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### **New deadlines**

Deadlines have been extended on a pair of popular local scholarship programs.

Applicants shooting for the Sagear Rotary Scholarship now have until Wednesday, April 8, to submit their applications.

Meanwhile, the deadline for the Damaris Fine Arts Award has been extended to April 27, to accommodate students entering work in the PCCS 2009 Art Exhibit.

The Sagear scholarships are handed out each year by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., which awards several \$500 scholarships to Plymouth-Canton district high school seniors who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier.

The Damaris Fine Arts Award comes from the Plymouth Community Arts Council and recognizes a Plymouth-Canton Schools senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue an education in this field.

Interested students should contact Debra Madonna via e-mail at clarion@storytellerdesign.com or by calling (734) 453-2781.

## Easter egg hunts ■ The Plymouth Lions Club

sponsors an Easter egg hunt at Plymouth Township Park Saturday, April 11.

The park is located off Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha. The



hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Don't forget to bring your baskets, bags and cameras.

Organizers will also be collecting hearing aids, eyeglasses and cell phones.

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

■ Plymouth businesses are banding together to sponsor "The Great Easter Egg Hunt" in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park 1-2 p.m. Saturday, April 11.

Some 20,000 Easter eggs will each be stuffed with candy and select eggs will have a ticket to redeem for large toys. Easter bags are also offered as a free gift for gathering eggs.

Maggie Moo's is sponsoring a Coloring Contest, and children will receive a coupon just for entering. Caribou Coffee in Plymouth is offering free coffee at the event. Disney characters will be signing autographs while children can dance to kiddie music.

The event is sponsored by Maggie Moo's, Caribou Coffee and Real Life Plymouth, a new community awareness and service group.

# Finances fuel fire merger talks

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Facing falling tax revenue and tightening budgets, area officials have revived the idea of sharing firefighting and emergency medical services through a combined fire department.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said Wednesday that he recently had informal discussions with officials from Northville Township about merging its fire department with the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which serves the township and the city of Plymouth.

Reaume called the talks very preliminary.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?** 

Should Plymouth Township officials explore the possibility of sharing fire services to save money? E-mail your thoughts to Editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our Web site at www. hometownlife.com.

"We just agreed to at least look at it," he said.

Officials in the two communities are examining each department's union contracts, fire department finances and emergency run history, he said, and have agreed to do a feasibility

study.

Reaume said he couldn't estimate the savings combining the depart-

ments might yield. "It's so preliminary, we have no idea,"

he said. The PCFD has a budget of approxi-

mately \$4 million a year; the city of Plymouth contributes roughly \$1 million; the township pays for the rest and manages the department of about 25.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said discussions, formal and informal, about combining area fire departments have a long history. Former Mayor Dan Dwyer, Sincock said, spent a lot of time on the issue, and involved Canton Township and the

cities of Livonia and Westland, but the idea was disbanded.

"I'm sure the township's looking at the same kind of budget issues we're

looking at," Sincock said. The Plymouth and Plymouth

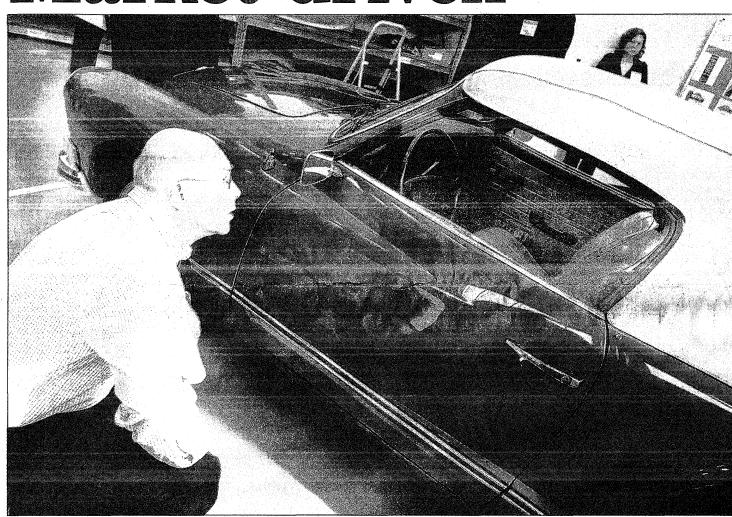
Township fire departments were combined in the mid-1990s. Reaume said the firefighters unions

will be brought into the picture as the

township's discussions with Northville Township progress. Fire Lt. Rick Tefend, president of International Association of Firefighters Local 1496, which rep-

resents PCFC firefighters, said he'd Please see MERGER, A4

# Market-driven



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tom Siligato of Farmington Hills admires the replacement ragtop on a 1974 Karmann Ghia. At last count, Siligato owns eight Volkswagens.

## Vintage climate drives car-top maker's new venture

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Defying Michigan's chilly economy and Rust Belt location, the folks at Karmann USA are seeing sunny days ahead - in convertibles.

The Plymouth Township company, which has its roots in the 108-yearold German carmaker, announced Tuesday the launch of a new division, Karmann Classics, that will restore and build tops for vintage Karmann

Ghia and Volkswagen Beetle convertibles.

"These vehicles, really, are carriers of the Karmann name," Erik Roeren, president and chief executive officer of Karmann USA, said during a media event at the company's headquarters. "Now is the right time for me," he added.

Karmann USA, which has both manufacturing and research and

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Karmann's facility will build and fit new convertible tops on vintage Beetles or Karmann Ghias.

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## Fund-raiser turns into 'hair'y experience

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township resident Eric Bacyinski needed a haircut anyway, so why not make it for a good cause?

That's why Bacyinski decided to take part in a fund-raiser for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a charity dedicated to raising awareness and funds to cure kids' cancer by supporting cancer research and fel-

The organization raised more than \$51 million between 2000 and 2008. During that time, more than 73,000 shavees — more than 5,200 women — have shaved their heads at more than 1,700 St. Baldrick's events in 48 U.S. states, Washington D.C.

and 18 countries. "I was just going to get a regular haircut and then I thought, Why not do something positive out of it, as well?" said Bacyinski, a constituent



Plymouth Township resident Eric Bacyinski gets his head shaved for charity by his dad, Robert.

analyst for Attorney General Mike Cox. "I know how thankful I am for my daughter's health and I figured participating is the least I can do to support children who suffer from such a terrible disease."

Bacyinski researched potential charities online and found St. Baldrick's which, on its Web site, claims to be the world's largest volunteer-driven fund-raising event for childhood cancer research.

Bacyinski raised \$430 (including \$345 in online donations) for the event, which wound up raising some \$10,000 for children's cancer research. Bacyinski chose a 4-yearold little girl named Brooke from Escanaba to honor with his donation. Brooke, he said, was diagnosed more than two years ago with acute lymphoblastic leukemia and is now nearly fully recovered.

"It looked like a unique and fun way to give back to those less fortunate," said Bacyinski, whose father, Robert, wielded the razor. "I know how blessed my life has been and anything I can do to help out those in need is just my way of saying thanks."

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# Wonder 'bread'

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## Walkers hope fund-raiser gets money flowing

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

None of the seven members of a team which has dubbed itself "The Wonder Broads" has ever been diagnosed with breast cancer.

But between them, they know nearly three dozen women, including mothers and sisters, friends and family, who have either survived - or succumbed to - the disease.

That's reason enough for the seven of them to take part in the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day in August.

"We walk for many reasons but our greatest common goal is to pay tribute to the many women we have been asked to honor with our efforts." said Wonder Broad Gina Schremser. "Our group strongly believes that we have all been richly blessed, and its our duty to give back."

The Wonder Broads - Plymouth residents Schremser, Melissa Amin, Marti Chamberlain, Alice Ahearn and Cindy Rutyna, Canton resident Sally Mitchell and Dimondale resident Carolyn "Sparky" Hutting - grew out of a



The Wonder Broads - (back, from left) Marti Chamberlain, Sparky Hutting, Melissa Amin, and Alice Ahearn and (front, from left) Gina Schremser, Sally Mitchell, Cindy Rutyna - will walk in the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day in August.

book club to which five of the seven belong. Another member is mom to one of the women, and the seventh is a running partner.

The book club that spawned The Wonder Broads

is a 12-member group that has morphed more into a group of good friends who happen to all enjoy reading. Charitable deeds have become important to them and, when one suggested the

#### **RAISING AWARENESS**

- What: Pancake breakfast and used-book sale fund-raiser
- When: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 4
- Where: Plymouth VFW Hall, 1426 Mill
- Why: To raise money for The Wonder Broads, a seven-member team walking in the Breast Cancer 3-Day in August
- Cost: Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10, and \$25 for a family of 4 or more.

3-Day, the group was up for

While some will walk, others will do what they do best: Provide support.

"They'll have Starbucks, band-aids, fresh socks and anything else we need during the walk," Schremser said. "They'll be with us the whole

The support starts Saturday, when the group hosts a pancake breakfast fund-raiser and used-book sale at the Plymouth VFW Hall. The Wonder Broads hope to raise some \$16,000 for the 3-Day, and will use Saturday's fund-raiser to kick

They'll have a fairly heavy bat to use Saturday; former Michigan Gov. Jim

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Blanchard will attend the fund-raiser. Blanchard and his wife, Janet, are longtime supporters of the 3-day and Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

"Janet and I are thrilled to sponsor the team's pancake breakfast and used book sale," Blanchard said in a statement released by the Wonder Broads. "We're proud of the fact that Michigan has so many dedicated people giving their time and money to find a cure for this, the most common cancer among women of all ages, and the one that takes the life of one woman every 13 minutes in the United States."

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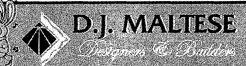
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Erik Roeren is President and CEO of Karmann USA.

development facilities on Pilot Drive, builds convertible tops for a range of cars, including some domestic models. The new Karmann Classics is already well-established, Roeren said: a work area has been dedicated, workers have been trained by vintage car experts from Germany, and some convertible

tops have been finished. The new division is not expected to create jobs in the

near future. Karmann Classics will work with the owners of old Karmann Ghia and VW convertibles to restore, or rebuild, tops for their cars. The scope of work will vary from customer to customer; some tops may only need new fabric, while others may need to be completely rebuilt.

'For-us, it's critical to work with the customer," Roeren

The tops won't be mass-produced, he said, but fitted to individual cars. Fit specifications are tight, he said, and time and weather are likely to have changed the vintage convertibles. Transportation of the cars will be arranged if needed, he

Several Volkswagen and Karmann Ghia enthusiasts

attended the launch event. "This kind of service is at a quality level that is yet unknown in the restoration business," said John Deikis of Chelsea, president of the Michigan Vintage VW Club, which will hold its annual car show at Karmann

USA next month.

"This is a wonderful day for my community of vintage Karmann Ghia owners," said Richard Troy of Cheboygan, who restores and collects vin-

Troy said the winters are likely to have taken a toll on vintage cars in the region.

"Karmann has a much more difficult job than it might appear," Troy said. "These cars will be rusty in all the critical structures."

Roeren said Karmann Classics will initially target vintage Beetle and Karmann Ghia convertible owners in a 250-mile radius, including in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Ontario. He said research shows roughly 12,000 Beetle convertibles and 3,000 Karmann Ghia convertibles in the targeted

But, he said, the plan is to eventually expand into areas, such as Los Angeles and Miami, that have more convertiblefriendly weather. In addition, Roeren said, company officials also intend to expand Karmann Classics into convertible-top restoration for all types of con-

He said Karmann Classics is not expected to amount to more than 5 percent or 10 percent of Karmann USA's business.

Company officials said restorations should range from about \$1,000 to \$3,000 each, depending on the time and parts required. Karmann Ghia enthusiast Troy, who said he has restored convertible tops, called that price range extremely competitive.

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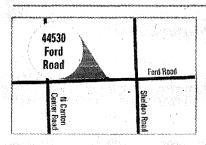
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# 4 teens arrested following report of gun

Four teenagers were arrested on various charges March 23 after a report that someone was brandishing a pistol while riding in a car in the area of Canton Center Road and Wildwing.

No one was hurt; the pistol turned out to be a BB gun.

Police searched the area after the report came in just after 4 p.m., and officers stopped four boys in a blue Chrysler Sebring in the parking lot of the CVS drug store at Sheldon and Ann Arbor roads, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said

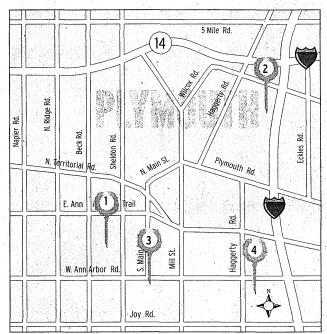
A BB pistol was found in a map pocket, police said, and a small amount of what turned out to be marijuana was found tucked under a seat. One of the teens told police they had been smoking a "blunt," and police say they also found an electronic scale in the glove compartment. A 15-year-old Plymouth boy was arrested on charges of marijuana and drug paraphernalia possession.

Two other boys, a
Plymouth 16-year-old and a
Canton Township 15-yearold, were arrested for underage possession of a BB gun,
and the 16-year-old on an
additional charge of underage tobacco possession. The
fourth boy, 17, of Canton, was
also arrested on a tobacco
possession charge.

All four were later issued citations and released to their parents.

#### Pot possession

2An unoccupied car led police to a man carrying a small amount of marijuana near I-275 and Hines Drive Saturday evening. The 23year-old Westland resident was arrested on marijuana and drug paraphernalia pos-



charge after finding scales,

a pipe and "blunt" wrappers

sized marijuana cigarettes

The incident took place

near Ann Arbor Road and

Main Street, police said,

where the officer saw the

man pull out of a Boston

after 1 a.m., police said.

Market parking lot shortly

When speaking to the

driver, police said, the officer

of the car. A search of the car

turned up the scales and the

"blunt" wrappers, police said.

also faces a charge of driving

with a suspended license.

Two suspected shoplifters, both of Plymouth

Township, were chased down

by police shortly after using

Ann Arbor Road on March

bicycles to flee the Kmart on

Police were called to the

store around 2:30 p.m. on

a report that two men were

Shoplifting arrests

The suspect, 20, of Livonia,

saw a pipe in a door handle

- in his car.

paper used to make cigar-

session charges.

According to a township police report, a patrolling officer spotted the 1996 Chrysler near Hines Drive and Sycamore shortly before 6 p.m. The car smelled of burned marijuana, police said.

The officer headed down a footpath and encountered two men on a freeway overpass, police said. One of them smelled of marijuana and, during a pat-down, the officer found a plastic bag of suspected marijuana in a pocket of his pants, police said.

A field test confirmed the substance in the bag was marijuana, police said. The suspect admitted to having a pipe in his car, police said, and the officer found it.

The suspect's companion was released.

#### Paraphernalia arrest

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removing the packaging from compact discs and concealing the discs on their persons, a police report said.

Upon arriving, one officer spotted a man on a bicycle being chased by a security guard, police said. The officer stopped the man. Police then stopped the second suspect, who was also on a bike.

Three CDs and a digital video disc were recovered. The suspects, 22 and 24, were released on personal bonds.

By Matt Jachman

#### Fire Runs

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period March 25-31:

• Tuesday, March 31 - Rescue run to a public building on Haggerty; vehicle accident with wash-down at M-14 and Beck; vehicle accidents with mutual aid and a wash-down on west-bound M-14 at Sheldon and at 5 Mile and Haggerty; residential rescue runs on South, on Pinewood (mutual aid), on Green Valley and on Northville Road.

 Monday, March 30
 Residential rescue runs on Wilson, on Sheridan, on Spicer, on Plymouth Ridge and on Burroughs; rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail; vehicle accident on northbound I-275 at M-14.

• Sunday, March 29 -Residential rescue run on Brougham.

• Saturday, March 28
- Residential rescue run on Pinecrest.

• Friday, March 27 -Residential rescue runs on Evergreen, on Sheldon, on Northville Road and on Old Pond Circle; rescue run to a public building on Canton Center Road.

# Canton, Livonia optimistic about merging dispatch

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Township and Livonia are moving forward with discussions on the consolidation of police and fire department dispatch centers.

Canton Executive Director John Santomauro said the next step is for consultant Plante & Moran to develop a feasibility study on consolidation

"They are doing the majority of the consolidation studies, right now, in the state," Santomauro said. "They are gathering some preliminary information for us for the purpose of submitting a grant request through various funding sources to hopefully fund the consolidation study."

Santomauro said there is money available through Wayne County for studies on consolidation of services.

"Our purpose is to evaluate the efficiency of the merger of dispatch and the cost-effectiveness," Santomauro said. "At the end of the day, if we end up with a cost-effective way to deliver dispatch service and both communities are assured the dispatch center is accountable in delivering services, we certainly will move in that direction."

Livonia Police Chief Bob Stevenson said he's excited about the possibilities

"Such as the synergy that comes with the two departments working

together, which allows for the same amount of work to be done, but overall would cost less," Stevenson said. "The reality of today's world is that we no longer can do business as we always have, so we need to look at partnerships.

"We would be doing a disservice to our communities if we didn't look to combine services where we can," he added. "Regionalization of services is driving the bus right now, and this is one of those projects."

Canton Finance Director Rick Eva said it costs the township about \$1.1 million annually to pay salaries and benefits for the township's dispatch center, which has 18 dispatchers.

One immediate common goal for the two communities, which helped spur the discussions, is the fact the Livonia Police Department is in the process of replacing its radio system and Canton police are looking to buy

Both Santomauro and Stevenson believe if they can make dispatch consolidation work, it could lead to other combined services and expand to other communities.

"If this concept becomes a reality, we're very optimistic this will open the door for an even larger consolidation of dispatch in the western Wayne County area," Santomauro said. "One natural evolution of central dispatch is consolidation of lockup facilities."

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heard of the talks, but didn't know what transpired.

"We've been kept in the dark," he said. "We haven't been given any infor-

mation on it."
Union officials are to meet with
Reaume on the topic next week, he

said.
"We are sympathetic to economic times and we're always willing to take

a look at ideas the township has" for saving money, Tefend said.

In a related development, officials from Livonia and Canton are studying the possibility of combining police and fire dispatch services.

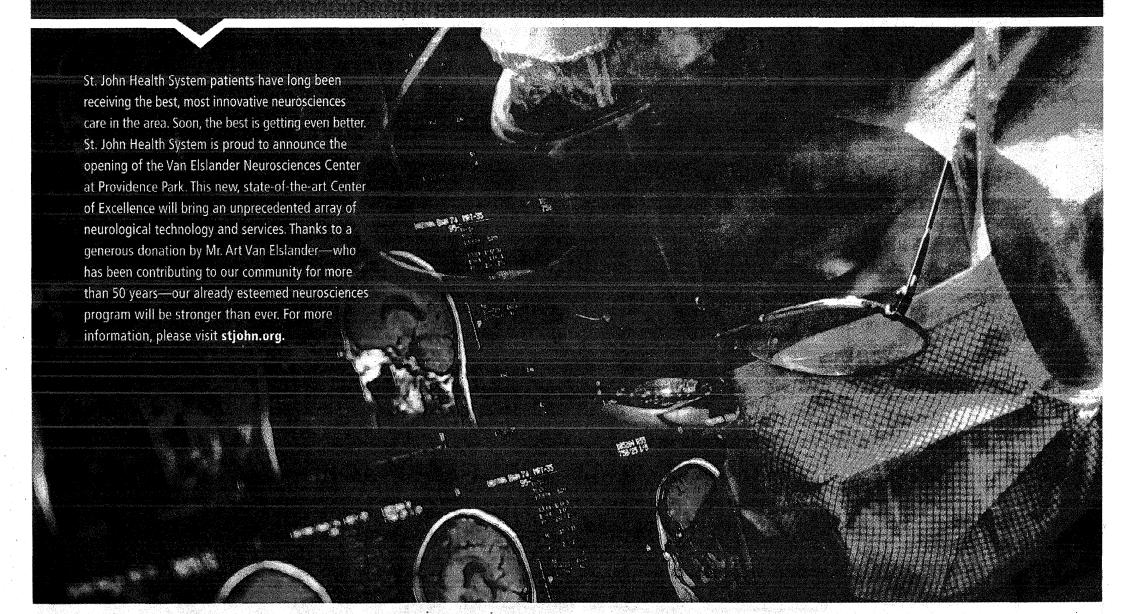
That proposal could be broadened to include Plymouth and Northville townships and other western Wayne County communities, Reaume said.

"I don't think that's ever been looked at before," he said.

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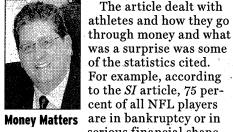
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# Non-athletes can learn from sports stars' money mistakes

wou can't go anywhere these days without hearing or reading something about the economy. I pulled out my Sports Illustrated recently and there was an article - with a different twist — on what's happening in the

economy.



through money and what was a surprise was some of the statistics cited. For example, according to the SI article, 75 percent of all NFL players are in bankruptcy or in serious financial shape two years after they Rick Bloom retire. Of course, you are asking how some-

one could be in serious financial shape when they have made millions and millions of dollars. As I always say, it is not what you make, it is what you save.

The SI article pointed out some of the common problems athletes have when it comes to investing money. There are some lessons to be learned from their mistakes. What's not surprising is one of the common mistakes athletes made was dealing with unscrupulous financial advisers. It is amazing how many athletes have been conned out of millions by their financial adviser.

Dealing with the wrong financial adviser is not unique to athletes. It happens to many people.

The lesson to learn from athletes is the importance of dealing with the right financial adviser. I believe the majority of individuals should be dealing with fee-only financial advisers. Fee-only financial advisers do not work on commissions. They are independent from investment products. One of the problems many investors have is that they're getting advice from an adviser who has an inherent conflict of interest. When there is commission involved, you have to ask where is the loyalty. Is it to the product or to the investor? I believe an investor should deal with an adviser whose loyalty is to the investor and only the investor.

Another common subject amid the athlete's stories was excessive fees. Unfortunately, it's not only athletes who are paying excessive fees. For as long as I have been involved in the investment world, I have always preached to investors the need to understand fees. Never buy an investment unless you know what it cost to

buy, to sell and to hold. Fees matter and if you don't ask about

fees there is no doubt that you will be taken advantage of. The reality of the situation is high fees equal low returns. Particularly in today's financial environment, high fees make it impossible for an investor to make money.

Another common issue involving athletes and their money is that they get involved in deals that are "can't miss." As far as I am concerned, investments and deals described this way are those to walk away from. All investments have risks. When an investment sounds too good to be true, it generally is.

Athletes have some unique issues when it comes to investing. After all, very few of us will ever make the money they do. However, we can learn from their mistakes and become better investors. The result of becoming a better investor is that more money stays in your pocket, exactly where it belongs.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www. bloomassetmanagement.com.

## Yard waste pickup restarts for spring cleanup time

Cleaning up the yard for spring local stores, or into garbage or finishing up the snowdelayed fall leaf-raking?

Plymouth Township's curbside yard waste pickup service resumed on Monday.

Yard waste - grass clippings, leaves, prunings, garden waste, branches and brush — should be set at the curb by 7 a.m. on the regular trash-collection day, and no earlier than 6 p.m. on the day before collection day.

Leaves and grass clippings should be put into brown paper yard waste bags available at

cans (maximum capacity of 35 gallons each) marked with a compost sticker or the letter "X" or "C" drawn twice on the sides. Compost stickers are available at the township hall; make sure the labels face the roadway when setting out containers.

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For more information, call the township's solid waste department at (734) 354-3270, Ext. 4.



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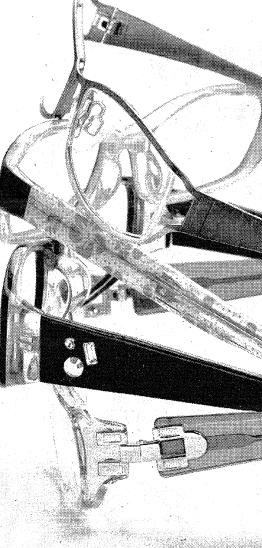
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"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

#### Art chow

The Plymouth Coffee Bean presents a blend of realism and abstract when it hosts an art show featuring the work of artist Gregory Carr 8-11 p.m. Friday, April 3.

The show will feature very realistic pen-and-ink drawings and an assortment of paintings. There's no admission, but there is a one-drink minimum. The art work will be on display in the Orange Room through June 1.

The Plymouth Coffee Bean is located at 884 Penniman.

#### Senior party fund-raisers

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

Fund-raisers take place at the following restaurants on the following dates: Monday, April 6 and Thursday, May 7, both at Palermo's on Ford Road in Canton.

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

Visit the committee's blog at http://pcep09seniorparty.blogspot.com/ or its Web page at http:// web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof/2009/ senior-party09.htm

To volunteer or for questions, contact peepsenior-party@comcast.net

#### Career seminar

Anyone who has thought about a career in Real Estate has a chance to get plenty more information when Keller Williams hosts a 59-minute career seminar 6:30 p.m. April 16.

The seminar takes place at Keller Williams
Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, in
Plymouth. The seminar is designed to answer
questions about commission, costs, what it takes to
succeed and your potential for success.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call (734) 459-4700.

#### **Book signing**

Canton author and photographer, Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin has published her latest book,

"Haiku For You: With Some One Room School House History." She'll be autographing copies at the Westland Library Saturday, April 4, at 2 p.m.

This full-color children's book includes a handful of historic photographs of one-room school houses from the 1800s. Two of these one-room school houses were located in Michigan. There are many full color photographs to inspire the haiku artist in children of all ages. The reader will find Canton, Westland, Romulus and Frankenmuth's one-room Schoolhouses in this book. Additionally, there is one from Rhode Island, the author's birth state. The book is available to view at the Canton Historical Museum.

Vatcher will also showcase her art and poetry at the rEVOLUTION: Making Art For Change, Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m., on the campus of the University of Michigan, inside the Art Lounge at the Union. It will run through April 16.

The book can be purchased online through Amazon.com and other retailers. Vatcher is also the owner of Pero Inc., a full service writing, fine art photography, editing, publishing, and consulting company. She offers classes through Wayne-Westland Community Schools to teach students to write and learn a second language. She can be reached directly at peroinc5@comcast.net or (734) 397-1626.

#### Spring Break Camp

The Plymouth Community Arts Council offers a Spring Break Camp for kids April 13-17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, with popular artist/teacher Jeff Burda at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

During this week kids will experience various art forms including: pottery, visual arts, music appreciation, creative writing and theatre. Kids will get on stage for theatre games and skits, learn about different types of music and have quiet time for creative writing in camp journals. The theatre portions will be taught with the help of instructors from the PCAC children's theatre troupe, Plymouth Uptown Players. Recommended for ages 5-13.

The cost is \$45 per day or \$200 for the week. Receive a 10-percent discount for any second child enrolled. Children must bring a bagged lunch each day.

To find out more information on this camp or for information on all of the PCAC programs please visit the website: www.plymoutharts.com. Registration forms are available on-line and are taken by drop-in at the PCAC Mondays-Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reach the PCAC by calling (734) 416-4278.

#### **Financial Freedom workshop**

Achieving lifelong financial success can sometimes seem like an overwhelming task. However, when developed step by step, you can gain long-term control of your finances. Community Financial offers a free workshop, Steps to Financial Freedom, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Community Financial, 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

The workshop is designed to help attendees gai long-term control of their finances and achieve lifelong financial success. Participants will learn how to create a step-by-step plan that will include setting goals, communicating with family members greating a hydret building savings and more

bers, creating a budget, building savings and more. Light refreshments will be provided. To RSVP, call (734) 582-8702.

#### Giving Circle event

Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle will host an educational evening focusing on women's heart health at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, at the Plymouth Arts Council. The event, which will feature Oakwood Health System cardiologist Peter Mancini II, MD, is open to all women in the community.

unity. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 ASAP to res The American Heart Association states that car-spot at this one time show. Seats are limited.



### **Classical concert**

The Plymouth District Library presents the Celebration Youth Orchestra 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5, for classical music performed by area musicians who are a part of this youth education program of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society. Enjoy the musical stylings of soloist Josh Braun (violin), the duet of David Cunnien (viola) and Drew Cunnien (violin), and performances by the newly formed Celebration Flute Choir (comprised of nine students). The event is sponsored by Friends of the Library. Registration requested for this free program; call (734) 453-0750, Ext 4.

diovascular disease is the leading killer of women over the age of 25, claiming nearly twice as many women in the United States than all types of cancer, including breast cancer. Dr. Mancini will discuss the risk factors and explain how women can play an active role in achieving and maintaining their heart's health.

The event will begin with light, heart healthy refreshments. Dr. Mancini's presentation will be followed by a question and answer period, deserts and coffee. The evening should conclude by 9 p.m. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are recommended and space is limited. The Plymouth Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail givinghopewgc@gmail.com.

Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle provides grantmaking initiatives that address the needs of women and families in Plymouth and Canton, creates an endowment fund for the future, and builds a community of women philanthropists. There are currently 63 women in the Giving Circle and new members are always welcome.

#### Elvis tribute

The Plymouth Council on Aging, together with Heartland Plymouth Court, co-host "Tribute to Elvis" at the Plymouth Cultural Center 1-3 p.m. Monday, April 13.

The show will feature many favorite Elvis songs performed by tribute artist Chuck Horan. Light complimentary refreshments will be served. This is a free event.

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#### Senior spellers

Once again the Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host the Wayne County sponsored Senior Spelling Bee Tuesday, May 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth.

A free complimentary catered lunch, prizes and raffles will be offered by Wayne County. Space is limited so call today to register to spell or to just come and enjoy the competition and the lunch. Everyone will be entered for the drawings.

This is an entirely free event for everyone whether you participate or not. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

#### Soldier benefit

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund will host their fourth annual dinner May 2, at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. All proceeds go to veterans or families of fallen soldiers that are in need.

The keynote speaker at the event will be Marcus Lutrell, a Navy SEAL and author of New York Times best-selling book "Lone Survivor" — the harrowing story of four Navy SEALs who journeyed into the mountainous border of Afghanistan and Pakistan on Operation Redwing. A motivational story of survival, the book is also a moving tribute to the friends and teammates who did not make it off the mountain. A powerful testament to the courage, integrity, patriotism, and community that forged these American heroes, "Lone Survivor" is an incredible account of teamwork, fortitude, and modern warfare.

For more information or to purchase tickets contact Ann Cornelius at (248) 346-5976 or visit www.fwsf.org



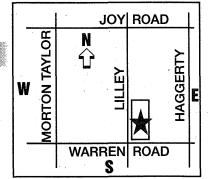


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## **OUR VIEWS**

# **Battery legislation** shows lawmakers can work together

With shock waves continuing to reverberate through General Motors and Chrysler after recent developments in Washington, including the sacking of GM CEO Rick Wagoner, confidence in the American auto industry (and its survival) might just be at an all-time low.

Obviously that doesn't bode well for the state of Michigan, which itself is in the midst of an economic recession not seen for many, many years. Michigan and the automobile industry have always had a symbiotic relationship, so it's no surprise that the fortunes of Michigan are so intertwined with the Big Three.

This week in Washington, the Obama administration shot down the reorganization plans for GM and Chrysler, both





afloat until the economy turns around. Obama's team feels, among other things, that the auto companies need to shift their fleet away from gas guzzling models to a new breed of vehicles that rely on renewable energies. There is no question that battery technology is vital to the future of the auto industry, something the Japanese seemed to have figured out before Detroit.

of which are hoping to get more federal money to keep them

That is why it is refreshing to see our state Legislature working on a bipartisan basis no less — passing legislation

that will expand the number of Michigan Business Tax credits available for battery cell manufacturers. The legislation, which has passed both the House and Senate, could make the state a leader in this emerging high tech sector, and perhaps even help save the American auto industry.

Republicans in the Senate, including John Pappageorge of Troy and Bruce Patterson of Canton and Democrats in the House, most notably Dian Slavens of Canton, worked together to get the legislation passed last month, and it now awaits Gov. Jennifer Granholm's signature.

The plan will provide and additional \$200 million in tax credits for companies involved in advanced battery development, including battery pack assembly; research and engineering to support battery use in vehicles; engineering of advanced battery technologies; and capital investment for construction of battery manufacturing facilities.

The tax credits would be spaced out over the next four years, which will ease the tax burden and help the companies develop the new battery technology. In addition, the plan rewards companies even further for using local suppliers, which is good for Michigan jobs, and it qualifies the state to be eligible for \$2 billion in federal stimulus money.

According to Patterson, many experts predict the U.S. battery market could reach \$18 billion a year by 2020 and cell manufacturers could create nearly 40,000 Michigan jobs by 2020.

With legislation like this, it appears our leaders in Lansing are starting to understand the message that voters sent in recent elections — that we want them working to for us. It also shows state government can be useful in attracting businesses and strengthening the economy. That's something we can all cheer.



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## **COMMUNITY VOICE**

What do you think of the job President Obama is doing so far?
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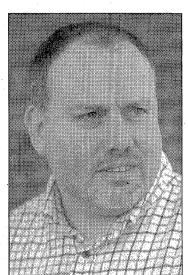
"I think he's doing a fine job, especially under the circumstances."

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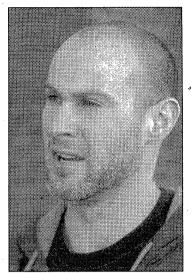


"I feel like he has such a tough job. I feel he's doing the best he can, but one man can't do it all."

Anita Hazlewood Plymouth



"I can't really say. All I know is, he's spending a lot of money." Tom Constantine Livonia



"I'm a libertarian at heart. I voted for Ron Paul. There's a lot of bait and switch, especially with the stimulus package. ... In some sense, he's picking up where George Bush left off." Sasha Chwastek

**Plymouth Township** 

#### Review assessments

Two things happened recently that should be cause for celebration. I made it to 75 in reasonably good health and reached my 30th year as a resident of Plymouth Township.

Tempering the good news was a letter from the Plymouth Township Assessor's Office that notified me that my S.E.V., during this period of plummeting home prices, went UP \$146,990. My first impression was that this was a typo but the board assured me that it was a real number. (After taking a Google Earth photo of my lot to the assessor showing that it was mostly under water, they said some adjustment would be made.) The second surprise I found was that the total livable area of my house increased by 1,214 square feet.

To put this error in perspective, it is the size of my grandson's entire house.

Unfortunately, my house is exactly the same as it was 30 years ago when I built it. Not that I couldn't use a little more closet space for all the junk I accumulated over all these years but where is all that space hiding?

I reviewed the dimensions on record at the assessor's and found the measurements to be accurate almost to the inch. I suggested that they redo the math and was told they had to come out AGAIN to re-measure. This time two people would come. Just what I need — a committee to

make the decision. My response was "No thanks, save the taxpayer's money and use it to fix the potholes. You have the correct dimensions,

just do the math right this time" Their response was "You want me to tell the board that you refuse to let us come

So it appears that during my 31st year as a township resident, I will be living in a much larger more expensive house that I thought I possibly could afford. I guess I have the assessor to thank for that.

> **Howard Meyer** Plymouth Township

## Fiscal responsibility?

The Plymouth-Canton Schools' administration is planning to spend "top of the pay scale" to hire a new Director of Bands for the high school band program. Is this a wise investment of Plymouth-Canton funds in light of 1) current economic conditions and 2) what the present staff has accomplished?

The present staff has provided high quality leadership to the music program and their record speaks for itself.

■ This month at the MSBOA District Band Festival, all four high school concert bands, under the direction of Mrs. Amy Boerma and Mr. Martin Montoya, earned straight first division ratings from all four judges (a total of 20 "1's").

■ Some of the adjudicators at the District Festival actually awarded a number of A+ ratings in several sub-captions to two of the bands. This rarely occurs anywhere in the state.

■ This year the Plymouth-Canton High School Marching Band was taken to the BOA Grand National finals by Mr. Martin Montoya, a late-in-the-summer-hired substitute teacher who had previously been on the band's music staff. The band

## What do you think?

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made it into the national finals (one of 12 bands in the entire nation). How often does a first year teacher accomplish this?

Mrs. Amy Boerma, who was named MSBOA District XII band director of the year, has been one of the Plymouth-Canton High School band directors for fourteen years (hired as the Co-Director of Bands in 1995). Under Mrs. Boerma's direction, bands at Plymouth-Canton High School have earned first division ratings at every high school concert band festival each year. In previous teaching positions in other schools, she also achieved the same consistency with her marching bands and choirs. As a matter of fact, none of her student ensembles have ever received less than a first-division rating during her 18 years of teaching experience. Has any other high school band director at Plymouth-Canton or in the state of Michigan ever equaled that record?

■ This year, with Mrs. Boerma and Mr. Montoya team-teaching the Plymouth-Canton High School band program, the atmosphere in the Plymouth-Canton band office and rehearsal hall has been one of collegiality and mutual support. Their shared vision and their strong leadership skills have resulted in significant growth in the program. Teamwork is a value that the administration should recognize and

 $\blacksquare$  The band program has grown over the past six months, providing a rich variety of musical experiences to students. There has been an increase in the number of small ensembles, the number of students in honors bands, and the number of students participating in summer camps. The students have had opportunities to work with college level music directors. The wind ensemble performs more repertoire which is also more challenging. Enrollment in the band program for next year has increased by 20 percent.

Again, the facts speak for themselves. Is there a reason why the Plymouth-Canton administration has decided to hire neither Mrs. Boerma nor Mr. Montoya to continue as the Director of Bands next year? The administration needs to consider, and the community needs to be aware of, these facts. We hope that the administration is not placing a hidden agenda over what is best for students, the high school band program, and the taxpayers of our community.

**Brian and Janet Carson** Plymouth Township

#### Help the people

Is the middle class being sold out? 1. How is freeing up credit going to help the millions of middle class Americans that have lost their jobs due to the financial institutions' reckless lending practices obtain any type of credit to purchase homes or any other high end purchases? 2. Millions of middle class Americans

have already been foreclosed on due to these job losses and are now faced with a bad credit score. What bank is going to go out on a limb and extend credit to them (without high risk interest rates)? 3. How is middle class America that is still fortunate to have a job but have been subject to wage cuts and can barely, if at all, keep their heads above water going be able to qualify for any type of credit to sustain their households?

While our government tries to fix this catastrophic problem, what happens to the people already in financial ruins (through no fault of their own)? Their credit scores will be so low that they won't qualify for any type of loan from the banks (who created this problem). These Americans will be left behind so to speak.

While billions and billions of dollars are being thrown around to the institutions that caused this mess, millions of households are going have to struggle for years to overcome the mess they put us in. While tax credits for people buying homes is a good gesture, they don't help the millions already kicked out of their homes. These once-proud homeowners are going be forced into renting a home until their credit is repaired to the point that a bank might give them another chance. That could take years.

I constantly listen to the news and I fume over the fact that we have to act immediately to save the economy. How is this economy going to rebound when no one that has been left behind (millions of people) will be able to buy an automobile or a home because no one will finance them due to the fact that there is a foreclosure on their credit report?

With all the billions being thrown around I have yet to hear any politicians say "let's bail out the middle class Americans affected by this crisis." If this government (for the people) were to go that route, I think it would of cost a lot less. The government could have given every American over the age of 21 \$250,000 dollars to take care of mortgages, student loans, auto loans and credit cards. With all that debt wiped away, what do you think would happen with the money they may have left over? I know what I would do, I would spend it.

That is just what this economy needs, me to spend my money. The government would save money due to the fact that the banks wouldn't have all these toxic assets on their books, they would be paid off by the people who own those debts.

> **Dan Storm** Westland

#### Patterson for AG

Sen. Bruce Patterson has been my state senator and I am very happy with his commitment to his constituents and the State of Michigan.

His experience more than qualifies him for the position of state Attorney General and the citizens of Michigan would have an excellent advocate in the AG's office. My family definitely would support him in this endeavor.

I am confident that as AG Sen. Patterson would not support laws that invade our privacy or mandate behavior and hopefully, he could advise our legislature on these issues.

> **Janet Richards** Woodhaven



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#### **NCAA FASHION FLASH**

**DETROIT** — Curator Laura Deljanin will host "Champions Play Here," an art, music and fashion event at Tangent Gallery April 4 in conjunction with the NCAA championship. The event features basketballand Detroit-themed artwork, DJ Raj Mahal, V.I.P. reception with buffet and drinks, and a 313Fad halftime fashion show, \$10, reception; gallery show, free. Tangent Gallery is located at 715 E. Milwaukee in Detoit. Call (313) 873-2955.

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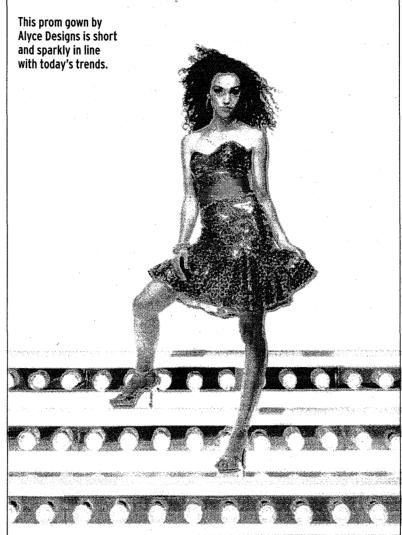
BIRMINGHAM — Detroit Rocks! will host a grand opening event 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 22. The new store, launched by Robert Dempster and Steve Main at 115 West Maple in the old Sherman Shoe Store, carries "everything Detroit," including vintage clothing, men's and women's T-shirts, buttons, rock posters, decals, CDs, and women's shoes, sandals and boots. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday-Friday; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. Call (248) 646-1032 or visit www. detroitrocksusa.com.

#### **NADWA HAIR SPA OPENS** WEST BLOOMFIELD -

Nadwa Hair . Spa, a new salon and spa from owner Nadwa Yono, recently opened at 6923 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple, in the Boardwalk Shopping Center. Nadwa's offers an array of hair, health and beauty services - including Australian Hydrotherapy, found nowhere else in Michigan. The new salon also provides the latest products for women suffering from diffused hair loss, including hair attachments, wigs and extensions; hand and foot hydrotherapy; manicure treatment bar; makeup area featuring pure, hand-made mineral offerings; chemical studio area which utilizes steam to promote color changes and enhancements in mere minutes; and a separate area for men's grooming. Call (248) 851-8100 or visit nadwa-



# Short and sassy trends set stage for prom



Today's teens are doing their research when it comes to finding the perfect prom dress.

That's according to Claudine Hamm at Alyce Designs, which has been designing dresses for over 40 years — including the one Britney Spears wore to her own prom.

"Today's prom-goers have been watching their favorite television shows, ripping out pages of inspiration from fashion magazines and taking notes on what young Hollywood stars wore during the recent award season," Hamm said.

So what's hot for prom this year? Hamm shares the top trends:

Metallic mix: From shimmer satins to silver lame, the gold standard is still metallics. Look for them in burnished tints, from bronzed and coppered satin to softly minted taffetas with a blush of shine.

Animal prints: The wild side of fashion remains in vogue. If you're not daring enough for a full leopard print gown,

try a hint of animal print in sashes, exposed lining or bead details.

Brilliant hue: Bright, juicy color choices are knocking out the little black dress this year. Whether you favor fuchsia, emerald green, neon yellow or radiant red, no color is too bold for prom

Noticeable necklines: From the recent Academy Awards to fashion runways around the world, varying one-shoulder silhouettes and sweetheart necklines have turned heads. Simple or striking, the necklines can also be embellished with sequins and beads.

Short and sassy: Cocktail length is completely acceptable for Prom 2009. Try on short dresses with bubble hems. belted bodices, full skirts or tulle for a fun and flirty

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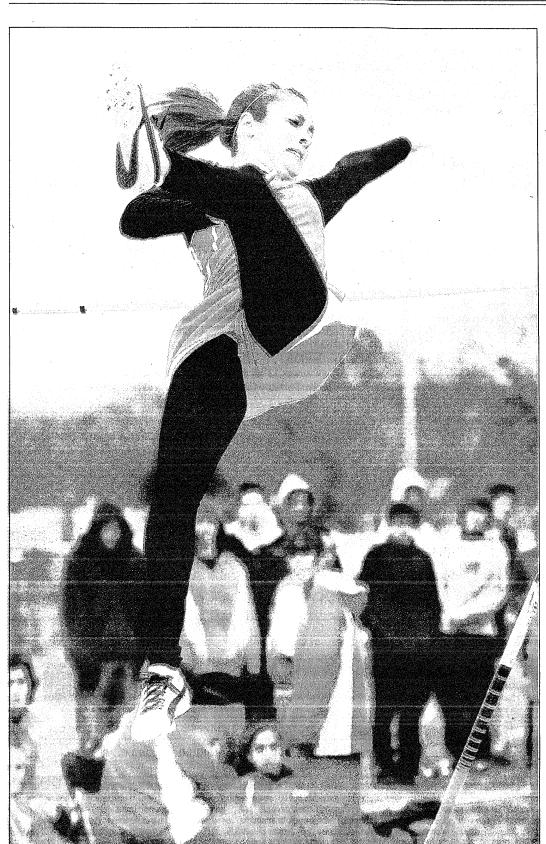
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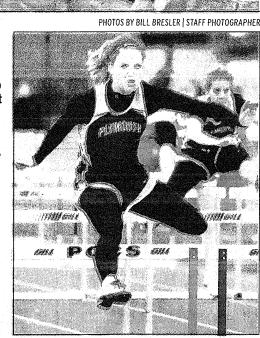
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Above, Canton pole vaulter Kara Bongiovanni cleared the bar at 7 feet, 9 inches to place first in Tuesday's meet against Plymouth. At right, Plymouth's Mandy McManus was focused on the next hurdle during her first-place effort in the 100-meter hurdles event Tuesday against Canton.





Canton. Birman won the event with a toss of 41 feet, 10.25 inches.

# **Split** decision

## Plymouth boys, Canton girls claim track wins

See complete meet results on Page B4.

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Canton's girls track team was "relay," "relay" good in its dual meet with Plymouth Tuesday afternoon and Plymouth's boys team was really, really fast against the Chiefs.

As a result, the Chief girls and Wildcat boys opened their seasons with 83-53 and 75-62 victories, respectively, against their cross-campus rivals.

"I couldn't have been more pleased with tonight's meet." said Canton coach Pam Stom. 'We had cold temps in the low-40s, wind and rain, and we still had great times and performances."

Keying the Canton girls' triumph were victories in all four relay events. The Chiefs sparkled in the sprints, too, as sophomore Lindsay Lipa won the 100-meter dash in 13.31 seconds and junior Ashley Banks captured the 200 with a time of 28.9. Lipa also won the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 2 inches.

Plymouth's top performer was Mandy McManus, who won the 100-meter and 300meter hurdle races with times of 18.22 and 53.5, respectively.

In the boys' meet, the Chiefs built a 30-20 edge following the field events, however, Plymouth's superior distance crew — led by Swedish exchange student Elmar Engholm — proved to be the difference.

Engholm placed first in all four events he raced: the 3,200-meter relay, the 1,600meter run, 800-meter run and the 3,200-meter run.

"We knew it was going to be a competitive meet because coach Kurt Britnell and his staff do a great job getting their kids ready," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "The weather was challenging for both schools, but I thought the young men stepped up and performed well.

Senior Sherif Hassanien was the Chiefs' leading pointearner as he won both hurdles events and anchored Canton's first-place 1,600-meter relay foursome.

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## **GAME WRAPS**

#### Hail to the Eagles

The Discovery Middle School boys basketball team captured the overall Plymouth-Canton title for the fifth consecutive year with a 14-2 record. Team members include Devin Slominski, Scott Gring, Chase Winningham, Kyle Cameron, Matt Lawrence, Mike Montgomery, Malik El, Brett Mattson, James Buchanan, Chris Mattei, Jon Malone, Jamal Eiland, Mike Kennedy, Dan Marsden, Josh Mayberry, Kevin Mack, Josh Dennard and Andrew Klenk.

Dave Van Wagoner coached the "A" team while Discovery grad Dominique Washington coached the "B" squad to an 8-0 record.

#### Chiefs upend 'Cats in boys lacrosse

Canton's boys lacrosse team knocked off cross-campus rival Plymouth Monday night, 9-3.

Following a hard-fought first quarter that ended knotted at 1-all, the Chiefs tallied four unanswered secondperiod goals. Canton led 7-3 after three.

Jason Avedesian paced the winners' scoring barrage with four goals. Jake Underwood and Jordan Emery both contributed a pair of goals while Matt Rodgers notched a single net-finder.

Canton goalie Sean Walsh was spectacular in net, stopping 16 Wildcat shots.

Scoring for the Chiefs were: Jason Avedesian for four goals with two assists from Jordan Emery (Captain) and one from Jake Underwood, one goal unassisted.

Canton's defense was sparked by Ryan Dunleavy, Dakota Dark Bird, Bryan Davison and Alec Gilo.

We only ran two midfield lines tonight; I was hoping they wouldn't run out of gas," said Canton coach Kevin Riley. "Sean (Walsh) really kept us in the game tonight."

#### **Lions tame Lady Warriors**

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team dropped a 12-4 decision to state-ranked South Lyon Monday night.

"Watching the game, you had the feeling that if we had some offensive thrust, this would have been a close game," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "The girls played hard."

South Lyon outshot PCS, 29-8. Lady Warrior goalie Lexie O'Conner played well in just her second appearance of the season.

Nicole Rottell scored twice for PCS while Edra Burris and Chelsea Olson added single goals.

## Coaches: Please report results

Local high school spring sports coaches are encouraged to report their results to Plymouth and Canton Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright - whether their team wins or loses; or they're home or away.

Wright can be reached at (734) 578-2767 or at ewright@hometownlife. com.

The deadline for Thursday print editions of the Observer is 11 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. The deadline for Sunday print editions of the paper is Friday at 11 p.m.

Results of games reported to Wright will appear on www.hometownlife.com the following morning.

# **Spits decision: Whalers** earn semis vs. Windsor

The Plymouth Whalers exploded for six goals in the second period and cruised to an 8-1 victory over Sarnia in an Ontario Hockey League playoff game played Saturday night before 2,876 at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth won the first-round OHL Western Conference quarterfinal series in five games over the Sting, outscoring its foes, 21-6, in the series and 21-2 from early in the first period of Game 2. Plymouth will open its next series

tonight in Windsor against the top-ranked Spitfires in the OHL Western Conference semifinals. The other OHL Western Conference semifinal features London against Saginaw.

Whalers captain Chris Terry led the offensive attack with a hat trick and now has five goals in the playoffs. Ryan Hayes scored a goal (his third in three playoff games) and added two assists. Kaine Geldart, AJ Jenks and

first playoff goals this season for Please see WHALERS, B2

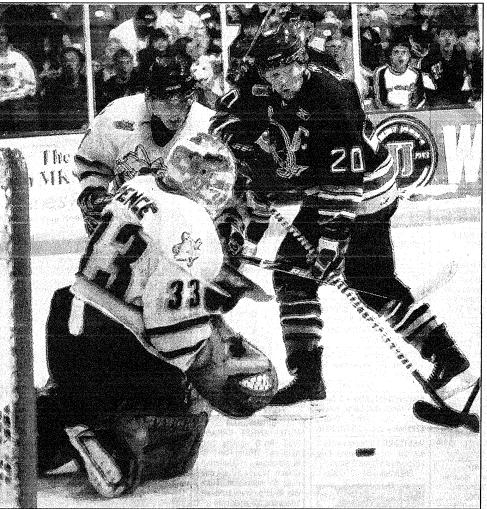
Beau Schmitz all scored their

#### WINDSOR TUNNEL VISION

What: Ontario Hockey League Western Conference best-of-seven semifinal series:

Who: Longtime rivals Plymouth Whalers (37-26-5-0 regular season) vs. Windsor Spitfires (57-10-0-1); When: Game 1 is set for tonight in Windsor; Game 2 will be Saturday at Compuware Arena; Game 3 will be Sunday in Windsor; Game 4 will be Tuesday at Compuware; Game 5 (if necessary) will be April 9 in Windsor; Game 6 (if necessary) will be April 11 at Compuware; and Game 7 (if necessary) will be April 13 in Windsor; all Whalers home games will start at 7:05.

Tickets: Prices have remained the same as the regular season: \$11 and \$15. Tickets are available by calling (734) 453-8400 or by visiting Compuware Arena in person Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or on Saturday starting at 11 a.m.



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Plymouth captain Chris Terry (20), pictured during last week's 5-1 win over Sarnia, was voted the No. 1 star in the Whalers' series-cinching 8-1 triumph over the Sting Saturday night.

the Whalers, while Joe Gaynor scored his second. Defenseman Leo Jenner added three assists.

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Although the Whalers scored 21 goals in the series, defense was a key to their success as well. Matt Hackett stopped 27-of-28 shots on Saturday, keeping his playoff goals against average at 0.98 (five goals allowed in 305 minutes) and his save percentage at .970 (164-169). Both marks currently lead the OHL

In addition, Plymouth penalty killers went six-forsix in the game and went 32-for-34 in the series. Mark Katic scored the lone Sarnia goal, his first of

Although the Whalers scored six goals in the second period, there was an explosion of a different kind in the Plymouth dressing room during the first intermis-

"There was an explosion in the (Whaler) locker room in between the periods," said Mike Vellucci, Plymouth president, general manager and head coach. "I thought it (the first period) was our worst period of the year, to be honest. I thought we were so bad. Our guys thought that Sarnia would roll over and die and they didn't. Sarnia played way better than we did in the first period. So I was glad to see it (six goals in the second period) — I didn't expect that many goals, but we worked hard for them once they started going in."

The second game of the Windsor series is slated for Saturday night at Compuware Arena. Saturday's opening face-off is set for 7:05 p.m.

Windsor defeated Plymouth in six of eight games during the regular season, with two of the Spitfire victories by scores of 1-0.

# Late surge lifts Wildcats over Rocks

With the sun setting fast in its season opener against Salem last Friday, Plymouth's softball team

turned the power on. The Wildcats turned a pitchers' duel into a home run derby with back-to-back eighth-inning roundtrippers from Stacey Klonowski and Amanda

Burnard to defeat the host Rocks, 4-1. Plymouth won the darkness-shortened second game of the twinbill, 7-3.

Sophomore Lauren Smith earned the victory on the mound for the Wildcats, scattering nine hits while striking out two. Sophomore Brianna Lee

suffered the loss for the Rocks despite blanking the 'Cats from the second inning through the seventh.

We were patient at the plate and made her throw a lot of pitchers; we laid off her rise ball," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield, explaining her team's strategy against Lee. "I was shocked when we hit those back-to-back home runs. It's nice to see the girls hitting so well early in the season."

Early on, the opening game appeared destined to be a slugfest as both teams scored a single firstinning run: Klonowski singled in Erin Rodes for Plymouth while the Rocks countered with Lee's RBI double that plated Schmidt.

Both pitchers then dug in and posted goose-

eggs on the scoreboard until Plymouth's three-run eighth. The frame started when Rodes walked was sacrificed to second by Beth Heldmeyer. Klonowski then rocked a pitch over the center-field fence -- just like Burnard one batter later.

Plymouth defeated Salem, 1-0, in last spring's Division 1 District final at Salem.

In the nightcap, Plymouth scored two runs in the first and second innings and three in the fourth. Salem scored twice in the second and once in the

Miranda Oliver earned the win. Schmidt pitched the first five innings for Salem before giving way to Lee, who registered the final three outs.

## Canton ace Dunleavy throws no-no at Novi

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

To say Canton's Amy Dunleavy was zeroed in Friday afternoon would be an understatement.

The junior right-handed pitcher fired a no-hitter in the Chiefs' seasonopening 12-0 rout of Novi in a game shortened to five innings due to the MHSAA's mercy rule.

Dunleavy struck out nine and did not walk a batter. The Wildcats' lone

base-runner reached on an error. Dunleavy nearly lost the no-hitter with two outs in the fifth, but Canton left-fielder Sam Podorsek made a diving catch to preserve the gem.

"We had to wait a few seconds for the umpires to make the call," said Canton coach Jim Arnold, referring to Podorsek's game-ending web gem.

Arnold said Dunleavy's feat wasn't surprising considering the off-season sweat equity she put in.

"She's been working extremely hard

the entire off-season," said Arnold. "She had good velocity and her ball was moving. She was hitting her locations well, too. Amy's been ready to pitch for two weeks now, and it showed today."

The Chiefs broke open a close game in the third when they scored seven times to pad their advantage to 9-0. The added one run in the fourth and two more in the fifth.

Pacing the winners' 13-hit attack were sophomore shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer, who went 2-for-3 with three RBI; Miranda Rysdorp, who contributed two hits and two RBI; and Podorsek, who went 2-for-4 with three runs.

Canton won the second game of the twinbill, 6-2, behind the bat of Sexauer, who went 2-for-3 with a home run and four RBI. Rysdorp also sparkled at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a triple.

Dunleavy pitched the final four innings to earn the victory.

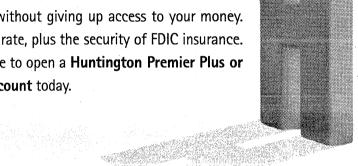
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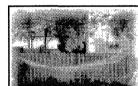
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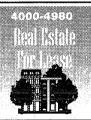
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# All-Observer grapplers secure hold on greatness

DUSTIN, GAJOWIAK, SR., JOHN GLENN (285):

The junior went 47-11 this year including a fifth-place finish at the Division 1 individual state finals following runner-up finishes at both the district and regional.

Sporting a career mark of 83-31, Gajowiak was also KLAA Kensington Conference champion, second at the Observerland Invitational and third at the Novi Detroit Catholic Central Invitational.

"Dustin finished this year peaking at the right time," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "His fifth-place finish was the result of his work ethic in practice and on the mat in competition. He is also a three-sport athletic for Glenn as well as a good student. He is the most successful heavyweight I have coached thus far and he still has one year of competition remaining. He wants to play college football and we're helping him train for that opportunity. We look forward to great things from Dustin his senior

STEVE WAKEFORD, JR., JOHN GLENN (103): The junior, 45-15, took sixth at the state finals after placing runner-up at both the regional and district.

He also won the Kensington Conference crown and was runner-up at both Observerland and Napoleon. He also added third at the CC and Salem invitationals

"Steve is a competitor and a very good athlete," Polk said. "A lot of kids his size would make excuse why they can't compete with bigger guys, but not Steve. He look forward to taking on all challengers. He is very strong for his size and can lift more than most of my guys that are 145 pounds. He is also on the varsity baseball and football teams. Not many kids are three-sport athletes anymore, but he is competitive in all three. Next year he'll be in the hunt

NICK KIM, SOPH., SALEM (103): Kim, who finished with a 37-13 record, enjoyed a sensational sophomore season, which was highlighted by a championship performance at the Fowlerville Invitational and an eighth-place showing at the Division 1 individual state meet. The effort earned Kim a spot on the Salem "Wall of Champions."

"Nick is only in his second season of wrestling and he proved what can be done when all the components of the sport are put together," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "We look forward to watching Nick develop even further in the future."

WALEED FARAJ, JR., CANTON (112): The junior went 45-12 to improve his career mark to 82-36. He was the KLAA individual conference champion at 112 pounds before placed third in the District tournament. second at Regional and eighth at the Division 1 state meet.

"Waleed is one of our talented junior that will be back next season,' said Canton coach Corey Mancuso. "It will be exciting to see how he makes the transition to a heavier weight class next season as he tries to improve on this season's eighthplace finish at the state meet."

CARL LUCKE, SR., CANTON (119): Lucke capped a spectacular high school career with a 51-13 record that closed with a stellar seventh-place finish at the Division 1 state meet. He earned second at the District meet and third at the Regional competition. Hi four-year varsity record was 146-54.

"Carl is nicknamed 'Tank' because he goes after his opponents at a hard pace for six minutes every time he steps on the mat," said Mancuso. "Carl was a captain the past two seasons and one cannot say enough about what he has done for the Canton program. Carl is currently looking for a college where he hopes to wrestle next season.

ANTHONY PAVLICH, JR., JOHN GLENN (125): The junior, 30-11 overall, earned an eighth-place finish at the Division 1 state finals after placing runner-up at the district and regional.

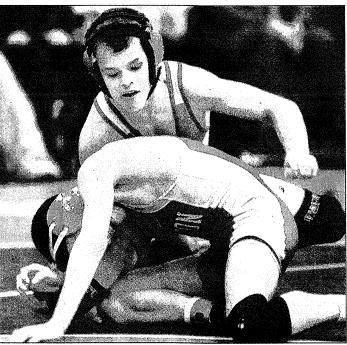
Pavlich, sporting a 115-30 career mark, also took first at the Salem Invitational and second at Observerland.

"Anthony has put a lot of time into this sport since he was in middle school," Polk said. "He wrestles all summer because he has his sights set on being Glenn's next state champion. He has had a humbling year and was able to finish strong medaling for the second time after jumping three weight classes from last year - and two during the season. We're proud of him and look forward to his

senior year. JEREMY FILLIPPELLI, SR., CANTON (130): Fillippelli wrapped up an outstanding high school career with a 45-8 record, which improved his overall mark to 101-35. Highlights of his success-laden season were titles at Observerland and the KLAA confer-

ence championship meet. "Jeremy was the heart and soul of this year's team," said Mancuso. "A vocal leader who helped keep the team together through this transition season. Jeremy is currently looking for a college where he plans

to wrestle next season. JARED STEPHENS, SR., JOHN GLENN (135): The state runner-up, who fell in overtime in the finals, finished the



TOM HAWLEY I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn's Steven Wakeford, a junior, earned first-team All-Observer honors at 103 pounds following an outstanding season where he placed at the Division 1 individual state finals last month at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

season with a 27-4 record. He was runner-up at the district and Kensington Conference meets,

while adding a third at the regional. He is a three-time state qualifier and two-time state placer who finished 130-39 for his career.

"Jared is the type of person that could make the entire room laugh or have to work extra for the day depending on the situation," Polk said. "Jared is a very intelligent" young man that can accomplish anything he puts his focus on. He has had a few setbacks over his career and I'm glad to see him finish with another state medal. I look forward to seeing what Jared becomes in the

DONNIE WATKINS, JR., CANTON (135): Watkins is etching his name onto the list of the school's all-time great grapplers following a season in which he won 59 of 62 matches to improve his three-year prep record to 156-19. He won three top-level tournaments before placing first at the District meet, second at Regionals and third at the D1 state

"Donnie is one of our most talented juniors," said Mancuso. "He is a near-fall scoring machine as he broke the records for most two-point and three-point falls in a season. He is a three-time state placer who will look to cap next season off with

JIMMY MANN, SR., JOHN GLENN (140): The transfer from New Boston Huron ended up 43-6 overall, including a fifth-place finish at the state meet.

He also took the district. Kensington Conference, Salem and Napoleon invitational titles. He was runner-up at the CC Invitational and fourth at the regional.

His career record is 158-41 over-

"Jimmy was the most consistent performer on our team." Polk said. "He's one of our quiet guys that came to practice and got the job down on a daily basis. Every coach enjoys having those guys in the lineup that you can depend on to get the win in whatever situation that is need.

"He was a great addition to our team and was in intricate part of contributing to our run to Battle Creek. It's tough to replace guys like

BRENT WINEKOFF, JR., CANTON (145): Winekoff was ranked No. 1 at 145 pounds most of the season by MichiganGrappler.com. The junior compiled a 62-2 mark that included first-place showing at the Observerland meet, the KLAA individual conference tournament. the district tourney and the regional competition. He capped a remarkable year with a third-place showing at the state meet.

"Brent Winekoff is one of our most talented juniors," Mancuso said. "He led the team in pins with 36 and tied his own school record for takedowns in a season with 209. Brent is a two-time state placer and next season will be in the hunt for Canton's second state individual

ZAID AMMARI, SR., JOHN GLENN (152): The state qualifier posted a 46-16 record his senior year after placing third at the regional and second at the district.

Ammari also captured the Kensington Conference and Napoleon Invitational crowns. He added a runner-up finish at Salem.

"Zaid is proud of what hard work and dedication can do for you." Polk said. "In his younger days he scrapped with the best kids in our room and took it like a man. Because of all his determination and commitment, he made it to the Palace this season. Zaid is an example of what we want our wrestlers to become year after year. He was very easy to coach because he did whatever we asked him to do.'

The two-year captain was 109-70 during his Glenn career.

"His work ethic is second to none an I'm sure it will lead him to many successes in life," Polk said.

STEPHEN KEMP, SR., LUTH. WESTLAND (160): A four-time individual state quali-

fier, Kemp ended his career with a fifth-place finish at the Division 4 finals. He was 45-6 this season and 192-30 for his career.

The team captain was also a district champion and third-place finisher at the regional. Kemp earned Metro Conference MVP honors and won both the Dearborn Fordson and Romulus Summit Academy tourneys, as well as going undefeated at the Franklin Tournament.

"His commitment and hard work is what set him apart from most," Lutheran Westland coach Dennis Tuomi said. "He was a tremendous leader. Kids like him don't come along often."

KEITH ZECH, JR., CANTON (171): Zech sparkled in his first full season on the varsity, racking up a 40-18 record to improve his career mark to 69-49. He qualified for the state meet thanks to a third-place showing at the Regional.

"Keith was one of our major surprises this season," said Mancuso. Last season Keith finished with a record of 24-25 and this season he was a state qualifier. Keith's success on the mat this season is a result of his hard work in the practice room." AUSTIN ROOT, JR., SALEM (189): Root

posted a 31-9 mark to improve his career record at Salem to 63-21. He advanced to the finals in six tournaments, including Observerland and the KLAA conference meet.

"Austin is by far the best athlete on our team," Woochuk emphasized. "He is a large part of the success of our upper-weights this year because of how hard his teammates had to work to keep up with his natural

CODY HAY, SR., LIV. FRANKLIN (215): The senior finished the year 55-15 overall, including an eighth-place finish at the state finals following a first at the district and a third at the regional.

He was also the Franklin Invitational champion. Hay's career

mark is 100-44. "Cody turned it on at the right time of the year," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "He's not the most physically dominate person on the mat, but he gives everything he has. He's very determined, and very tough to score on. When he's in a match he knows exactly what he needs to do to win. He's come a long way since his freshman year and should be very proud of his accomplishments."

COACH OF THE YEAR

BILL POLK, JOHN GLENN: The ninth-year coach is no stranger to success on the mat as he guided the Rockets to their most successful season in

school history. Under Polk's guidance, Glenn reached the Elite Eight of the Division 1 state team finals in Battle Creek as the Rockets posted a 27-8

dual-match mark. After capturing the district, Glenn won a thrilling regional tiebreaker over Canton.

"Early in the season we beat some good teams, but we had some injuries, discipline issues and some things we had to fix." said the 35-year-old Polk. "This team came together at the right time and believed in themselves. We had come close the last few years, but everything had to come together for the run we had - and it did. We had a great year, it was fun and reward-

The Rockets were also KLAA Kensington Conference champions and took runner-up team honors at the Observerland Invitational.

"We switched our lineup around, something we did not have the luxury of doing over the year," Polk said. "We had a lot of young kids in the lineup who got beat up, but no matter who we had in the lineup, we were always in the top two or three, which was very encouraging."

Glenn also qualified eight for the individual state individual finals and five placed.

"To say I'm not pleased is one thing, but like any coach I think we could have had more," Polk said. "But I'm still happy with what we

#### **ALL-OBSERVER** WRESTLING

2008-09 ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING TEAMS 285 pounds: 1. Dustin Gajowiak, Jr. Westland John Glenn; 2. Mike Modes, Livonia Franklin; 3. Blake Abbey,

103: 1. (tie) Steve Wakeford, Jr., John Glenn; Nick Kim, Soph., Salem; 2 Joint Genii, Nick Niii, Sopii, Saleii, 2.
Said Youssif, Soph., Plymouth; 3. Jacob
Meadows, Soph., Livonia Churchill.

112: 1. Waleed Faraj, Jr., Canton;
2. Steve Tuyo, Soph., Franklin; 3. lan
Phillips, Sr., Salem.

119: 1. Carl Lucke, Sr., Canton; 2.
Lock Austin, Ir., John Clopp; 3. Brad.

Josh Austin, Jr., John Glenn, 3. Brad LaRose, Sr., Lutheran Westland. 125: 1. Anthony Pavlich, Jr., John Glenn; 2. Mark Thompson, Jr., John Glenn; 3. Laith Francis, Jr., Lutheran Westland.

130: 1. Jeremy Fillippelli, Sr., Canton: 2. Justin Robinson, Jr., John Glenn; 3. Jonny Bannoura, Soph.,

135: 1. (tie) Jared Stephens, Sr., John Glenn; Donnie Watkins, Jr., Canton; 2. Mitch Gonzales, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; 3. (tie) Tevin Hines, Sr., Wayne Memorial; Bryan Fortney, Sr., Churchill.

140: 1. Jimmy Mann, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Dwuan Burris, Sr., Redford Union; 3. Raz Markosian, Sr.,

145: 1. Brent Winekoff, Jr., Canton; 2. Elvin Ferreira, Sr., Franklin; 3. Tyler Twigg, Sr., Garden City. 152: 1. Zaid Ammari, Sr., John

Glenn; 2. Brandon Billiau, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Brandon Billiau, Sr., Franklin; 3. Anthony Abro, Soph., Canton. 160: 1. Stephen Kemp, Sr., Lutheran Westland; 2. Don Stratz, Sr., Franklin 3.

Westland; 2. Don Stratz, Sr., Franklin Zach Redden, Jr., John Glenn. 171: 1. Keith Zech, Jr., Canton; 2. Curtis Castleberry, Jr., Churchill; 3. Garrett Hay, Sr., Franklin. 189: 1. Austin Root, Jr., Salem; 2. Andrew Schramm, Jr., Stevenson; 3. Zach Leuenberger, Soph., Franklin. 215: 1. Cody Hay, Sr., Franklin; 2. Sam Lepper, Sr., Salem; 3. Craig Kowalsky, Jr., Lutheran Westland. COACH OF THE YEAR Bill Polk, John Glenn

HONORABLE MENTION John Glenn: Doug Wiley, Mikkel Tipton, Mike Johnson, Jeff Adkins, Kameron Jones, Gerald Powell; Canton: Mitch Wolski, Tyler Bourcier; Salem: John Bills, Colin Gross, Dylan Hatcher, Johannes Olind, Robert Schultz, Joe Williams, Chris Sweet, Adam Turner, James Middleditch; **Franklin:** Erik Czech, Matt Roos, Justin Jacobsen; Stevenson: Josh Seibert, Matt Greenman; Churchill: Matt Hecksel, Kane Kanouse, Jon Scheckel, Brett Appel, Grant Morgan; Garden City: Jake Johnson, Devin Ashley, Shane Miller; Wayne: Josh Mills, Mike Wallace, Darryl Ison, Tristen, Jarosicwicz; **Livonia Clarenceville:** Jake Ruth, Derek Robbins, Joe Haapala, Andrew Jasmer, Patrick Walker;

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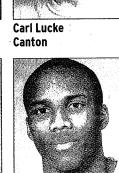
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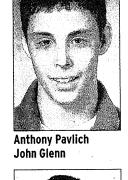


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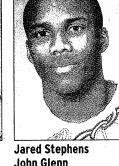


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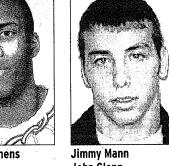








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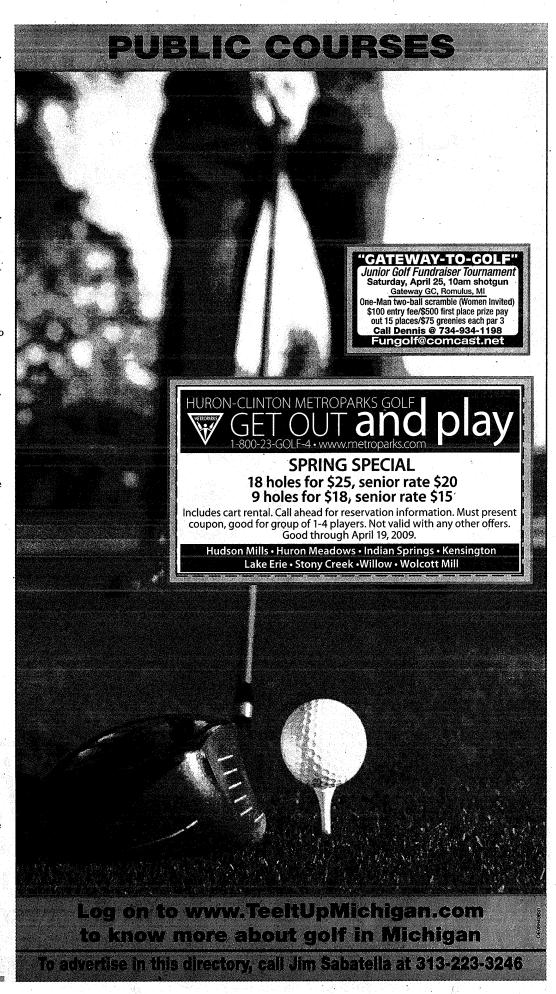


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Coach of the Year



CANTON 83 PLYMOUTH 53

March 31 at PCEP
Discus: 1. Hakala (C), 80 feet, 6 inches; 2.
Tyler Buchanan (P), 78-3; 3. Nicole Douglas

High jump: 1. Lindsay Lipa (C), 5-2; 2. Christina Bradley (C), 4-3; 3. Kristyn Sturtz (P), 4-3.

Long jump: 1. Rebecka Knox (P), 15-5.5; 2. Ashley Banks (C), 15-0; 3. Bree Edge (C), 14-2. Pole vault: 1. Kara Bongjonvanni (C), 7-

9; 2. Robyn Piwowar (C), 6-9 **Shot put:** 1. Tyler Buchanan (P), 31-10.25; 2. Nicole Douglas (C), 29-10.5; 3. Isis Haywood (P), 27-1.25.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Sarah Thomas, Lizzie Gatzek, Beth Swanberg, Bianca Kubicki), 10:25; 2. Plymouth, 10:29. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Mandy McManus

(P), 18.22; 2. Jenna Hamed (P), 19.09; 3. Krahn (C), 20.9.

**100 dash**: 1. Lindsey Lipa (C), 13.31; 2. Ashley Banks (C), 13.5; 3. Rebecka Knox

800 run: 1. Canton (Reed, Robyn

Piwowar, Cathy Huang, Bree Edge), 1:57.9; 2. Plymouth, 1:58.9. **1,600 run**: 1. Paula Green (P), 5:49; 2. Bianca Kubicki (C), 5:53.4; 3. Sarah Thomas

400 relay: 1. @anton (Bree Edge, Ashley

PLYMOUTH 75 CANTON 62

March 31 at PCEP Stadium

Discus: 1. Jason Foster (C), 129 feet, 3 inches; 2. Keith Choma (P), 117-10; 3. Kyle

High jump: 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 5-11; 2.

10-5. **Shot put**: 1. Jordon Birman (P), 41-10.25;

. Alex Marsh (C), 39-8.25; 3. Kyle Brindza

Hurst, Zach Spreitzer, Paul Rakovitis), 8:27. 110 high hurdles: 1. Sherif Hassanien (C), 16.5; 2. Brandon Piligian (P), 16.6; 3. Ben

reitzer (C), 17.9. **800 relay**: 1. Plymouth (Malek Rich,

Connor McKinney, William Askew, Victor Hicks), 1:34.0; 2. Canton (Ryan Randall,

Sherif Hassanien, August Garrett, Jordan Wisniewski), 1:38.4.

**1,600 run**: 1. Elmar Engholm (P), 4:43.0; 2. Matt Neumann (P), 4:46.1; 3. Joe Porcari

400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Malek Rich,

Connor McKinney, William Askew, Victor Hicks), 46.0; 2. Canton (Ryan Randall, August

Garrett, Nick Austin, Jeremy Quillico), 46.8.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Warren Buzzard, Matt Neumann, Joe Porcari, Elmar Engholm), 8:21.0; 2. Canton (Keith Zech, Josh

Brindza (P), 113-0.

Bica, Lindsay Llpa, Ashley Banks), 53.2; 2. Plymouth 57.4.

# A strong quartet of captains leads Canton boys LAX team

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The 2009 season promises to be a rebuilding and reloading campaign for Canton's boys lacrosse team, according to head coach Kevin Riley.

The Chiefs lost two All-State players and two All-Conference performers to graduation.

"We will be a young team with mostly juniors and sophomores," said Riley, who added the team's roster will run just 18 or 20 players deep.

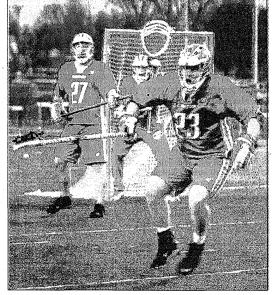
PREP LACROSSE **PREVIEW** 

"This season will be a learning experience for the young players because many are just learning the game with minimal experience."

The Chiefs will be led by senior captains Mark Barath, Jordan Emery, Kyle Dunleavy and Alex Loiselle.

Additional players who will be counted on to make key contributions include junior attackman Jake Underwood; sophomore attackman Matt Rodgers; sophomore mid-fielder/face-off specialist Jordan Smith; junior defensemen Dakota Dark Bird and Ryan Dunleavy; and junior goalie Sean

"Sean has been working hard to improve his technique and he should be a valuable asset as the season continues," said Riley.



Pictured are three key members of the 2009 Canton lacrosse team: (left to right) Ryan Dunleavy, Sean Walsh

## Ignition clinches inaugural XSL title

A one-point loss by the Milwaukee Wave Sunday afternoon clinched the first Xtreme Soccer League championship

for the Detroit Ignition. The Ignition finished its first two seasons with the league's regular-season title, but this is the first time the team has clinched the overall league

championship.

"I'm so happy, this was three years in the making for our guys," Ignition Head Coach Matt Johnson said. "This was a team that got along really well and worked hard for each other. It's a perfect example of how the team is more important than its individual play-

Immediately following the Ignition's final home game on Friday, an on-field presentation will be made to celebrate the team's first championship.

Friday's game is set to kick off at 7:35 p.m. at Compuware Arena against the Chicago Storm (7-11).

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Thursday, April 2
Trillium Academy at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Novi at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m. Friday, April 3
Salem at Franklin (DH), 4 p.m.
Northville at Canton (DH), 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
PCA at University of Liggett (DH), 1 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 2

Thursday, April 2 University Liggett at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Novi at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m. Friday, April 3 Northville at Canton (DH), 4 p.m. Salem at Franklin (DH), 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4 m Academy at PCA (DH), 10 a.m. BOYS & GIRLS TRACK Thursday, April 2

Saturday, April 4
Salem boys at EMU Indoor Meet, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday, April 2
PCA at Calvary Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Canton at Novi, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 3
Lutheran Westland at PCA, 3:\$5 p.m.
Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. GIRLS TENNIS
Friday, April 3
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Salem at Northville, 4 p.m. Saturday April 4 Canton and Salem at nroe Olson Classic, 8 a.m. ROYS LACROSSE Friday, April 3 South Lyon at Canton, 7 p.m.

Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Salem at Northville, 7 p.m. **Saturday, April 4 COLLEGE BASEBALL** 

(all double-headers unless noted) Thursday, April 2 Rochester College at Madonna (1), TBA. Saturday, April 4 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 5 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL

(all double-headers) Friday, April 3 Concordia at Madonna, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4 Madonna at Davenport, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 5 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m.

#### **GIRLS TRACK RESULTS**

**400 dash**: 1. Beth Swanberg (C), 1:04; 2. Cathy Huang (C), 1:06.4; 3. Lindsay Schmidt

**300 hurdles**: 1. Mandy McManus (P), 53.5; 2. Jenna Hamed (P), 54.8; 3. Yuki Krolicki (C), 56.0.

800 run: 1. Kelly Hahn (P), 2:34; 2. Julie Forster (P), 2:38; 3. Bianca Kubicki (C), 2:41. 200 dash: 1. Ashley Banks (C), 28.9; 2. Robyn Piwowar (C), 29.0; 3. Bree Edge (C),

**3,200 run**: 1. Molly Slavens (P), 12:15.59; Paula Green (P), 13:18; 3. Yuki Krolicki

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Lindsay Schmidt, Martin, Cathy Huang, Beth Swanberg), 4:30.12; 2. Plymouth, 4:38.5.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 92** 

LIVONIA STEVENSON 92
SALEM 45
March 31 at Salem
Shot put: 1. Allison Gudeman (LS), 29
feet, 1.25 inches; 2. Shireen Saah (LS), 253.5; 3. Becky Holubka (LS), 25-1.25.
Discus: 1. Holubka (LS), 84-10; 2. Julie
Sawecki (LS), 78-5; 3. Saah (LS), 78-1.
High jump: 1. Kretschmer (Salem), 4-8;
2. Marci Kovsky (LS), 4-6; 3. (tie) Claire
LeBlanc (LS) and Belikov (Salem), 4-4 each.
Long jump: 1. Melanie Bauer (LS), 15-3; 2.
Kovsky (LS), 15-1; 3. Davis (Salem), 13-3.25.
Pole vault: 1. Michelle Blackstone (LS),
9-0; 2. Lisa Black (LS), 7-6; 3. (tie) Emily

9-0; 2. Lisa Black (LS), 7-6; 3. (tie) Emily Wolfe (LS) and Parvta (Salem), 7-6 each.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 17.7; 2. Parvta (Salem), 19.1; 3. Nikki Yon (LS), 20.1. 300 hurdles: 1. Adamcheck (LS), 48.2; 2.

Kovsky (LS), 54.0; 3. Parvta (Salem), 54.8. 100 dash: 1. Deja Wright (Salem), 12.5; rye (Salem), 13.6; 3. Stephanie Matter

**200**: 1. Wright (Salem), 26.7; 2. Stephanie Batshon (LS), 28.4; 3. Belikov (Salem), 29.4. **400**: 1. Linda Ling (Salem), 1:05.0; 2. Gudeman (LS), 1:06.4; 3. Katie Glynn (LS),

800: 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 2:26.7; 2. Christina Joss (LS), 2:38.3; 3. Kelley Determan (Salem), 2:41.3. 1,600: 1. Calka (LS), 5:22.7; 2. Sarah

Opdyke (LS), 5:56.3; 3. Moore (Salem),

6:03.3. 3,200: 1. Victoria Tripp (Salem), 13:13.8; 2. Kara Booms (Salem), 13:22.3; 3. Victoria Saferian (LS), 13:25.7. 400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Megan DeMarco, Alyssa Adams, Erin Erickson, Matter), 56.6; 2. Salem, 58.7; **800 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Erickson, LeBlanc, Kovsky, Batshon), 1:58.0; 2. Salem, disqualified; **1,600** 

relay: 1. Stevenson (Batshon, LeBlanc, Glynn Calka), 4:24.5; 2. Salem, 4:35.4; 3,200 relay: 1. Salem, 11:16.8; 2. Stevenson, 11:17.2. **Dual meet records**: Stevenson, 1-0

overall; 1-0 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Scott d'Connor (Salem), 16.35; 2. Will Burek (LS), 16.51; 3. Charles Williams (Salem), 17.34. 300 hurdles: 1. O'Connor (Salem), 40.29;

2. Burek (LS), 42.51; 3. C. Williams (Salem),

44.25.

100 dash: 1. Nick Anagnostou (LS), 11.2; 2.
White (LS), 11.54; 3. D. Williams (Salem), 11.67.

200: 1. Anagnostou (LS), 22.83; 2. D.
Williams (LS), 23.13; 3. Pat Patin (Salem),

#### **BOYS TRACK RESULTS**

400 dash: 1. Kevin Buford (C), 55.0; 2. Jordan Wisniewski (C), 55.1; 3. William Askew 300 low hurdles: 1. Sherif Hassanien (C).

40.7; 2. Hyatt Ali (C), 44.6; 3. Doug Deykes (P), 44.6. **800 run**: 1. Elmar Engholm (P), 2:02; 2. Warren Buzzard (P), 2:04.5; 3. Keith Zech (C), Pawan (P), 5-7; 3. Keith Zech (C), 5-5. Long jump: 1. Nick Alaniva (C), 19-6; 2. Adam Payne (C), 18-11; 3. Zach Koch (P), 18-9.5. Pole vault: 1. Eddie Koelzer (C), 11-11; 2. Nick Alaneva (C), 10-11; 3. Grant Senkbeil (P),

200 dash: 1. Malek Rich (P), 23.6: 2. Victor Hicks (P), 24.0; 3. Ryan Randali (C), 24.5. **3,200 run**: 1. Elmar Engholm (P), 10:25.6; 2. Zack Spreitzer (C), 10:31; 3. Derek Lax (P),

11:06.

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Kevin Buford,
Keith Zech, Ryan Randall, Sherif Hassanien),
3:39.0; 2. Plymouth, 3:41.5.

SALEM 80

LIVONIA STEVENSON 57 March 31 at Stevenson

Shot put: 1. Dana Baltazar (Salem), 48 feet, 5.5 inches; 2. Ed Mehri (Salem), 46-1; 3. Andrew Nelson (LS), 41-9.

Discus: 1. Baltazar (Salem), 137-0; 2.

Courtney Frazier (Salem), 124-5; 3. Mehri (Salem), 109-9. High jump: 1. Zach Gaskell (Salem), 5-11; 2. Wyatt Stahl (LS), 5-9; 3. Austin White (LS), 5-7.

Long jump: 1. Nate Sergison (LS), 20-1.25; 2. Dominique Williams (Salem), 19-10.75; 3. Austin Root (Salem), 19-6.

Pole vault: 1. Jon Gudeman (LS), 11-11; 2. John Krutty (Salem), 11-8; 3. Henry Weyand

**400**: 1. Gaskell (Salem), 52.62; 2. Stephen

Pollard (LS), 54.45; 3. Matt Williams (LS),

800: 1. Alex Lang (Salem), 2:07.14; 2. Dan Martin (Salem), 2:08.73; 3. Zach Basanese

(Salem), 2:10.0. **1,600**: 1. Shawn Howse (LS), 4:46.29; 2.

Lang (Salem), 4:48.14; 3. Martin (Salem), **3,200**: 1. Matt Devey (Salem), 10:08.01; 2. Howse (LS), 10:08.41; 3. Mike Charara

(Salem), 10:13.89. 400 relay: 1. Stevenson (White, Jacob Gudeman, David Simor, Anagnostou), 44.68; 2. Salem, 45.37; **800 relay:** 1. Stevenson (White, Jacob Gudeman, Sergison, Anagnostou), 1:32.67; 2. Salem, 1:36.67; **1,600 relay:** 1. Salem, 3:37.65; 2. Stevenson, 3:41.25; **3,200 relay:** 1. Salem (Basanese, Dan Adgit, Devey, Charara), 8:42.02; 2. Stevenson, 8:43.38.

**Dual meet records:** Salem, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central; Stevenson, 0-1 overall; 0-1

## Chiefs tie for 15th at the EMU Relays

Canton's boys track-and-field team tied for 15th at Saturday's EMU Indoor Relays, which were held in Bowen Fieldhouse on the Eastern Michigan University campus.

Ann Arbor Pioneer won the event with 75 points, 9.5 more than runner-up Toledo Rogers. Salem was the top local finisher, placing 11th with 55.5 points.

The Chiefs tallied 10.5 points thanks in large part to sixth-place finishes by highjumper Ben Spreitzer, who cleared six-feet even; and pole-vaulter Eddie Koelzer, who set a personal-best height of 11-6.

Two Canton relay teams placed eighth: the 3,200-meter contingent of Keith Zech, Josh Hurst, Zack Spreitzer and Duncan Spitz (8:28.0) and the sprint medley foursome of Zech. Rvan Randall, Jordan Wisniewski and Hurst, who were clocked in 3:50.7.

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#### **BUSINESS MILESTONES**

#### **Showcase Plymouth**

With 60 exhibit spaces taken for the May 11 Showcase Plymouth at the Inn at St. John's, there are only 30 spaces left. With space going quickly, businesses need to reserve locations as soon as possible.



Last year the event was bigger than ever with 700 attendees and 90 exhibitors. Showcase and Taste of Plymouth was created to

celebrate the Plymouth Community; it's businesses, restaurants, and the people who live here. Cost for exhibit space is \$100. To help members during difficult economic

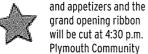
times, the chamber is also offering half an exhibit space that can be purchased for \$50. The chamber will match companies with other firms in a non-competing business to share space, even attempting to match complementary companies to give them a chance to co-market the event. Sharing a space would consist of using half of the 6' x 3' table provided to exhibitors.

Businesses interested in exhibiting

should contact the chamber at (734) 453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org.

#### **Keller Williams**

The new Keller Williams Real Estate office in Plymouth celebrates its grand opening 4 p.m. Friday, April 3. The event will feature refreshments



Chamber of Commerce officials are hoping folks can join fellow Chamber members and community leaders as to welcome Jeff Glover and his team to Plymouth. The office is located at 459 S. Main

Street.

#### Beauty to behold

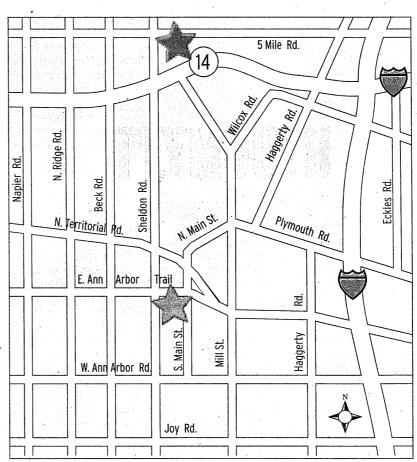
Love and nature combine this season to create romantic fashions with an organic flair. For makeup, sweet pastels blend with mineral tones to create a look that's timeless, wearable and beautiful. Merle Norman Cosmetics captures the all-out feminine trend with its Spring 2009 Color. Collection, "Pretty Charming."

Lids are aflutter in the ladylike classics of Delicate Pinks or softly shaded with the mystique of Berry Enchanting.

A so-in-love flush makes the heart skip a beat. Sweep on LUXIVA® Purely Mineral Cheeks in the cool pink shimmer of Coy or the blue-based mauve of Come Heather.

For a power pout, try LUXIVA® Long Wear Lipcolor in sweetly subtle Heather or rich Plum. The creamy base coat lasts for hours; layer with the clear coat for added moisture and shine

For a more velvety option, trace and fill in with dual-sided Satin Lip Pencil in blushing-nude Caramel Pink or lilac-laced Angel Mist. To finish the look, give fingers and toes a coat or two of SALON FORMULA™ Nail Color in ethereal Heavenly Pink or decadent Cranberry Rose. The "Pretty Charming" Spring 2009 Color Collection is available now for a limited time only, at Merle Norman, 595 Forest, in Plymouth. For more information about Merle Norman Cosmetics, call us at (734) 414-4089.



#### **SEND IT**

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

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

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

#### IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Legal firm a 'good fit' in Plymouth community

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

Aldrich Legal Services: Aldrich Legal Services, PLLC is a general practice law firm working in the areas of bankruptcy, estate planning, unemployment, personal injury, traffic tickets, and criminal misdemeanors. Aldrich Legal Services, PLLC specializes in real estate law including property acquisition, property taxation, and ownership disputes. Observer: What makes your

business unique? Aldrich Legal Services: Our clients tend to be individuals or small businesses. Aldrich Legal Services, PLLC has the experience of a large law firm without the large overhead that leads to excessive legal fees. Aldrich Legal Services is able to provide personalized approach to every step of the legal process. Observer: How did you first decide

to open your own business? Aldrich Legal Services: Brad Aldrich has always had an entrepreneurial streak and decided that large corporate

#### **ALDRICH LEGAL SERVICES PLLC**

- Business name: Aldrich Legal Services PLLC
- Business address: 276 S. Union, Suite 1, Plymouth
- Your name and title: Brad Aldrich, attorney
- Your hometown: Plymouth
- Business opened when? Practice started in Detroit, relocated to Plymouth in November 2005
- Number of employees: Besides Aldrich, there are two employees. Ben Henry is an attorney who was recently licensed to practice law in Michigan and has worked for Brad for 2 years as a clerk while finishing law school. Sandy Saleh is the firm's secretary and has been with Aldrich Legal Services, PLLC since its move to Plymouth.
- Your business specialty: General practice law firm working in the areas of bankruptcy, estate planning, unemployment, personal injury, traffic tickets, and criminal misdemeanors, specializing in real estate law including property acquisition, property taxation, and ownership
- Hours of operation: Our office is typically open from 9 to 5 although
- arrangements can be made to meet with clients outside of those hours. ■ Business phone and Web site: (734) 404-3000; aldrichlegalservices.

work would not suit his personality. Brad opened his own law firm right out of law school and has been practicing

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

Aldrich Legal Services: After Brad moved to the Plymouth area he experienced the incredible community and felt that his business would be a good fit for the community that would provide a mutual benefit.

## ever since.

#### CHAMBER CHAT

Upcoming April Chamber Events: Mark Your Calendars

- April 3 Grand Opening-Keller Williams Realty, Jeff Glover Agency, 4:00, 459 Main.
- April 17 6 on 6 Networking, 8 9:00, Chamber office
- April 28 Good Morning Plymouth Community Breakfast, 7:30-9, Station 885, Speaker is Detroit Tigers VP of Communication, Ron Colangelo.
- April 30 Forty Free Tickets available for members to attend "Prescription Murder" by Barefoot Productions, 8 p.m., 240 N. Main St.

#### 'Plymouth Rocks'

The Chamber now has T-shirts available with the "Plymouth Rocks" logo. In the coming weeks you will start to see the campaign logo on the Chamber building, on window decals around the area and on our web site that receives 45,000 hits per month.

The community marketing campaign is designed to give us a contemporary image we can centralize our marketing around to attract people to visit or locate to our community. Thus far, we have received great feedback regarding this new approach to marketing the Plymouth area.

#### Small-group networking

Call today to reserve your seat at the table for 6 on 6 Small Group Networking session April 17. At typical networking events you often briefly meet to exchange cards and then have to follow up later. This event eliminates the need for follow up, since you have time to get to know the other people participating in this intimate network setting. To avoid overlap, the 12 participating members are each from a different industry.

To sign up for this session 8-9 a.m. Friday, April 17, call Wes Graff, (734) 453-1540. You also can put your name on the list for a future session if this one is full. The event is at the Chamber office,



**Wes Graff** 

bring marketing materials to handout. We ask that you do not attend two consecutive months to allow for a new mixture of people each time.

850 West Ann Arbor Trail. Please

## Chamber golf

The Chamber will hold its annual golf outing on Monday, July 13 at Northville Hills. If you

are interested in playing or would like sponsorship information, please call (734) 453-1540.

Top Web site

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 Magnolia: www.magnolia-flowers@sbcglobal.net

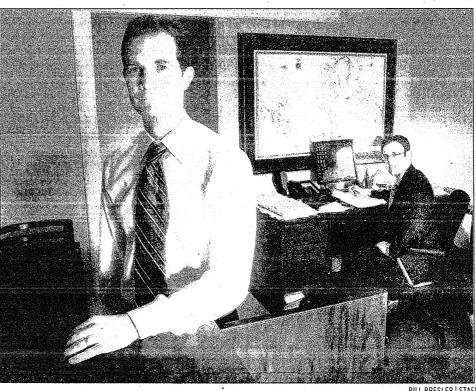
#### **Community/Business News**

Divas took over Plymouth on Saturday. The first Diva Day was a tremendous success attracting hundreds of Divas who shopped and dined in Plymouth. You can click on the following link to see a slide show about the day's festivities: http://www.flickr.com/photos/plymouthmichigan/sets/72157616081191368/show/

#### Spring Cleaning

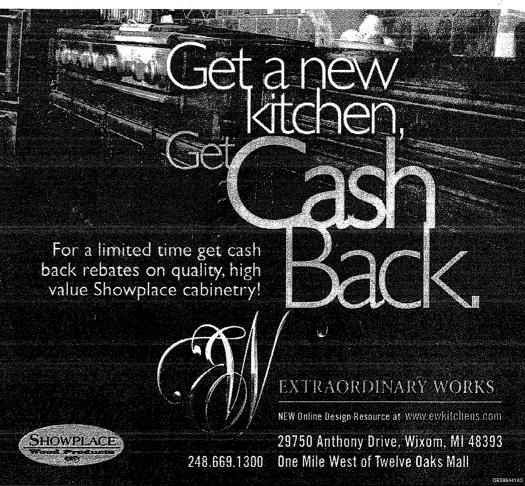
Dearborn Jewelers has their own version of spring-cleaning happening as they offer 20-percent off all in-stock merchandise to make room for new items on the way for Spring. Dearborn Jewelers is located in downtown Plymouth on Ann Arbor Trail. The company is family owned and is celebrating their 59 years of doing business in Michigan.

Wes Graff is executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached via e-mail at wes@plymouthmich.org or by phone at (734) 453-1540.



Attorneys Brad Aldrich and Ben Henry of Aldrich Legal Services.

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# **Archives hold history of** metro Jewish community

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

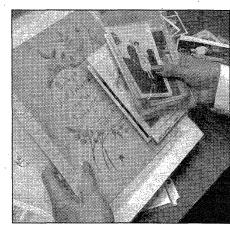
Joanie Schott sorts through photographs of her ancestors. The Livonia woman takes pride in the family whose association with Temple Beth El goes back to her mother's confirmation in 1914. At the time the synagogue was located in Detroit.

Today Schott sits in the second floor climate-controlled archive on the campus of the Bloomfield Hills location where she volunteers every Monday. The historical records tell a story not only of the temple but the Jewish community since 1850 when the congregation was founded by 12 German immigrant families who gathered in the home of Isaac and Sarah Cozens.

It's the job of Jan Durecki as director to make sure the collection is preserved, so once a week volunteers Schott and Marlene Lipman of Southfield spend hours cataloging materials. The rest of the time Durecki is on her own in the archives named after Rabbi Leo M. Franklin who led the temple from 1899 to 1941 and was one of the leaders of the Reform Movement.

"The reason for the archives is to maintain and make accessible for the community administrative documents for auxiliaries like the sisterhood," said Durecki. "Of special interest is families. We have over 800 family files from a complete history to a few documents. It's good to have one safe place instead of being

dispersed to cousins." "I can always visit my aunt and uncle here," added Schott.



Joanie Schott of Livonia looks through her family's historical records now housed at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. There are thousands of documents at the Rabbi Leo M. Franklin Archives there.

"I can visit this whenever I want. Someday my great grandchildren can come and look in the boxes and have access to all this information. My grandmother's wedding invitation, Emma Epstein, from 1891, pictures of me and my twin brother, my mother and father in the 1920s, poetry my grandmother wrote."

Schott could go on and on about Rabbi Franklin marrying her parents, William and Marguerite Stark, her wedding ceremony to Arthur Schott in front of The Ark in 1956. Durecki is presently researching the craftsman who carved the receptacle which holds the temple's Torah Scrolls. The Ark originally was housed in the 1903 temple at Woodward and Elliot (now the Bonstelle Theater).

Records relating to construction of the presentday temple show Minoru Yamasaki, best known as

architect of the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York, as designer of the building opened in 1973 at the corner of 14 Mile and Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills. At one point Albert Kahn was a member of the congregation and designed the temples at Woodward and Gladstone in 1922 and Woodward and Elliott. The archive treasures the contributions of members in the area. The war collection features paintings of World War II soldiers, like

Roy Green, who died in service to their country. Last year the temple became archivist for the Jewish War Veterans of Michigan.

"It's an important part of our service to the community," said Durecki. "We have history about Temple Beth El but also the community. We welcome family histories from all congregations. I like to think there's a story to be told."

Schott found eulogies for her mother and father who died in 1954 and 1977 which gave her further insight to her parents. Marlene Lipman is currently making a spreadsheet of more than 2,000 eulogies delivered by Rabbi Richard Hertz from 1953 until 1996. He wrote notes about the deceased on envelopes which sat in filing cabinets for years until Robbie Termin, an intern from Wayne State University, began organizing the material.

"This is history," said Lipman, whose family back-



Joanie Schott of Livonia, Jan Durecki, and Almont and Marlene Lipman of Southfield (front to back) go through photos and past eulogies at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Durecki is director of the Rabbi Leo M. Franklin Archives, and Schott and Lipman are volunteers.



Jan Durecki, director of the Rabbi Leo M. Franklin Archives at Temple Beth El, holds up a painted portrait of Roy Green, one of the synagogue members who died in World War II.

ground is traced back to Europe. Her father was the first to come to this country. "There's a sermon given after President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. It's been interesting to look back at the death of Abraham Lincoln."

Letters written during the Great Depression from temple members to Rabbi Franklin tug at the heart as they ask for financial assistance. Even though she is not Jewish, Durecki has been moved by the stories.

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"Even if you don't like history as a youngster, as a parent family ties pull at you. Where do you go to retrieve history? A time will come when they want to know more," she said. "You have to put things together for yourself, have to be a history detective, be willing to go down some dead ends and find different ways to approach."

The archives are like the local Smithsonian," added Lipman.

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#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**



SANDRA LYNN BESSERT

Age 63. Passed away on March 27, 2009. She was raised in Plymouth and moved to Hartland after her marriage. Her life was spent living and caring for others. Beloved wife of Harold. Mother of Kimberly (John) Maniaci. Grandmother of Luke. Daughter of Frances and the late John Adams Sr. Sister of John Jr. and Jeffrey Adams and Pamela (James) Mason. Services were held on Wednesday at the Schader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Contributions suggested to Angela Hospice or the Kellogg Eye Center. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com





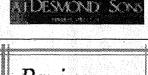
**EVELYN BOYD** 

Age 87. March 26, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Belvel. Loving mother of Deborah (Brian) Mitchell, Christine Mitchell, Christine (Dennis) Behring, Jeannette (Rodney Owen) Hayward and Jonathan (Michael Hickey) Boyd, Cherished grandmother of Brian and David Mitchell, Eric (Martha) Behring, Rachel Kotylo, Daniel and Nicholas Behring, and Walter (Sherri) Hayward. Great-grandmother of Marshall, Erica and Kyle. Born in Ilion, N.Y. Attended Plattsburgh State Teachers College, and Eastern MI University. Member of D.A.U., A.A.U.W., and M.E.A. Member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for over 50 years. Memorial contributions to MI Humane Society or Herkimer Home, Little Falls, NY.



**VICTORIA LOUISE GEORGE** 

Age 58, of Bloomfield Hills, died March 30, 2009 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was born January 17, 1951 in Detroit. She graduated from Berkley High School, and received an Associate's Degree in Applied Science from Oakland Community College. She had been employed with Interim Health Care in Bloomfield Hills as an Account Executive since 1996. Victoria was a very kind lady who enjoyed making other people happy. She was very positive, persevering through any difficulties that came along. She enjoyed reading, gardening, traveling, cross-word puzzles, sports cars, and watching the Woodward Dream Cruise. Her most favorite pastime was spoiling her grandchildren. She is survived by her children, Melissa Baltz (Douglas) and Mathew George (Melanie); her mother, Roszella Hallmark (the late Owen); and her grandchildren, Gibson, Nolan, and Macabe. Memorial Service Saturday, April 4, at 11 a.m. at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver). Family will receive friends Friday, April 3, from 2-8 p.m. Breath or Arbor Hospice Foundation. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com





### In Memory Of

**YOUSEF HEGAZI** Nov 17, '18-Mar 24, '84

Gone 25 years, but not forgotten. Remembering all the wonderful years we had together. Your loving wife Selma & children Adnan & Lila.



SHIRLEY JORDAN

Age 61. March 27, 2009 Beloved wife of Lee. Loving mother of Raymond (Toni) Jordan, Eva Jordan and stepmother of Lee (Andrea) McCarthy. Proud grandmother of Jessie, Caitlyn Jo and step-grandmother of Lee Jr. and Katie. Dear sister of Joseph Stasack and Susan Stasack. Dearest aunt of Aisha. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Shirley worked at the Half Off Card Shop in Waterford and Madison Heights. Visitation Thursday, April 2, 2009, 2-4pm & 5:30-8pm at 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills. Funeral Service Friday, April 3, 2009, 11:00am at McCabe Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

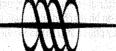
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#### ROSEMARY KELLER (FINCH, YODZIO) Age 85, passed away Thursday, March

26, 2009 at her eldest daughters residence in Marietta, Georgia. Rosemary was born (one of five children) to John and Adelaide Roser on December 28, 1923 in New Orleans, Louisiana. It was there that she met and married Paul Keller of the U.S. Coast Guard. After having their first daughter, they moved to Plymouth, Michigan in 1944, where they had four more children. Rosemary was employed as a secretary for 19 years at Our Lady of Good Council Catholic School and Church where she was a parishioner. In 1984, she moved to Mission, Texas, where she made many friends, enjoyed her retirement years, and met her husband Howard Finch who preceded her in death. She moved to Marietta. Georgia in August 2008 to be with family. Rosemary is survived by: Her two brothers Charles (and wife Nina) and Bennett Roser of Metairie. Louisiana, as well as her sister-in-law Marie Roser of New Jersey. Her five children, Kathleen and husband Jim Corcoran of Marietta, Georgia; Jeanine Keller of Ferndale, Michigan; Ronald Keller of Bloomfield, Michigan; Dennis and wife Shirley Keller of Canton, Michigan; and Paulette Roberts of Plymouth. Michigan. Her Grandchildren Brian Corcoran (and wife Donna) of Boca Raton, Florida; Christopher Corcoran (Jana) of Longmont, Colorado; Jeffrey Corcoran (Samantha) of Atlanta, Georgia; Andrea Cottos (Chris) of Woodstock, Georgia; Heather Short of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Scott Keller and Adam Keller of Canton, Michigan; and Kelly Roberts and Alisha Schimmel of Plymouth, Michigan. Six great-grandchildren Kiley, Keegan and Connor Corcoran; Ashley and Austin Short; and Aiden Keller. Rosemary's love, laughter, big smile and zest for life will be missed by all her family, dear friends and any who have ever had a chance to meet her. May She have Eternal Rest. Funeral Mass will be Friday, April 3, 2009 at 4 pm at Transfiguration Catholic Church, located at 1815 Blackwell Road, Marietta, Georgia 30066. Ceremony may be viewed live at 4 pm by going to www.transfiguration.com and click on web cam. Her Interment will be in Metairie, Louisiana at Garden of Memories (Hall of Angels) on May 9, 2009. Family requests in lieu of flowers, any contributions be made in Rosemary Finch's memory to: VITAS Hospice Charitable Fund, 5430 NW 33rd Avenue, Suite 106, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. 33309



To submit an item for the religion calendar, e-mail lchomin@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Linda Chomin. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday. For a complete listing of events online please go to hometownlife.

#### Open house

Ice Cream Social 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at St. Michael Christian School, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton. St. Michael offers 3-yearold preschool-fifth grade including a Young Five Program and All Day Kindergarten, For information, call (734) 459-9720 or visit www.stmichael-church.org.

#### All-you-can-eat

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

Last fish fry 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 3, First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square. Choose fried or baked fish with baked potato or french fries, cole slaw, roll, and coffee, tea, or punch, \$8. Kids meals include chicken nuggets, corn dogs and fries, \$4. Call (734) 721-4802 or (734) 891-2523.

#### Lenten schedule

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invites the community to any and all of its Lenten activities including Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7 p.m. followed by Benediction. Holy Thursday April 9 features the Mass of the Last Supper at 7 p.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30 p.m. Good Friday devotions will begin with Stations of the Cross at 12:15 p.m. followed by Liturgy of the Passion at 1:30 p.m. An Easter Egg Hunt begins 9 a.m. Holy Saturday followed by Blessing of Food at noon and Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon April 12. For information, call (734) 261-1455 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

#### Kids Easter fun day

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia hosts Kids Easter Fun Day 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 4, at the church, located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road. Includes games, crafts, an Easter egg hunt, prizes and more for children ages 4-12. All are

welcome tond this free event. Ccall

(734) 422-1470. Mom to mom sale

> Connection Church in Canton is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, 3855 Sheldon, Canton, north of Michigan Ave. Table rentals are at capacity with over 75 moms selling kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. \$1 admis-

Prom dress sale 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile. Livonia. There are more than 80 dresses to sell.

#### Bethany west singles Saturday, April 4, Monthly Dance

at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Two Step dance lesson, \$10, refreshments included. 8 p.m. to midnight; doors at 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 261-5716. ■ Saturday, April 18, Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. at Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome.

Call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry. Bethany provides spiritual,

social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

#### Holy Week music Kirk in the Hills will present a recital

of organ and vocal music by organist Glenn Miller and renowned Kirk Chancel Choir soloists Nicole Greenidge, Lenora Green, Peiyi Wang, Charles Freeman and Tobey Miller, featuring classics, spirituals and contemporary selections, 4 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 5; and a program of choral music for Good Friday by the Kirk Chancel Choir, including music ranging from plainsong, Renaissance composers, spirituals and contemporary works, 7:30 p.m. April 10, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free. Call (248) 626-2515 ext. 109, or visit www.kirkinthehills.org.

#### Lenten vespers services The Council of Orthodox Christian

Churches of Metropolitan Detroit continues 2009 Lenten Vespers services 6 p.m. April 5, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Farmington Hills. The general public, as well as Orthodox Christians, are invited to attend. All proceeds will fund COCC charities and projects. Call (734) 422-0278 or e-mail paschabooks@sbcglobal.net.

#### Passion play

Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church Chancel Choir and Friends present "The Passion According to Saint Mark" by Jan Bender 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 5, at the church, 33360 West 13 Mile and Farmington

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Road, Farmington Hills. The choir and string ensemble will be conducted by Cantor Amy Studt. The work describes the history of the passion of the Lord as written by the evangelist St. Mark. Using the Biblical text of the passion, traditionally read on Palm Sunday, it is sure to be a powerful and meaningful history through the chorales and soloists. Contact Amy Studt at astudt@sbcglobal.net or (248) 626-7906.

#### Holy week services

April 5, Palm Sunday, Traditional Worship Services 8 a.m. Hess Chapel; 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sanctuary; Contemporary Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Knox Hall; Easter Concert in the Sanctuary at 5 p.m. (childcare through age 4). April 9, Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows and Holy Communion 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary (childcare thru Age 4). April 10, Good Friday noon to 3 p.m. (Sanctuary). April 12, Easter Sunday Traditional Worship Services at 8 a.m. Hess Chapel, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sanctuary, Contemporary Worship Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Knox Hall. All services at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. For information, call (248) 374-7400.

#### Dining in the kingdom of God

Luke's Gospel revealed in 10 meals that describe different dimensions of the Eucharist, presented by St. Aidan's Faith Formation Director, David Conrad, M.A. Theology, 7-9 p.m. April 8. Free. Call (734) 425-5950.

#### Midweek Lenten services

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have midweek Lenten services at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday evenings, Call (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523.

#### Lenten services

Passover Seder Dinner at 6 p.m. for \$8 followed by the Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. April 9, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313) 534-7730. Easter Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. April 12

#### Lenten services

Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414,

#### **Holy Week**

Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m. April 9; Good Friday Service Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m.; and Easter Sunday Events 9 a.m. breakfast, 10:30 a.m., baptisms, 10:45 a.m. worship with music from "The Mass of the Celtic Saints," Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-2800.

#### Holy Week

Maundy (Holy) Thursday, 7:30 p.m. April 9, celebration of Holy Communion concludes with "Stripping of the Altar" as a reminder of Lord being stripped of His power and glory in preparation for crucifixion. Festival Choir and Jubellation Handbell Choir enhance this worship service. 12:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 10, meditative worship service centered on "The Passion of our Lord" and 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service of darkness with music by Christ Our Savior Festival Choir. 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 12, festival worship services include the singing of favorite Easter hymns accompanied by brass and timpani and the celebration of Holy Communion. Children (up to 8) celebrate Easter at a fair 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11 featuring crafts, Easter video, egg hunt, cookie decorating, and more. Call (734)

522-6830. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96. Livonia. www.christoursavior.

#### Men's Good Friday breakfast

Former Detroit Lion Quarterback Eric Hipple will be the guest speaker at the 34th Annual St. Michael Men's Good Friday Breakfast 8 a.m. Friday, April 10, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$2 for boys 10 and under. Call (734) 459-3333 for tickets.

#### Easter weekend services

1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10; 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, and 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 12, at NorthRidge Church, 49555 N. Territorial at Ridge, Plymouth. Call (734) 414-7777 or visit northridgechurch.com. A weekend series about relationships runs April 18 to May 17.

#### Fish fry Fridays

4-7 p.m. (or until dinners run out) Friday, April 10, at St. Robert Bellarmine on the corner of West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. All you can eat fish dinner is \$8, \$7 seniors, \$4 kids under age 12, \$8 baked cod dinner, \$6 fish sandwich, \$2 cheese pizza. Dinners include choice of fries or mac & cheese, coleslaw, roll and butter, coffee, tea or milk. Carry out dinners do not include beverage.

#### Easter eggstravaganza

10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, east of Haggerty, Call (248) 348-7600. Over 6,500 eggs to hunt, plus "Eggciting" show by Two Can and Araya Sonshine; photos with the Easter bunny; games and prizes; hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks. Rain or shine. Don't forget your Easter basket.

Easter sunrise gathering

8 a.m. Sunday, April 12, in Kellogg Park on Main Street, downtown Plymouth. **Revival Outreach Center pastors** Shawn and Sonny Hennessy are

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#### Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Historic Polish church tour

West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society, a nonprofit organization with headquarters in historic St. Hedwig Catholic Church in Detroit, will hold its second annual west side Detroit historic Polish church pilgrimage and wi conka (traditional Polish Easter meal) Saturday, April 18. The pilgrimage starts at 10 a.m. at St. Hedwig, 3245 Junction, and includes St. Francis d'Assissi (4500 Wesson), and St. Stephen (4311 Central) in Detroit, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (976 Pope John II Ave.) and St. Stanislaus Kostka (266 Antoine St.) in Wyandotte. The wi conka will be held at Biddle Hall, 3239 Biddle, Wyandotte. The menu includes kiełbasa, ham, potato salad, tossed green salad, beet horseradish (cwikla), bread, butter lambs, dessert (variety of cakes, or babkas), and beverages. Coaches do not have wheelchair lifts. Return to St. Hedwig between 5-5:30 p.m. Optional Our Lady Queen of Angels Mass at 5 p.m., and confession at St. Stephen, 5:30 p.m. Advance reservation only by April 8. Call (248) 477-8518, e-mail Ipalazzolo@detroitpolonia.org, or visit www.detroitpolonia.org. As a special feature, during dessert a video will be shown about traditional palm weaving by Sr. Cecilia Schmitt, a Franciscan nun in St. Cloud. Minnesota, who wrote "the" book on weaving palms. There will be empha-

#### sis on weaving the Polish palm cross. Open house

And Science Fair 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, Canton. Call (734) 459-2490. Landscape project

#### Trinity Church of Livonia is holding

a Native Landscape informational

meeting 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, in the church library at 34500 Six Mile, next to Stevenson High School, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. The meeting is to discuss native landscape plans for the church property. They have been working with the City of Livonia and the Friends of the Rouge at ways to be good stewards. Goals include reducing air and water pollution, embracing a sustainable aesthetic, and building community. All are welcome. A planting day is scheduled for May 16. The church is also hosting a site at a Livonia Park for the Rouge Rescue set for June 6. Call (734) 425-2800.

#### Clothing bank

Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m.noon on the fourth Saturday of each month, at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive. The bank continues in April. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org.

#### Families in action workshops

The National Association for Mental Illnesses 10-week educational program continues at St. Regis Parish School Campus in Bloomfield Hills. The program is for people with a loved one diagnosed with a serious mental illness. The workshop meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays or Thursdays through April 30, \$20 per person; \$30 per couple. Families In Action is funded in large part by the Oakwood Healthcare Foundation and the Oakwood Heritage Hospital Auxiliary. Call (248) 348-7197 to register.

#### Music at St. John's

The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts free except The Saline

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# 'Joey' hosts 2 nights of high-flying comedy

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

What do you get when you cross a pilot and a comic? Find out as Joey Bielaska hosts two nights of comedy at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth April 3-4.

Bielaska, a senior captain for Spirit Airlines, gets plenty of fodder for his standup routines from his day job. His act includes a healthy dose of cockpit humor, including a gay flight attendant character named Curtis.

Likewise, the comic isn't shy about using his improv skills in the friendly skies.

"Say the plane's a few minutes late. I throw a joke in over the loudspeaker to lighten things up," he said.
"Look out the left window and you'll see your luggage. Look out the right and you'll see your stuff.'

Bielaska, a Plymouth native, grew up idolizing comics who appeared on the Johnny Carson Show, and first took the stage in 1979 at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak, where he appeared with the likes of in Las Vegas. Tim Allen and Dave Coulier.

"Mark was my mentor. All us guys started out there and I decided to take it one step further," Bielaska said.

Partnering with his brother Ed, who now owns Stone Fire Bistro in Brighton,

Sal Demilio, "Detroit's Don of Comedy," focuses on his Italian upbringing, current events and his battle with the bulge.

Bielaska eventually operated three comedy clubs in metro Detroit including Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia,

which still bears his name. Bielaska has shared the stage with many talented comics, including Soupy Sales and Bobby Collins, and has performed across the country, including several appearances at the Riviera Hotel Comedy Club

With fellow pilot/comedian Mike Orensteen, Bielaska now operates MinneHAHA Comedy Club, which stages comedy at venues throughout Minneappolis.

Bielaska describes his humor as "gently shocking"

Comic Joey Bielaska, founder of Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia, will stage two shows at Karl's Cabin April 3-4.

and "Bill Cosby-ish - real life with a twist."

"It's a set routine with ad lib moments. I like thinking on my feet. That's why I love hosting shows," he said.

Bielaska will emcee the shows at Karl's Cabin, which also feature Sal Demilio, "Detroit's Don of Comedy," whose jokes focus on his Italian upbringing, current events and his battle with the bulge.

Bielaska said he decided to stage shows at Karl's Cabin after being inspired by the atmosphere at the cozy restaurant.

"I came here for dinner with my wife and thought it would be perfect. It's a great venue," he said. "You should

What: Comedians Joey Bielaska and Sal Demilio When: April 3-4; dinner at 8:30 p.m., show at 9:30 p.m. Where: Karl's Cabin, 6005 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door, available at www.minnehahacomedyclub.com Information: Call (734) 455-8450 or visit www.karlscabin.

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see this place at night." Set on a rural stretch of Gotfredson Road off M-14. Karl's has a log cabin feel, with twinkling lights accenting the rustic wood interior.

Before the comedy shows, guests will be seated at private tables and booths in the dining room and order off the menu, which includes an extensive wine list and entrees like Herb Roasted Prime Rib, Salmon Chardonnay and Smoked Mozzarella Ravioli (\$12.95-

\$19.95). The laughs start at 9:30

Bielaska said he expects good attendance, as people are turning to comedy to get their mind off the economy.

"It's going to be a fun night. I think people need a good chuckle," he said.

#### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2009-10 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2009-10 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Jill F. O'Sullivan Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Notice is hereby given that on April.16, 2009 on or after 9:30 a.m. that Simply Self Storage will be offering for sale under the judicial lien Process by Public Auction the following units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. Terms of the sale are cash only. Simply Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: 34333 E. Michigan Ave. Wayne MI. 48184 (734)728-8204.

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# Sit in on a rehearsal with Ed Nuccilli & Plural Circle

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Ed Nuccilli is like the name of his 18-piece band Plural Circle, never ending. At age 84 he just keeps traveling around the Detroit area playing gigs. The Southfield trumpeter has no intention of stepping down from the stage.

On Sunday, April 19, Nuccilli brings his straight ahead jazz to Schoolcraft College in Livonia from 3-5 p.m. This time though he's donating their talents so the Michigan Jazz Festival can continue to provide fans with an entire afternoon and night of the American art form July 19, on campus. But this isn't any jazz concert — he and the band will let the audience sit in on a live rehearsal.

Nuccilli started studying trumpet at age 12 with his father Peter who played the instrument with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. While the classical music foundation did serve him well over the years, Nuccilli wasn't about to sit and wait for 90 bars to play a few notes. For him trumpet was all about iazz

about jazz.

"I got exposed to Swing when I went to Cass Tech," said Nuccilli.
"I used to go across the street to a confectionery store for Cokes and chips for a nickel, and put a nickel in the nickelodeon. That's where I first heard Benny Goodman and Jimmy Lunsford. I started performing professionally at age 14 in a little neighborhood band and began writing arrangements during my junior year of high school."

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Nuccilli didn't stop playing
even when drafted into the U.S.
Army infantry during World War
II. He managed to find a group of
musicians who shared his love for
Count Basie, Woody Herman and
the big bands. Nuccilli returned
home only to leave again to tour
the Midwest and East Coast
with Shorty Sherock and Bobby
Sherwood. In 1949 he came back
to Detroit, this time to stay.

Nuccilli began studies at the

#### JAZZ CONCERT

What: Ed Nuccilli & Plural Circle Big Band Jazz Orchestra When: 3-5 p.m. Sunday, April 19 Where: Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia Tickets: \$15, and available by calling (248) 474-2720

Detroit Institute of Musical Arts, but met wife Jean and decided to raise a family. He took a 4-year hiatus from music in the mid 1950s but couldn't stay away from the trumpet. Nuccilli played nights while first working in property accounting at Ford Motor Co, and then as a Metropolitan Life Insurance Company agent. In 1960 he formed a Latin band and started playing at Elmwood Casino in Windsor where he was asked to become band leader in 1972.

Because of the training his father gave him, Nuccilli was able to read all styles of music and by 1963 was house trumpet for performers like Paul Anka. In 1969 he retired from Metropolitan Life and made the rounds of clubs including the Roostertail.

It wasn't long before he was writing commercials, one of which brought him to Motown in the early 1970s. When the record company moved to the West Coast he decided to stay in Detroit. He formed Plural Circle around 1972.

Nuccilli and the group's CDs will be available at the April 19th concert at Schoolcraft College. The program combines Nuccilli's original arrangements with standard jazz classics. "My philosophy for jazz emanates out of improvisation, creating on the spot. That's what jazz is all about," said Nuccilli. "I enhance it with a lot more horns with the emphasis on improvisation."

Midge Ellis is grateful Nuccilli is bringing his sound



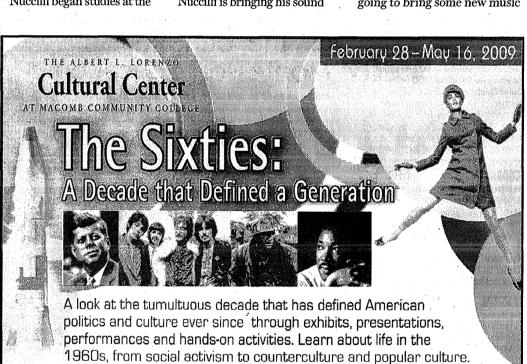
Ed Nuccilli, trumpet, of Southfield and his 18-piece band let the audience experience a rehearsal session in a benefit concert at Schoolcraft College in Livonia Sunday, April 19.

to Schoolcraft College for the fund-raiser. It was she who suggested they hold their regular Sunday rehearsal on campus so ticket sales could go to the Michigan Jazz Festival, which features nearly 200 local musicians. It should be an interesting experience.

"The audience gets to sit in on their rehearsal. Most are closed rehearsals and the audience doesn't know how they got there. Ed is a composer and he's going to bring some new music and they're going to discuss it and the audience is going to hear that," said Ellis of Livonia. "Our mission with the festival is to get people to appreciate jazz more so they're learning about what they're hearing. It's very innovative, jazz, and the solos are off the tops of their heads. To hear somebody do that is

incredible."

For more information and tickets (\$15), call (248) 474-2720.



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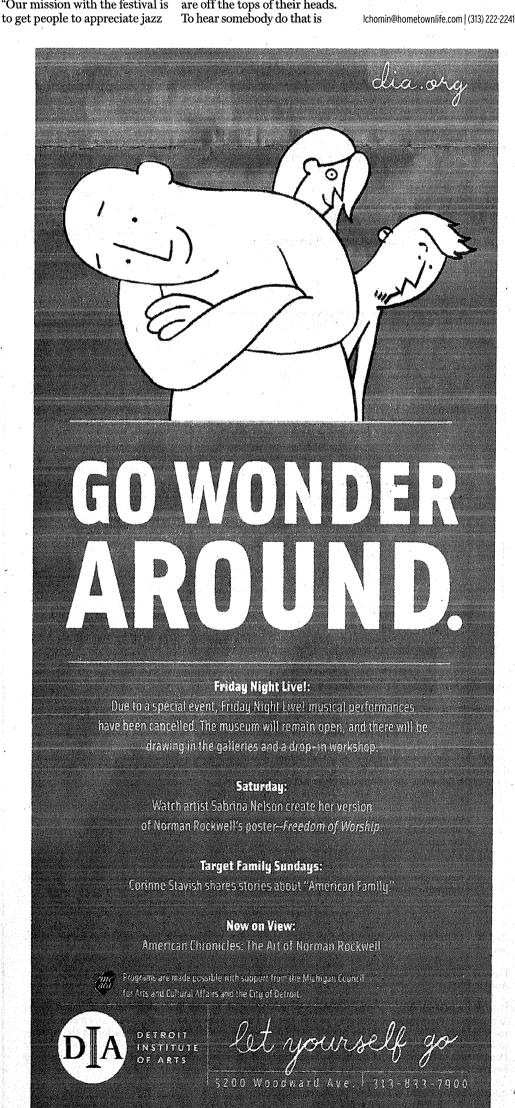
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Art is in Market: New location in Laurel Park Place, 37642 Six Mile Road, Livonia, http:// artisinmarket.blogspot.com. Art Leaders Gallery: Exhibition and sale commemorating the 105th birthday of Dr. Seuss, through April 31, 33030 Northwestern Hwy., West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262, www.artleaders.com. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: The 27th Annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition, through Apr. 17, 1516 Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248)

Cary Gallery: Rita G. Patel, Acrylic Paintings "Svasara Treasure Boxes," through April 4. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, (248) 651-3656, www.svasara.com.

CPop Gallery: "It's Humble 2 Be Good," featuring winners of @POPpor2nity 2008 April 4-May 1, reception, 7-10 p.m. April 4, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-,9901, wcpop.com.

Farmington Artists Club: Spring 2009 Exhibit, April 22-26, William M. Costick Activities Center, 28660 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Janice Charach Gallery: "Glass Reunion '09," glass works by students from College for Creative Studies and featured artist Janet Kelman, through May 7, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road. West Bloomfield, (248) 432-5579, www. iccdet.org.

Lotus Arts Gallery: Palette and Brush Club Exhibit, through April 5, artist reception, April 4; Kathleen Graf Exhibit, May 1-27, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART, www.lotusartsgallery.com. OCC-Royal Oak Campus: Student photography exhibit, through March 20, 739 S. Washington, (248) 246-2633. Plymouth's Annual Art Feast: May 15-16, Downtown Plymouth.

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Tangent Gallery: "Champions Play Here," art, fashion, music by Laurette Designs and 313Fad, April 4, Tangent Gallery, 715 E. Milwaukee, Detoit, (313) 873-2955. Visual Arts Association of Livonia: Spring Show, May 1, Livonia City Hall, (734) 838-1204,

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Palace of Auburn Hills: The World Famous Harlem Globetrotters, April 12, benefiting Boy Scouts Troop 103 and the Milford Skate Park, order tickets, \$25 (regularly \$29.50) by March 30, (248) 377-8638, mention offer code Troop #103.

Penn Theatre: "PENNdemonium" Dinner Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn, 6-11 p.m. May 8, hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and dancing. Meeting House Grand Ballroom, Plymouth, \$75-\$85, (734) 453-0870. tickets@friendsofthepenn.org; stop by the Penn Box Office during movie hours or call. Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc.: 6th annual "A Night to R.E.M.ember," featuring formal dinner, comedienne Kelly Nieto, DJ LoKey, silent

#### 1-4 p.m. April 26, Ailey Studios, New York; 1:30-3:30 p.m. May 2, Lou Conte Dance NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXVII, NONCONFORMITIES, RELATED TO EFFECT OF DENIAL OF A CLASS A DESIGNATION; ARTICLE XXVIII, SPECIAL PROVISIONS, RELATED TO FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS; AND ARTICLE XXXI, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, RELATED TO PETITIONS PREVIOUSLY DENIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 99.010

**TEXT AMENDMENT 004** 

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 99 of the Charter Township of Plymouth, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 27.3.6 Effect of Denial of a Class A Designation

The following shall not be eligible for appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- 1. An application for a Class A designation that has been denied by the Planning
- 2. An administrative decision made by the Chief Building Official regarding a modification of a Class B structure or use that has been previously denied by the Planning Commission for Class A status.

Notwithstanding the above, a previously denied application for Class A status may be resubmitted for Planning Commission consideration as a new application after a minimum of three hundred sixty five (365) days have elapsed from the date of denial by either the Planning Commission or Chief Building Official.

#### FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS Section 28.17

A fire apparatus access is defined as a road (this is a general term inclusive of all other terms such as fire lane, public street, private street, parking lot land and access roadway) that provides fire vehicles access to a facility, building and portions thereof.

2. Fire Apparatus Access Requirement

All buildings, facilities and all portions thereof shall be located within 150 feet of a fire apparatus access. This distance shall be considered the maximum distance unless otherwise modified and approved by the Township Fire Chief or his designee.

#### 3. Additional Fire Apparatus Access Required

**Multiple Family Residential** 

Every multiple family residential development with more than 100 units must include a second separate fire apparatus access. Subject to the approval of the Township Fire Chief or his designee, the second access road may be permitted to be closed to public access, and may be a locked, gated entrance accessible only by fire and emergency vehicles.

Commercial and Industrial

Every commercial or industrial development with a building exceeding 62,000 square feet, including every facility, building, or portion of a building constructed or moved within the Township, must include a second separate fire apparatus access in the determination of the Fire Chief or his designee.

Length, Width and Turnaround Requirements

In addition to the requirements above, all access roads shall meet the following

Length	Width	Turnaround Required
0 - 150 ft.	20 ft.	None
151 - 500 ft.	20 ft.  If a hydrant is present, the width shall be increased to 26 ft. for a distance of 20 ft. on either side of the hydrant.	Must have one of the following turnarounds:  1. 120 ft. hammerhead; 2. Y turn; or 3. 96 ft. diameter cul-de-sac
501 - 750 ft.	26 ft.	Must have one of the following turnarounds:  1. 120 ft. hammerhead; 2. Y turn; or 3. 96 ft. diameter cul-de-sac
Over 750 ft.	Special Approval	

5. **Vertical Clearance** 

The vertical clearance above the fire apparatus access shall be a minimum height of thirteen feet and six inches (13'6î) and maintained as such.

Section 31.13 LIMITS ON AUTHORITY, is to be renumbered as Section 31.14. New language for Section 31.13 is amended as follows:

#### Section 31.13 PETITIONS PREVIOUSLY DENIED

Where a prior petition for an appeal applying to a specific piece of property or a part of such property was denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals, a new application for the same appeal shall not be accepted by the Zoning Board of Appeals for consideration for a period of three hundred sixty five (365) days, unless the Zoning Board of Appeals determines that one or more of the following conditions has been met:

- There is a substantial change in circumstances relevant to the issues or facts considered during review of the application that might reasonably affect the decisionmaking body's application of the relevant review standards to the development proposed in
- New or additional information is available that was not available at the time of the review that might reasonably affect the decision-making body's application of the relevant review standards to the development proposed.
  - The new application is materially different from the prior application.

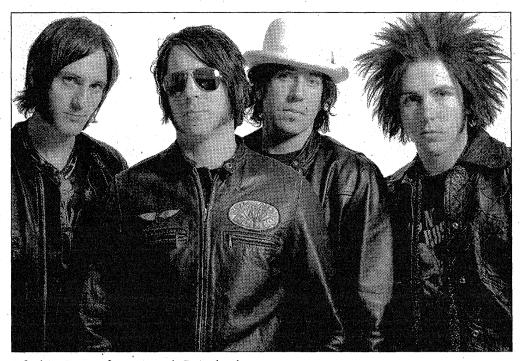
Part II CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict

Part III EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on April 9, 2009.

Part IV ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1949, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on March 24, 2009 and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department during regular business

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on March 24, 2009. Effective Date April 9, 2009.

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## **Dirty Americans at Rockstarz**

The Dirty Americans, joined by the Brian Schram Band, hit Garden City's Rockstarz Karaoke Bar Saturday, April 11. Made up of members Myron, Jeff, Pete and Jeremiah, the Dirty Americans formed in 2001 and released their first album a year later. Their songs have been featured on television (ABC's "Alias"), video games (Playstation's Gretzky NHL 2005, AT V Off Road Fury 3, Gran Tourismo 4 and American Chopper), and at Comerica Park during Detroit Tiger home games. They are based in Michigan. Doors open at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$5. 21 and older. Rockstarz is located at 33729 Ford Road in Garden City. Call (734) 522-7744 or visit myspace.com/RockstarzBarandGrill.

auction, 6 p.m. April 24, Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 Eight Mile Road, Northville, \$75-\$100, (248) 478-3242, www.sweetdreamzzzde-

#### BOOKS/LITERATURE

Borders: Robert Conroy signs "1942: A Novel" (Ballantine Books: Feb., 2009) 2 p.m. April 4, Borders Troy/Oakland Mall; Peter Leonard, w/special quest Elmore Leonard, signs "Trust Me," 7 p.m. April 16, Borders Birmingham; Linda Solomon reads and signs children's book "Jack & Jill: The Miracle Dog with a Happy Tail to Tell" 2 p.m. April 25, Borders Birmingham,

www.borders.com. Community House: "Art from the Mazza." luncheon and lecture by Benjamin Sapp of the Mazza Museum of children's picture books, and Book Beat, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. April 16, benefits the StoryTellers Guild, 380 South Bates St., Birmingham, \$25, (248) 642-9365, www.communityhouse.

Oakland Community College: OCC's Children's Literature Conference, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 18, Auburn Hills Campus, preregister by April 10, Auburn Hills Campus, 2900 Featherstone Road, (248) 232-4026, www. bvcatherino@oaklandcc.edu.

#### **CHAMBER MUSIC**

Birmingham Temple: Vivace Music Series - Pianist Christopher Atzinger, April 4; Charlie Gabriel Quartet with Vocalist Joan Bow, May 2; 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338, www.vivaceseries.

Village Theater at Cherry Hills: Canton Concert Band, "In The Spotlight" spring concert, 8 p.m. April 18, 50400 Cherry Hill Road Canton, (734)394-5460.

Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Guarneri String Quartet, April 11; Pacifica Quartet with Erik Ronmark, saxophone, April 18; Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio with the Miami String Quartet, May 16; Yefim Bronfman, piano, May 30. All concerts 8 p.m. Saturdays, Tickets, \$25-\$75, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org. Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: "String

Sundae," 3 p.m. April 5, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church; "Schubert and Spice," 3 p.m. April 26, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham; Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, Seligman Center, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.

### CHORAL

First Presbyterian Church: Pipedusters w/ organist Tom Trenney, 7:30 p.m. April 17; Music for a Cathedral, 7:30 p.m. May 22. 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 644-2040 x 136, ttrenney@comcast.net. Rackham Choir: "The Armed Man: A Concert for Peace" with original film, April 5, Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Dearborn, www.rackhamchoir.org.

#### CLASSICAL

Fox Theatre: Andre Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra, May 19, (800) 745-3000, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515. Max M. Fisher Music Center: Slatkin & Boisvert.

April 2-4: The Music of Billy Joel & More by Michael Cavanaugh, April 16-19: Slatkin & Mahler, April 23-25; All Beethoven, April 30-May 2; Barbara Cook with the DSO, May 9; Star Trek Meets Star Wars, A John Williams Adventure, May 14-17; A Musical Collaboration, May 21-23; Beethoven & Thaikovsky, May 29-31; Season Finale, June 4-6; A Midsummer Night's Dream, June 13; 37,11 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitsymphony.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra: Benefit Concert of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, 8 p.m. April 24, Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, www. plymouthsymphony.org.

Schoolcraft College: Cellist Robert de Maine, May 15; \$10, students, \$20 adults, Presentation Room in the VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.

#### FAMILY

Canton Cinema: Free Spring Matinee Series, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturdays, "Horton Hears a Who," April 4-5; "Tale of

Fox Theatre: Heavyweights Of Comedy featuring Bruce Bruce & Lavell Crawford, with special guest John Withersoon and host Sammore, May 23, (313) 471-6611, www. Ticketmaster.com.

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: "Show Up, And Go Up," 9 p.m. third Thursday of every month, open call, free, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com. Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: Ryan Belleville, through April 4; Jarrod Harris, April 8-11; Mark Theiobold Special Engagement, April 15-18; Bobby Miyamoto, April 22-25; Shane Moss, April 29-May 2: Mike Veneman, May 6-9; Erik Blake, May 13-15; Colin Moulton, May 20-23; Jimmy Dore Special Engagement, May 27-30, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www.kickerscomplex.com

Komedy at Karl's Kabin: Joey Bielaska and Sal Demilio, April 3-4, dinner at 8:30 p.m., show at 9 p.m., \$12, \$10 presale, 6005 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth (734) 455-8450, www.KarlsCabin.com, www.min nehahacomedyclub.com.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Open Mic most Wednesdays; 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com The Second City: "Kwame A River: The Chronicles of Detroit's Hip Hop Mayor," through May 31, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.

St. Andrew's Hall: Louis C.K., April 17, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

#### **CONCERTS**

Clutch Cargo: Jamey Johnson, April 16; The Devil Wears Prada, April 9, Franz Ferdinand, May 3, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666.

The Fillmore: Jack's Manneguin, April 14; Lamb of God with God Forbid and As I Lay Dying, May 6; Tragically Hip, May 29-30, Rise Against, June 24, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

The Fox Theatre: Flight of the Conchords with Eugene Mirman, April 24; Soul 70's Super Jam featuring The Whispers, The Dramatics, The Stylistics & The Manhattans, April 25: Leonard Cohen, May 9; Unwigged & Unplugged: An Evening with Christopher Guest, Michael McKean and Harry Shearer, May 29, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515. Macomb Center for Performing Arts: Motown In Motion, April 4; Richie Havens with special guest Harry Manx, April 17, 44757 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, www.

MacombCenter.com, (586) 286-2222. Magic Stick: The Cliks, April 10. MotorCity Casino Hotel Soundhoard: Etta James May 1: Boz Scaggs, June 17: Sinbad, July 25; Gary Allan, Aug. 21; An Evening With Natalie Cole, Oct. 3, www.ticketmaster.

com, www.motorcitycasino.com. The Palace of Auburn Hills: Billy Joel / Elton John "Face 2 Face Tour," May 21, 1

Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com. Royal Oak Music Theatre: The Magic 80s Prom, April 11; Louis C.K., April 17; TechNow09 Showcase, a benefit for MS Society.

April 23: New Found Glory, April 26: Music4Mutts, a benefit for the Michigan Humane Society, May 16, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak. (800) 919-6272, www.royaloakmusictheatre.com. St. Andrew's Hall: Louis C.K., April 17; Lily

Allen with Natalie Portman's Shaved Head, April 13; New Found Glory, April 26; Animal Collective, May 18: The Derek Trucks Band. June 9: Robin Trower, June 20, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666. DANCE Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: Motown in

Motion with The Contours featuring

Sylvester Potts, April 4, Macomb Center

for Performing Arts. 44757 Garfield Road

#### Clinton Township, (586) 286-2222, www. ede-dance.org.

#### **PUBLIC AUCTION**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, April 20, 2009 @ NOON. TATE & CO. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Extra Space Storage, 6729 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48187 @ NOON.

Schultz, Ray

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Box spring size; full, vacuum, 27" CRT TV, Bedframe, 8+ Boxes, 2+ totes, multi-function printer, coffee table, battery, various shelves, metal shelf, rolling filing tote, 2 instrument cases, misc. household goods

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Despereaux," April 11-12; "Open Season," April 18-19; "Hotel for Dogs," April 25-26, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456, www. GQTI.com.

Bakers Keyboard Lounge: Jazz for Kids Program, 2-5 p.m. Sundays, 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit, (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com. Detroit Institute of Arts: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances and more starting at 2 p.m., free with admission, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-

7900, www.dia.org. Greenfield Village: Day Out with Thomas: The Hero of the Rails Tour, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. April 24-26 and May 1-3., 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, (313) 982-6001, www.thehenryford.org.

Marquis Theatre: "Little Mermaid," through April 17, ages 3 and up, 135 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Meadow Brook Theatre: "Charlotte's Web," 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. May 9; on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www.ticketmaster.com, for more information, visit www.mbtheatre.

FILM

This American Life - Live: Canton Cinema and Livonia 20, 8 p.m. April 23, www.fathom-

Cranbrook Art Museum: Banff Mountain Film Festival, 7:30 p.m. April 2-3, deSalle Auditorium, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) GO-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu.

noon-6 p.m. April 4, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, (586) 615-3504, www.michiganmovienetwork.com. Henry Ford IMAX: "Watchmen: The IMAX Experience Rises," "Journey to Mecca,"

"Under the Sea 3D," 20900 Oakwood Blvd.,

Crofoot: Michigan Movie Networking Event,

Dearborn. (313) 271-1570. Magic Bag: "The Wrestler," April 7-8, 22920

Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, www.themagicbag. Main Art Theatre: "Slumdog Millionaire," and "Sunshine Cleaning"; Mitten Movie Project, 7:30 p.m. April 7, May 5 and June

2, \$10, \$8 presale, 118 N. Main St., Royal Oak, (248) 263-2111, www.landmarkthe-Maple Art Theatre: "The Class," "The Great Buck Howard," "Everlasting Moments," 4135 West Maple Road, Birmingham, (248) 263-2111, www.landmarktheatres.com. Penn Theatre: Bogart Month - "Casablanca," April 2; "In a Lonely Place," April 9; "The Two Mrs. Carrolls," April 16; "Sirocco," April 23; "Sabrina," April 30, shows at 7 p.m., \$3, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.

Redford Theatre: Three Stooges Festival, April 3-4; "The Great Escape," April 17-18; "My Best Girl," silent Film accompanied by organist John Lauter, April 25; "Caddyshack," May 1-2, w/guest Master of Ceremonies Jason Carr of Fox 2, at 17360 Lahser, Detroit. www.redfordtheatre.com.

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Ray Vega Quintet, March 27-28, 350 Madison Ave., (313) 887-8500, ticketmaster.com. Max M. Fisher Music Center: Dianne Reeves, April 9; Mingus Dynasty Band, May 7, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitsymphony.com.

#### **MORE MUSIC**

Callahan's: Coco Montota, April 7; John Gorka, April 19, 2105 South Boulevard, Auburn Hills, (248) 828-9508, www.atcal-Detroit Institute of Arts: James Dapogny's

Chicago Jazz Band, March 27, all at 7 & 8:30 p.m., 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900 or see the website at www.dia.org. Detroit Music Awards: Honoring talent and achievement in the local music scene, with Amboy Dukes, Motown 50th Anniversary Revue, tribute to late Stooges guitarist Ron Asheton and R&B and jazz legend Lyman Woodward and more, 7 p.m., April 17, Fillmore Detroit; pre-show ceremony, 5 p.m. April 17, Cliff Bell's, Detroit; after-parties at Cliff Bell's and the Park Bar, (248) 360-2455.

Magic Bag: Lez Zeppelin, April 3: Kim Simmonds, April 4; Rocco DeLuca and the Burden, April 16; Robyn Hitchcock & The Venus 3, april 17; Soulive, April 25; Noah & The Whale, April 26; Charlie Hunter, May 7; Bruce int he USA, May 8; Vast, May 15; The Sounds of Seattle Tour, May 30; Neil Innes, June 7; The Cliks, June 23; Leon Russell, June 26, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com. Maiestic Theatre: Fischerspooner, May 31,

4120 Woodward, Detroit. Rockstarz Karaoke Bar: Dirty Americans w/ Brian Schram Band, 8 p.m. April 11, \$5, 21 and older, 33729 Ford Road, Garden City.

#### MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Art Museum: Fresh: 7th Annual Student Art Auction, 7-10 p.m. April 25, \$10 includes two drinks and auction paddle; Forum Gallery openings, student work, 5-9 p.m. Fridays, each week of the acedemic year; 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (877) GO-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.

Please see **GET OUT, B11** 



## The Trip to Bountiful

Julianne Somers and Mary Benson star in 'The Trip to Bountiful' through April 12 at Meadow Brook Theatre. The American classic, written by Horton Foote and directed by Dennis E. North, tells the story of an elderly woman who sets off for Bountiful, the small Texas town where she grew up. On the road she befriends a young traveler whom she entertains with stories of her past. Tickets, \$24-\$39, are available at the Meadow Brook Theatre box office, on the campus of Oakland University, 2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester; by calling (248) 377-0300; or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

## GET OUT

Cranbrook Institute of Science: "Hatching the Past," through Sept. 6; Planetarium shows Friday nights and weekends; 11 permanent exhibits, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3200, http://

science.cranbrook.edu. Detroit Institute of Arts: "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell, through May 31; "Learning by Line: The Role and Purpose of Drawing in the 18th Century," through June 15; "Representing the Black Male Body in Art,' artist's talk by Kehinde Wiley, 2 p.m. March 29; "On Life and Loss: The Polish Photographs of Roman Vishniac and Jeffrey Gusky," April 15-July 12, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900. Detroit Science Center: "Leonardo Da Vinci: Man, Inventor, Genius," tickets \$13.95 to \$16.95; "Star Trek: The Exhibition," 5020 John R, (313) 577-8400, www.detroit-

sciencecenter.org.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: New Wave logo design contest for students, enter by April 10, www.mocadetroit.org/new-wave; "Black Is, Black Ain't," "I Repeat Myself When Under Stress," through May 3, 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313)

Plymouth Historical Museum: "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 155 S. Main St. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday,

Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission, \$5; \$2 for students 6-17; \$10 for families. Tour groups can be accommodated, (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.

#### OPERA

Detroit Opera House: "The Elixir of Love," through April 5; "I Pagliacci," April 18-26; "Carmen," May 9-17; "Nabucco," Oct. 17-24; "A Little Night Music," Nov. 14-21; "Don Giovanni," April 17-24, 2010; "Tosca," May 8-15, 2010, Michigan Opera Theatre, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, www.michiganopera.org.

#### SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Green Street Fair: Non-profits, artisans, live music, workshops and speakers focused on benefits of green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services, May 1-3, free, Downtown Plymouth, (734) 259.2983, www.greenstreetfair.com.

Rock Financial Showplace: Michigan International Wine Expo, April 3-4; Spring Home and Garden Show, April 3-5; Comic Con, May 15-17, 46100 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-5600, www.rockfinancialshowplace.com.

The Big Dance: Three days of concerts, featuring headliners Pussycat Dolls, Fergie, Gavin DeGraw and Staind, with emcee Ryan Seacrest, as well as 40 local bands. as part of the 2009 NCAA Men's Final Four weekend, April 3-5, Detroit Riverfront.

#### THEATER - COMMUNITY

The Farmington Players: "Sweet Charity," April 24-May 16; 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 553-2955, www. farmingtonplayers.org.

tarmingtonplayers.org.

Spotlight Players: "The Pajama Game," April
24-May 9, Village Theater at Cherry Hill,
50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734)
394-5300, www.spotlightplayers.net.
Tipping Pointe Theatre: "The Complete Works
of William Shakespeare (Abridged),"
April 22-24, 361 E. Cady, Northville, (248)
347-0003.

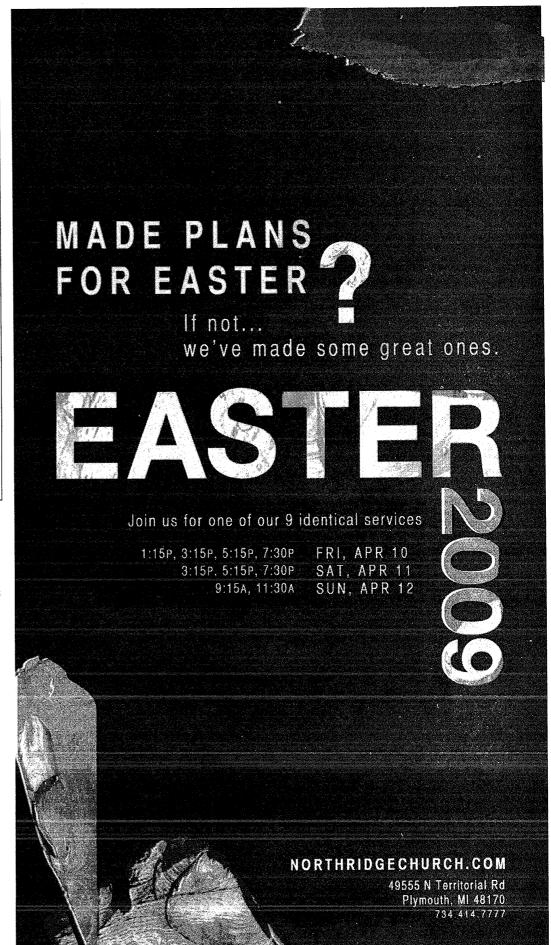
#### THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

Fisher Theatre: "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," through April 5; Mandy Patinkin and Patti LuPone, April 14-19; "Stomp," April 20-26; "Annie." May 5-10; and "Grease," June 9-28, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, 1-800-982-2787, www.ticketmaster.com, www.broadway-indetroit.com.

Fox Theatre: "Riverdance- Farewell Performances," April 8-12; Oprah Winfrey presents "The Color Purple," April 14, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster. com, OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 433-1515.

Jewish Ensemble Theatre: "Halpern and Johnson" April 21-May 17, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900, www. jettheatre.org.

Meadow Brook Theatre: "The Trip to Bountiful," through April 12; "By Jeeves," April 22 to May 17; "Nunsense 2: The Second Coming," May 27 to June 14, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www. ticketmaster.com, for more information, visit www.mbtheatre.com.



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## Best bets for French wine values

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f you read this column regularly, you know that we've been scouring the world of wine to bring readers top wine values available in this market.

This month, the French brand La Vieille Ferme has wines on one of the best sales ever. Don't miss it because if the economy turns around, you may never see such



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at \$8 per bottle! La Vieille Ferme wines are made by the Perrins, the most heralded wine-

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#### WHO ARE THE PERRINS?

Three highly-educated Perrin brothers (Marc, Pierre **WINE PICKS** 

Valley, \$28

Prices for California ZINFANDEL, considered an American heritage by aficionados, have gone through the roof. Here are five yummy zins at sensible prices. 2006 Bogle Old Vine, \$11 2006 Ravenswood Old Vine Sonoma County, \$15 2007 Dry Creek Vineyard Heritage, Sonoma County, \$18 2007 Artezin Mendocino County, 2006 Ferrari-Carano Dry Creek

and Thomas), all in their 30s, are the fifth generation running the family wine business.

Started in 1970, La Vieille Ferme focuses on value for money (even more so today!) with the following three wines priced at \$8.

La Vieille Ferme 2007 Cotes du Ventoux Rouge comes from vineyards high on the slopes of Mont Ventoux, east of the Rhône River. There the Perrins select grenache, syrah, carignan and cinsault, to a

make a wine reflecting their Chateauneuf-du-Pape tradition. It's supple and fruity with blackberry and ripe plum aromas and flavors.

La Vieille Ferme 2008 Cotes du Luberon Blanc comes from the hillside vineyards in the ancient Côtes du Luberon, where the wind known as mistral cools grapes in the heat of summer. Made from four white Rhone varieties, Grernache Blanc is fermented in new Limousin cooperage, the wine is floral, and slightly spicy with a crisp finish.

La Vieille Ferme 2008 Cotes du Ventoux Rose is the ultimate warm weather wine that combines not only a deep pink color, but the richness of a blend of grenache, syrah, cariganan and cinsault, grown in the Cotes du Ventoux.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are contributing editors for the internationallyrespected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by email at focusonwine@aol.com.

#### CITY BITES

**VISTA GALA PATRONS ON APRIL 4 GOVERNOR DECLARES "WINE MONTH"** 

**LIVONIA** — The Art of Fine Dining is on tap at the VisTa Gala, 6:30 p.m. Saturday April 4 at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center. Patrons will stroll through Schoolcraft College's six state-of-the-art culinary kitchens, while mingling with world-class chefs and

instructors and tasting their creations. Under the direction of Chef Kevin Gawronski, the college's award-winning Salon Team will prepare Paupiettes de Sole 'a la Trouvillaise and Golden Oak Roasted Organic Chicken.

Other menu highlights include Chef Dan among which 10 percent of the Hugelier's Morel Mushroom Ravioli with Chervil Cream, and Chef Brian Polcyn's Back and Girth, slow-roasted smoked pork loin and crispy braised belly. Chef Jeff Gabriel will present the Sushi Station; Chef Marcus Haight will prepare Wood-Grilled Lamb Rack; and Chef Joe Decker will fill the dessert buffet with an

assortment of tempting pastries. Tickets, \$150, include valet, photos and silent auction. Call (734) 462-4518 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation.

**LANSING** — The Michigan International Wine Expo, April 3-4 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, coincides with the kickoff of "Michigan Wine Month."

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has declared April a time to honor Michigan's wide selection of quality wines and the wine industry's significant contribution to the economy, which amounts to nearly \$800 million each year.

Sales of Michigan wines rose 5 percent in 2008, while total wine sales experienced no increase.

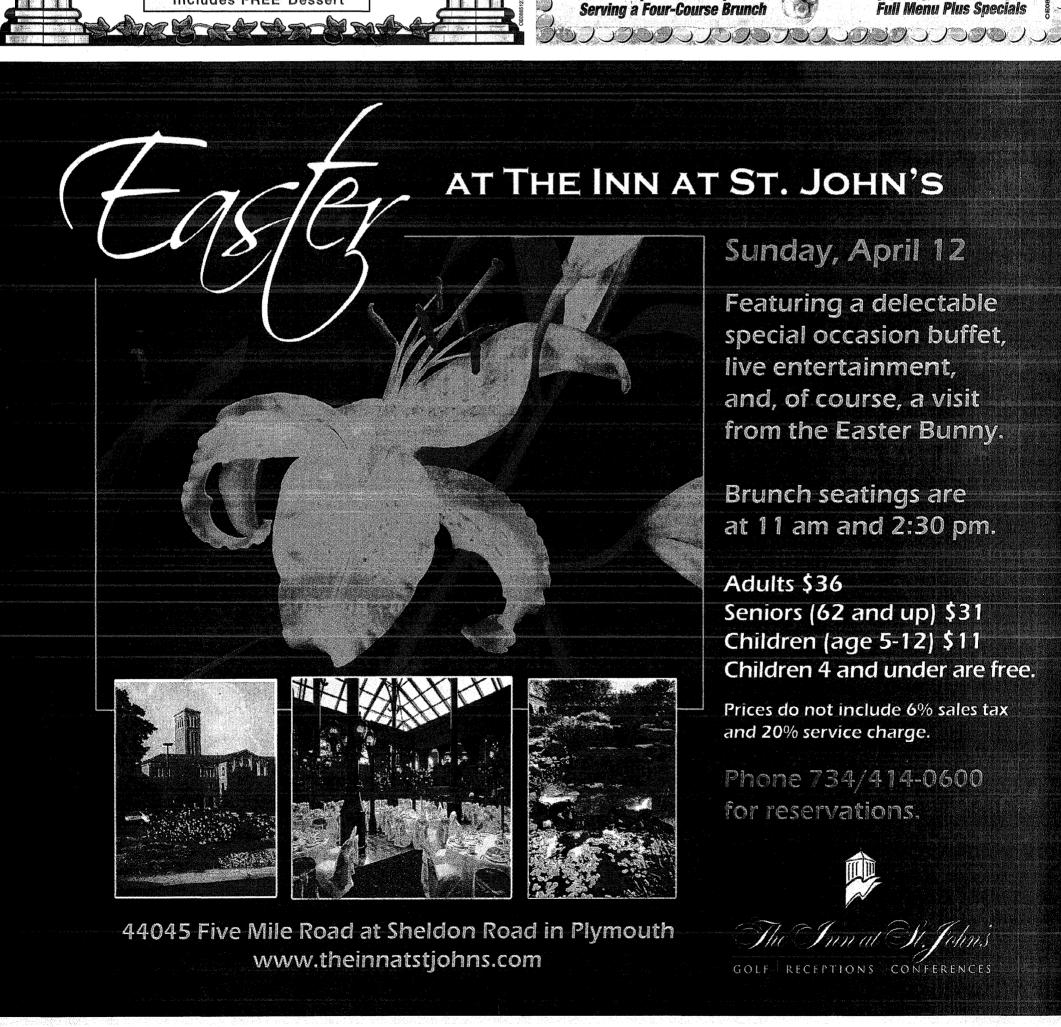
"With eight new wineries slated to open this vear. Michigan's grape and wine industry demonstrates that our state is ripe for growth and opportunity," Granholm said. "Michigan's wine industry is an important component of the state's \$71.3 billion agri-food business sector and is vital to our tourism efforts."

For more information, a complete list of events or to request a free copy of 2009 Michigan Wine Country magazine, call the Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council at (517) 241-1207, or visit www.michiganwines.com.

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**Building Industry** Association of Southeastern Michigan will honor the top residential industry professionals in southeastern Michigan on Friday, April 3, in conjunction with the Spring Home & Garden Show at the **Rock Financial Showplace** in Novi. The premier sponsor for the 2008 Leadership Recognition and Awards Night event is Bank of America.

"Throughout this tumultuous period, our honorees have continued to successfully advance our industry and homeownership in Southeastern Michigan," said Darshan S. Grewal, 2009 president of BIA. "These honorees set a positive example for others in the home building industry."

Receiving the highest honor bestowed upon a member, Paul C. Robertson Jr. of Robertson Brothers in Bloomfield Hills, will be inducted into the association's

Hall of Fame. The Builders of the Year award will be presented to Joe Saylor and Roger Saylor of Saylor Building Company in Troy, for their dedication to the association and contribu-

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tions to the home building industry.

Other honors at the banquet include special recognition of BIA's 2008 President Richard Ives of Trinity Management in Clinton Township; Associate of the Year Robert O'Neill of Vista Mortgage Corp. in Livonia; Don Maillho Memorial Award in Banking Eric Burgoon of Bank of America in Troy; Thomas Ricketts Annual Award to the Region's Outstanding Building Official Al Hogan, building official of Lyon Township; Remodeler of the Year William Borchert, CGR, CAPS, of **Borchert Construction in** Washington Township; and Outstanding Subcontractor of the Year Kristen Shellenbarger of Midwest Cabinet &

Countertop in Detroit. Several professionals will receive Distinguished Service



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Awards, including: Norman Finkelstein of Norwood Homes in Farmington Hills for service to the housing industry; Mark Renn of H.J. Oldenkamp in Warren for service to the remodeling industry; and Herbert Lawson of Windham Development in Bloomfield Hills for service to the building industry. "Spike" awards recognizing outstanding membership recruitment efforts are as follows: Builder Spike of the Year



Roger Saylor

Custom Homes in Plymouth; Insurance Spike of the Year to David W. Curtis of Curtis Insurance Agency in Oxford; and Associate Spike of the Year to Pat Baker of Kohler Company in Sterling Heights.

The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres and an exploration of the show at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and awards ceremony. Reservations are \$85 per person for the dinner and program. For more information, call (248) 862-1033.

Headquartered in

Joe Saylor

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

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#### **Investors Association**

"Flipping" Houses will be presented by Bob Norton, on how to buy, finance and sell Bank-Owned Real Estate (REO's) to homeowners. Presented by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

#### Career Seminar

Thought about a career in real estate? Come to a 59-minute Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16. Questions will be answered about commissions. costs and what it takes, and your potential to succeed

The seminar will be held at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve your seat.

#### Homebuyer Seminar

Keller Williams Farmington Hills will offer Homebuyer Seminars, including one 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the office, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100-S, 12 Mile and Halsted in Farmington Hills. RSVP at (248) 893-1550. Seminars cover real estate basics for today's buyers, mortgage information from Flagstar Bank, title work presentation by Fidelity Title Co., and the importance of an inspection. There will be a seminar following Saturday, May 16, at the same time.

#### Real Estate Agents, Appraising & Staging

Thinking about a career in real estate? Is working in real estate your dream? Keller Williams Realty is seeking experienced or non-experienced people in the real estate field. The candidates must be hard working and have a passion for learning.

There's a free seminar every week: Tuesday or Saturday, 11 a.m. to noon at 27555 Executive Drive (off West 12 Mile and Halsted), Farmington Hills 48331. For more details, contact Steve Leibhan, (248) 553-0400, Ext. 2500.

#### BIA

■ 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 Rottschafter, 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, NAHB vs. 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.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present another in its series of Certified Graduate courses — "Estimating for Builders and Remodelers" - on Thursday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will instruct remodelers and small-to-mid volume builders on estimating insurance and profit, quantity takeoff for various materials, labor and equipment productivity issues, and subcontractor bid considerations. The course counts toward Certified Graduate Builder, Certified Graduate Associate, and Certified Graduate Remodeler designations.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA members, and \$200 for guests. For more information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ The Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "Success Strategies For 2009" on Thursday, April 30, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Michael Jeffreys of The Yes Network will present the seminar. It will include now to make the decision and commitment to thrive, how to discover your major obstacle and overcome it, how to tap into your hidden potential to stay more motivated, and how to outsmart, outthink, and outperform your competition. Registration fees are \$10 for SMC, BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "Leasing 101: The 2009 Tour" seminar on Friday, April 24, 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 competitive analysis of what is being sold, setting up the close, telephone techniques, Internet and e-mail and meet-greet information. 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) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

# Experience factor in legal fees

Q: We like our lawyer but his ego is so big and he represents so many associations that we hardly ever hear from him and all we deal with is an associate. Also, the associate charges the same amount as our lawyer. Is that reasonable?

A: You are entitled to top-notch service and if your primary lawyer is so



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Robert Meisner the associate does not

have the experience and expertise as your primary lawyer, you should not be paying the same hourly rate. Hourly rates should be based, among other things, upon experience, expertise and reputation. Charging the same rate for a new associate as opposed to a seasoned lawyer may well be unreasonable.

Q: Are there any special precautions we should take for foreclosures that we might not normally think about?

A: One of the biggest problems that I learned about at a recent national community law seminar is that there are an increased number of thefts and/or embezzlement by association board members and in some cases the management company. You should be ever more vigilant in terms of monitoring the financial affairs of the association — having multiple signatories be required to sign checks, and otherwise having fidelity bonds not only for the officers and directors of the association, but the management company that is handling your funds having a bond that protects and insures your association.

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

#### HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 8-12, 2008, at the Wayne County Red of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses

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	32614 Fernwood St		\$125,000
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,	8613 Liberty Blvd		\$90,000
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- 13 Twisted

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- 16 Repair a tear 17 Zen riddles
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- 22 Coil or spiral 24 Big name
- in chemicals 27 Track prelim 28 Name meaning "truth"
- 29 Alaska's capital 32 Did some digging 34 FitzGerald's

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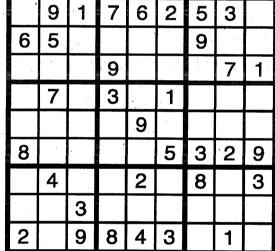
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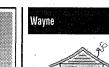
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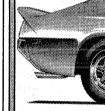
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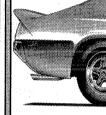
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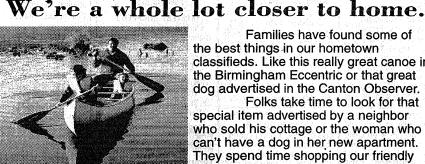
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Saturn calls its 2009 Vue Green Line 2 Mode Hybrid the world's most fuel-efficient V6 SUV

This claim is backed by impressive numbers. The Green Line 2 Mode delivers a 50-percent increase in fuel economy over the regular Vue and allow the vehicle to go 500 miles between fill-ups. Wow! What's not to

Saturn expects its newest Vue to deliver up to 24 miles per gallon in the city compared with the current regular Vue's 16 mpg. That's also better than the four-cylinder Saturn Aura's 22 mpg city EPA ratings.

Highway mileage will match the current four-cylinder, nonhybrid, front-wheel-drive Vue at 26 mpg.
While traditional full hybrid

systems offer only one electric mode that is utilized during low-speed driving, General Motors has teamed up with Chrysler and BMW Group to co-develop the two-mode hybrid

Not to be confused with the regular Green Line hybrid that was added to 2007 Vue lineup, this \$30,000 model incorporates a "full hybrid" system.

This patented fuel-saving technology with one mode for city

driving and one mode for highway

driving is ideal for SUVs.

The first mode of the system is for low speed and light loads. In this mode, the hybrid system can operate with electric power only, engine power only and any combination of engine and electric power.

When the first mode operates as electric only, fuel consumption is reduced in heavy stop-and-go traffic by shutting off the engine for extended periods of time and moving exclusively under electric power at low speeds.

The second mode is primarily used at highway speeds. In addition to electric assist, the second mode integrates sophisticated electronic controls, such as Active Fuel Management, to allow even more efficient engine operation with an electric motor less than half the size of a traditional "one-mode" hybrid

Full V6 engine power is available when conditions demand it, such as passing, towing or climbing a steep grade.

The two-mode system also allows for a four-speed automatic transmission and electronic controls to be used with gas and diesel engines with front- and rear-wheel-drive configurations on other cars, trucks



Not much separates the 2009 Saturn Vue Green Line 2 Mode Hybrid from the regular model. With a reported 50 percent increase in fuel efficiency, the real change is seen at the pump.

On the Vue Green Line it augments the SUV's traditional V6 engine with an electric motor powered by a battery pack located under the second-row seats. The battery pack powers the electric motor, as well as the electric power steering system. Regenerative braking will charge the batteries.
Saturn says the electric power

steering in place of the usual hydraulic assist will help the driver save up to a half-mile per gallon of gas as well as

provide more responsive handling.

The two-mode technology was first used is in General Motors' full-size trucks and SUVs, including the Chevy Tahoe and Chevy Silverado, the GMC Yukon and the Cadillac Escalade.

The Saturn Vue marks the first use of this system with front-wheel drive and a V6 engine.

Surprisingly, towing power will not suffer like in V8 vehicles with the twomode hybrid system. The Vue Green Line 2 Mode is able to tow up to 3,500 pounds, just like standard Vues.

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The Vue Green Line 2 Mode has the same standard safety equipment as the regular Vue, including four-wheel anti-lock brakes, electronic stability control, front active head restraints and six airbags.

If the Vue Green Line 2 Mode isn't environmentally friendly enough for you, Saturn plans on eventually adding a third hybrid later -- a plug-in version of the two-mode Vue.

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734-455-7000 GREAT CONDO! Spacious 2nd flr ranch. 2BR/2 full BAs. Cathedral ceilings. Neutral decor. Newer firing, lights & 3 ceiling fans. All appls. Huge closets. Deck overlooks pond.

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Beau hme dwn street frm pk. Wlk to villag theater & main shps. Lg front por & upper balcony. 2 story fam rm, gourmet kit w/stnls stl appliancs & high end cabinets. Cust blinds. Hdwd firs in foyer, kit, brkfst nook



SPECTACULAR CANTON CONDO in a golf course community w/2BRS & 2 full baths. Neutral all thru w/custom kitchen cabinets and attached garage w/opener. All SS appls +



Charming ranch on half acre parcel. Great location, new carpet, 6 panel drs., FR w/ FP, neutral decor, FF laundry, MBR w/ closet organizers, bsmt, deck.



Brick Ranch Ready To Move In Convenient Location! 3 bed, 2 bath, FIN'D BSMT, family room, fireplace, sprinklers, roof 7 yrs, fenced yard, 1 car garage. Well maintained. What an opportunity!



**Dearborn Heights** 734-591-9200 North Dearborn Hgts Brick Rch w/fin bsmt Updated kitchen, hardwood firs, vinyl windows, 2 car garage.Nice yard with patio and much more. Call Gary today 313 530 8376



734-591-9200 Lg Nth DH Hme on huge lot w/oversiz garg Ovr 1350 sq ft. Newer wind. lg yd w/pool &deck. Frplce, High eff furn, nwr HWH, Updt BA's. Short sale subj to bank app.Buy respon for DH cty inspe. Comp fee\$199 24 hr not



Four Bedroom Unit Quadruplex Great Income Producer!All brick. Updated: Brand new windows, eletric system, 2 story deck, new carpet and paint, glass block in basment and



248-348-6430 Loads of Potential! LR w/bay, DR and eat-in kit.

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



248-437-3800 Is It Summer Yet? Enjoy the beautiful 20'x40' inground gunite pool. Lrg open flr plan, well maintained hm in popular Oakwood Meadows Sub. Enjoy walking trails, tennis & ponds.



Hamburg 248-437-3800 Stunning Neo-Classic Home! Has 1st fir mstr, situated on premium wooded lot. Brazilian cherry in foyer, powder rm, kit. cherry cabinets w/tall uppers, granite counters. Prof. fin. LL.



Total remod on all-sports Duck Lakel HDWD



Custom built LakeFront home: 1.7 acres, Manle cabs & granite t/o 2 kits & baths. 2 story GR w/ gas fp. 1st fir mstr w/ ba & 2 WIC's. Fin W/O;

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248-684-1065 Beautiful home! Quality materials & trim details the desired the staircase, granite & natural cherry kit, SS appl, bonus 4th rm., 150' on All Sports Duck Lake.



248-684-1065 Lovely updated lakefront home in Seven Harbors Sub. Open floor plan, Oak kitchen, wood floors, loft, custom fireplace, ceramic BA,

248-684-1065 Beautifully maintained 2-BR ranch w/ lake access to Spring Lake and all-sports Crotched Lake. 3-car garage & separate heated workroom. Wooded lot.



248-684-1065 2 acre lot on private road with only 7 other homes on it. Property has a perk and survey. Restrictions and minimums available. Land



248-348-6430 Immaculate Colonial Updated Kitchen... roof, windows, paint, HWH, stainless appls. 2 1/2 car garage, open floor plan, big yard. Close to mall schools (Stevenson High School), Freeway.



4 Red Colonial In NorthWest Livonia 2500 sq.



734-591-9200 Open fir plan, Mint condit, Kim Oaks Rnch 1500 saft. Beau fam rm w/fieldstne FP & door to priv patioi. Lg udtef oak kit w/ovrszed din area. Fin bsmt. Orig 3BR 1 wall rmoved to make 22x11 Mstr BR. Fnced yd.



248-348-6430 Highly Desirable Northwest Livonial Features: Updated kitchen, ceramic baths. Stamped concrete walk & patio, bay window, full finished basement, BR and new driveway, 2.5 car garage



Big Value Move In Ready Home in SLyon! Spend your summer relaxing instead of repairing. Completely renovated. Offering an updated kitchen w/new oak cabinets, beautiful wood firs & new counters.



Ready For Immediate Occupancy! Waiting for buyer's flooring & countertop choices. Great flr plan. FP in great rm. Maple cabinets in kitchen & baths. Lrg mstr suite with walk-in (28185040)



248-684-1065 3 BR, 2BA open fir plan brick ranch, 2 pole barns



Awesome brick home! Tastefully decorated 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath tudor home. Updated kit, newer roof & windows, recently painted. Hrdwd firs, fin bsmt w/frplc, spacious liv rm w/frplc.



248-348-6430 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath Colonial with newer dimensional roof, gutters with covers, windows through out, newly fenced yard, new kitchen top to bottom and more. Bonus Florida room!



248-348-6430 Lovely Private Entry Condo Nice condo located on quiet cul de sac. 1,220 sq ft, newer carpet, nice KIT inclds all appls, LR w/FP, fin'd BSMT,



Northville 734-455-7000 THIS ONE'S A HONEY! Freshly listed! Choicest



BUILDER'S HOME NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS guest suite. 4 car garage. (29040403)



Urban hip condo with suburban comfort



734-455-7000 THE HOME YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!



TWO PLYMOUTH HOMES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE! Two separate houses on one lot in downtown Plymouth. Live in one--rent the other! Numerous updates in main house. Other home continually rented.



734-455-7000 COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY! Come home to this warm and cozy bungalow w/natural fireplace and lots of natural wood. Oak cabinet kitchen w/laminate floor. 2 full baths. Large



734-455-7000 PLYMOUTH "FIXER UPPER"! Great potential



734-455-7000 CAREFREE CONDO LIVING! 55+ COMMUNITY! This lovely end unit faces a common area and is neutrally decorated. Assoc. fee includes heat/water, clubhouse and pool.

\$105,000

Redford 248-684-1065 Quaint brick home on treed lot. Knotty pine kit cabs, part fin bsmt adds 910 sq.ft and rec room. 3 BDRM/ 1.1 BA. Fenced yard. Lovely paidshed and the sq. ft. and the sq. ft.



248-684-1065 Move in condition! 30x21 full fin, bsmt, HDWD flrs, all appl. included including washer & dryer. 2 1/2 car garage w/ workbench. Home



Great Opportunity! Own this 2 yr old home at a great price. 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths. Just needs some



248-208-2900 16422 Taft Brick Front Ranch With Newer Vinyl



248-437-3800 Charming Farmhouse Lots of class put into this charming farmhouse in quaint downtown Salem. Inviting front porch and large yard. Huge kitchen with lots of natural light.



Transfer Forgoes Sellers to Sell! Stunning home in desireable subdivision at today's prices. Beautiful hm w/very spacious kitchenfamily rm, hrdwd flrs, maple cabinets, 2ns flr



Well Kept Home! Well kept home in Popular Carriage Trace. Seller has \$440,000 invested. Granite kit w/cherry cabinets, ceramic backsplash. GR w/hrdwd flrs, soaring ceiling.



248-437-3800 Corporate Relocation Forces Sale Located w/a great nature view off a quiet street. One of the best lots in the community. Move in immediately, & spend this summer relaxing



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800 Just Listed...Take A Closer Look! This house is perfection plus! Enjoy total privacy in back-yard w/heated pool & backing to a park-nature setting. Many updates. Finished bsmt w/bar. A MUST SEE!



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.



Woods of Oakland Manor Great Curb Appeal 2295 sq ft COL, 4 BR & 2.5 BA. Neutral decor, formal LR & DR w/bay window. KIT has charming nook. FF laundry. MBR w/vaulted ceiling. MBA has jet tub. LRG deck. \$245,000





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Close to Downtown, Bus and Ford Wayne Plant. Spacious 2 bedroom with MONSTER closets and tiny association fee (\$95/month). Backyard garage parking. Also for lease for \$1,100/month.



Westland WHERE'S THE PARTY? RIGHT HERE! Great home w/inground pool & beautifully maintained yard 3BD, 1BA, new roof, water heater & appliances. Close to schools, shopping & freeways! 10 min to airport.



MOVE IN CONDITION Newer roof, paint,



MOVE-IN READY TOWNHOUSE, LIVONIA SCHOOLS Updated. Freshly painted, newer carpet,newer oak kitchen cabinets w/all appl. included. Large bedrooms. Newer vinyl windows. Fin bsmt.1 car gar. Well located.



248-684-1065 White Lake Charming & well-maintained home. Open fir plan, LR w/ gas FP, Eat-in kit, HDWD firs, new carpet, fin. LL w/ FM and half BA, All appl. Deck/wooded yd.



248-348-6430 Absolutely The Bestl 3 BD, 2 BA home w/30'



248-348-6430 Nice Home in Fine Neighborhood Nice Home, within walking distance to Loon Lake, HDWD floors entry, kitchen & living room, family room w/fireplace, great wooded lot, deck &



248-348-6430 Lake View / Lake Access Completely renovated

\$113,900



WOLVERINE LAKE ACCESS! New windows, roof, furnace, A/C, well & water softener. Fresh paint. Basement, attached garage & more! Move-in ready!

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\$112,000