handbags and belts. Free gift wrapping and delivery are available.

Shoe Envy/Pink Pump is located at 6606 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 539-9260. Hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Call (248) 683-1031 or visit www.shopshoenvy.com for updates on the new Royal Oak location.

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Koetting, Chiefs excel at state meet

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP GYMNASTICS

Canton's gymnastics team placed eighth at Friday's team state meet — but it was a strong eighth.

In one of the most talent-laden competitions in the history of high school gymnastics, Grand Ledge was crowned the 2008-09 champion at Rockford High School after compiling a meet-record 150.825 points, just over 8.5 more than the Chiefs' 142.225 total.

Canton placed just two points behind seventh-place Northville.

"We stuck our floor routines on Friday; in fact, we had our best score of the year (37.05)," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "But we were mediocre on bars and just OK on the beam."

"Overall, I was very proud of the girls. We just came up against some very strong teams."

The highlight of Saturday's individual state meet was Salem senior Katie Koetting's state-championship performance in the floor exercise. Koetting registered a sterling 9.6 to edge runner-up Emily Quint of Livonia Blue by less than a point.

Koetting's stellar effort in the floor-ex event vaulted her to a seventh-place finish in the Division 1 all-around standings with 37.275 points.

Canton's top performance on Saturday came from sopho-



Koetting



Piwowar

mores Cathy Huang and Robyn Piwowar, who placed third and fourth, respectively, on the vault with scores of 9.6 and 9.5.

"The girl who placed first

had a 9.9 and the second-place girl had a 9.825, so that shows you what kind of talent the girls were up against," said Cunningham.

Huang earned All-State recognition in the floor-ex competition when she placed eighth with a 9.4.

Piwowar finished 14th in the DI all-around.

Cunningham also praised the efforts of Mallory Hudak and Olivia Stephens.

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2009 ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

Red-hot hosts

Sizzling Whalers earn home-ice advantage with last-game win

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sunday's Ontario Hockey League regular-season finale between Plymouth and Sarnia proved to be much more than a pre-playoffs tune-up for both teams.

The Whalers' 6-1 triumph earned the OHL's hottest team home-ice advantage in the their first-round, best-of-seven playoff series against the Sting that faces off Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

Sunday's resounding victory improved Plymouth's fourth-place Western Conference record to 37-26-5-0, two points better than fifth-place Sarnia, which finished 35-26-4-3.

On paper, the Whalers are favored to advance to round two based on their 4-1-1-0 mark against the Sting this season. They also carry a load of momentum into Saturday's opener, having won 15 of their last 20 contests.

Plymouth is led by veteran Chris Terry, who amassed 36 goals and 55 assists in 53 games. The only OHL player to out-point Terry this season was London's John Tavares.

Terry's teammate, Matt Caria, finished fourth in the scoring race after registering 34 goals and 58 assists. Caria joined the Whalers following a mid-season trade with Sault Ste. Marie.

Among Plymouth's other top players are rookie Tyler Seguin, who notched 21 goals and 41 assists — impressive considering he didn't score his first goal until Nov. 7.

Plymouth defenseman Michal Jordan enters the playoffs as the league's 12th highest-scoring defenseman with 12 goals and 30 assists. Fellow defender Beau Schmitz (37 points) has also enjoyed a stellar 2008-09 campaign for the locals.

Whalers' starting goalie Matt Hackett has been as effective as the teammates playing in front of him. The first-year full-time starter recorded a 3.04 goals-against average and .913 save percentage in 55 games.

Pacing the Sarnia surge will be veteran Justin DiBenedetto, who finished third in the OHL scoring race with 93 points (45 goals and 48 assists).

Joining DiBenedetto on the Sting attack are Boston draftee Jamie Arniel (68 points), a skilled center who led Sarnia in scoring in games played against Plymouth this season.

Defensively, the Sting are led by Mark Katic, who racked up 13 goals and 41 assists, which was good for ninth among all OHL defensemen.

The two teams will hit the road for Game 2, which is set for Sunday at 6 p.m. in Sarnia. Game three returns to Compuware on Tuesday at 7:05 p.m. while Game 4 will be hosted by the Sting Thursday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m.

If necessary, games five and seven will be hosted by the Whalers on March 28 and March 31, respectively. Sarnia would host game six on March

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WALT DMOCH

Plymouth's RJ Mahalak should play a key role in the Whalers' first-round series against Sarnia that opens Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

OPENING-ROUND FACTS

What: Round 1 of the 2008-09 Ontario Hockey League Playoffs;

Who: Plymouth Whalers vs. Sarnia Sting;

When: The best-of-seven series opens Saturday night at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena; game two is Sunday in Sarnia; game three is Tuesday at Compuware;

How they made it: Plymouth earned the fourth seed in the OHL Western Conference by compiling a 37-

26-5-0 record; Sarnia is the fifth seed after finishing 35-26-4-3;

Close call: Home-ice advantage for the series hinged on Sunday's season finale, which was won by Plymouth, 6-1;

How to purchase tickets: They are available by calling (734) 453-8400. You can purchase tickets in person at Compuware Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. If you can't go: All games will be broadcast on www.plymouthwhalers.com/listen.html.

Canton senior Richard Zhang has come a long way since he first started swimming competitively for the P-C Cruisers as a 12-year-old. Zhang qualified to compete in multiple events at last weekend's state meet.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Early success propelled Zhang

See related story, Page B2

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some rookie competitive swimmers taste nothing but chlorine the first time they push off the blocks and glide into the water.

Canton's Richard Zhang tasted success.

"I wasn't a great swimmer when I first started swimming for the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers," Zhang remembered. "But I was faster than anyone else in my group, so it was fun for me."

Now, six years after he started stroking for the Cruisers, Zhang is a great swimmer — and he has a trip to the Division 1 state meet to prove it.

While the senior Chief did not qualify for the finals in either the 100- or 200-yard freestyle events this past weekend, the fact that he qualified in two individual events as well as two relays proves he has come a long way since his early Cruiser days when he was 12.

"Probably the hardest part about swimming is all the practices — especially the ones in the morning, before school," said Zhang. "We practice for an hour before school, then we have practice after school. It's hard, but that's what makes you a better swimmer."

Zhang eventually graduated from the

Cruisers to Club Wolverine, one of the country's most-respected club swim teams that has boasted on its roster of athletes several Olympians, including Michael Phelps and Canton graduate Allison Schmitt.

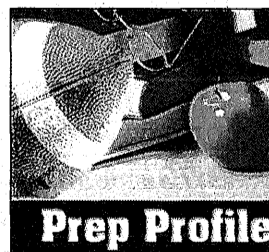
"Being a part of Club Wolverine helps you improve because you're always swimming with faster swimmers," said Zhang. "The coaches there help you pace your race. They also videotape your strokes so you can see what you can do better."

Zhang's times have dropped like a rock in a pool since his freshman year at Canton. For instance, he's shed over 20 seconds from his 200 freestyle time since his ninth-grade season, an impressive feat considering the event covers just four laps of the pool.

He will take his 4.05 grade-point average and stellar work ethic to the University of Michigan in the fall to pursue a degree in engineering.

"I'd like to get into a career that works with creating alternative energy," he said. "I'm going to try and walk on to the swim team there, but I know it won't be easy."

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Prep Profile

GAME WRAPS

Ignition fall

In the first of two straight games between the two top teams in the Xtreme Soccer League, the Detroit Ignition was defeated 13-2 by the Milwaukee Wave on Sunday.

The loss dropped the Ignition to 8-7, while the Wave improved to 9-6.

Both teams have just five games remaining in the regular season, including a rematch of Sunday's game set for Friday, at Compuware Arena.

The Wave, which has tallied just one win at Compuware in three years, tied the season series with the Ignition with Sunday's win.

Milwaukee owned the game's first half, racking up seven unanswered points with goals from Marco Termini and Nilson Pernambuco. The Ignition was held scoreless for over 44 minutes — the team's only goal came at 14:16 of the third, when Zach Wilkes booted in a restart pass from Droo Callahan.

Kickoff for Friday's match against the Wave is at 7:35 p.m. at Compuware Arena. The Ignition will sport its special-edition green jerseys for the team's annual "Green Jersey" night, where fans have the opportunity to bid on their favorite Ignition player's jersey during a silent auction held during the game.

Winners of the auction will be announced at the Ignition game Friday, April 3.

College baseball

MADONNA 12, BERE A (KY.) 2: Designated hitter Scott Boyer went 2-for-5, including his first homer of the season, and added two RBI Sunday as Madonna University (15-2) belted Berea College (5-6) in a non-conference game Sunday at Derby City Field in Louisville, Ky.

The Crusaders unloaded for 17 hits and pitcher Tom Hansen ran his record to 4-0, allowing just four hits, a walk and two earned runs in six innings. Hansen struck out seven.

Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) pitched two scoreless innings, while Trent Pohl kept Berea off the board in the ninth.

Aaron Hacias chipped in with three hits, while Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) and Matt Kay (Canton) added two each.

Mike Gansser and Shawn Little (Canton) each knocked in two runs.

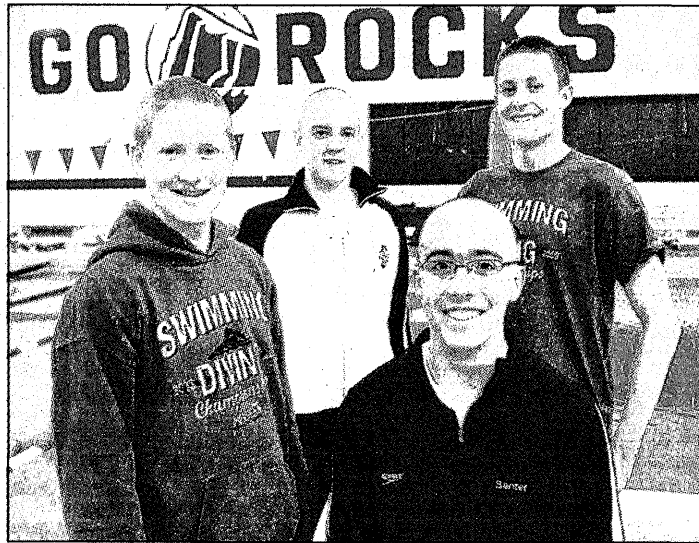
Berea starter Trey McMillan, who gave up two earned runs on nine hits in 6 1/2 innings, took loss.

MADONNA 13, SPALDING (KY.) 2: Matt Kay (Canton) went 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBI Saturday as the Crusaders downed host Spalding (2-16) at Derby City Field.

Shawn Little added two hits and three RBI, while Kevin Zerbo and Aaron Hacias each contributed two hits and two RBI.

Winning pitcher Jeff Sonnenberg (3-1) went all seven innings, scattering seven hits.

He struck out four and did not allow a walk.



Pictured (from left) are Salem state-qualifying swimmers Max Mills, Matt Collingwood, Noah Santer and Adam Seroka.

Pictured is Dan Stoscup, Plymouth's lone state-qualifying swimmer.



Seroka, Zhang earn All-State accolades

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The performances of local swimmers at last weekend's Division 1 state swimming and diving meet were exemplary from (A)dam Seroka to Victor (Z)hang.

Salem's Seroka and Canton's Zhang both earned All-State status in a pair of events at the prep swimming world's elite event held Friday and Saturday at Eastern Michigan University. Competitors had to place in the top eight of their respective events to garner All-State accolades.

Seroka, a sophomore, placed third in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:54.97 and fourth in the 500 freestyle with a clocking of 4:41.01.

Zhang, a freshman, touched fifth in the 200 IM in 1:57.56 and eighth in the 100 backstroke in 55.60 seconds.

Seroka's teammate, Matt Collingwood, just missed All-State honors in the 500 freestyle as he placed ninth in 4:49.90.

State power Ann Arbor Pioneer swam away from the field by compiling 364 points. Salem placed 15th with 40 points while Canton notched 22nd with 25 points.

Chief senior Richard Zhang — the older brother of Victor — competed in the 100 freestyle and 200 freestyle, but did not advance to the finals in either race.

Salem's Noah Santer also failed to make the finals in two races: the 100 butterfly and the 500 freestyle.

Rock Max Mills was unable to advance past the preliminaries in the 500 free.

Plymouth's lone state-qualifier, Dan Stoscup, placed 34th in the preliminaries in the 100 breaststroke. Only the top 16 preliminary finishers moved on to Saturday's finals.

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Pictured are Canton's state-qualifying swimmers: standing (from left) Eddie Koelzer, Brandon Tolinski, Pat Jenner, Jay Jin, (kneeling from left) Richard Zhang and Victor Zhang.

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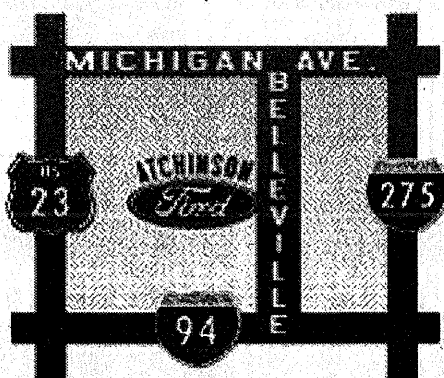
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JCI honors

Johnson Controls - a major global supplier

of automotive seating, interior systems electronics and batteries - was recognized by Toyota Motor Corporation as a winner of the automaker's Global Contribution Award. The honor, which recognizes companies that achieved top performance during the past year, was presented on Feb. 27 at Toyota's 2009 Supplier Convention in Toyota City, Japan. Only three suppliers worldwide earned the Global Contribution Awards, which are among Toyota's annual "Grand Awards." The Global Contribution Award represents one of the automaker's highest supplier honors. Johnson Controls was the only supplier of vehicle interior products - and the only U.S. company - to gain top recognition this year. Stephen Roell, chairman and chief executive officer for Johnson Controls, accepted the 2008 Global Contribution Award from Toyota Chairman Fujio Cho. Johnson Controls provides automotive seating, interior trim, electronic components and batteries for a variety of Toyota models manufactured in North America, Europe, South America, Japan and Southeast Asia. 2009 marks the 25th year that Johnson Controls has been doing

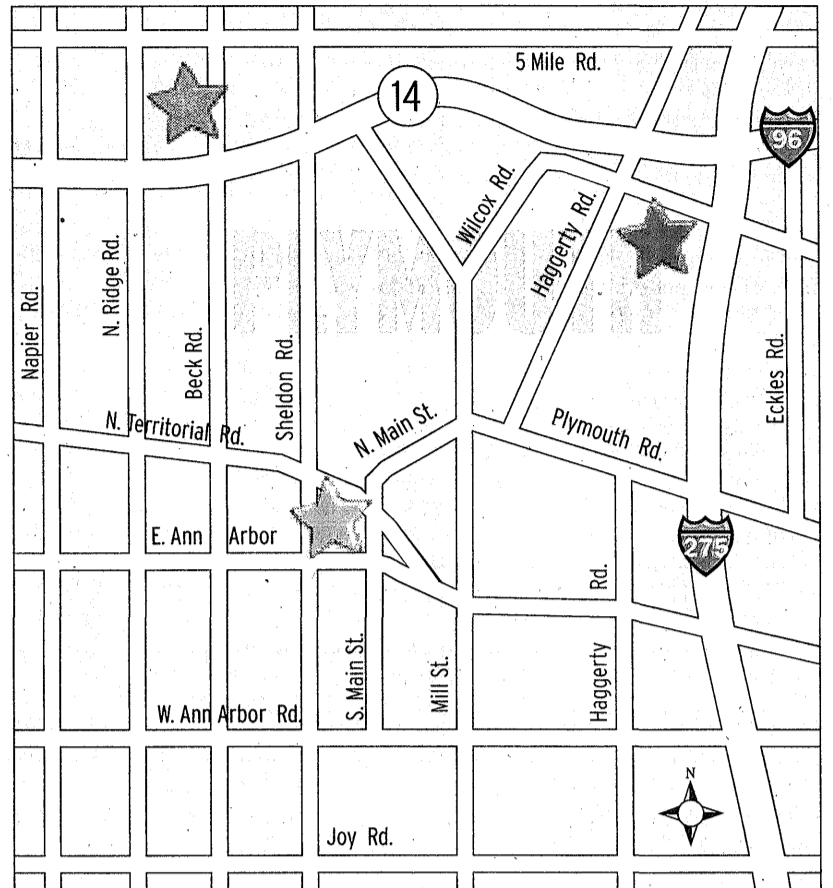
business with Toyota.

Karmann facility

Karmann USA, the world's leading supplier of convertible tops, is expected to introduce the company's new aftermarket group, Karmann Classics, at a media briefing at the end of the month. Erik Roeren, president and CEO of Karmann USA, will introduce the new group, established to rebuild convertible tops for vintage Karmann Ghias and Volkswagen Beetles. As the original manufacturer of these classic cars, Karmann is uniquely positioned to provide their expertise and quality service to classic car owners and dealerships, as well as auto repair and service centers. Karmann USA is located at 14967 Pilot Drive in Plymouth.

Construction update

From the Plymouth 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.
 ■ Kilwin's - Owners are aiming for an opening in late April or early May.



IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

'Team' the key at Monroe Bank

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

Monroe Bank & Trust: Since its founding in 1858, Monroe Bank & Trust has grown into one of the largest community banks in Michigan, with more than \$1.5 billion in assets. MBT is a full-service bank with a comprehensive selection of personal and business accounts, complete credit options and one of the region's largest Wealth Management departments. With 27 offices, global ATM account access, PhoneLink telephone banking and eLink / eBusiness online banking, MBT provides an incomparable level of service and convenience for its customers. We are proud to remain a locally owned and operated financial institution, one that is enthusiastically committed to helping southeastern Michigan and northern Ohio grow and prosper.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Monroe Bank & Trust: MBT Financial Corp. is committed to be the premier independent provider of financial services in the communities we serve. We are focused on being customer-centered, innovative and charitable, while remaining dedicated to the personal growth of our employees and the community. At MBT, "team" is more than a concept - it's an inherent part of our corporate culture. As a community bank with 148 years of history, our management and staff are driven to excel with personalized and award winning service. Combining local decision making with professionals who possess local, regional and national financial experience, our customers receive the best service and experience possible - from our operations and customer service teams to our front line branch personnel.

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

Monroe Bank & Trust: 1858 - Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt was born. Abraham Lincoln and Steven Douglas debated seven times for a U.S. Senate seat. Charles Darwin presented a paper to the Linnean Society of London foreshadowing his theory of evolution. Michigan had been a state for only 21 years. In Monroe, Mich., general store owner Benjamin Dansard and local businessman

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Louis Lafountain recognized the need for a bank where residents could place their money for safekeeping, and from which loans could be made to finance community projects, stimulate business growth, and help area farmers and residents prosper. Dansard State Bank was chartered and opened for business. Even from its humble beginnings in the back of the Dansard General Store, the bank played an integral role in the promise and progress of the region.

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

Monroe Bank & Trust: Monroe Bank & Trust is honored to do business in Plymouth, and is pleased to have been selected by the FDIC to acquire the deposits of the former Main Street Bank. We are a tremendous fit both culturally and from our perspective as true community bankers, neighbors and business people. Thank you for welcoming us.

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

Monroe Bank & Trust: Many ... But you have to come and see us to find out!



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Wes Graff

Web site of the Week

America's Budget Storage is Web site of the week. To help members see other web sites in the community and get ideas they could use for their own sites, we will feature a different member's site each week. This week we are featuring

the web site from America's Budget Storage: www.americasbudgetstorage.com

Boundary breaking

Expand your business contacts beyond Plymouth at the Annual Western Suburban Area Council of Chambers "Breaking the Boundaries" Business Mixer. Over 300 members from 13 area Chambers will be at Burton Manor Thursday, March 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This will be a great night for networking, where business meets business across every border in the western suburbs.

There are 5 exhibit spaces available for this event. Spaces are \$35 each and they are half of an exhibit table (4x3"). To reserve space, please call the Chamber at (734) 453-1540. Space must be paid for by March 19 or the space will be offered to other members. Payments can be taken by credit card over the phone or by check.

The cost to attend is just \$10, which includes food and a cash bar. Due to the over-

whelming popularity of this event there are no walk-ins allowed and everyone must be pre-registered. To attend the event you must RSVP by March 23 by e-mailing the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or calling us at (734) 453-1540. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the event to avoid being billed, since the Chamber is liable for food being served to our registered members. Burton Manor is located at 27777 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. The facility is on the south side of the road between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads.

'Chamber Bucks'

New Liberty has incorporated the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce into their new promotion to support local business activity. Anyone who opens an account or refers someone who opens an account will receive a \$50 Chamber gift certificate. These gift certificates are redeemable at 74 member locations.

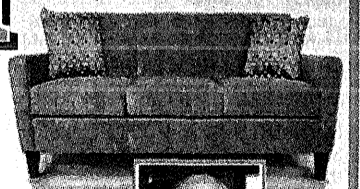
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Presentations bring biblical stories of Jesus to life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

John Dzwonkowski is matter of fact as tells the Biblical story of Jesus in an upcoming production at two local Catholic churches. Audiences won't have to wonder what it would be like to be Jesus' best friend as the Livonia man's by-the-way manner brings the Savior's ministry, death and resurrection to life in the one-man show, "An Evening with Simon Peter."

Dzwonkowski plays the Apostle Peter in the 90-minute drama 7 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, and 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, March 29-30, at St. Priscilla Catholic Church, both in Livonia. A free will offering is asked to defray the cost of production.

Dzwonkowski has been performing the role since 1992. Over the years he has made changes to the script which now requires 58-pages of memorization, but it's definitely a labor of love. Dzwonkowski has a strong faith and energy that is sure to come through in the portrayal.

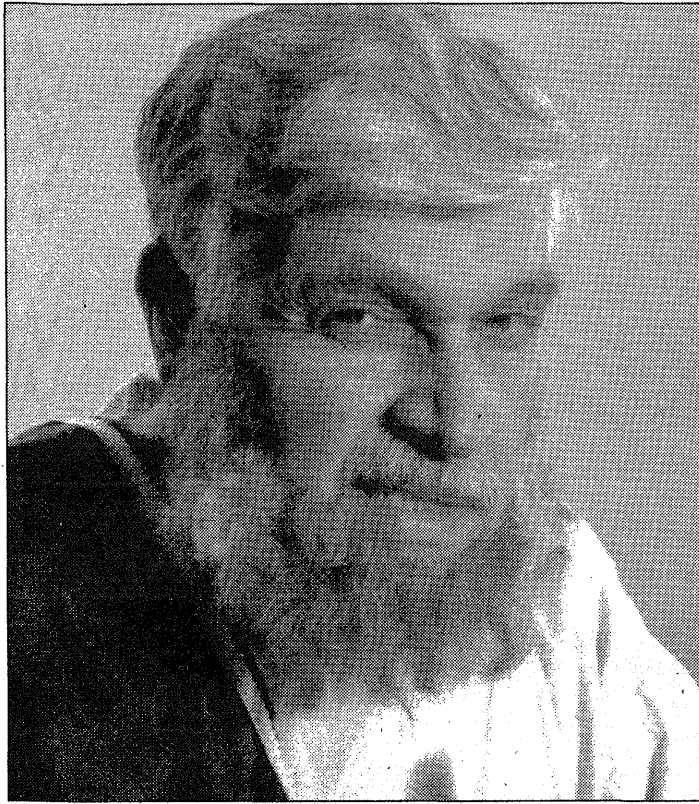
"I find people invested in their religion see this as a source of inspiration. Most leave with a tear or two but there is humor too especially in the beginning. The primary objective is to reach out to people who might not know what's so great about this Jesus fellow. In the first act as Simon Peter I tell them about what it was like to meet him for the first time, listen to him speak, watch him work with children and the sick."

Dzwonkowski moves on to illustrate the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot and the arrest and conviction of the carpenter from Nazareth. A 14-foot cross serves as an imposing reminder of the crucifixion.

"It's historical fiction," said Dzwonkowski, who has a master's degree in theology. "I continue to research it a lot."

Dzwonkowski's understanding comes from the years he spent studying for the priesthood with the Maryknoll Mission in New York. His love of theology and the stage led him to try his hand at acting as John the Baptist and Judas in an off-off-Broadway production of "Godspell."

His commitment to the seminary forced him to give up theater, but not for long. Dzwonkowski eventually left the seminary to start a business and marry. By day he writes for the Web and owns American Corporate Communication so it was only natu-



John Dzwonkowski, as the Apostle Simon Peter, talks heart-to-heart about his best friend, Jesus, in dramatic presentations at St. Aidan and St. Priscilla Catholic churches in Livonia.

ral for him to put Jesus' message into words.

Over the years the presentation grew into a family affair with wife Cindi doing makeup and directing, sons Andrew, 17, and Lucas, 14, overseeing sound and lighting. Daughter Julie Bradner, 20, used to take part before enrolling in Western Michigan University.

"It's fun," said Dzwonkowski, 58.

But it's not easy being a best friend as Peter found out. His flaw is one of the reasons David Conrad wanted to bring the presentation to the community. Conrad is director of faith formation at St. Aidan.

"We wanted to give the community an opportunity to break open the scriptures and realize scriptures are alive and relevant even in today's time," said Conrad. "The disciples of Christ's time can teach us something about being Christ's disciples today with all the warts and positive aspects. They were humans just like you and I. They failed and got up and continued to follow. We need to follow that example of stick-with-it-ness. Originally Peter denied his Lord but was reconciled and made leader of the church. In realizing his weaknesses he never failed to mention all he was able to accomplish was because of the presence of Christ. Lent is an intensive time to renew our relationship with the Lord. In a way it can actually be a prayer. It's certainly not simply entertainment."

Dianne Pierson believes the audience will be equally inspired by the St. Luke production of "The Gospel According to John" 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Church Banquet Center in Livonia. The two-hour production features Leonardo Defilippis who is probably best known as the director of the film *Therese*, based on the life of the Catholic saint known as the Little Flower.

"It's a very spiritual program, has liturgical music, expansive staging and props," said Pierson, the church's administrative assistant. "It's a one-man show and he performs the entire gospel according to John in costumes based on sacred images. It's not Catholic, Baptist. It's the Bible. We think it will really make an impact on people, to infuse them with a knowledge there is something greater than us out there."

Tickets are \$8 per person, \$25 for a family, \$6 for a group of 10 or more, and available by calling (734) 522-3166. Sacred Heart church is at 29125 Six Mile.

St. Aidan Catholic Church is at 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call 425-5950 for tickets to "An Evening with Simon Peter." A 6 p.m. Lenten Meal precedes the presentation at St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, north of Seven Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (248) 476-4700.

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A New York production of "Brundibar." The MOT cast will don costumes for the first time during dress rehearsals this week.

Opera is cool

Local youngsters belt out 'Brundibar' on MOT stage

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Ryan Hurley of Huntington Woods knows exactly when he fell in love with theater. "What really got me started big was in first grade I went to theater camp in New York. We did the *Wizard of Oz*. We were all Munchkins." Since then, Ryan, now 10 and a fifth-grader at Burton Elementary, has traded *Follow the Yellow Brick Road* and *Ding-Dong the Witch is Dead* for the music of Georges Bizet's *Carmen* and Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*. This

week he'll sing the opera *Brundibar* along with other members of the Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Choir. Curtain is at noon and 5 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at the Michigan Opera Theatre, (MOT) 1526 Broadway, in downtown Detroit. Tickets are \$11-\$36, available at the theater's box office, by phone at (313) 237-7464 and online at www.MichiganOpera.org. Written by Jewish Czech composer Hans Krása before World War II, the opera tells the story of two children who sing in the street to

earn milk money for their sick mother. After the cruel organ grinder Brundibar overpowers them, they enlist the help of a sparrow, cat, dog and neighborhood children to out-sing the brute and conquer evil. The children of the Terezin concentration camp in German-occupied Czechoslovakia originally performed the piece in 1943. Ela Stein Weissberger, who played the cat in 55 performances at the camp, will speak at both MOT performances. Author of the book, *The Cat with the Yellow Star*, she is among the few Terezin performers who survived the war.

"You can expect to learn something," Ryan said, describing what Brundibar audiences will take home from the experience. "It was first done in a concentration camp. I learned a lot more than I ever knew about the show." The cast will sing the 90-minute opera in English, although several members will tackle French lyrics when they sing with international opera stars in *Carmen*, May 9-17.

from MOT. His second audition, last August, was successful. "My mom told me before the audition 'You know, you might not make it in and you can't feel bad.' There is a lot of rejection and you can't feel bad about it. It was a good experience and you learn from your mistakes." Kim Hurley started looking for theater experiences for her son after he attended several drama camps. When she discovered that Ryan could perform as an extra in MOT's 2007 production of *Cyrano*, by David DiChiera, they both signed on. Since then, she and her husband, Rob, have left the performing up to Ryan, although Hurley said her daughter, Erica, 7, a Burton second-grader, is showing some interest in theater, too.

LOCAL PERFORMERS

Ryan plays a policeman in *Brundibar*. Two other local students, Elena Bakalua of Huntington Woods and Caroline Hofman of Clawson, both sing in the chorus. "It's pretty cool. It's exciting

to me," Ryan said, adding that he sings a solo in the show. "It is different working with opera. It's more challenging. Most of the opera songs I've never heard before. A lot of it is in a different language. "But if you really want to do it, then it doesn't seem that hard. If you want to work for it, it seems easier." When he's not on stage, Ryan takes piano lessons, plays soccer, baseball and likes to swim. What do other students say when they find out he sings opera? "Some are impressed and others are like, 'Wow, opera is a little different.' Sometimes they don't know what to expect." Ryan marvels at the hard work the cast and crew have dedicated to *Brundibar* and promises that ticket-holders won't be disappointed. "Everyone in the show has done a great job. It's really fun and the outcome is amazing." To learn more about the MOT Children's Chorus, visit www.MichiganOpera.org.

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Soldiers of Conscience, showing March 20, is a dramatic window on the dilemma of eight U.S. Soldiers in the Iraq war including four who decide not to kill and instead become conscientious objectors. Made with permission from the U.S. Army, the film explores the tension between spiritual values and military orders. Mark Gaffney, Michigan AFL-CIO president, leads a discussion on the impact of the Iraq War on the economy. The Detroit Area Peace with Justice Network commemorates the sixth anniversary of the start of the war with this film and discussion. The theme is: "Beyond War: A Better Economic World Is Possible."

Traces of the Trade: A Story of the Deep South is scheduled March 27. It is the story of one Rhode Island family's painful but persistent confrontation with its continuing legacy of the slave trade. This 86-minute film asks what Americans can and should do to deal with what has been inherited from the country's past.

Made in L.A., April 3, traces the moving transformation of three Latina women who decide they must resist an American garment retailer and the labor conditions under which they work by initiating a ground-breaking lawsuit and consumer boycott. This 70-minute film puts a human face on labor organizing, immigrant struggles and women's rights.

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CITY BITES

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— Continuing its mission to showcase local foods, Hiller's Markets will host its first Michigan Foods Fair, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. March 21-22, at its Commerce Township location.

More than 30 vendors will demo their products, provide tastings, and exhibit signs with information about where the company is located and how many people they employ. Hiller's has long been committed to showcasing locally-made, grown and produced food labels like Garden Fresh Salsa, Pioneer Sugar, Guernsey Farms Dairy, Olga's Kitchen, Bareman's, Better Made, Hamilton Eggs, Old Orchard juices, Michigan navy beans, Polly's Pastries and more.

For months, the grocer has been featuring Michigan companies in its biweekly circular, and identifying Michigan products with shelf tags.

"Buying and selling Michigan products boosts the local economy," says Jim Hiller, CEO of the 68-year-old company. "That helps our state economy and the families who live here. I have always been dedicated to working together with good people and good companies close to home."

Hiller's groceries are located in Ann Arbor, Berkley, West Bloomfield, Northville, Plymouth, Commerce Township and the new 52,000-square-foot store at 3010 Union Lake Road in Commerce Twp. Call (248) 363-8718.

Sink your teeth into 'Twilight' celebrations

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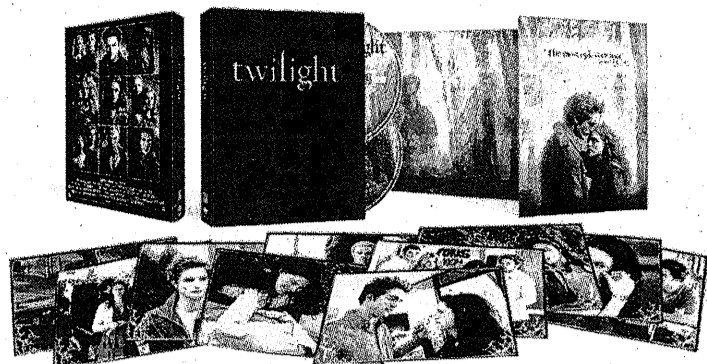
Events leading up to the midnight release include "Twilight"-themed trivia contests, scavenger hunts, prize raffles, and Borders Twilight Movie Awards, where fans will name winners in 10 categories such as "Best Vampire," and "Best OME (Oh My Edward) Moment."

"These activities were designed with the true fan in mind — the customer who lives and breathes all things 'Twilight,'" said Anne Kubek, executive vice president of merchandising and marketing for Ann Arbor-based Borders Group. "We intend to throw great in-store parties that fans will remember for years to come."

For the occasion, Borders will create sweeping displays of Twilight-themed products, including an exclusive calendar, posters, T-shirts, jewelry, an Edward action figure, and the Twilight Saga books that started it all — "Twilight," "New Moon," "Eclipse" and "Breaking Dawn."

Customers who wish to buy Borders' limited edition two-disc DVD (\$29.99 while supplies last) are urged to stop by the morning of March 20 and pick up a ticket to ensure their place in line.

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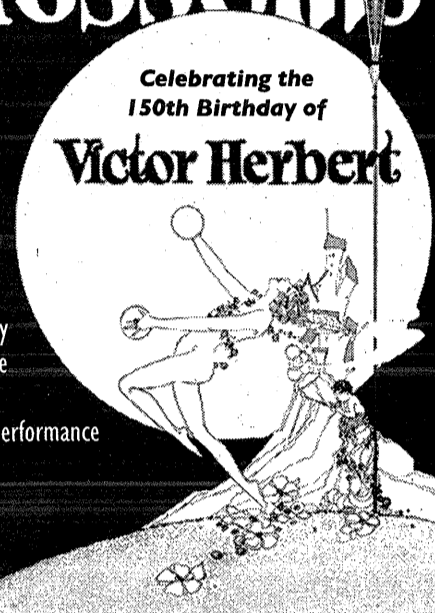
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FOOD & WINE

Hospital food goes gourmet at Henry Ford West Bloomfield

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Just the thought of eating hospital food is enough to make many people sick, but that's changing at the new Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. The smell of fresh strawberries filled the air on a recent tour of the kitchen. These were no ordinary recipes the staff was preparing for patients. The vibrant red color of the berries illustrates the philosophy Matt Prentice developed as culinary director and consultant to make stays more enjoyable and healthier food wise. Except for tomatoes, all fruits and vegetables have never seen the inside of a can or freezer.

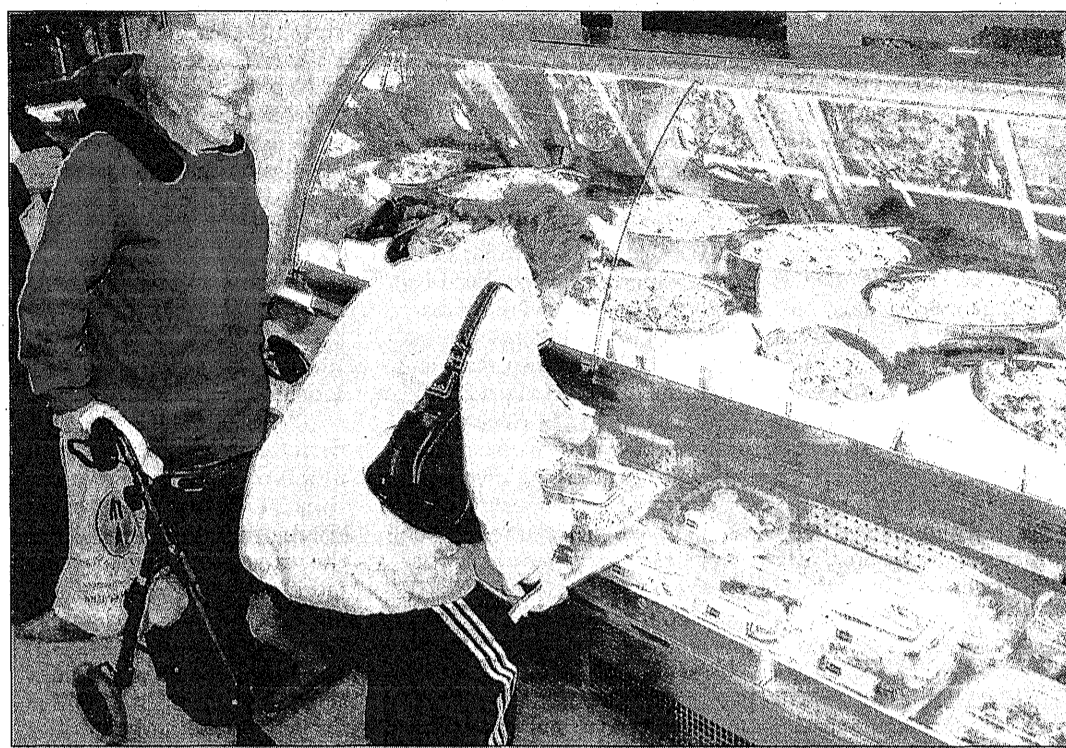
"First I had to start figuring out what our mission was by talking to hospital staff — dietitians, nurses and doctors. Their views were fairly diverse even among registered dietitians. A nurse on a heart ward said to get rid of the salt," said Prentice, who with his staff created more than 1,300 recipes for the hospital menu. "I took copious notes then started to read books written on what food does for you, what's good and bad. I'm not a doctor; I'm a cook. I was asked to assist the healing process. If we're serving rice, let's serve brown rice instead of peeling away nutrients, breads with whole grain flours. Let's give the body energy so it can heal faster."

Prentice spent last summer writing a manual on healthy eating for the staff. It wasn't easy to make time since the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group owns a number of area restaurants including Coach Insignia at the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

To help with the project he



Chef Matt Prentice (center) with two of his chefs, David Denys (left) holding prepared butternut squash with gnocchi, and Jacob Dier with sushi.



Vickie Kehias and Bev Brun look over the wide selection of foods at Henry's, the cafeteria in the new Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

Chefs from the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group created these recipes for the new Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

BLUE SUNSHINE SUPER FOOD SMOOTHIE

Serves 6

- 2 cups fresh pineapple, diced
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- 1 cup frozen diced mangoes
- 1-1/2 cups almond milk
- 4 ounces agave or raw honey
- 1/2 ounce vanilla extract
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1/2 cup raspberries

Combine all ingredients except berries in a blender and puree until smooth. Pour half of the mixture into serving vessels. Add blueberries to remaining mixture and puree until smooth. Pour blueberry mix over the back of a spoon on top of the pineapple-mango mix to keep

the two layers separate for visual effect.

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Serves 8

- 2 eggs
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- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup vanilla
- 1 teaspoon pecans for each serving

Mix all ingredients together except nuts in a mixing bowl with a whisk. Divide mixture into eight 4-ounce ramekins. Bake in a water bath 45 minutes in a 300 degree oven. Serve at room temperature or warm.

brought in his corporate chef and six executive chefs to train the management team he hired for the hospital. Prentice's executive chefs oversee the menus at Northern Lakes Seafood Company in Bloomfield Hills; No.VI Chop House, Novi; Shiraz, Bingham Farms; Deli Unique, West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills; Plaza Deli, Southfield, and Tavern on 13, Beverly Hills.

Each worked on different stations that include entrees from the Middle East, Africa, Spain, Greece, and "other areas of the world that eat very healthy." Prentice uses Michigan products whenever possible. He opened a refrigerated locker to show off organic fruits, vegetables and salad items like red leaf lettuce. Most of the items are organic, especially if served uncooked.

"Jason Hayden out at No.VI Chop house loves big fat steaks. He's come up with phenomenal food on a nominal budget. He was in charge of the American entree station, which is often the feature of the day for patients, and came up with grilled marinated tofu served

with bulgur roulade," said Prentice. "It's really simple food. We're trying to stick with fresh ingredients loaded with vitamins and minerals. We make everything from scratch. It's all about the healing power of food."

Prentice realized early on that food had to taste good too since the same recipes were being served in Henry's, the cafeteria where the seven stations offer deli items like turkey sandwiches on 100-percent whole wheat bread with Russian low-fat dressing, and cole slaw and potato salad with low-fat mayonnaise made fresh in the kitchen.

The beef sandwich cuts red meat to three ounces and tops it with spicy plum ketchup on a house baked onion roll.

"We tried to stay away from unhealthy meats like corned beef. My favorite is a vegetarian sandwich with avocado, sprouts and Swiss cheese and I'm not a vegetarian kind of guy," said Prentice of West Bloomfield. "You eat the sandwich and it perks your energy."

The Asian station features rolled sushi, rice boxes and

noodle bowls developed under the direction of Chef Jaime Kalmus. Prentice's staff is scheduled to leave around mid-April when total quality control will be in the hands of Executive Chef Frank Turner who previously was corporate chef for the Prentice group.

"My restaurant chefs are definitely embracing the recipes. We have a healthy healing area with Asian on the Northern Lakes menu. Chef Jaimie Kalmus is teaching them to roll sushi, how you use a wok, how to use herbs to make noodle bowls flavorful. We have six different soups every day — none with sodium."

Salt was banned from the kitchen except for baked goods. Recipes rely on ingredients to add flavor. A seared salmon with tomato jam is served over Israeli couscous with currants. To spice up the menu for kids, Prentice adds special touches. Cookies are being baked in the image of Henry, the hospital's therapy dog.

"We need to be able to put a smile on a sick boy or girl's face," said Prentice. "We're going to have Henry cookies and they get to decorate it themselves."

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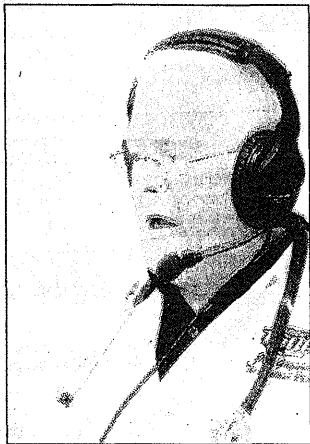
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Joe Gagnon, The Appliance Doctor, does his show live from the Canton Home Expo.

Nicki Wilson of Interiors by Decorating Den of Canton knows people like a new home look for spring. "People always look for a change, so we can lighten things up," said Wilson, among the more than 100 exhibitors at the Canton Home Expo March 7-8. "You can change your accessories."

At her booth at the Summit on the Park, Wilson was getting help from her young grandson. She was glad to share home decor advice.

"Wallpaper is coming back. It's much more sophisticated," said Wilson, who sells wallpaper and arranges for a hanger to put it up. She handles wall coverings, window treatments, "just about anything that goes inside the house."

"With the economy being the way it is, people aren't doing big projects," said Wilson, who's had her business 22 years. She recommends professional help such as the exhibitors at the Canton Home Expo: "I'm happy to help."

Nearby at the well-attended event was Nancy Henry, a manager/buyer for Town 'N' Country Hardware of Garden City. Henry noted signs of March spring fever, although some customers were still getting wood stoves and making homes energy-efficient.

"Three and \$400 heating bills come rolling in," Henry said. "It was a hard winter."

Now that spring's here, customers will grill and decorate outside, she said, "staying home and make the most of their home."

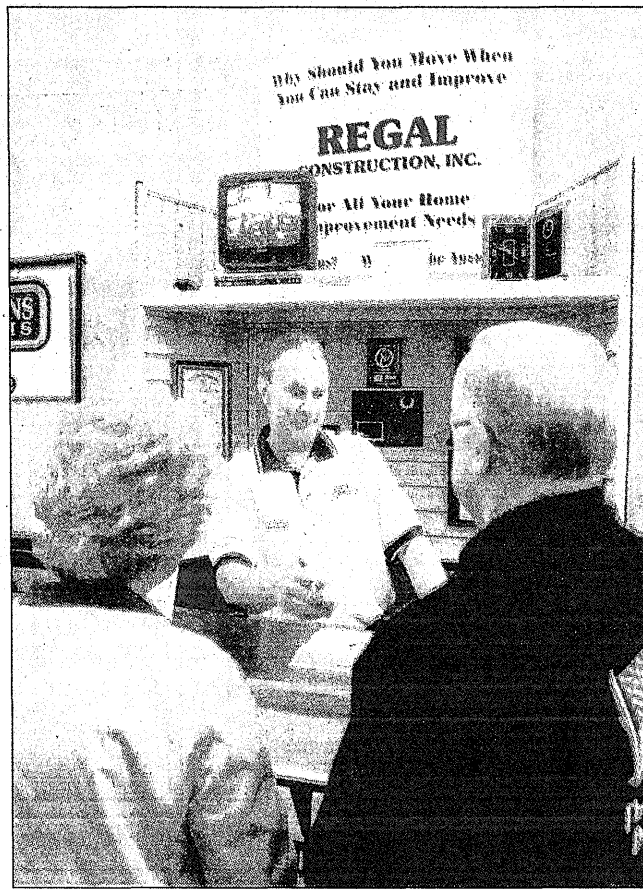
■ When your kitchen cabinets begin to look drab compared to those shiny new appliances you invested in, look into resurfacing them yourself. Sanding and re-staining cabinet doors and drawer fronts doesn't have to be difficult. It will enhance the look of your home and only take a week-end or so to complete.

■ See design in the details. Maybe you don't need to rehab your cabinets, but adding new drawer-pulls might do the trick. From the kitchen or bath to bedroom drawers, you can drastically change the look and feel of a space for a few dollars each. Also consider installing new doorknobs, light switch plates, or curtain rods to up the wow factor.

■ Build your own shelves — whether it's an overflowing book collection or you just need space to display family photographs, simple bookshelves add panache to a living room or bedroom.

■ Remove and rehab weathered old shutters to make your home look new again. Don't underestimate curb appeal when it comes to exterior shutters and trim. It's simple to remove, scrape away old paint and refresh the look of these home accents. If they seem to be in really bad shape, or you'd like to add some where they never existed, they can be constructed, custom-ordered or standard sizes can be simply purchased in a pair for as little as \$40.

■ Construct your own planter boxes to spruce up your outdoor living space. Try for two of the same size and shape and add them to your porch or deck. Once



Tom Adamusik of Regal Construction talks with Tim and Elaine Schoening of Canton at the recent Canton Home Expo. The annual event offers a variety of ideas for sprucing up a home inside and out.

filled with colorful perennials, your yard will surely get noticed. Be sure to use treated, exterior-grade plywood to prevent rotting.

■ Get the whole family in on the fun and build a doghouse for your favorite family pet. When your pup's home-away-from-home is complete, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you built it yourself.

■ Spring marks the idea time to build a deck. It's a project you can attempt yourself — or call in a contractor to get it done in time to enjoy every ounce

of warm weather. It's an addition to your home you'll enjoy with family and friends for years to come, with minimal maintenance and attention.

Here are a couple links to check out on home improvement:

<http://buildingpros.com/build/county/Michigan/Wayne.html>

<http://homeimprovementpainterspowerwashinganimalcontrolinsulationroof.com/contact-home-improvement-specialists.htm>

Court considers smoking nuisance issue

Q: I understand that there may be a recent case out of Massachusetts regarding banning on smoking. Do you have any information?

A: In our effort to keep you advised of developments in community association law, I can tell you that there is a recent case out of California which ruled that a complainant could continue with her nuisance claim against an association

because she alleged that the association had a "duty to maintain its premises in a reasonably safe condition." The association's decision to allow smoking in the outdoor common areas created a condition which was harmful to health and obstructed the free use of the common areas and interfered

with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. Obviously, the theory upon which the case was brought still has to be substantiated by the evidence but the court resisted an attempt to throw out the case based on an alleged failure to state a claim for relief under a nuisance theory.

Q: Our house is in foreclosure and we have been contacted by a so-called foreclosure consultant who is making us an offer to relieve our distress. What should we be looking for?

A: In this economic environment, the appearance of so-called foreclosure consultants, who track foreclosure notices and contact borrowers in distress, has proliferated. These individuals persuade the homeowner in foreclosure to sign a contract whereby, for a fee, the foreclosure consultant agrees to provide services such as saving the financially distressed individual's home and contacting lenders and other third parties on the homeowner's behalf in order to delay, postpone or even cancel the foreclosure. Unfortunately, foreclosure consultant contracts often require the homeowner to deed the property to the consultant in exchange for the consultant's promise to make all delinquent and future mortgage payments to help restore the homeowner's credit and to grant the homeowner the right to stay in the home as a tenant at a stipulated rental rate, often combined with an option to repurchase. Unfortunately, some foreclosure consultants take advantage of homeowners. The homeowners soon find that the promised services have not been provided even though the homeowner paid full compensation for such services, and the homeowners could eventually lose their homes. Although reputable foreclosure consultants can perform valuable services, there have been a number of recent negative publicity situations resulting in the enactment of several state statutes regulating foreclosure consultants' activities as well as an increase in case law finding certain practices by foreclosure consultants unenforceable and void. Many states have dealt with the statutory relief, but as yet, Michigan has not joined the group.

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BIA

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor an "Apartment Marketing Campaign Design" seminar on Thursday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Led by Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site, the seminar will cover how to design a three-month marketing campaign that will generate more

traffic, lease more apartments, retain your residents, provide better service and plan your work and work your plan. The seminar is limited to 12 participants.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present Green Built™ of Southeastern Michigan Introduction to Green Building on Wednesday, April 8, from 9-10:30 a.m. at 879 Benjamin, Troy, 48098 (house built by Wake-Pratt Construction).

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making a positive environmental statement. This is the first in a series of five trainings. The training is free for BIA members.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its National Association of Home Builders Professional Remodelers (NAHBR) will present a seminar, Green: The Right Thing To Do, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Wednesday, April 15, from 6-8:30 p.m.

Rick Rottschaffer, CGP, Builder will present the seminar. The seminar focuses on material recycling, what's green and what's moldy, "10 tiny table tops teach tasteful builders to go green," top five practical "greens" remodelers can impress with, green means sales, NAHB versus LEED certification, and it doesn't take money to be green.

Registration fees are \$35 for BIA members and guests and includes dinner. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008 or register online at www.builders.org.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 24-28, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price	
Canton	7532 Admiralty Dr	\$186,000	Farmington Hills	27060 Arden Park Cir	\$140,000	
	43152 Barchester Rd	\$137,000		35350 Glengary Cir	\$195,000	
	1252 Brookline St	\$150,000		28159 Green Castle Rd	\$315,000	
	6541 Carriage Hills Dr	\$130,000		28914 List St	\$28,000	
	50563 Federal Blvd	\$76,000		32039 N Marklawn St	\$144,000	
	43159 Ironsides Ct	\$135,000		30414 Orchard Lake Rd	\$89,000	
	1325 Milbrook Rd	\$235,000		24422 Ridgeview Dr	\$250,000	
	43125 Providence Ln	\$137,000		29117 Sherandoah Dr	\$250,000	
				32421 W Wayburn St	\$150,000	
Livonia	31225 Barton St	\$69,000	Milford	17641 Hillcrest St	\$165,000	
	6144 Deering St	\$90,000		11771 Hunters Park Ct	\$290,000	
	6939 Lathers St	\$51,000		222 Center St	\$370,000	
	6590 Sterling Ct	\$71,000		1665 E Commerce St	\$333,000	
	18129 Fairway St	\$189,000		Northville	17039 Carriage Way	\$375,000
	17024 Farmington Rd	\$115,000			300 E Cady St	\$238,000
					41310 Liorac Ln	\$250,000
					47925 Manorwood Dr	\$821,000
					22276 N Hills Ct	\$200,000
					51341 Park Place Dr	\$500,000
		38845 Parkwood Ct	\$205,000			
		18055 Stonebrook Dr	\$455,000			
		Novi	45071 Bartlett Dr		\$117,000	
			41868 Brownstone Dr		\$163,000	
			47581 Cheltenham Dr	\$185,000		
			Plymouth	40975 Coventry Rd	\$277,000	
				27474 Cromwell Rd	\$85,000	
				21888 Dunnabeck Ct	\$280,000	
				44965 Paine Dr	\$292,000	
				24578 Venice Dr	\$288,000	
				Redford	654 Leicester St	\$235,000
					South Lyon	9604 Centralia
		12948 Centralia				\$135,000
		12845 Norborne				\$85,000
		12843 Winston				\$115,000
		Westland	952 Oak Creek Dr			\$193,000
			23475 Prescott Ln E			\$336,000
			34419 Marquette St			\$70,000
			1020 Mitchell Dr			\$176,000



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- 9 Fishing lure
- 12 Court
- 13 — board
- 14 Rollover subj.
- 15 Swashbuckler's shout (2 wds.)
- 17 Labels
- 19 Air-pump meas.
- 20 Campus housing
- 21 Mimics
- 24 Kind of note (2 wds.)
- 28 Round numbers?
- 30 Elevator guy
- 31 Marlins' st.
- 32 Road topping
- 33 November stone
- 35 Fore opposite
- 36 MD station
- 37 Small coin
- 38 Not apathetic

DOWN

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- 7 Vit. C source
- 8 Make saints
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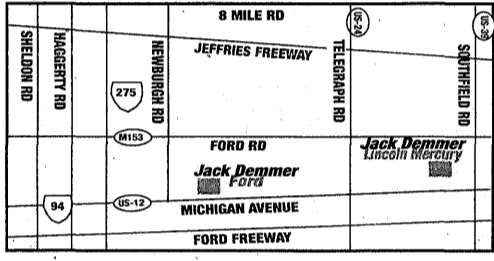
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Ann Arbor 734-455-7000
GREAT COMMUNITY CONDO IN ANN ARBOR! 2BR/1.1BA, fin bsmt. 1 car gar. Great kitchen w/din area & door wall to the patio. Lots of updates! Love the location - close to shopping mall & express-way!
(29025132) \$84,997



Green Oak 248-437-3800
Just Listed Woods, Water, Huge Workshop, W/O Bsmt make this home a wonderful find. Custom gourmet kitchen w/cherry cabinets, granite counters, fireplace & hardwood floors.
(28198501) \$369,000



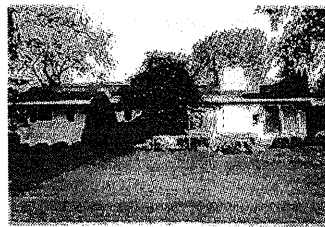
Livonia 734-591-9200
Colonial lcted in Mayflower Estates. Crb appl&shows like a model hme. New hwd flrs in LR&DR. Updated granite BA's, kit. Ntrl decor. Fin bsmt. Lg rtrm w/gas frplce. Bkdy w/brk patio. Mstr BA w/skylight.
(29019433) \$249,900



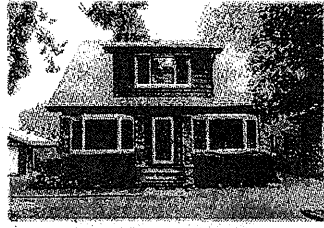
Monroe 248-208-2900
Awesome brick home! Tastefully decorated 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath tudor home. Updated kit, newer roof & windows, recently painted. Hrdwd flrs, fin bsmt w/frplc, spacious liv rm w/frplc.
(28192562) \$126,900



Plymouth 734-455-7000
STATELY BRICK CAPE COD! 3BR/2.5BA on premium lot radiates quality & charm of a custom build. Upgrades incl: kit w/maple cabs, GR w/FP, hrdwd flrs, custom wndw treatments, paver patio +!
(29026220) \$275,000



Walled Lake 248-684-1065
Enjoy over 100 ft on all-sports Commerce Lk. Water views from all rooms plus canal front at rear. 3 BR Ranch w/ neutral decor and many updates!
(29005969) \$400,000



Belleville 734-455-7000
LAKE FRONT HOME ON BELLEVILLE LAKE! No need for a vacation home! Here's the best of both worlds! 3BR/2BA, lake front property w/30' deck, hot tub, pool & 75' boat dock - all on Belleville Lake.
(29028965) \$290,000



Green Oak 248-437-3800
Wooded Retreat Like Setting Custom built. Lrg windows span back to view the natural area. Appraised 2007 for \$438,000. Argon filled windows & skylights, high eff. furnace. Prof. fin. W/O.
(28205138) \$269,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
Grt Fam Hme w 4/BR's, 2BA's & 1 Lav. Col style hm w Din Rm, eat in kit, Laundry rm & FR with fireplace. All BR's are upper w Mstr BA. Full bsmt w/95% complet. 2 car att garage, fenced yrd, above grnd pool
(29012296) \$179,900



Northville 248-348-6430
Beautiful Remodeled 2006 Historic Home in downtown Northville, abundance of windows, fabulous new kitchen, elegant dining & living room, great room, family room & 3 porches. A spectacular home!
(28191049) \$524,900



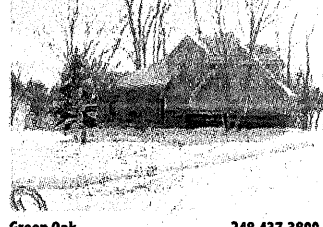
Redford 248-348-6430
Picture Perfect Home Hard to beat the price of this beautifully updated brick ranch, new KIT, totally remodeled bath, new interior & exterior doors, freshly painted!
(28015035) \$94,000



Walled Lake 248-348-6430
Open Modern Floor Plan. Walk To Lake! End unit backs to woods. Open floor plan, formal DR, Great RM w/gas FP, Fin W/O BSMT w/REC RM, mini KIT, 1/2 BA, pool table. MSTR STE w/DBL closet & organizer.
(28204424) \$175,000



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



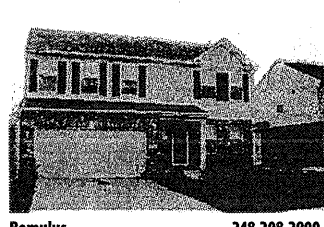
Green Oak 248-437-3800
Just Listed! 2 story home in sought after Windcrest sub. Home features 4 bedrooms, 2.1 baths, partially finished W/O LL. Treed backyard.
(29027073) \$236,900



Livonia 248-851-1900
UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full finished basement. Hot tub, fenced yard, 2 car garage, sidewalks. Move right in!
(28071438) \$143,500



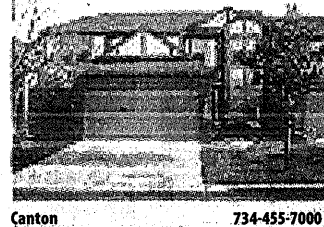
Novi 248-348-6430
Exquisite Custom Built Cape Cod! Exceptional home with attention to every detail. 3 BR's, loft, 3 FP's, study & den. 2 story foyer, GR & Family RM. Fabulous master suite. Custom design and decor!
(29002853) \$849,900



Romulus 248-208-2900
Great Opportunity! Own this 2 yr old home at a great price. 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths. Just needs some elbow grease and kitchen rehab.
(28167307) \$93,586



Westland 248-284-5400
JUST REDUCED! Like new private entrance Condo. Prof. painted. New carpet thru-out. New Flooring in kitchen & entry. 2 bdrm, 2 baths, Full BSMT, Private deck. Well cared for.
(28116624) \$89,900



Canton 734-455-7000
SUPERB LOCATION! NEVER KID OR PET TESTED Huge deck backs to pond. Open fr pln. Vaulted ceiling w/skylights overlooks GR from huge loft area w/countless possibilities. Mstr ste w/separate shower & tub.
(28194482) \$139,900



Green Oak 248-437-3800
Just Listed! Welcome to this clean, well maintained ranch. Updates include corrian countertops in kit, ceramic tile flr, paint, newer windows, & A/C. Open floor plan.
(29028014) \$232,500



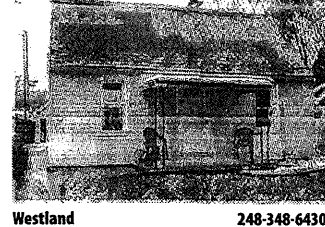
Livonia 734-591-9200
SELLERS RELO FORCES SALE Well Kept 3BR Brk Ranch w/open floor plan & vault cell. Fin bsmt w/4th BR, newer roof, prime priv loc on quite low traf ct backing to Park, patio, 2 car det gar.
(29031546) \$119,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Beautiful 2 Story Condo 1,936 sq ft of comfortable condo living! Charming KIT, elegant 2 sty DR, den w/bay window, lg mstr, daylight basement, 2 car att'd side entry garage & deck.
(29024853) \$229,900



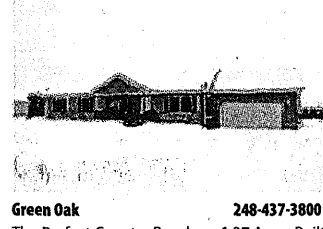
Royal Oak 734-455-7000
UPDATED ROYAL OAK CHARMER! This 3BR/2 full BA bungalow, boasts updates aplenty. From the front door to newer roof, mstr BA, hrdwd flrs, Corian/ oak kit, 2 car gar, fin bsmt. This one's a 10+!
(29029897) \$165,000



Westland 248-348-6430
Best Buy In Westland! Updates Galore! Newer furnace, air, siding, roof, tankless HWH, concrete & 2+ garage w/attic. Fenced yard. Updated KIT, BA, plumbing, electric. Near City Hall. Home Warranty!
(28206757) \$49,900



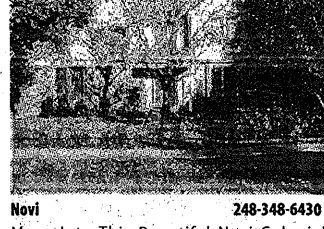
Canton 734-455-7000
SHARP RANCH CONDO! Very nice 2BR private end unit ranch in North Canton. Remodeled kitchen/bath, full basement under whole unit. Best spot in complex!
(29008595) \$74,900



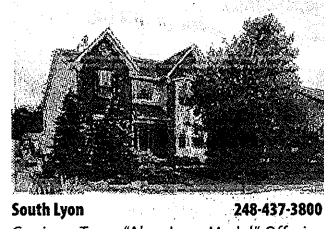
Green Oak 248-437-3800
The Perfect Country Ranch on 1.27 Acres Built new in 2004 & still like new inside. Offering spacious & open fr plan, lrg spacious mstr suite, home office, lrg country kit. w/center island, full bsmt.
(28197587) \$209,900



Livonia 248-348-6430
Highly Desirable 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath 1st floor condo. No stairs to climb! New kitchen, carpet, paint & all appliances stay. Set in a private wooded location just steps away from pool and clubhouse.
(28162574) \$65,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Move Into This Beautiful Novi Colonial Numerous updates! Granite KIT w/SS appl! Newer CAI updated half BA! Large deck w/PRVT yard! Part Fin BSMT! Walking distance to High School, library & city hall
(28187400) \$199,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Carriage Trace "Aberdeen Model" Offering spacious gourmet kitchen, great rm w/ soaring ceilings, extra lrg front study, Jack & Jill bath, oversized 3 car garage and finished basement.
(29023638) \$319,900



Westland 248-284-5400
WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN? 2 BD condo comes w/ an awesome view of the woods! incl: microwave, dishwasher, fridge, & stove. Livonia Schools. Pool & Clubhouse. Close to Westland Mall.
(28205988) \$45,900



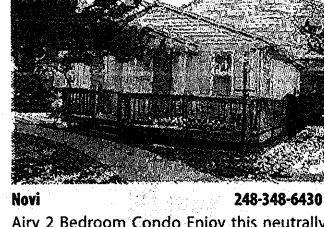
Canton 248-348-6430
Sparkling Clean 2 Bed, 2 Bath Condo Features: Custom gas fireplace, newer furnace, private frt yard, LG WIC in master BD & all appliances stay. Private courtyard. Steps away from pool & clubhouse.
(28167990) \$62,500



Hartland 248-684-1065
All sports private Long Lake in Hartland! Over 4000 sq.ft. in Hartland Shores Estates. Meticulously landscaped. Fin bsmt, circle dr, cath. ceilings.
(29009932) \$549,000



Milford 248-684-1065
3BR, 2BA open fr plan brick ranch. 2 pole barns w/ cement flr & 12" reinf. erod. 3-phase pwr serv. lav). Cabana wired for hot tub. Above grd pool.
(28186464) \$360,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Airy 2 Bedroom Condo Enjoy this neutrally decorated condo. Just move-in.
(28192661) \$87,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
All Sports Lake Front Ranch This chain of lakes is a well kept secret, beautiful tranquil area close to everything. 3 BR, 2 BA, updated kitchen. Move in condition. Estate Sale.
(28094869) \$249,900



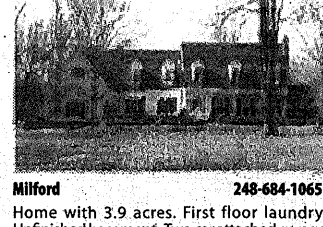
Westland 248-348-6430
End Unit Colonial With Livonia Schools Clean & move in ready. Updated KIT w/oak cabs. All appliances. Freshly painted BSMT. 1 car gar. Sub pool & clubhouse. Close shopping & expressways. For Lease.
(29011903) \$1,000



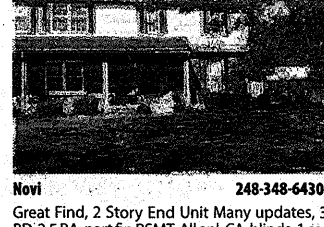
Commerce 248-684-1065
Great location on over 1/2 acre. 2 story foyer, HWD flrs, GR w/ gas FP, open kit & nook, FF Laundry, MBR, fin W/O, sun room, deck, 3 car garage.
(29009765) \$219,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Beautiful home! Quality materials & trim details t/o! HWD flrs & staircase, granite & natural cherry kit, SS appl, bonus 4th rm., 150' on All Sports Duck Lake.
(28198231) \$499,900



Milford 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



Novi 248-348-6430
Great Find, 2 Story End Unit Many updates, 3 BD, 2.5 BA, part fin BSMT. All appl, CA, blinds, 1 car gar. Newer furnace. Pool, clubhouse, close to xway. Condo faces large front yard. Neutral.
(28168705) \$1,750



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Great Opportunity for 1st Time Hm Buyers This beautiful home is ready for you to move right in, and offering quick occupancy. Tasteful decor thru-out. Fabulous open floor plan. Some recent updates.
(29029494) \$159,900



White Lake 248-684-1065
White Lake Canal! Affordable home to call your own! Close to main body of lake. Wooded, good-size lot. New roof, well pump, FP, OR \$650/Mo. lease.
(29015612) \$99,000



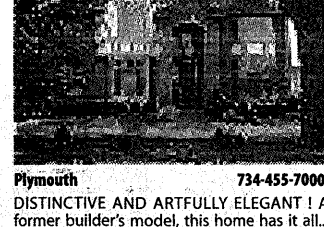
Eastpointe 248-208-2900
Almost new 3 bdrm colonial. Vaulted ceilings in mstr bdrm. First flr laundry.
(28181479) \$51,900



Highland 248-684-1065
Lovely updated lakefront home in Seven Harbors Sub. Open floor plan, Oak kitchen, wood floors, loft, custom fireplace, ceramic BA, and much more!
(28184712) \$349,000



Milford 248-684-1065
Country setting, beautiful, move-in ready ranch home on 2.36 acres across from Highland Rec. Area. Huge FR w/ fin. W/O LL. Barn, hay loft, pole barn.
(29007050) \$319,900



Plymouth 734-455-7000
DISTINCTIVE AND ARTFULLY ELEGANT! A former builder's model, this home has it all... cherry cabs, hrdwd flrs, upgraded ceramic tile, pro-decor finishes... Fin bsmt, prof. Indscping w/Paver patio +!
(29031795) \$375,000



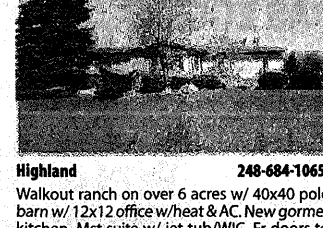
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Charming Home In Great Neighborhood Lrg deck, hot tub & stream in backyard, near trails, woods & park. Natural fireplace, oversized garage w/high ceiling & door. Part. fin. bsmt.
(29017748) \$132,500



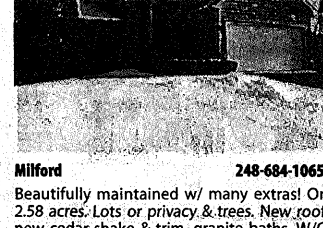
Wixom 248-348-6430
Beautiful Home Inside and Out Freshly painted. Light, bright & airy. Gracious MSTR STE w/WIC. Bath w/shower & soaking tub. Composite deck & stamped patio overlook park, woodland/wetland.
(29006054) \$279,400



Farmington 248-348-6430
A Gem Close To Downtown! Many recent updates: kitchen with granite, roof, windows, bathroom, HWH, year round Florida room, finished lower level plumbed for second
(29028170) \$148,200



Highland 248-684-1065
Walkout ranch on over 6 acres w/ 40x40 pole barn w/ 12x12 office w/heat & AC. New gourmet kitchen. Mst suite w/ jet tub/WIC. Fr doors to FR w/FP. Much more!
(29004908) \$199,000



Milford 248-684-1065
Beautifully maintained w/ many extras! On 2.58 acres. Lots of privacy & trees. New roof, new cedar shake & trim, granite baths, W/O bsmt, wet bar.
(29001408) \$234,900



Plymouth 734-591-9200
Spacious Ranch In Deer Creek, Very Open Fr Plan. Lg kit & BFT, rm all kit appls stay; Grt rm w/FP, DR w/o lg deck. Mstr BR w/BA has roll-in shower. Home has handicap access w/ramp from gar to bsmt.
(29009792) \$309,900



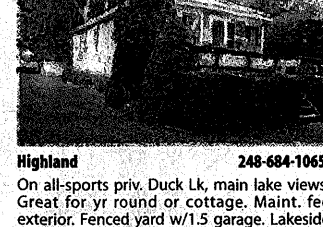
Southgate 734-455-7000
SPACIOUS AND GRACIOUS! Huge rooms (35x15 kitchen) to home w/private mstr. FR w/stunning brick hearth invites you to get cozy. Oversized 2.5 car gar has lg workshop & priv. fenced yd.
(29028802) \$229,000



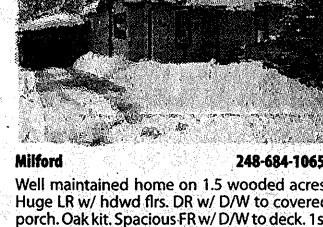
Wixom 248-348-6430
Absolutely The Best! 3 BD, 2 BA home w/30' Great RM, a granite & maple Island KIT, Fieldstone FP & sits on a premium common lot. Stamped patio, fenced yard & huge carpeted REC room.
(28194829) \$178,000



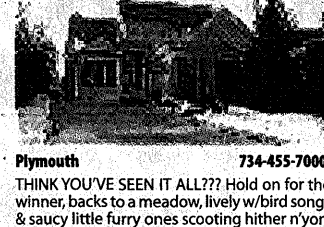
Garden City 734-591-9200
Quiet, Comfortable Neighborhood, stp looking 3 BR Brk Ranch, 2 Car Gar, Fin Bsmt, HWF, Kit redone w/ granite & ceramic FL in 07. Bit in Cab in bsmt, office in bsmt, neut paint in 09, new drs, emerald spa, 2 patios
(29021948) \$128,900



Highland 248-684-1065
On all-sports priv. Duck Lk, main lake views! Great for yr round or cottage. Maint. fee exterior. Fenced yard w/1.5 garage. Lakeside deck. Appl. stay.
(29004468) \$184,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Well maintained home on 1.5 wooded acres. Huge LR w/ hwdwd 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



Plymouth 734-455-7000
THINK YOU'VE SEEN IT ALL??? Hold on for the winner, backs to a meadow, lively w/bird songs & saucy little furry ones scooting hither n'yon. Try the airy back porch. Or tarry in the w/o LL.
(29026934) \$286,000



Van Buren Twp 734-591-9200
Remodeled 3BR RCH. New roof, windows, kit remodeled. New HWT and C/A unit. Updated bath has jetted tub. Updated plumb and elect. All on 1/2 acre. Seller will incl Home Warrant (\$50) Deductible. BA comm is 3.5%
(28188084) \$79,900



Ypsilanti 248-437-3800
Bank Owned Good starter home for 1st time home buyer. One car detached garage. Home is sold 'as is' condition. Buyer must pre-qualify through lender known to seller.
(29032797) \$18,000

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