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Nice nursing

Kelly Holka of Plymouth received the Daisy Award for excellence in nursing at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. The Madonna University graduate was nominated by a patient and his wife.

"My instructors at Madonna taught me to provide compassionate nursing care that goes beyond normal standards and involves the patient, as well as the family and community," said Holka, who earned a B.S. degree in nursing in 2006. She plans to pursue a nursing graduate degree in the future.

Holka used her knowledge, experience and compassion to



Kelly Holka was honored recently by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

educate, comfort and support her patient and his spouse during his hospital stay, and even after he was discharged. In the days before he left the hospital, Holka taught his wife how to care for her husband at home. She made sure the woman understood the complex medical equipment and the daily schedule of care. Throughout the process, Holka went out of her way to assist the couple by interceding on their behalf with the pharmacy and other hospital staff.

Clerk credential

Plymouth Township Clerk Joe Bridgman was awarded the Township Governance Academy credential from the Michigan



Bridgman

Townships Association. Bridgman was recognized at MTA's 56th annual Educational Conference at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center.

TGA is a voluntary credentialing program intended to give township board members and other local leaders cutting-edge knowledge and expanded skills needed to assist in making more effective decisions for the benefit of their township. The academy, which challenges candidates to tie together learning and practical experience, consists of 12 courses and includes a requirement for elective credits.

Peace process

Pioneer kids push plan in Big Apple

BY JEFF NOVAK
CORRESPONDENT

Despite cold, rainy weather, more than 180 students from Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth descended upon the streets of New York City to spread their message of peace and promote the Pioneer Peace Project.

Torrential rain kept the normally busy park not so packed for the kickoff peace celebration at Naumburg Bandshell in Central Park, but that didn't keep the students from succeeding in their mission to spread the peace.



'Early Show' host Harry Smith interviews Pioneer English teacher Claire Swisher during the CBS morning show.

To start the morning off, the young peace activists from Pioneer were featured on the CBS *Early Show*. There the show's weatherman, Dave Price, and hosts Maggie Rodriguez and Harry Smith talked and laughed with the students before airing a short segment during which Pioneer English

and performing arts teacher Claire Swisher talked about the "Peace it Forward" program.

Flying high from the *Early Show* exposure, the group traveled to the historic Naumburg Bandshell, where they listened to fellow students give speeches and read poetry and heard classmates Alyssa Blomquist and Danielle Allen sing a rousing version of John Lennon's *Imagine*. Students also heard speeches by representatives from ShelterBox, Putumayo World Music and Junior Tours — all organizations that helped sponsor the event.

Children's book author and illustrator Todd Parr, whose work *The Peace Book* inspired the Pioneer Peace Book, wrapped up the ceremony with a short speech about the importance of the event.

Even though honored guest Yoko Ono didn't make the celebration due to the weather conditions, the students' spirits remained high for the next leg of the tour.

The students broke into smaller groups and headed off to three destinations — Grand Central Terminal, Penn Station and the Time Warner Center — to read from and pass out more than 300 copies of *The Peace Book* donated by publisher Little, Brown

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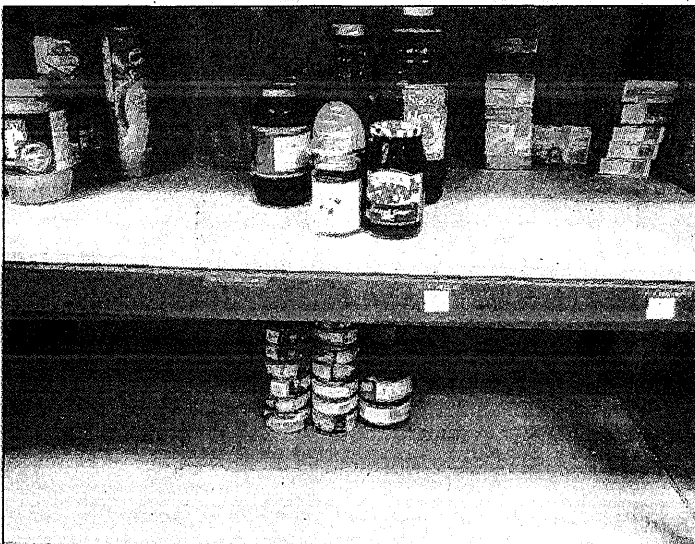


Alyssa Blomquist and Danielle Allen raise a triumphant peace sign after they finish singing John Lennon's *Imagine* at Naumburg Bandshell in Central Park to kick off the Pioneer Peace Project.

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Tough economy takes its toll on food pantry

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



The shelves are a bit bare in the Plymouth Salvation Army's food pantry.

Here's how bad it's getting for the Plymouth Salvation Army's food pantry: Old Mother Hubbard had more food in her cupboard.

Things got so bare in the pantry that earlier this week there were fewer than 25 bags available for families. Based on current demand, that's less than a week's worth of help.

"Demand is just escalating," said Laurie Aren, the Army's director of Family and Community Ministries. "Folks are having to make very important decisions ... am I going to pay the car insurance this month or put food on the table for my kids?"

In the last three months, the Salvation Army has serviced 273 families, hitting a high point in March by seeing 106. That's more than triple what they saw two years

POSTAL FOOD DRIVE

- What: Salvation Army/Letter Carriers Food Drive
- When: Saturday, May 9
- Where: Plymouth and Canton post offices are taking part
- Why: Postal carriers will collect donated food left on doorsteps to benefit the Plymouth Salvation Army's food pantry
- Details: For more info, call (734) 453-5464

ago (31 in March 2007).

Just this year, the Salvation Army — which services Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville — saw 77 families in January and 90 in February.

"There is a general increase, and that's

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Protesters' tea party decries taxes

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK AND BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITERS



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Greg and Karen Kateff, of Livonia, during the singing of the national anthem.

Clearly there are those unhappy with the spending habits of the people running the federal government in Washington, D.C.

And Wednesday, more than 1,000 of them showed up in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park to voice their displeasure at a Tax Day Tea Party.

The Kellogg Park rally was one of several in the area — there were similar protests in Livonia and Farmington — and allowed protesters ample opportunity to voice their displeasure.

Andrew Plagens of Canton figures his slice of the national debt already sits at more than \$35,000, a figure he believes is growing by the day. And he's

only 16.

"I wanted to protest government spending," Plagens said. "It's a great amount of money we're going to be paying back for the rest of our lives."

The party is a movement aimed at restoring the free-market principles the United States was built on, according to the group's Web site.

Picketers carried signs protesting government spending for about two hours, listening to music and a variety of speakers that included U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia).

Peggy Paulson of Plymouth attended the Livonia event to protest government spending she described as "out of control."

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PEACE

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Books for Young Readers to random New Yorkers and visitors.

All the students requested in return is that the recipients help spread the message of peace and "Peace it Forward." The eighth-graders asked that the copies of the book get passed along to family and friends or even strangers and recorded on the Peace Project Web site www.p3nyc2009.ning.com, where the path of the books can be followed.

Along with every book, the students gave away a free "Peace Bag," courtesy of California Pizza Kitchen, that contained promotional materials — CDs, DVDs, buttons, stickers and more — from 20-plus peace-oriented organizations, corporations and individuals. California Pizza Kitchen also provided lunch for the group.

Parr finished off the project with a successful book sign-



Pioneer teacher Carmen Johnson, with fellow teacher Claire Swisher, gets the crowd going with her speech at Naumburg Bandshell in Central Park during the kickoff peace celebration.

ing at a very dry Union Square Barnes & Nobel.

Swisher said the students came back as changed individuals.

"They were exposed to a community that is different

from the one in which they live, but they come to realize that we are all searching for similar things," she said. "As teachers, we see them become global citizens. They become aware of the world around

them and recognize that we are all striving for the same things. Our students return more independent and self-assured; they have just conquered a bustling city on their own. As we watch them interact with the city during our stay, we see them become more confident and daring — they are New Yorkers."

The Peace Project is the apex of a year-long curriculum concept centered on peace and concludes with an art show — Behind the Lens III — where the students will display their photographs, poetry, reflections and art inspired by the trip to NYC.

To ensure the success of this year's event and the growth of future Pioneer Peace Projects, the coordinators are looking for more sponsors and donations. For more information about making a donation, visit the Peace Project Web site at www.p3nyc2009.ning.com or contact Ben McMurray at Pioneer Middle School at (734) 416-2774 or mcmurrb@pccs.k12.mi.us.

Observer & Eccentric will lay off 44 employees

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Monday announced the layoff of approximately 44 people in all departments — advertising, editorial, circulation and production. In addition, the company will cease publication of five Eccentric print and web editions as of Sunday, May 31: The Birmingham, West Bloomfield, Troy and Rochester editions.

In addition, the Southfield edition and O&E's Mirror Newspaper will become part of a new, multi-community Sunday newspaper, the South Oakland Eccentric, which will serve Royal Oak, Berkley, Clawson, Huntington Woods, Southfield and Pleasant Ridge.

"These expense reductions are a direct effect of our challenging economy and changing media landscape," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the Observer & Eccentric/Mirror/Hometown Newspapers. "These decisions, as difficult as they are to execute and to accept, position the newspaper for the future — a future that includes multiple platforms of news and advertising."

The newspaper company will continue to publish the Observer Newspapers in western Wayne County and Farmington/Farmington Hills and the Hometown Weekly Newspapers in Northville, Novi, Milford and South Lyon. The company also provides news and information on the Web at www.hometownlife.com.

Rosiek met Monday with employees and representatives of employee unions — Graphic Communications Conference/

International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 13N District Council 3 and the Newspaper Guild of Detroit, Local 34022 — to inform them of these decisions.

The Birmingham Eccentric has been published since 1878. The Eccentric was founded and named after a local men's club — The Eccentric Club. The first edition of the Birmingham Eccentric in 1878 sold for two cents a copy. The award-winning Birmingham Eccentric has had six owners in its 131-year history. The newspaper has been known for its local news and prep sports coverage. Local names and faces in award-winning photo pages were a staple of the newspaper.

The Eccentric "brand" expanded in the late 1960s when a Troy Eccentric was launched in 1968 followed by the West Bloomfield Eccentric and Southfield Eccentric in 1970. A Rochester Eccentric was started in 1972. The Eccentric Newspapers merged with the Observer Newspapers and the two companies began combined publishing operations in March 1974.

The O&E purchased the Mirror from Oak Communications Inc. in 1998. The Mirror will become part of the new South Oakland Eccentric published on Sunday. The new product will offer local and national advertisers a greater reach with consumers in highly desirable south Oakland County communities.

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Easter eggs-citement - hunts provide holiday happiness

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sonny Hennessey, the executive pastor at the fledgling Real Life-Plymouth Church, had some 20,000 plastic Easter eggs ready for a crowd she figured would reach about 2,000 people for the church's inaugural Easter Egg hunt Sunday in Kellogg Park.

So perhaps they can be pardoned for being caught by surprise by the 7,000 people they estimate showed up on a crisp, sunny afternoon. By the end of the day, the hunt could be termed a success, despite a little grumbling from parents.

"Our only problem was too many people, which I'm not sorry about," Sonny Hennessey said. "It's a nice problem to have."

The crowds packed Kellogg Park from border to border. The event featured a bouncy house, Disney characters signing autographs and, of course, eggs. And, while it was something of a madhouse, the primary targets of the event - children - seemed to enjoy it.

"It was crazy," said Dorian Kilgore of Livonia, who was there with son Jeremy and daughter Emily. "Everyone came in at once so it got tough for the kids to get to the eggs."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Joe Rork lifts his 3-year-old daughter, Lily, above the crowd at the Easter Egg hunt in Kellogg Park Saturday.

(But) they had fun, of course. Little kids can have fun no matter what."

It was the second egg hunt of the day in the Plymouth community. Earlier that morning, the Plymouth Lions Club hosted its first egg hunt at



ROBERT COONEY

The Easter Bunny was a popular attraction at Saturday's Plymouth Lions Club Easter Egg hunt.

Plymouth Township Park. That hunt drew some 600 kids, and the eggs were spread over four different softball diamonds.

Last year's township event drew only about 100 children, though Mother Nature did throw in some snow. This year's event under the sunny skies drew many more shining faces.

"Just seeing all their faces, how happy they were," said Debbie Baudino-Dowling of the Lions. "We wanted to keep

the tradition going." Britney Stieber of Plymouth Township was glad they did.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Christopher Baffy, 3, greets the Easter Bunny. Christopher attended the hunt with dad and mom, Bob and Jennifer Baffy, and twin siblings Jack and Emily, who are 7 months old.

"There were plenty of eggs and plenty of room," said Stieber, who was there with her children, 2-year-old Haven and 4-year-old Cadence. "And

it was free, which is good in this economy. The kids had a lot of fun."

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Tom Kiurski

disperse. Fuel the engines before starting them, as it is only safe to fuel a cool engine.

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Gasoline should be stored in a well-ventilated area, such as a garage or shed, and away from any ignition sources such as a heating unit. If you have young children, store the gas up high on a shelf where it cannot be reached. If convenient, store it in a locked cabinet.

While in the garage, children are attracted to the bright colors of windshield washer fluid and antifreeze. These look like tasty treats to young children so store them well away from their sight and reach. As Ben Franklin said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Tom Kiurski is training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department.

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Television's *CSI Miami* and *Law & Order* don't have anything on Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's Citizens Academy.

The Academy is a free course taught by those who work in the criminal justice system and designed to demystify that system. Speakers include prosecutors, law enforcement officials and Worthy herself.

Two previous Academies, including one held last fall, have proven popular, said Maria Miller, spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office.

"It's been very very popular with people," said Miller. "We've gotten great feedback from the program."

The next Academy will meet from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on six consecutive Tuesdays, April 21 through May 26, at Lincoln Park High School. Registration is limited to 225 people; participants must be 18 or older.

The next Academy, Miller said, will feature breakout sessions that explore topics such as jury duty and the importance of witnesses to criminal prosecutions, plus appearances from representatives of some of the spe-



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cialized units in Worthy's office, and recognition for the prosecutors' annual Everyday Hero honorees.

Miller said the past academies have drawn a wide range of participants, from high school students to professionals.

"We have a really varied cross section of the public that comes to it," she said.

Despite the time commitment required, Miller said, most participants stick with it.

"We have very low attrition," she said.

For more information on the Citizens Academy or to find a registration form, visit the Web site www.waynecounty.com and click on the link to the prosecutor's office.

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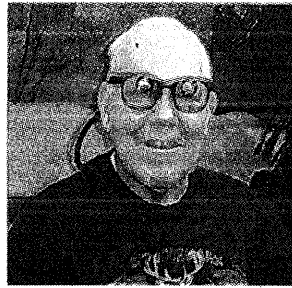
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According to Plymouth police, the crowd in Kellogg Park numbered more than 1,000 for the Tax Day Tea Party.

PARTY

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Paulson believes that the U.S. government is "mortgaging our future." "I don't believe government is the answer, the answer lies in the hands of the people," Paulson said.

Her sign read: "Wake up America before your liberty is gone."

Paulson and her friend and neighbor Judy Draplin of Plymouth brought their children to the event. Draplin said she was concerned about their future and that it was important to teach them about freedom of speech.

"I think it's important that we show them the need to speak up for what we believe in and that we can do it in a civil manner," Draplin said.

Paulson added: "They need to understand that they work for us, and they have it backward."

Kevin Kieliszewski of Canton carried a sign to the Livonia protest that read: "Give me liberty — no debt." "We wanted to have our



Bonnie Baker protests on tax day in Kellogg Park in Plymouth. She is a Redford Township resident.

voices heard since Congress hasn't been listening," Kieliszewski said. "They keep hiking taxes and hiking spending and they don't ever reduce it."

Agree or disagree with the protesters, Plymouth resident Jim Potter said it was great to see so many people exercising their right to free speech.

"It's a great turnout," Potter said. "Based on the number of people you see here, people aren't happy with what's going on in Washington. The big picture is (the debt) is something we're going to be stuck with for

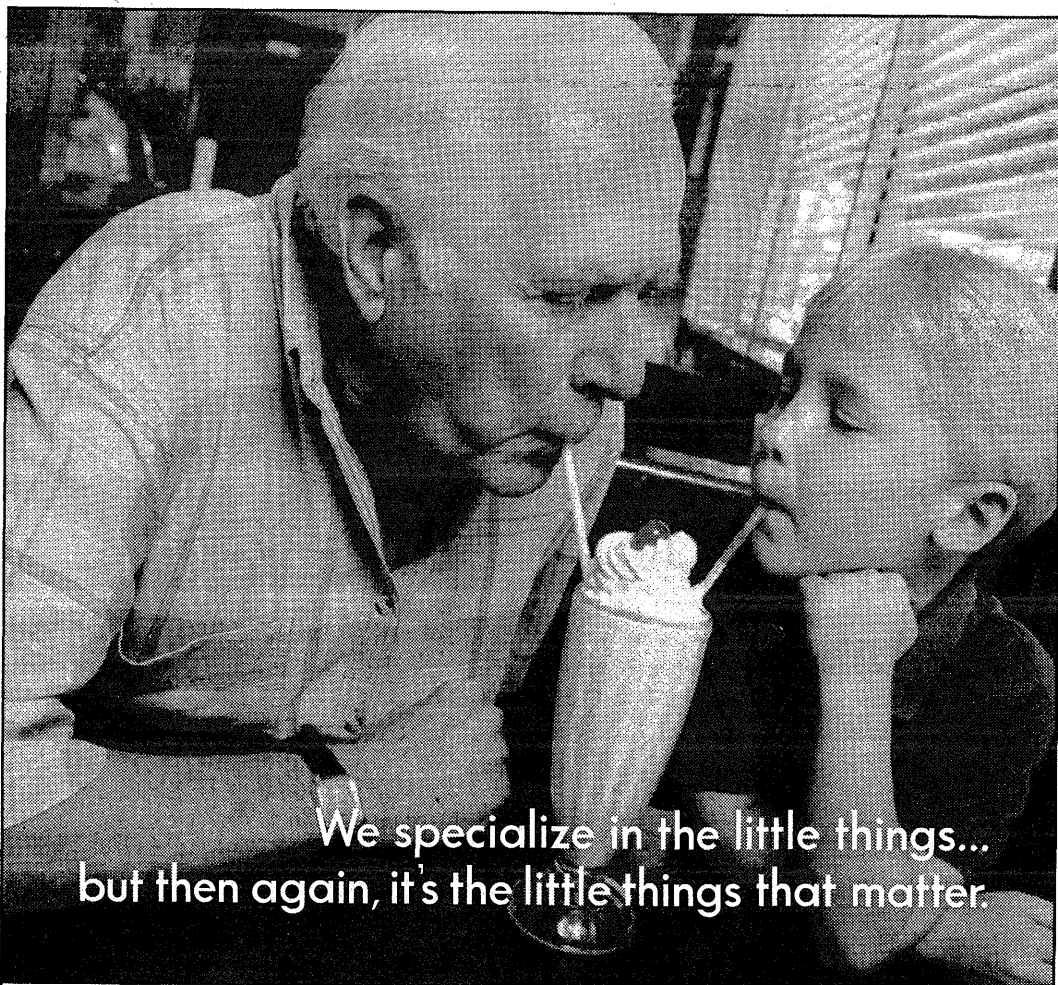
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PANTRY

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just families," Aren said. "That doesn't account for individual men and women, which are the new faces of who we're helping ... people who are losing their jobs who don't know where to go because they've never had to ask for our kind of help."

Not only is the economy sending more people the Salvation Army's way, it's also putting a crimp in the ability of people to donate.

Consequently, the food is flying off the shelves much faster than it's being replaced.

Maj. Jim Irvine, the Corps officer for the Plymouth Salvation Army, said the Army would have to do an emergency shopping trip and spend money that wasn't necessarily in the budget.

"Our food supplies have been depleted beyond anyone's wildest imagination," Irvine said. "The economy is taking its toll, even on us. But our commitment to helping this community remains as strong as ever."

Local residents are going to get their chance to help May 9, when the Salvation Army once again teams with postal workers in both Plymouth and Canton for the annual Letter Carriers Food Drive. Residents will be able to leave non-perishable food items on their doorsteps to be collected by postal carriers.

Anyone who wants to help in the meantime can do so by either taking food directly to the Salvation Army (9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road), or by donating cash.

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I-275 pathway to benefit from federal stimulus money

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The portion of the 40-mile multi-use recreational trail that parallels the freeway in Canton and Plymouth townships will get an upgrade with \$4 million in federal stimulus money. It's one of 22 projects being funded with \$47.3 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

The Michigan Department of Transportation will reconstruct portions of the non-motorized path from Hines Drive to Michigan Avenue, signing the trail and bringing it to Americans with Disability Act standards.

That's good news to Ann Conklin, Canton Township leisure services director, who spearheaded the Lower Rouge Recreation Trail in Canton which - when completed - will link more than six miles of trails from Canton Center Road to I-275.

"It's always been part of the plan to

I-275 PATHWAY CLEAN-UPS

The Friends of the I-275 Pathway will host two upcoming clean-up days: The first will take place on Saturday, April 18. The group will meet at 9 a.m. at the west side of the Duo-Gard parking lot on Koppernick Road just east of Haggerty. The second will take place Saturday, April 25. The group will meet at 9 a.m. at the rest area on northbound I-275 north of Michigan Avenue.

What you will need: Bring brooms, rakes, shovels, pruners, tree-loppers, or any kind of hand tool pick to up litter, trim trees and cut back brush. Power tools are not permitted. Water and a light snack will be available. In case of rain, the clean-ups will be pushed back to Sunday. For more information call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or visit the Friends of the I-275 Pathway on Yahoo! groups or Facebook.

connect the Lower Rouge Trail with the 40 miles along I-275, which has inspired us to do what we have done," said Conklin. "We're connected to the I-275 path right now, but it's in need of repair."

The I-275 trail runs through or near some of the most populated communities in southeast Michigan, including Novi, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville Township, Canton Township and

Monroe. Many sections are badly in need of repair, with some frequently under water and impassable to bicyclists, in-line skaters, joggers and walkers. Vegetation encroaches on the path and there is garbage strewn along the pathway.

To help in the effort, the Friends of the I-275 Pathway will hold two upcoming clean-up days. The group will meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday at the west side of the Duo-Gard parking

lot on Koppernick Road just east of Haggerty in Canton. The second will take place Saturday, April 25. The group will meet at 9 a.m. at the rest area on northbound I-275 north of Michigan Avenue.

"The biggest problem is the overgrown vegetation that can obscure the whole path," said John Bailey, 49, of Farmington Hills, who will take part in the clean-up effort. "If we didn't do it, fewer people would ride and the condition of the path would continue to deteriorate. If we can make access to the path a little easier, more and more people will use it and we can convince MDOT to upgrade it. The path is about 30 years old and there has hardly been any maintenance."

Bailey rides the path 3-4 days a week, traveling 10-15 miles a day.

"About 10 years ago I quit smoking and gained a lot of weight," Bailey said. "Oddly enough, I bought my bike out of a catalogue with Marlboro Miles. It was collecting dust in the garage, so I started riding about a

half-hour a day throughout the neighborhood.

"I heard about the path, found it about a mile-and-a-half from my house and started riding it," he said. "I lost 35 pounds. Last year I rode nearly 3,000 miles."

Dave Duffield of Northville, who is also planning to be at Saturday's clean-up, said the pathway at Koppernick Road gets a lot of trash.

"The trash is out of control," said Duffield, 53, who rides the path from Six Mile Road to Twelve Mile Road to get to work, when it doesn't snow. "Trash blows out of cars from the freeway and it looks like trash may have been dumped there. There have also been abandoned cars found in the fields."

"I believe a lot of our medical ills would be eliminated if we got out of our cars and rode," he said. "But, we have to do it some place safely. That's why we do the clean-ups."

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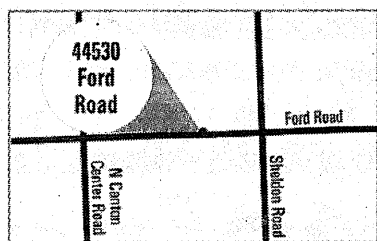


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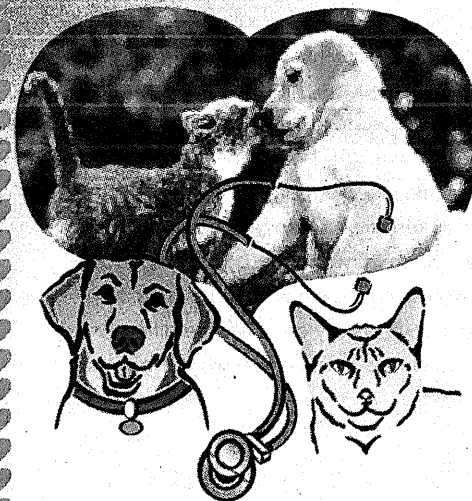
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PLAV car show

PLAV Post 166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia, will hold a combination open house and car show noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 23.

The general public is invited (bring your cameras) with special emphasis on owners of "oldies" and car club members. For additional details contact Roger L. Kehrier at (734) 453-2031.

Spaghetti fund-raiser

On April 17, from 5-8:30 p.m. there will be a benefit spaghetti dinner for Kristen Bartlett at the Westland AmVets, 1217 Merriman in Westland.

Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Bartlett suffered a brain injury in October 2008 and the benefit is to off set costs for medical care and therapies.

Love stories

Concert lovers can make plans now to attend the BeckRidge Chorale's "Love Stories" Spring Concert 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26 at Northville High School, located at 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville.

Tickets for the concert, which features songs are for women and men, are \$13 and \$16. For more information or to order tickets visit the group's Web site at www.beckridgechorale.org or call us at (734) 416-9885.

Salvation Army sales

The Salvation Army is sponsoring two major shopping events at the same time: its Mom2Mom and Rummage Sale at its church location at 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road, on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Rummage Sale will feature great bargains on gently used clothing, household goods, books, kitchen gear and small appliances. We will also be accepting donations for our rummage sale at the church beginning Monday, April 14 between the hours of 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

Admission is just a \$1 donation but you can visit our Web site for a coupon for free admission. Great coffee and baked goods will also be available. All proceeds from this day of shopping will benefit The Salvation Army-Plymouth's Tiny Tots Preschool Program and our Women's Ministries program. Please visit the Web site at www.misplymouth.org or call us at (734) 453-5464 for more information.

Rock Shoppe classes

The Rock Shoppe on Gotfredson Road in Plymouth will host the following installation classes. Come join us and learn to create a beautiful outdoor living space. A free lunch will be served between classes.

- Brick paver class, May 16, 10 a.m. - Free Class on Brick Paver Installation is offered by the Rock Shoppe at 6275 Gotfredson Road in Plymouth. Come listen to the experts from Allan Block demonstrate the step by step process of installing a brick paver patio, sidewalk or driveway. Create that outdoor living area you have been dreaming of. Free design help will be available. This class will be followed by a free lunch and a second class.

- Retaining wall and pillar installation, May 16, noon - Free Class on Retaining Wall and Pillar installation is offered by the Rock Shoppe at 6275 Gotfredson Road in Plymouth. John Kerr, the Allan Block expert, will demonstrate the step by step process of installing retaining walls and pillars. Free design help will be available.

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Veterans scholarship

The Plymouth Business & Professional Women's Club is seeking women veterans who need education assistance in order to pursue a better job or new career in civilian life.

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Blackboard Faces

The Plymouth Coffee Bean presents an interesting display of white-on-black drawings when it hosts an art show featuring the work of local artist Aydin Akcasu 7-11 p.m. Friday, April 24.

The show will feature his drawings of people's faces, made using white chalk on a black background. He uses an iterative process that involves slowly evolving the drawing and giving it more light (white). This has the fascinating effect of giving the appearance of a person who is slowly moving out of a dark room.

There's no admission, but there is a one-drink minimum. The art work will be on display in the Blue Room through June 1. Samples can be seen at Art.AydinAkcasu.com

The Plymouth Coffee Bean is located at 884 Penniman in Plymouth.

Tea and scones

The Plymouth Preservation Network is inviting people to "Tea and Scones to Save the Stones," a benefit to save the WPA Stone Wall that stands in Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park.

The fund-raiser takes place 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 South Main.

Enjoy tea and sweet treats provided by Sweet Afton Tea Room, Panera Bread Co. and Tranquiletea while you discover lovely & unique creative theme tables designed by: Basket Kreations, Bohemian Home, Haven, Home Sweet Home, Maggie and Me, Magnolia, Sideways, and The Velvet Plum.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the above retail shops; no tickets will be sold the day of the event. For more information, please visit the group's Web site at www.plymouthpreservation.org

Miller Woods walks

The wildflowers of Miller Woods have arrived to announce the official end to winter. The Friends of Miller Woods are inviting walkers to join them Sundays, April 19, 26, and May 3, at 2, 2:30, and 3 p.m. Tour guides will point out some of the 25 varieties of



Twin winner

Twin Elm Training, a full service horse boarding, training, lesson, and day camp farm, participated in the Michigan Academy Program horse show series. The competitors in the Hunt Seat Division included Mackenzie Becker (age 13, of Pinckney), Grace Quigley (age 10, of Brighton), Athena Lewandowski (age 8, of South Lyon), Katie Collins (age 12, of Brighton), Madi Lewis (age 13, of Canton), Tori Parelli (age 15, of Canton), Lizz Germaine (age 17, of Northville), Kendall Kelly (age 15, of Plymouth), and trainer Carley Freeman. The competitors in the Saddle Seat Division included Tori Parelli, Madi Lewis, and Athena Lewandowski. Madi Lewis won Reserve Champion for Advanced Hunt Seat Equitation. Katie Collins earned Reserve Champion for her participation in the Walk Trot Pleasure Division. For more information about Twin Elm Training or the Michigan Academy Program show series, please visit www.TwinElmTraining.com.

flowers that grow there. Miller Woods is located on Powell Road between Ridge and Beck Roads in Plymouth Township.

The woods is a designated nature preserve, therefore dogs are not permitted within it. For more information about this historical property, please visit our Web site www.millerwoods.com.

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.

Friendly Fridays

Plymouth Christian Academy is now accepting applications for the 2009/2010 school year.

Potential students and their families can visit Plymouth Christian Academy on Friendly Fridays April 24 and May 1 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For more information, call Dr. David Butler, Head of School, or Caryn Huntsman, Elementary Principal, at (734) 459-3505. PCA is located at 43065 Joy Road (between Lilley and Morton Taylor) in Canton - visit PCA on the Web at www.plymouthchristian.org

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 gain 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, creating a budget, building savings and more.

Light refreshments will be provided. To RSVP, call (734) 582-8702.

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 Luttrell, 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

Penn auction

The fourth annual "PENNdemonium" Dinner Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn will take place Friday, May 8, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in downtown Plymouth.

This exciting evening includes hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner with your choice of entrée, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and dancing. Tickets are \$85 and must be purchased in advance. Early Bird special - \$75 if purchased before April 15. For reservations, e-mail tickets@friendsofthepenn.org; stop by the Penn Box Office during movie hours or call (734) 453-0870.

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.

The final fund-raiser takes place at Palermo's on Ford Road in Canton Thursday, May 7.

Detail information and a flyer is available at http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof2009/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/classof2009/senior-party09.htm

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Library a great asset, especially in grim times

Libraries of all kinds continue to be engines of learning, literacy and economic development in communities nationwide. According to the 2008 State of America's Libraries report, released by the American Library Association, Americans check out more than two billion items each year from their public libraries. The average user takes out more than seven books a year, but patrons also go to their libraries to borrow DVDs, learn new computer skills, conduct job searches and participate in the activities of local community organizations.

The average bill to the taxpayer for this remarkable range of public services: \$31 a year, about the cost of one hardcover book.

Want to know just how important an asset a library can be? Check this out: In 2008, patrons at the Plymouth District Library checked out more than one million items.

Studies provide solid evidence that the nation's public libraries are engines of economic growth, contributing to local development through programming in early literacy, employment services and small-business development. They show that libraries provide an excellent return on investment, have a measurable positive impact on the local economy and contribute to the stability, safety and quality of life of their neighborhoods.

We want you to know these things because this week is National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. With a theme of "Worlds connect @ your library," this week is a perfect time to stop in at the Plymouth District Library and see what's going on. If you haven't been in awhile, you'll be surprised.

The library is more than a depository for books, DVDs and CDs. It has become a community gathering place, offering people, young and old alike, the opportunity to learn, be entertained and to try new things. You can learn how to use a computer and surf the Web. You can spend a quiet evening knitting or crocheting, hear music or watch movies.

The Plymouth District Library has become an indispensable asset in these grim economic times, too, with everything from computer classes to job search materials being used as workers fight to find new jobs or retrain themselves to get ready for new ones.

And access to the library is no longer governed by the hours on a clock. Thanks to the Internet, the library is available 24 hours a day seven days a week. With the click of a mouse, any book from any library in the country can be sent to you in a matter of days. It's all part of the inter-library loan.

We encourage residents to stop by the library and see what's there. If you don't have a library card, take the time to get one and get connected.

Hunts keep egg tradition hopping

For a while, it looked like the children in the Plymouth community weren't going to have any sort of Easter egg hunt to which to look forward.

In the end, they wound up with a pair of them, and the organizers of both deserve a round of applause.

The Plymouth Lions Club stepped up to provide a hunt for some 500 kids at Plymouth Township Park. They got a lot of help from local businesses, who provided prizes, candy, money and coffee and hot chocolate.

In downtown Plymouth, Real Life Plymouth — a new, nondenominational church which conducted its first services Sunday — put together an egg hunt in Kellogg Park, with the help of Maggie Moo's and Caribou Coffee. They had a coloring contest, a bouncy house and Disney characters signing autographs.

The Lions Club event went off without a hitch, while the city hunt had its share of logistical problems. Real Life officials were hoping for a decent turnout; what they got was a throng of thousands. Kellogg Park was wall-to-wall people, forcing church officials to adapt on the run.

The Lions had the benefit of wide open spaces, with eggs spread over four softball diamonds at Plymouth Township Park. The church event was much more contained and, therefore, constrained.

Still, the bulk of the children went away happy (while admittedly the parents were doing some justified grumbling). We're confident next year's event will run more smoothly, with a year's experience under their belts to help plan.

Regardless, both groups should be commended for stepping up and keeping an Easter tradition alive and hopping.

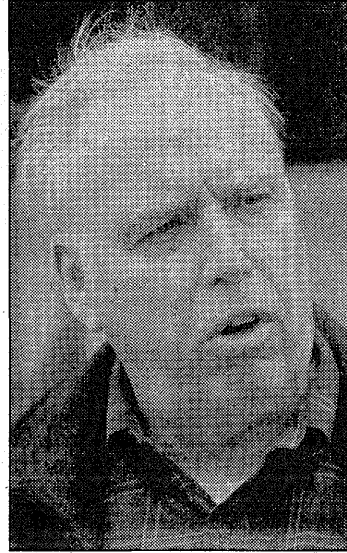
COMMUNITY VOICE

Have you seen the effects of municipal budget cuts in your community? We asked this question outside the U.S. post office in downtown Plymouth.



"No, nothing yet so far."

Dolores Micallef
Plymouth



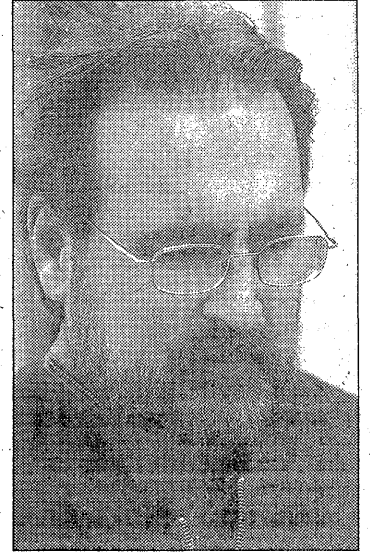
"No. Far as I'm concerned, they're spending too much."

Walt Bielski
Plymouth Township



"Our supervisor keeps everything in line. Maybe a dropoff, but they keep our property taxes low, too. That's pretty important."

Ronald Nickels
Plymouth Township



"Not much. ... Everything's about the same."

Kurt Klein
Livonia

LETTERS

Olympic thank you

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging (PCCA) would like to once again thank the Wilcox Foundation for the support and contribution made to the PCCA to help fund the planning of the Senior Olympics. The City and Township of Plymouth will co-host the 5th Annual Senior Olympics, August 17 through August 21st. The Wilcox Foundation has made it possible for the PCCA to represent the Plymouth Seniors in the very best possible way by contributing to the funding, which allows additional staff to be dedicated to this wonderful event.

Roberta Pummill
Plymouth Council on Aging

Eggs-citing day

We held our first Plymouth Lions Easter Egg Hunt at Plymouth Township Park. We estimate about 500 participants. The weather cooperated, which helped with our attendance. The event was a total success and the Plymouth Lions appreciate the Plymouth Community coming out to support the event, along with donations we received.

The Plymouth Lions are truly grateful for the donations from local businesses which helped to make it the success it was. We wanted the community to know who had a hand in helping the Plymouth Lions with their donations so they may give their patronage.

Prizes were donated by RSVP Plymouth, Elite Catering, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Friends of the Penn and the Plymouth Historical Museum. Candy was donated by Horton Plumbing. Monetary donations were received from Plymouth Dental Associates, Old Faithful Sprinkler Systems, Modern

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Dance, Randall Whately, and a gift card from Meijer of Canton. Working Dog Signs donated the supporter banner.

We would especially like to thank Caribou Coffee Plymouth, for donating coffee and hot chocolate that kept us all warm during the event, along with free cocoa certificates. The remainder of the cost came out of the Plymouth Lions general fund and Plymouth Boy Scout Troop P-6 helped with the egg stuffing.

Donations truly make a difference. Thank you for helping us help others!

Debbie Baudino-Dowling
Plymouth Lions Club

Miracle on Beck Road

On Thursday, April 9, I dropped by the Plymouth High School band room to watch a rehearsal. I arrived in time to see the varsity band (which is the youngest, least-experienced band) rehearsing a long and difficult medley of Walt Disney tunes.

Amy Boerma sang, danced and cajoled them with a twinkle in her eye through difficult passages, keeping 65 young band members involved and productive on the last rehearsal before spring break. What truly amazed me was that these same students a few short months ago came to Amy with almost no high school level skills and now they were an instrumentally balanced ensemble, playing complex music with good

intonation, tone and most miraculously being shaped to create interesting and gracious musical interpretations.

It was easy to see why this group, which had under other directors floundered and dropped band members at a terrible rate, had more than doubled and was heading toward tripling the retention rate next year under Amy's guidance.

As a music educator and evaluator of numerous high school music programs working as a Northwest Association School Evaluator the transformation of this group has to qualify as The Miracle on Beck Road.

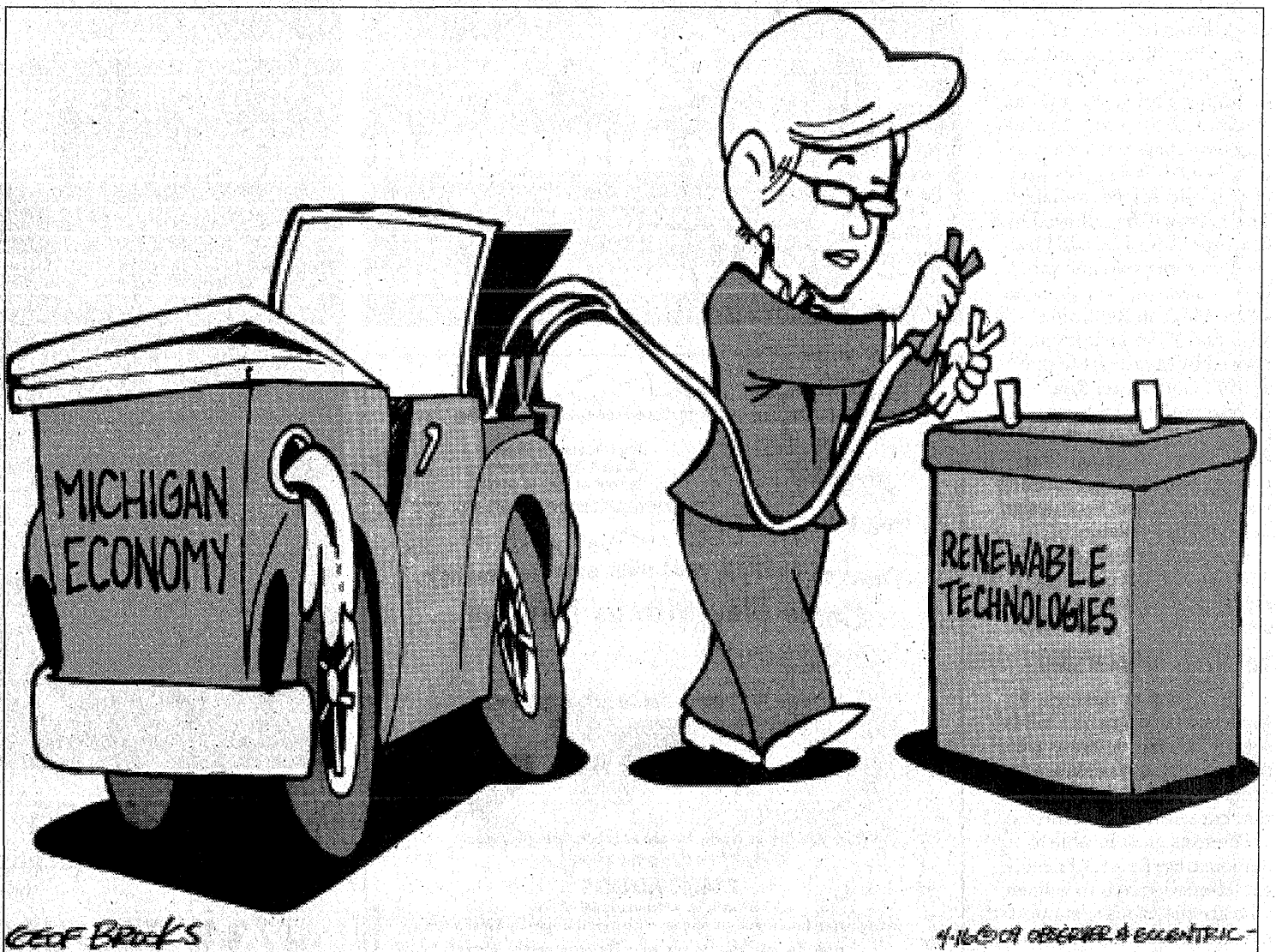
David Wolfer
music teacher emeritus
Chelsea, Mich.

Join in

The economic news continues to shock and awe. Rather than continuing to complain, however, Michigan residents need to regroup and start participating in the economy again. We need to focus on the recent positive indicators like housing and the stock market. For those that have a job or otherwise have disposable dollars, we need to regain our consumer confidence, spend where we can afford it, consider buying Michigan products and certainly purchase a domestic auto when we need a car.

The domestic autos have more fuel-efficient models than all the foreign automakers put together. We need to buy, and we need to buy domestic, if we want to see our economy come back, and if we want to ensure there will be jobs for ourselves and our children.

Dian Wilkins
Beverly Hills



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Antique hats on display at charity event

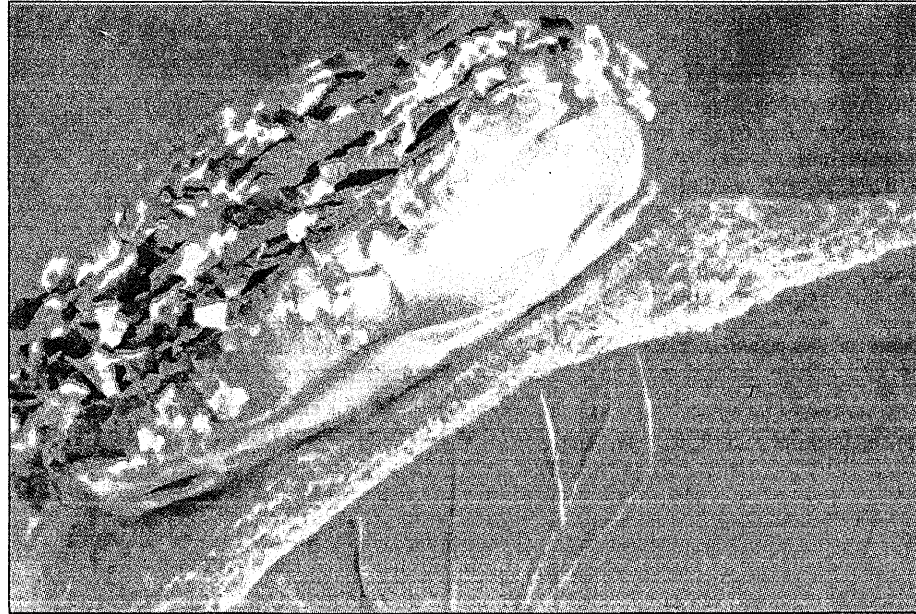
BIRMINGHAM — The Detroit Historical Society has graciously loaned out an incredible array of antique hats never before displayed for the public. The Women's Association of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan will present them at its Annual Spring Luncheon on April 30, at Meadow Brook Hall, Rochester Hills. The hats have been donated primarily by Michigan residents and cover the late 1800's to early 1900's. They have all been carefully preserved and cover a range of styles from everyday wear to social occasions — even funerals.

This is the first B&GC luncheon to be held at this venue and is particularly appropriate as it was the home of Matilda R. Wilson, the namesake of the group's annual community award. This year's award will be presented at the luncheon to Connie McEwan, an active community supporter and volunteer in a number of local organizations. Event chairs are Anita Dauch and Debra Cox.

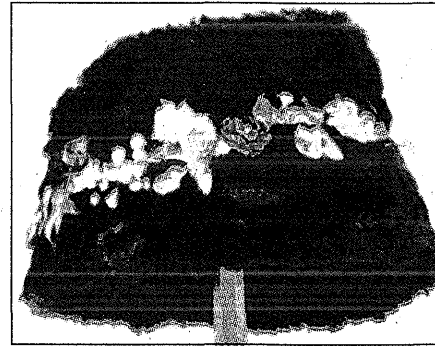
The luncheon will also feature a docent-guided tour of Meadow Brook Hall spotlighting the beautiful and fully furnished family living quarters throughout the first and second floors of the mansion. Meadow Brook Hall is the fourth largest historic house museum in the country (88,000 square feet) and is renowned for its superb craftsmanship, architectural detailing and grand scale. In a timely convergence, it was being built (1920's) when many of the hats on display were actually being worn!

Tours begin at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon. Tickets are \$75 (additional \$10 for tour) and are available to the public by calling Meghan at (248) 522-4412.

Tax-deductible receipts will be provided by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan.



This silk hat, with white horsehair braid, silk, and satin ribbon from the early 1900s, was donated by Mrs. Leroy Swift and Wm. J. Kinmont.



This lady's sealskin and brown velveteen hat, dating to the early 1900s, was donated by Mrs. Nathan G. Leakey.



This ruby red velvet hat accented with taffeta and straw dates back to 1893, donated by Edward Hartwick.

MALLS & MAIN STREETS

SNOW GEAR SALE

BIRMINGHAM — Don Thomas Sporthaus, the Midwest's premier ski shop, is currently holding their annual end-of-season sale event. The sale concludes on Sunday, May 3. All items will be reduced a minimum of 40 percent from suggested retail prices.

Following the sale, Don Thomas Sporthaus employees will take summer vacation and return to re-open the shop in mid-August.

Snowboard prices have been marked down 40 percent; skis are reduced by 40 to 50 percent; and other gear and apparel are reduced 40 to 70 percent. Don Thomas Sporthaus offers a variety of equipment, fashion-forward apparel and accessories for the winter season, including from sought after manufacturers such as K2, North Face, Obermeyer and Tecnica.

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organizations that protect and conserve the environment.

Macy's also is offering new reusable totes for \$1.95 with a \$1 donation to the National Park Foundation.

SHOE SWAP

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Through April, donate a pair of gently used women's dress shoes and receive \$10 off a new pair of regularly priced shoes at Shoe Envy in Bloomfield Hills. All swapped shoes will be donated to several charities including, Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac. GCH rehabilitates women, helping them get a second chance at life. gracecentersofhope.org Shoe Envy is located at 6606 Telegraph (at Maple), Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 539-9260 or visit www.shopshoenvy.com.

EARTH DAY EXPO

ROCHESTER — Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center will present the fourth annual Earth Day Expo, Michigan's largest Earth Day event, in Downtown Rochester Saturday, April 18-19. The Expo, moving to Third and Water streets and expanding to two full days, is free and open to the public. It will offer more than 150 green and wellness exhibits, presentations and films, alternative vehicle and energy displays, organic food service, farmers' market and petting farm, kids corner, hands-on demonstrations, music and entertainment, prize drawings, free massage and wellness activities, sustainable project and green business tours, as well as a community-building Connections Cafe. A Welcome Reception will be held 7-9 p.m. April 15 at Mind, Body & Spirits restaurant. Visit www.earthdayexpo.org or e-mail earthdayexpo@uhec.org.

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Tax planning is a 12-month job if done properly

April 15th has come and gone and for most people it means they can forget about taxes for another year. That would be nice if we only had to worry about taxes when we file our tax return.

Unfortunately, that is not the case. Tax planning is a 12-month job. Those who don't think about taxes until next April most likely will find that when next year's tax season comes around, they will be in panic mode and will end up paying too much.

There are several things people can do throughout the year to make filing taxes as easy as possible. The first is setting up a tax record system. It is important to establish a record-keeping system because it appears major tax law changes are on the way.

It is hard to know what the tax law will be at the end of the year and what new deductions may be available. One



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

thing is certain you need to document deductions. I recommend saving receipts in some sort of record-keeping system. After all, something that is not deductible today may be deductible by the end of the year and the documentation is essential.

Many taxpayers are under the mistaken belief that taxes are due once a year. That's not the case. Taxpayers have found that in many situations when they file a return, not only do they owe but sometimes must pay interest and penalty on the additional money owed. Taxes are due on a quarterly basis and for those with income outside of

regular employment, must be monitored to determine whether an estimated tax payment is required. In addition to federal tax, one also must be concerned with State of Michigan taxes.

It is everyone's responsibility to stay current with changes in tax laws. I recognize this is difficult, however, it is important. That doesn't mean you have to stay up-to-date with every minute change in the law. I will do my best in this column to keep readers informed of any tax law changes that affect individuals.

Taxes are a fact of life and the goal of the taxpayer is not necessarily to lower their taxes but rather to be smart about them.

I realize this may be confusing. However, if a taxpayer's goal is to merely lower their taxes, they're missing out on the most important goal - to

increase net worth. If you lower your taxes you don't necessarily increase your net worth. In fact, in many situations when you lower your taxes you are lowering your net worth. For example, too many people purchase bad investment products - such as variable annuities - merely to lower their taxes. What they don't realize is they may be lowering their taxes in the short run but increasing them for the future.

We saw the same thing back in the 1980s when numerous investors rushed in to buy limited partnerships in order to lower their taxes. Their goal of lowering their taxes was accomplished. Unfortunately it was because they lost money.

It is important for all taxpayers to understand how our tax laws work. Reading one or two articles or even a book will not make you an expert in tax law. However, you do

not have to be an expert in tax law to understand how to be smart with taxes. Being smart with taxes will help you increase your net worth, which is exactly what you want to do.

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

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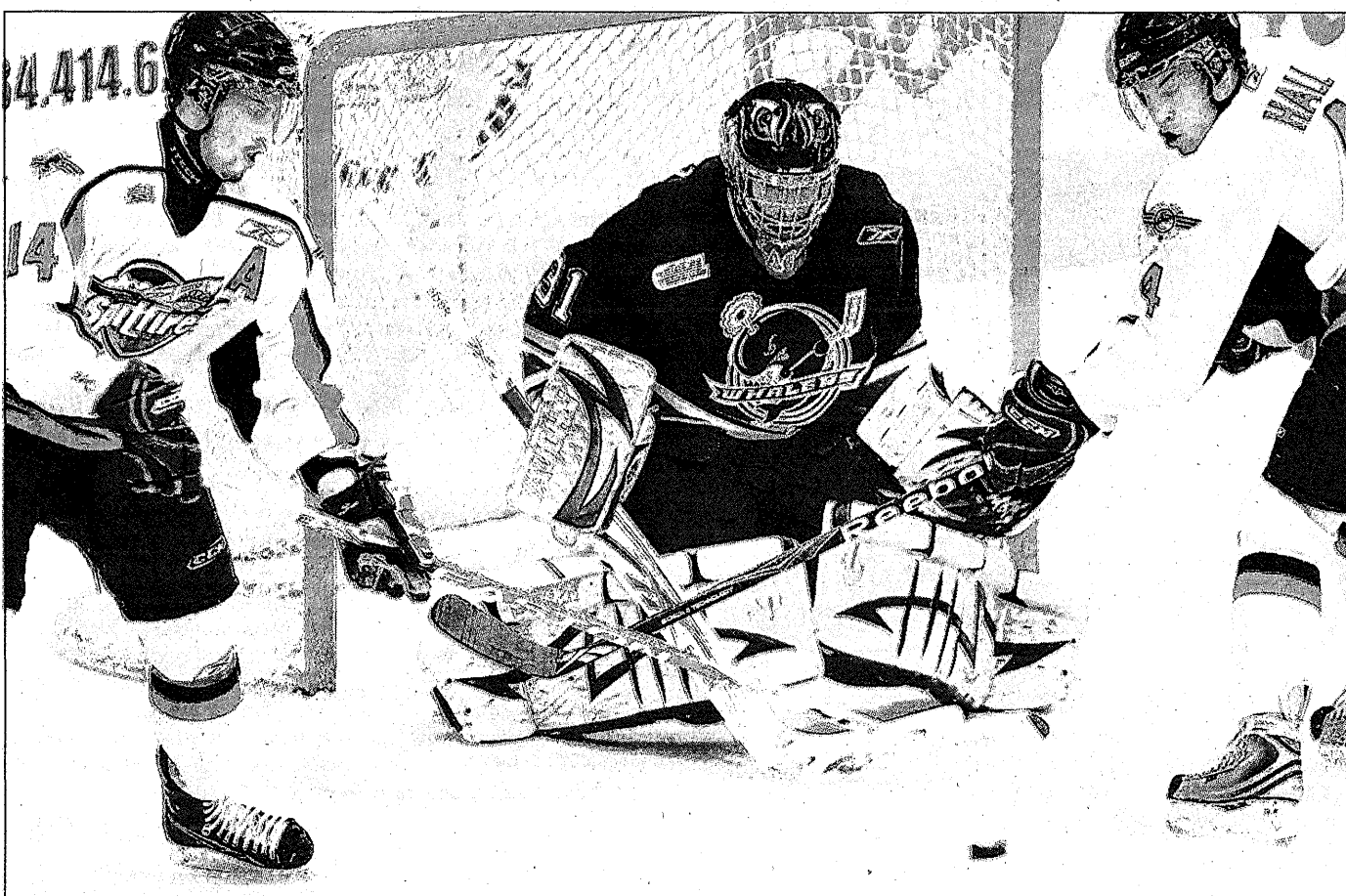
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Plymouth goalie Matt Hackett is pictured making a save during Saturday night's 4-2 loss to Windsor. Hackett was spectacular throughout the series, but the No. 1-seeded Spitfires won the series, four games to two.

Strong effort, wrong result

Whalers play No. 1 Spits tough, but fall in 6

The Plymouth Whalers' splendid 2008-09 season came to a halt Saturday when they were defeated by Windsor, 4-2, in Game 6 of the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference best-of-seven semifinal series.

The Spitfires, who entered the OHL post-season as the overall No. 1 seed, won the series four games to two.

Carrying the momentum of a Game 5 win on Thursday night in Windsor, the Spitfires surged to a 2-0 first-period lead thanks to goals from Dale Mitchell — his 11th of the post-season — and Adam Henrique, who netted his fourth. Andrei Loktionov and Eric Wellwood assisted on Mitchell's goal, which came 5:54 into the contest,



Pictured are some of the 4,304 spectators who were on hand at Compuware Arena during the Whalers' 4-2 loss to Windsor in the deciding game of the OHL Western Conference semifinal series.

Please see WHALERS, B3

Canton grad Scero keys MU victory

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Jess Irwin, coming off NAIA National Pitcher of the Week honors, threw only the second perfect game in Madonna University women's softball history to highlight Saturday's double-header sweep at Cornerstone University.

The Crusaders took the first game, 8-0, in five innings as Irwin (18-5) struck out 12 of the 15 batters she faced.

Offensively, Ashley Shay and Tedi Johnston each went 2-for-3 with two RBI. Brittney Scero (Canton) also knocked in two runs.

In the nightcap, MU improved to 35-7 overall and 13-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 10-1 win over the Golden Knights.

Freshman Hallie Minch (Garden City) improved to 17-2 with a three-hitter. She struck out 10 and walked only three.

Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill) and Mary Kate Setta each went 3-for-4 with three RBI, while Shay added three hits and two RBI.

Cornerstone falls to 6-23 and 3-7.

MADONNA 7-0, AQUINAS 4-

8: On Friday, host Aquinas College (21-7, 9-1) handed the Crusaders (33-7, 11-1) their first WHAC setback as pitcher Whitney Hudson threw a three-hitter to salvage a split in the nightcap.

Hudson (11-4) struck out three and did not allow a walk in the six-inning mercy.

Ashley Aspinall went 4-for-4 with a 2-run homer and five RBI.

Losing pitcher Hallie Minch (16-2) was roughed up for seven earned runs on 11 hits.

GAME WRAPS

'Cat netters win

The Plymouth girls tennis team evened its record at 1-1 April 9 with a 6-3 victory over host Westland John Glenn.

The Wildcats captured three of the four singles matches. No. 1 player Chelsea Craig edged Latina Yacks, 6-4, 7-5; No. 2 Jessica Bracey nipped Halie Baker, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0; and No. 4 Gina Matar swept Jamatha Johnson, 6-1, 6-2.

The Rockets won at No. 1 and 2 doubles before Plymouth bounced back to win at No. 3, 4 and 5. Allison Santori and Claire Marchesano defeated Misha Martinez and Brittany Harris at No. 3; Britta Swanson and Kayla Griffey ousted Nhem Bernard and Katy Harris at No. 4; and Julia Fratila and Lindsey Stemberger knocked off Chelsea Ouillette and Rachael Aholinna at No. 5.

Crusaders split with Siena Heights

The Madonna University baseball team finds itself tied for first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference following a doubleheader split Saturday at home against Siena Heights University at Ilitch Ballpark.

MU won the opener, 8-5, as winning pitcher Jeff Sonnenberg (8-1) went the distance, allowing one earned run on six hits. Sonnenberg, who picked off the Saints' Brent Cork at first to end the game, struck out six and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

Third baseman Aaron Hacias went 3-for-4 to pace the Crusaders' 12-hit attack.

Matt Kay (Canton) delivered a key three-run double while Shawn Little (Canton), Zach Flayn and Ryan Morrow contributed two hits apiece.

Siena Heights bounced back to win the nightcap, 6-5, as Justin Root knocked in two runs.

The Saints broke a 5-5 deadlock with the game-winning run in the sixth.

MU's Andy Omilian, who worked the final three innings in relief of starter Kyle Bolton, took the loss. Omilian (2-1) gave up two earned runs on four hits.

Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Little delivered a key two-run single in the fifth inning to knot the game at 5-5.

Jack Cross (1-3) got the win in relief for the Saints, allowing just one walk on no hits and two strikeouts in 2 2/3 innings. MU is now 28-5 overall and 7-3 in the WHAC (tied with Indiana Tech).

The Saints fall to 15-22 and 3-7.

Haeger signs recruit

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the signing Monday of Tom Atkinson (Alpena) to an NAIA letter of intent.

Atkinson joins four other MU signees, including Brad Lineberry (Plymouth), Alex Charles, Donny Holland and Steve Pelletier.

Atkinson hit .344 as a junior while earning scholar-athlete honors. He also lettered in football, as he was named All-Big North Conference special mention.

Salem graduate Langham named NJCAA All-American

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What a difference a year makes — just ask Schoolcraft College's Tayler Langham.

As a freshman, the Salem High grad was a role player who came off the bench for the Lady Ocelots' basketball team.

But during her sophomore year, the 5-foot-9 Langham became only the third player in Schoolcraft College history to be named NJCAA Division II first-team All-America joining former Ocelots first-team selections Rachel Eley (2001) and Charlese Greer (2006).

Langham, who recently made a verbal commitment to the University of Detroit Mercy, led the 32-3 Ocelots in scoring (15.9 points per game) while shooting 50.6 percent from the field.

It was a storybook season for the Lady Ocelots, who advanced to the NJCAA Division II National championship game before falling to Kirkwood (Iowa), 62-38.

"It (Schoolcraft) was a really good experience, they taught me a lot," Langham said. "I think I became a better player mentally. I developed an outside shot and defensively I've gotten better — not perfected — but I learned to be quicker on my feet. Coach (Karen) Lafata said she wouldn't let me go to Detroit (Mercy) without playing good defense."

Langham, who prides herself on conditioning, said her job this season to was "get the rebound and run."

It resulted in many double-digit blowouts during the regular season for the high-octane Lady Ocelots' fastbreak attack.

"People thought we were boring to watch, but it was fun and

we had to play hard regardless," Langham said. "It was a really good team where everybody got along and had fun."

Langham will graduate from Schoolcraft with an associate degree in liberal arts after taking a completing a couple of classes during the spring term.

She is looking forward to the opportunity to play Division I basketball. At UDM, she plans to major in sports management.

She is grateful for the coaching she received from her high school coach (Fred Thomann), along with her college coach (Lafata).

"Coach Thomann helped me out a lot," Langham said. "He was always screaming at me in practice. He kept me in line. He yelled a lot, but my parents said it was OK. It was mostly about defense and making sure I was in the right spot."

"He (Thomann) and coach Lafata have different coaching techniques. He (Thomann) yelled a lot in practice, but not so much in the games. She (Lafata) yelled a lot in the games, but not as much in practice."

Langham's only regret was not bringing home a national championship.

"They (Kirkwood) were big, they were blocking everything," said Langham, who had a season-low five points. "They had won it a couple of times before and they were more ready than we were."

But the sting of losing the national final was tempered by being named first-team All-America.

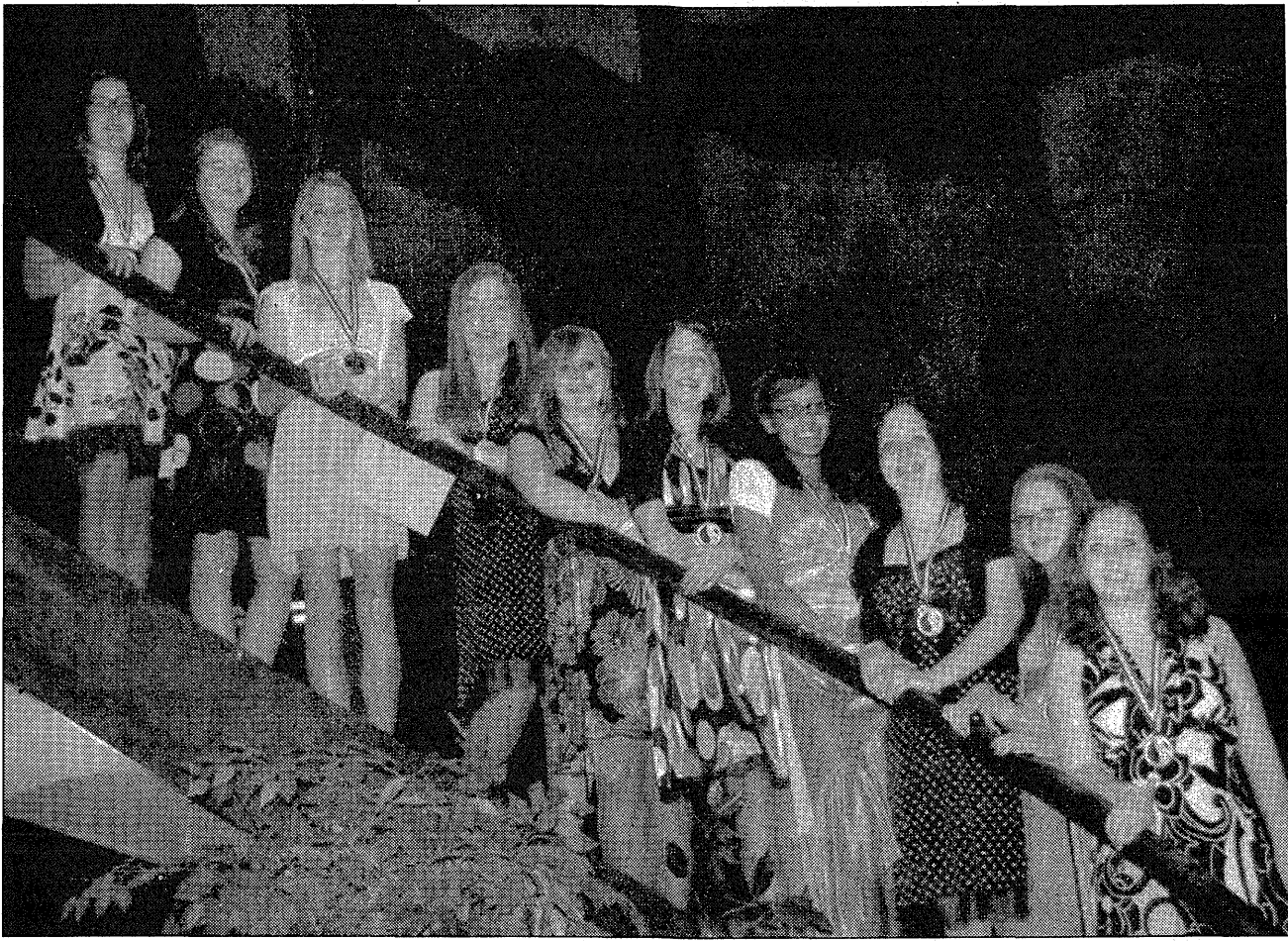
"I didn't know until coach (Lafata) called me," Langham said. "It was exciting."

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RENA LAVERTY

Schoolcraft College's Tayler Langham, a Salem alum, became just the third Ocelot women's basketball player to earn NJCAA Division II first-team All-America status.



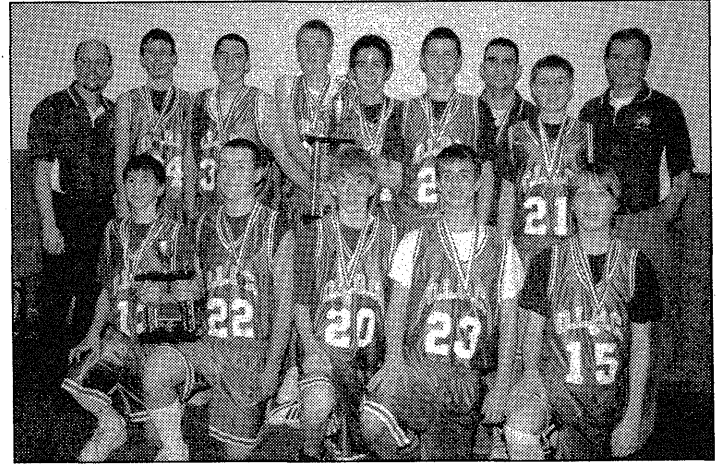
Stepping up

On Sunday, March 29, The PC Pride 12U Stars received All-State team honors at the USSSA Hall of Fame Banquet in Sterling Heights. The 12U Stars won multiple summer tournaments in 2008 and finished their season with a 5-2 record in the World Series in Orlando, Fla. at Disney's Wide World of Sports to finish in 12th place. Pictured (top to bottom) are Katy Meade, Casey Bias, Shannon Watson, Catherine Porter, Jessica Webster, Lauren Hayes, Elliott Mitchem, Megan Webster, Kaitlyn McIntosh and Elaine Gerou. Not pictured are Aubrie Cragg and coaches Mike Gerou and Kevin Bias.



Net success

Canton's girls tennis team placed second at Saturday's Monroe Invitational. Details of the tournament were not available at presstime. Pictured are (back row from left) Paige Babala, coach Kristi Rymph, Katie Noetzel, (middle row from left) coach Barb Lehmann, Taylor Eppler, Kayla Davis, Katelyn Montgomery, Megan Leung, Rachel Youssef, (front row from left) captains Vicki Chen and Janelle Burdiss; Jaclyn Hollingsworth, (far right front) Catherine Sanctorum and Brittany Vance.



One shining moment

The Our Lady of Good Counsel boys basketball team capped a perfect 24-0 season March 14 by defeating Royal Oak Shrine, 33-22, to capture the 2008-09 CYO title. The Crusaders jumped out to an 11-2 first-quarter lead and never looked back. OLCG was led by Robert C e, who netted eight points. Garrett Moores, Liam Teevens and David Walborn each contributed six points. Pictured are (front row from left) Sean Yanik, David Houle, Kevin Williams, David Walborn, Alex Loveland, (back row from left) team manager Bob Loveland, Garrett Moores, Robert C e, Alex Wrocklage, Brad Nelson, Liam Teevens, head coach Anthony Pulcini, Jason Houle and assistant coach Greg Yanik.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Wildcats football parents meeting

There will be a mandatory informational meeting for all levels of the Plymouth High School football program on Tuesday, June 2, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Parents will be given all of the necessary paperwork for their student-athlete to participate in the upcoming football season.

Parents will also receive booster information and there will be Wildcat merchandise on sale before and after the meeting.

For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com.

Plymouth football skills camp

The 8th Annual Plymouth Football Skills Camp will be held Monday, June 22, through Wednesday, June 24, at the PCEP turf stadium.

Fifth- through ninth-graders will go from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and 10th- through 12th-graders will go from 7-9 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$40, which includes a T-shirt and three days of instruction.

Each camper will need cleats and a water jug to participate.

For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com or call (734) 582-5696.

Plymouth baseball clinic

The 2009 Plymouth Wildcats Baseball Spring Training clinic will be held Saturday, April 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Plymouth High School baseball complex. Weather permitting, the clinic will be held outside. Otherwise, it will be held in the school's gym.

The camp, which is open to kids in grades third through eighth, will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a fun, learning environment.

For the \$50 registration fee, attendees will receive instruction from the Wildcats' baseball staff and players; a T-shirt and lunch. There will also be video analysis among other constructive learning methods.

For more information, contact John Nadratowski at (734) 844-3212.



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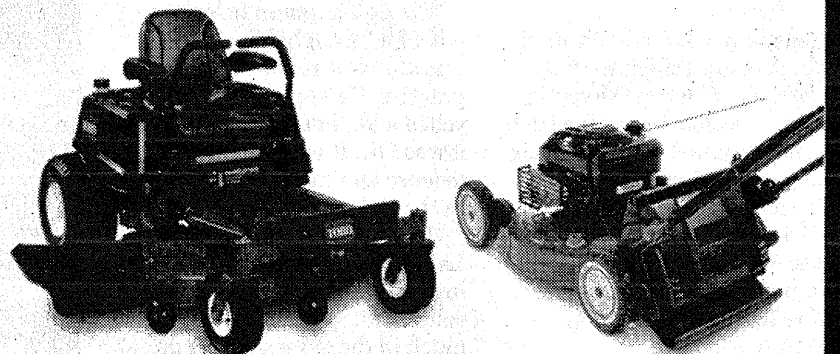
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MHSAA needs Student Advisory volunteers

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is looking for a group of student-athletes to be named to its Student Advisory Council beginning with the 2009-10 school year. Four boys and four girls from the Class of 2010 will be selected to a two-year term, and will meet on matters related to maintaining and promoting a proper perspective and sensible scope for high school sports in Michigan. Eight members from the Class of 2010 are already serving on the council, while eight members of the Class of 2009 are leaving the council this spring.

To be eligible for the committee, candidates must complete the official application, including answering the three short-answer questions; submit a letter of recommendation from a school administrator; be a member of the Class of 2010; intend to participate in varsity athletics as an upper-classman; have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale); be available for all scheduled meetings.

In addition, candidates should show a history of leadership on athletic teams as well as with other extra-curricular activities, community service projects, or in the workplace; show an understanding of the role of school sports; and have ideas for promoting a proper

prospective for educational athletics.

Applications are due in the MHSAA office by 4:30 p.m. on April 22. Applications can be downloaded from the Student Leadership page of the MHSAA Web site, filled out on the computer or handwritten, and returned to the MHSAA office by e-mail, fax or any mail delivery service.

The Student Advisor Council acts as the voice of Michigan's student-athletes; serves as a student sounding board for the MHSAA's Representative Council; assists in planning Sportsmanship Summits, Captain's Clinics and other student leadership events; participates in a yearly focus group about the state of high schools sports for Michigan State University's Institute for the Study of Youth Sports; and assists with medal ceremonies at MHSAA championship events.

The eight new members of the Student Advisory Council will be notified by May 8. The 2008-09 meetings are tentatively scheduled for Aug. 15, Oct. 4, Dec. 6, Feb. 7 and April 25. Meetings will take place at the MHSAA Office in East Lansing.

For more information, contact Andy Frushour at the MHSAA - 517-332-5046 - or afrushour@mhsaa.com.

WHALERS

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while Henrique's goal was set up by Taylor Hall and Rob Kwiet at the 6:53 mark.

The lone second-period goal was chalked up by Plymouth's Ryan Hayes, who scored off an assist by A.J. Jenks with 9:37 left in the stanza.

Windsor re-established its two-goal advantage just over a minute into the third period when Henrique beat Plymouth goalie Matt Hackett off assists from Ryan Ellis and Greg Nemisz.

Undeterred, Plymouth closed its gap to 3-2 on Matt Caria's ninth lamp-lighter of the postseason 6:01 into the third period, but Windsor capped the game and the series when Henrique slid the puck into an empty net with 43 seconds remaining in the game. The Whalers penalty-kill

unit was outstanding, blanking the Spitfires on their five man-advantage opportunities.

Hackett, who was sensational the entire series, stopped 40 shots.

Windsor's Andrew Engelage turned away 32 Whaler shots.

Henrique's hat-trick earned him the game's first star. Caria was named the second star and Hayes the third.

Windsor earned the right to take on the London Knights in the OHL Western Conference finals.

Brampton and Belleville will meet in the Eastern Conference finals.

Plymouth finished the 2008-09 regular season with a 37-26-5-0 mark.

Seguin lauded

Plymouth center Tyler Seguin was named to the OHL's All-Rookie team following an impact-making first season with the Whalers.

TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

First time visitor to the Masters — one more check on the bucket list

By David Graham

As a lifelong fan and avid golfer, the dream has always been to visit the Masters tournament. When you enter your sixth decade, having a bucket list (as in what I want to do before I kick the bucket) seems pretty natural. Wednesday of the 2009 Masters Tournament, I was able to check off attending the Masters Tournament from my list.

Countless authors have documented the biggest surprise — Television cannot do justice to the change in elevation from tee to green. Until you actually see it, you just cannot appreciate it. Better yet, walk all 18 holes as I did on Wednesday and truly experience it. Whoever claims that golf is not an athletic event requiring stamina should make that walk and understand. Up and down the hills of Georgia, these golfers are truly world-class athletes who must be in good shape.

Everywhere you look is perfect green grass that is perfectly trimmed with fairways better than some of the greens I have putted. And Massive pine trees — I was challenged to find a pinecone or two to take home since the maintenance staff would not want anything to be out of place (I did find two, one for my book shelf and another for a friend's.) The flowers were Azaleas of pink, purple, red and shades between with blooming white dogwoods to contrast. Truly some great eye candy! And one of the best is the Great Old Oak tree between the clubhouse and the first tee. Reported to have been planted in 1850, it is truly a majestic tree that embodies the dignity of

this great tournament.

Our hosts at Augusta National want the "patrons" who visit to have a wonderful experience that is affordable. One of the more famous sandwiches served is the Pimento Cheese on White Bread. Sounds boring but actually is quite delicious. Combine it with a bag of chips and a sweet ice tea and you've got a perfect lunch at a perfect golf course for the grand sum of \$4.

As I walked the course up and down the hills, I had flashbacks to great Masters moments. Jack's charge and victory in 1986, Scott Hoch's missed 2 foot putt on #10 in 1989, Greg Norman's collapse against Nick Faldo. They say the tournament doesn't start until the back 9 on Sunday. The front 9 is incredible. The back 9 is even more spectacular starting with an unbelievable tee ball down the hill on #10, a 495 yard par 4. Next up, Amen Corner starting with #11, a 505 yard par 4 with a pond fronting the green (how about Larry Mize pitching in to steal the green jacket from Greg Norman in 1987). Next #12, a short 3 par of 155 yards that is devilish due to the swirling Georgia winds. Next up, #13, a 505 yard par 5 that challenges the players to get home in two for a shot at an eagle (remember Curtis Strange dumping his approach into Rae's Creek fronting the green leading to Bernhard Langer winning the Green Jacket in 1985). Let's jump ahead to #16 where Tiger created the greatest impromptu commercial for Nike when he pitched his second shot from the swale left of the green to the ridge on the green and watched as it

trickled ever so slowly down the hill and with its last turn, Swoosh logo perfectly face up, falls into the hole. Wow. I watched several patrons re-enacting that shot (without club or ball) with friends for their own Kodak moment.

Onward to #18, the player is hitting their tee ball through the chute of Georgia pines. Another great climb up the hill to that final green. I recalled Ben Crenshaw collapsing in tears as he rolled in his last putt to win his second green jacket in 1995.

As spectacular as it was to spend the day walking Augusta National, it got even better that evening as a guest at the annual dinner meeting of the Golf Writers Association of America. We attended to recognize our good friend and long time writer for the Detroit News, Vartan Kupelian's election as President of the GWAA and his hosting of the Players of the Year awards. Pdraig Harrington, Julie Inkster, Jay Haas and Jack Nicklaus — among others — were recognized. What a thrill to meet Mr. Nicklaus, shake his hand and thank him for the thrills he has provided golf fans over the years.

If you are a golf fan and you ever get the chance, whatever it costs, go to Augusta National to experience walking those Georgia hills, amongst those pines and relive all of your Master's memories. Next up on my bucket list: to play Augusta National! How cool would that be?

David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan and lifelong fan of the game of golf.

Winner of the 2009 Masters Tournament: Angel Cabrera

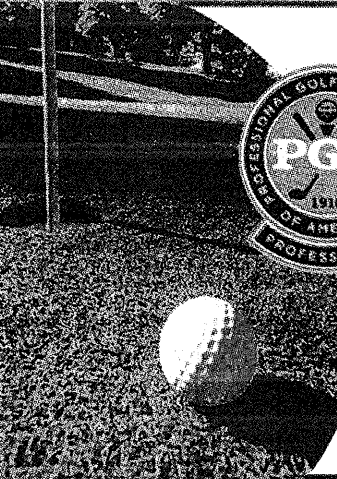
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St. Michael adds cupolas in traditional style

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

When Rt. Rev. Michael Barna came to lead St. Michael the Archangel Russian Orthodox Church in 1975 he promised himself that one day traditional onion-shaped domes or cupolas would find their rightful place atop the building in Redford. Money in the church budget went instead for necessities until the membership was able to afford a single dome to represent Christ. Many more years went by until the parish started a campaign two years ago to raise \$90,000 for the remaining four cupola. On Thursday, April 2, Barna's dream was realized as the architectural accents were blessed and raised to the roof where they form a cross that can be seen from the sky. Christ is finally surrounded by the four smaller cupola symbolizing the evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John just in time for Pascha, the Russian Orthodox Church's Easter.

"I went to Russia five times when I was younger. Most churches there have cupolas. They're like the shape of a tear or light of a candle to give you warmth for your church," said Barna, 90, a mitered priest which is similar to a cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church. "When you see the onion dome you know it's a Russian church. On top is the Slavic Russian cross which has three bars. The bottom bar is slanted because Christ's pain was so great (on the cross) he wrenched it out of place and one end points up and one end down. Christ was crucified with a thief on each side of him. One repented and the end pointing up stands for one thief goes up. The other goes down."

Along with installing the four cupola and crosses, a craftsman was hired to gold leaf the main dome and cross. Plans call to cover the remaining four with gold as soon as money can be raised.

The symbols and traditions are

the reasons Pat Hermes joined the church and took on the task of overseeing the project along with the Very Rev. Timothy Barna who became pastor of the church when his father Michael retired in 2004.

"We didn't know where to get them from," said Hermes of Redford. "It's kind of unique thing to buy and we eventually found Campbellsville Industries in Kentucky. We encountered obstacles like whether to buy fiberglass or aluminum and wanted the shape as close to the center one. We decided on the aluminum so we could gold leaf the remaining four in the future because gold leafing went astronomically high."

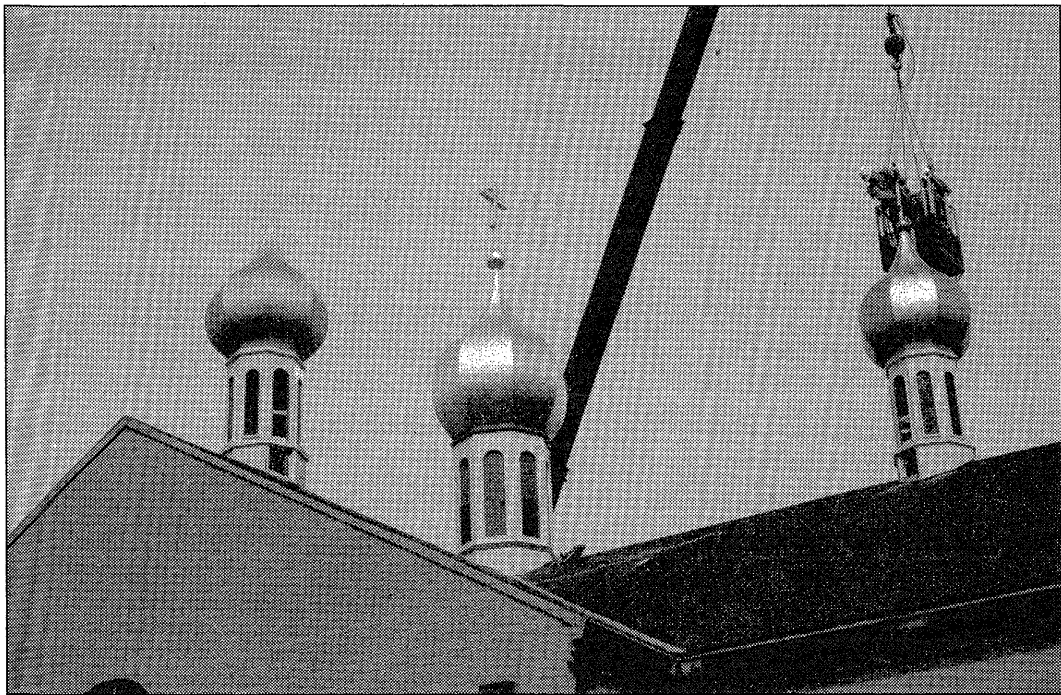
In the meantime Pastor Timothy Barna is quite proud of the church's exterior and interior and looks forward to Holy Week services as he leads a tour of the sanctuary.

Established in 1926, the church remained in the Michigan Ave. and Livernois area of Detroit until destroyed by fire in 1967. The present-day structure on West Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, was dedicated in 1968. Today 127 members attend services there.

"The Russian Orthodox Church was established in 988 A.D.," said Timothy Barna, a fourth generation priest. "This is Holy Week. Sunday was Palm Sunday but instead of palms we have pussy willows. On Good Friday we carry (Christ's) tomb around the church three times and on Saturday have a grave watch (in anticipation of the Resurrection)."

"It's very close to the Roman Catholic," added Hermes who formerly attended a Roman Catholic church. "It's just the old school. It's the same sacraments but no one but the priest touches communion. It's very reverent. The church doesn't change just for people. It's very strict. The body and blood (communion) are given together in a spoon, and the music is a capella, no instruments."

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A crane raises one of four new cupolas to the roof of St. Michael the Archangel Russian Orthodox Church in Redford.



Rt. Rev. Michael Barna (left in miter hat) and his son the Very Rev. Timothy Barna bless the cupolas that now top St. Michael the Archangel Russian Orthodox Church in Redford.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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Book signing

Rev. Jerry Yarnell, pastor of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, signs his new book, *Battle Lines: Seeing God's Hand Today* 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 17, at Border's, 43435 Ford Rd., Canton.

Bethany west singles

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.

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 traditional Polish Easter meal Saturday, April 18. The pilgrimage starts at 10 a.m. at St. Hedwig, 3245 Junction, and includes St. Francis d'Assisi (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 meal will be held at Biddle Hall, 3239 Biddle, Wyandotte. The menu includes kielbasa, ham, potato salad, tossed green salad, beef horseradish (cwikla), bread, butter lams, 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 lpalazzolo@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 Schmidt, a Franciscan nun in St. Cloud, Minnesota, who wrote "the" book on weaving palms. There will be emphasis on weaving the Polish palm cross.

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia will host its celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday April 19, with special devotions to which all area Catholics are cordially invited to the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Mercy Sunday was formally instituted as a day of celebration by Pope John Paul II in 2001 and is based on Christ's revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska about humanity's need for His Divine Mercy in our troubled world. The day begins with Mass at noon followed by an opportunity for confessions at 2 p.m. and recitation of the rosary at 2:30 p.m., while reconciliation continues. The Divine Mercy Devotion begins at 3 p.m., traditionally the hour of "greatest mercy" commemorating the hour of Christ's death, and will include the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction.

All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard. Expanded menu features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns and assorted beverages served buffet-style, \$5, adults; \$3, children 4-11; free, under 3; \$15, family (two adults and all children). Everyone welcome.

Healing ministry

7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660.

Holy Land pilgrimage

Learn about the opportunity for the journey of a lifetime 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, as Russ Goodman of Ultimate Journeys Tours and Travel speaks at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. The topic will be the Current State of Pilgrimage and Travel in the Holy Land. Goodman coordinates over 40 churches and 1,000 passengers per year in travel to Israel, Greece, Turkey and several locations in Europe. Pastor Dorian McGlannan, St. John's Church rector, leads the Ultimate Journey pilgrimage to the Holy Land Nov. 3-12, 2009. The trip originates in Detroit. For information, call (734) 453-0190.

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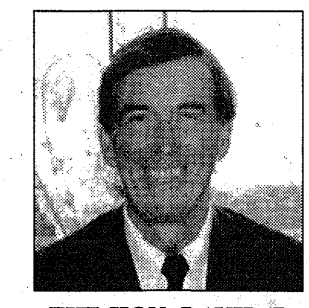
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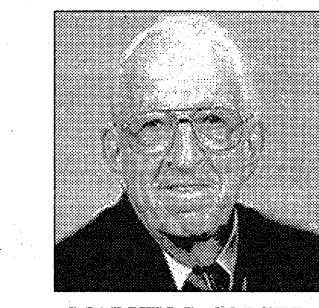
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Long-time Plymouth-Canton teacher, passed April 8, 2009. Survived by her sister-in-law Barbara Hopfinger her son Patrick Touhey, daughter Kathy Daniels, four grandsons, Josh Weideman, Justin Touhey, Sean Touhey, Christopher Touhey, granddaughter, Megan Touhey & her beloved friend Theresa Savich & family.



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April 10, 2009. Age 78, of Birmingham. Husband of the late Frances "Fran" (nee. Miller). Dear father of Kevin (Anne), Margaret Smith (Kenny), and Kathleen Reitemeyer (Paul). Grandfather of Ian, Kelsey, Emily, Mary, Jessica, David, Gabriel, Benjamin and Rebecca. Brother of the late Sam (the late Marion). Memorial celebration Saturday, 11 a.m. at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10 a.m. Memorial tributes to Horizons Upward Bound at Cranbrook Schools, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

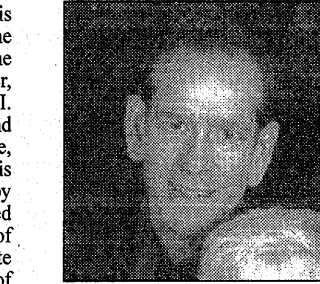


MARVIN J. CRIGER

Mr. Criger, 89, Charlotte, NC, passed away April 3, 2009 at the Carriage Club of Charlotte, NC. Mr. Criger is survived by his wife Marie, son, Dane Criger of Charlotte, daughter, Nadine Hershey of Mt. Pleasant, SC, a sister, Virginia Robertson of Plymouth, MI. Survivors include many nieces and nephews, including one special niece, Mary Ann Sincock. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three sisters. Mr. Criger graduated with honors from the University of Detroit and also attended the graduate school of banking at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He was Senior Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors of Dearborn Bank & Trust (Comerica Bank). He was a long time member of the Dearborn County Club, past president of Dearborn Chamber of Commerce, past president of First Friday Club, past president of the Detroit Chapter American Institute of Banking, Chairman of the Michigan Bankers Association, and Kiwanis Club treasurer. Marvin served his country in World War II as a Captain in the Army Air Corps and received the Purple Heart, Air Medal with 6 Oak Clusters, and Distinguished Flying Cross with 2 Clusters. He flew 57 missions over the Pacific. Upon retirement he and Marie moved to New Smyrna Beach, FL where he belonged to the Fairgreen Golf and Country Club, joining the Men's Association, Tuesday Bridge Group, and Over the Hill Golf Group. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church Men's Club and volunteered for AARP doing taxes for over 10 years. A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Gabriel Catholic Church on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 11:00 AM, 3016 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211. Interment was in the St. Gabriel Catholic Church Columbarium. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Gabriel Catholic Church.

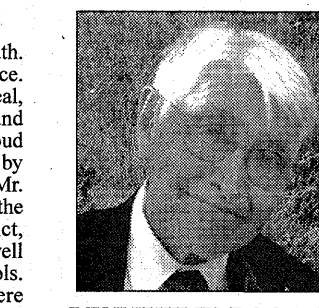
EARL E. HARRINGTON

April 12, 2009. Age 74, of Plymouth. Loving husband of 51 years to Joyce. Dear father of Kathleen (David) Teal, Anne (Michael) Kaniclides and Steven (Barbara) Harrington. Proud grandfather of six. Also survived by his sister Shirley (Gary) Orders. Mr. Harrington taught for 39 years in the Plymouth-Canton School District, including Smith Elementary, as well as West and Central Middle Schools. Private cremation services were arranged by the Vermeulen Funeral Home-Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.



MARLIN "MARV" E. REID, III

Age 61, of Livonia, passed away February 20, 2009. A world traveler, he would meet and fall in love with Maryann Winkler while on a trip to Spain. On July 15, 1987, they would marry. He worked for Farmer Jack in Livonia, and was a devoted member of the Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. He enjoyed biking, was an avid reader and loved music. Beloved husband of Maryann. Loving son of the late Rose and Ed Reid. Dear brother of Joanne (Michael) Shedlock and David (Mayssoon) Reid. Proud uncle of Megan (Bryan) Reid-Blood, Katie, Allie and Gerard Reid. Brother-in-law of Claudette Reid, wife of the late Phillip Reid. Services were held in Tannetown, MD, with interment following at the United Church of Christ Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009, 2 pm, at the Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the "Homeward Bound Rescue League," P.O. Box 87591, Canton, MI 48187.



BENNETT W. ROOT, SR.


Long-time resident of Birmingham, died peacefully Monday, April 13, 2009 at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI. He is survived by loved ones Barbara Evans, his four children, Ben Jr., Tom, Jim and Anne, daughters-in-law Helen, Laura and Kathy, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was married to Mary E. Mayfield of Flint, MI. Ben was born in Birmingham to Edwin and Eloine Root on April 24, 1917. After graduating from Birmingham High School and University of Michigan (BS Chem. Eng. '37), he worked at Exxon, assisting in the development of synthetic rubber. He and Mary, his wife of sixty years, wed in May, 1941. In 1942, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy, studied meteorology at MIT and served as a Lt. jg. in the Pacific Theater. After the war, he returned home to raise his family on Webster St. and Bradford Rd. Until his retirement, Ben worked at the U.S. Rubber Co. (Uniroyal) Jefferson Avenue plant where he developed prototype and enterprise computer based quality management systems in conjunction with IBM. He served his community as a member of the Birmingham Planning Board, a member of the Birmingham School Board and a Vestryman at St. James Church. He was a lifetime member of the Senior Men's Club. Ben, a trumpeter in the Michigan Marching Band, loved classical music, especially opera. He was also particularly fond of gardening, cultivating bonsai and serving as a caretaker of a portion of the gardens at the Cranbrook Institute of Art. Services will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, Maple Avenue, in Birmingham on Tuesday April 21 at 11:30 a.m. Remembrances may be made to Clark Retirement Community-Benevolent Fund, 1551 Franklin Rd., Grand Rapids, MI 49506. [Matthysse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home, Wyoming, MI.]

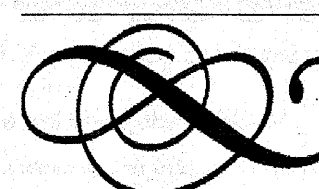


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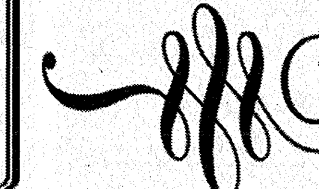
Age 67. April 10, 2009. Of Canton, Michigan. Former member of the Plymouth-Canton Community Board of Education, member of St. John Neumann Alter Society and participated with the American Cancer Society-Relay For Life. Beloved wife of Roger R. Wines. Dearest mother of Eric R. (Melissa) Wines and Kristina M. Wines. Grandmother of Ashley and Rachel Wines. Sister of Mary Plante, Violet Toth and Joseph (Betty) Fanelli. Sister-in-law of Robert Bartus and Evelyn Fanelli. Also survived by cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and many dear friends. Predeceased by parents, Joseph and Anna Fanelli, sister Dora Bartus, and brother William Fanelli. A Funeral Mass was held today at St. John Neumann Church with burial following at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com. Contributions suggested to the American Cancer Society-Relay For Life.

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CALENDAR

FROM PAGE B4

Trinity food pantry

Deadline is April 23, for the Trinity Church Food Pantry on Saturday, April 25. Trinity Food Pantry for April. Recipients must reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 on Monday, April 20 to Thursday, April 23. Trinity Church is at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, Plymouth.

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.

Apologetics for beginners

The Mass: Christ's Once for All Sacrifice is the topic as nationally-acclaimed apologist and author, Gary Michuta, continues his series "Sharing Made Simple: Apologetics for Beginners" 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish school, at 11441 Hubbard and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext 200, or see www.livoniastmichael.org. Michuta's presentation focuses on the reasons that

Catholics believe Christ is truly and wholly present in the Eucharist and how that sacrifice figures into the point and purpose of the Catholic Mass.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 24, and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, between Five Mile and Six Mile, Livonia.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

Shared Hope presentation

Shared Hope International is a leaders in a worldwide effort to prevent and eradicate sex trafficking and slavery through education and public awareness. The organization rescues and restores women and children in crisis. Every year between 100,000 and 300,000 American children are sold into the sex trade in this country. The average age a girl is trafficked is 12. This eye-opening presentation takes place 4-5 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan Rd., Wayne, 48184, and 1-2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Pre-regis-

tration appreciated but not required. Visit www.christoursavior.org and click on the events page to register. To learn about sex trafficking, visit www.sharedhope.org.

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.

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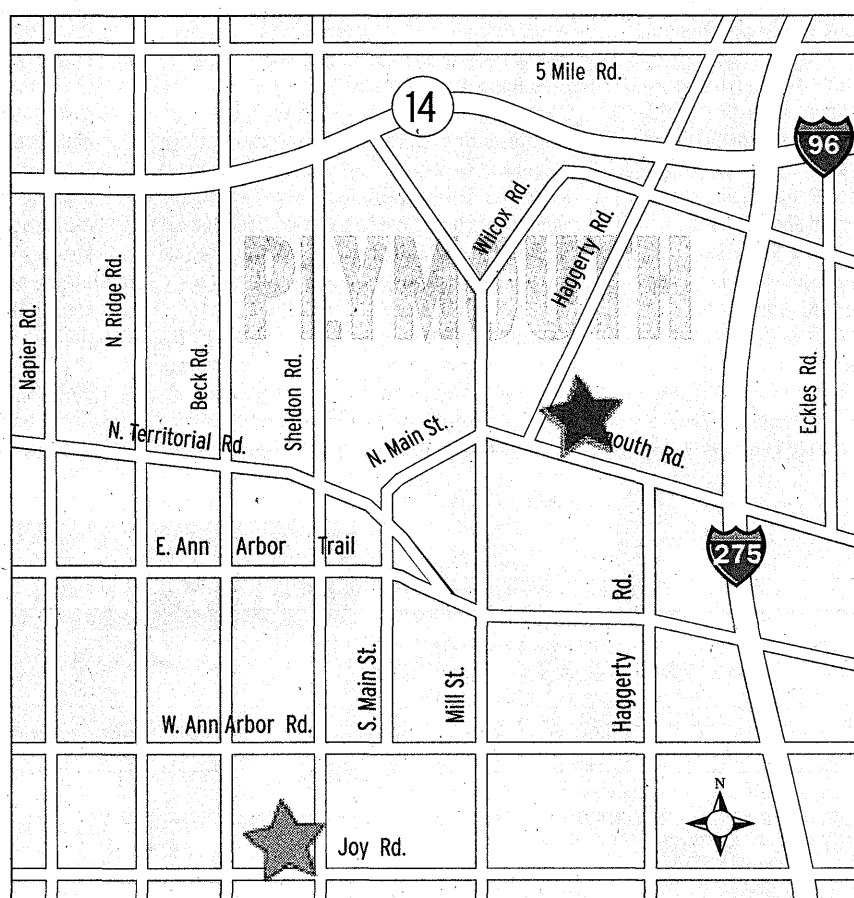
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Plymouth Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Tim Parker (right), Linnea Garvey and Jeff Jones have helped take Plymouth Nursery to the top of its field in the home and garden business.



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

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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.

Team leads nursery to top of field

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

Plymouth Nursery: Today Plymouth Nursery is among the largest, most established in the Midwest. We offer over 16 acres of nursery stock, a complete garden center, and greenhouses with annuals, perennials, groundcovers and roses. Our expert staff includes degreed Horticulturalists, Master Gardeners, Michigan Certified Nurserymen, along with many passionate lifetime gardeners. We also offer landscape design, installation and delivery.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Plymouth Nursery: Our staff makes Plymouth Nursery a great place to work and shop. Our team is well stocked with degreed horticulturist, master gardeners, Michigan Certified Nurserymen, and Landscape Designers.

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

Plymouth Nursery: Wayne and Nancy Jones purchased Plymouth Nursery in 1963 from Pete Christensen of

PLYMOUTH NURSERY

- **Business name:** Plymouth Nursery Home and Garden Showplace
- **Business address, including city:** 9900 Plymouth/Ann Arbor Rd Plymouth MI 48170
- **Your name and title:** Tim Parker-general manager
- **Your hometown:** Pinckney
- **Business opened when?** 1963
- **Number of employees:** 30
- **Your business specialty:** Retail Garden Center-Landscape Design and Installation
- **Hours of operation:** Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (spring hours M-F 8-8, Sat 8-6, Sun 9-5)
- **Business phone and/or Web site:** (734) 453-5500 www.plymouthnursery.net

Christensen's Plymouth Nursery. Wayne and Nancy started selling trees and shrubs and installing landscape projects for the homeowner. Wayne worked in the growing and nursery

operations. Nancy worked with the customers in landscape design.

The Nursery was moved to the present location in 1973. Jeff Jones purchased the company from his parents in 1986 and added a team of managers to help grow and diversify the business. In 2008 Jones included long time employee General Manager Tim Parker as a partner in the company.

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

Plymouth Nursery: Lucy comes over almost every day. In the busy season she likes to greet our customers. Even in the winter, when sales are slow and few employees are around, Lucy stops by to socialize. It's usually around lunch time when she comes, and we give her some food. When she's had her fill, or she's bored from lack of attention, she wanders back home. With our updated store and automatic doors, she's free to walk right in or out. She is lovable and kind to everyone. You see, Lucy, is the neighbor's dog.

CHAMBER CHAT

The Tigers' Vice President of Communications, Ron Colangelo, will be our featured speaker at the Good Morning, Plymouth Community breakfast 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at Station 885.

He will discuss how the Tigers are marketing the team and promoting ticket sales during this difficult economic time. Since the Tigers are a business we all know, this should be an interesting case study with information we can all use to communicate the value of our products and services. Also, with the new season just starting, there should also be plenty of Tiger talk about the 2009 season.

This Community Breakfast will be a great opportunity for you to network with many other Chamber members. To attend this event, please call 734-453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org. The cost is \$12 and can be paid in advance. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the event, since the Chamber is liable for all meals.

Showcase/Taste of Plymouth

This annual event takes place 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, at The Inn at St. John's at 5 Mile and Sheldon.

For only \$10 you can enjoy selections from almost 20 local

restaurants, meet another 70 businesses that exhibit and network with other attendees. Chamber members who attend will be given special decorative name badges to identify each other. Members can also purchase five or more tickets at one time for a discount of \$2 per ticket. To RSVP for the event call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org.

Volunteer and receive a free admission. Members again have the opportunity to volunteer for the event and receive a free admission. Volunteers are needed in the morning, afternoon and during the event to assist with decorations, vendor set up and registration. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Chamber at (734) 453-1540 to designate the time you would like to assist. Most volunteer activities take about three hours.

Golf outing

The Chamber's annual Golf Classic takes place July 13 at Northville Hills Golf Club.

Free Theater Tickets

The Chamber has 40 free tickets available for the opening night of "Prescription Murder" (a Columbo mystery) on April 30. The production is put on by Barefoot Productions, Plymouth's local Theatre Company, at the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main St. The special guest star on opening night is Chamber Executive Director, Wes Graff. To pick up free tickets you can stop by the Chamber office at

850 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

Top Web site

IndeQuest: 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 IndeQuest: www.indequest.com

Business News

If you are looking to improve your business through increased marketing and cross promotions then the new ATM group is for you. This is a group made up of local businesses, including many Chamber members, who directly provide goods and services to consumers. At their monthly meetings they will be developing cross promotions between businesses, provide marketing tips and do brainstorming for other great ideas that help participants gain business. The group is meant for people aggressively marketing their consumer-oriented business that are willing to commit to partnering with other like-minded people.

The ATM group is holding their first meeting at the Chamber office (850 W. Ann Arbor Trail) on Thursday, April 30, from 8-9 a.m. If you are interested in attending their first meeting, please contact Lori Morrison of Ribar Floral at (734) 455-8722.

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.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Seminar/Buying guide

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union (8817 Sheldon Road, northwest corner of Sheldon and Joy Roads) in Plymouth offers a free seminar as a must-do for everyone! You will hear from Real Estate Expert Heidi Anderson (Keller Williams Realty) and Home Loan Education Specialist Shannon Proulx (Mortgage Center LC) how to make smart moves in 2009. Home buyers will learn what questions to ask, which situations to avoid, and what is really involved in short sales and foreclosure sales. Plus, learn about affordable mortgage programs that are good for your finances. Emma Teller, Director of Marketing and Business Development at Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union says that despite any stories you hear about a freeze on mortgage lending, their credit union is processing more mortgage and home equity loans in 2009 than previous years. "Our sensible lending practices have kept our credit union growing strong so unlike other groups we do have money to lend—there's no credit crunch here. Everyday we see people who are looking for solutions. They want to take advantage of the affordable real estate market but they have questions about financing in this economy. We put together a free seminar to answer those questions and provide them the information they need to make smart moves to get ahead financially."

Space is limited; reserve your seat by calling (734) 432-0212, Ext. 301.

One-stop shopping

Lori Morrison, who owns Ribar Floral in Plymouth, has organized a one-day event, the Plymouth Prom and Graduation Expo, to give students a shot at deals on everything from flowers and dresses to limos and jewelry.

The event, set to take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Ernesto's in Plymouth is open to students from any school district and features two dozen businesses with some kind of connection to a prom or graduation ceremony. Most of them are local Plymouth and Canton retailers, though others are coming from as far away as Carleton, Trenton and Grosse Point Woods. There are restaurants, florists, dress shops, car dealerships and even a personal trainer. The idea, according to Morrison, is to provide students headed to prom or readying for graduation one-stop shopping potential with a shot at discounts, prizes, etc. For instance, Ribar Floral will contribute one dollar for every corsage and boutonniere sold back to the buyer's school. Citizen's Bank is raffling off gift cards and Summit Place Kia is offering a special on cars should kids (or their parents) want to buy one as a graduation present.

Find all the details at the event's Web site at www.plymouth-expo.com or call Morrison at (734) 455-8722.

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Students, Art Deco Society team for exhibit

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

Rebecca Binno Savage hoped to attract a younger audience for the annual Detroit Area Art Deco Society's Michigan Modernism Exposition when she invited Oakland Community College students to submit work for a photo display.



Savage

"I'm hoping those students will bring in friends to see it and to see the (Modernism) show itself. To me it's something unique to see 20th century design all in one space and one time," said Binno Savage, a Society member. "We have a total 34 photos. They will be up during the whole show, not just for the preview party."

The preview party, 7-10 p.m., Friday, April 24, will kick off the weekend Modernism show, which will run 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, April 25 and noon-5 p.m., Sunday, April 26, at the Southfield Municipal Complex at 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. General admission is \$8 for the Modernism Exposition, which will include 20th century antiques and fine arts from more than 80 dealers from across the U.S., Canada and Europe. The exposition will offer a broad selection of the mid-century design in furniture, jewelry, clothing, radios, photographs, art, glass, china, silver, clocks, paintings and textiles.

Tickets for the preview party are \$50 in advance, available at www.daads.org, and at select retailers listed on the Web site or by calling (248) 582-3326. Preview party tickets at the door are \$65. The party offers first dibs on the exposition's antiques and fine arts, live music by Sarah Grogan and the SG Ensemble, and a first look at the student photography display.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

Binno Savage worked with 10 student photographers from the college's Royal Oak campus, offering a list of art deco buildings for subject material, using her book, *Art Deco in Detroit*, as inspiration.

"The Deco Society approached them based on a friendship our board has with one of the professors. We came up with a way that we could work together," Binno Savage noted. "I helped the students choose which buildings to shoot for the exhibition. The images are so terrific. It really has turned out to be so much better than I thought it would be. There is a lot of color and black and white. Some are sort of straight-on photos of the buildings and some are creative angles. Say the building has neon, like the Elwood Bar and Grill, the colors are played up in the neon. It depends on the building."

Binno Savage said she stayed "minimally involved," letting students rely on their own creativity in deciding how to photograph each building.

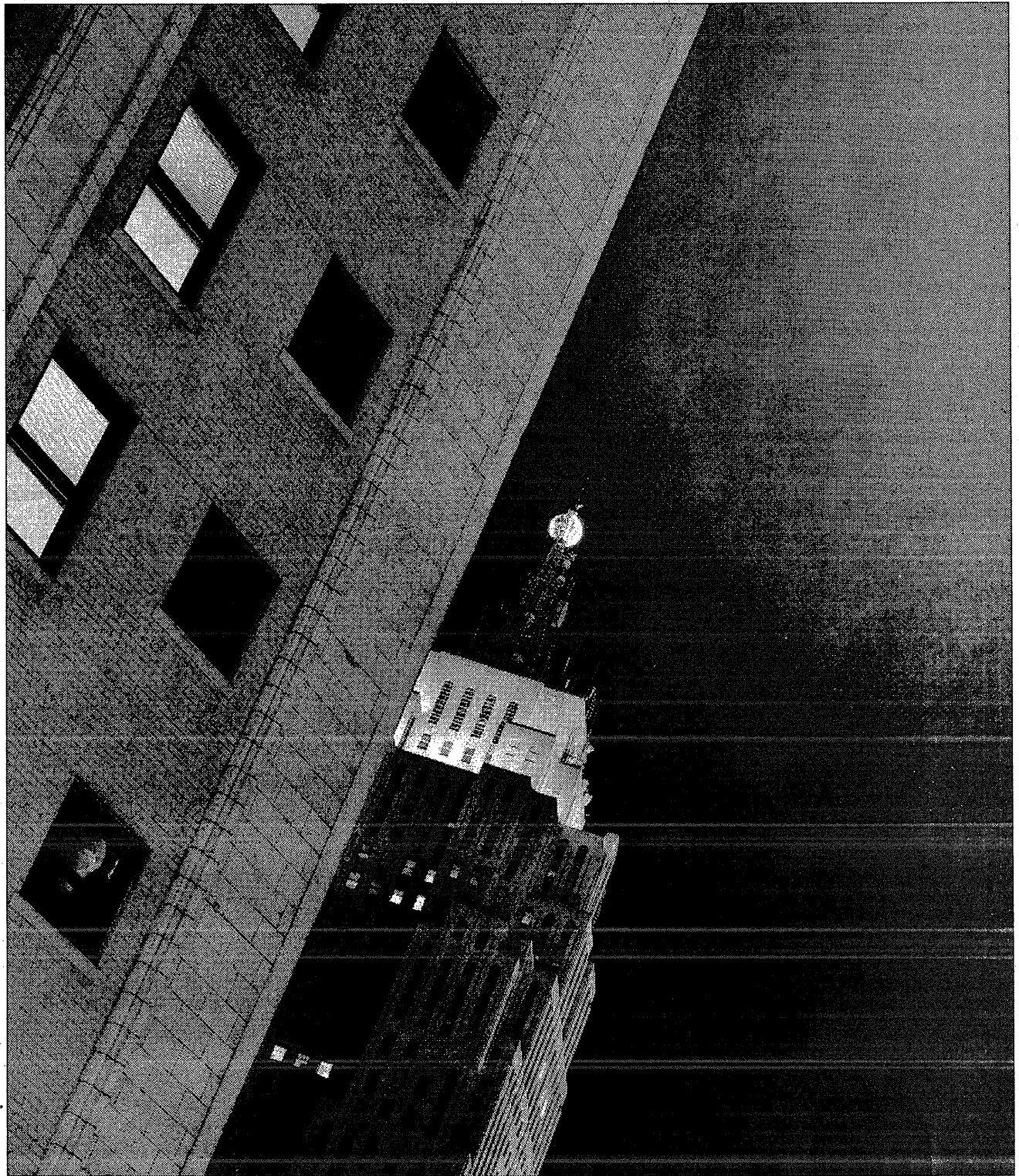
"It surpassed our expectations," she said.

Area deco structures include the Guardian and Penobscot buildings in downtown Detroit, Ellwood Bar, Ford-Wyoming drive-in, a Mosque in Hamtramck and the Majestic Theatre in Detroit.

Along with the student exhibit, a vintage 1934 Chrysler Airflow, restored by owner Sam Haberman of Birmingham, will be on display during both the preview party and exposition.

Preview party proceeds will go towards a scholarship given annually to a student at Eastern Michigan University in the historic preservation program, as well as projects supported by the Society.

"This will be our ninth year. We've donated to such projects as the Penn Theatre in Plymouth and the Redford Theatre," Binno Savage said. "We've donated to exhibits at The Henry Ford related to our era. We support 20th century design."



A photo by Ryan DeBloski of Bloomfield Hills, from the student exhibit.

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Art is in Market: New location in Laurel Park Place, 37642 Six Mile Road, Livonia, http://artismarket.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 Art Festival: May 9-10, Shain Park.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: The 27th Annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition, through Apr. 17; Sunday drop-in workshops for students K-12; 1516 Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

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CPop Gallery: CPop's farewell exhibit, "It's All About @," opens 6 p.m. May 2; "It's Humble 2 Be Good," featuring winners of @POPporzity 2008, through May 1, 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.

Fine Art at the Village: May 16-17, Village of Rochester Hills, 104 N. Adams Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 689-8734, www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com

Gallery@VT: Art works by teachers from the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, through April 26, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.canton-mi.org/villagegallery.

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.jccdet.org.

Lawrence Street Gallery: Call for poets: "Ut Pictura Poesis," reading 7 p.m. April 24, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Lemberg Gallery: Lynne Avadenka: Then and Now, through Apr 18, 2009 23241 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.

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Next Step Studios & Gallery: Featuring glass works by Kaiser Suidan, Craig Paul Nowak, John Gargano, Susan Beiner and many others, 530 Hilton, Ferndale, (248) 342-5074, www.nextstepstudio.com.

Northville Art House: Northville Public Schools Annual Student Art Show, April 23-26; Call for Entries, Art in the Sun, June 27-28; Colonial Arts of Latin America, May 1-24 DIA Lecture Series Paul Gauguin, April 15, Vincent Van Gogh, May 20; classes for adults and children, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.

Orchard Lake Fine Art Show: July 24-26, includes artist awards, demonstrations, entertainment, kids activities and a youth art competition, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, Orchard Lake, (248) 684-2613, www.holworks.com.

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Paul Kotula Projects: Hartmut Austen, "Pictures," through April 18, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paulkotula.com.

Plymouth's Annual Art Feast: May 15-16, Downtown Plymouth.

Plymouth Art in the Park: July 10-12, Kellogg Park.

Plymouth Community Arts Council: Village Potters Guild, through April 23; Emerging Artists Exhibit, May 4-26; Behind the Lens "Peace Project," May 30-June 12, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com.

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Susanne Hilberry Gallery: Anne Lise Coste, April 25-May 30, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com.

Visual Arts Association of Livonia: Spring Show, May 1, Livonia City Hall, (734) 838-1204, www.vaalart.org.



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AUDITIONS

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: Auditions for contemporary dance repertory company, 1-4 p.m. April 26, Ailey Studios, New York; 1:30-3:30 p.m. May 2, Lou Conte Dance Studio, Chicago; noon-3 p.m. May 3, EDE Center for Dance, 103 South St., Rochester, call (248) 559-2095, www.ede-dance.org.

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BOOKS/LITERATURE

First United Methodist Church: Plymouth Oratorio Society 23rd season concert with Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and Ann Arbor Huron High School A Cappella Choir, 4 p.m. May 3, 45201 N. Territorial Road, (734) 455-8353.

Fox Theatre: Andre Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra, May 19, (800) 745-3000, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Hagopian World of Rugs: Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents "Nightnotes," 8:30 p.m. May 8, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.

Oakland Brass Band: Gone Fishin', 8 p.m. June 12, Berkley High School, 2325 Catalpa, (248) 931-5169, www.oaklandbrassband.com.

Max M. Fisher Music Center: Music of Billy Joel & More by Michael Cavanaugh, April 16-19; Slatkin & Mahler, April 23-25; All Beethoven, April 30-May 2; Pro Musica Society of Detroit presents violinist Jennifer Frautschi, May 8; 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 & Tchaikovsky, May 29-31; Season Finale, June 4-6; A Midsummer Night's Dream, June 13, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitssymphony.com.

Penn Theatre: 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 VisiTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.

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



The Pajama Party

Lauren London of Ann Arbor is Babe, Roy Sexton of Saline is Sid and Kim Elliot of Canton is Gladys, as **Spotlight Players** present "The Pajama Game" April 24-May 9 at the **Village Theater at Cherry Hill**. The musical romantic comedy, a hit movie in 1957 and Broadway revival in 2006, is about a labor dispute at a pajama factory that pits union leader against manager – and both get way more than they're bargaining for. Tickets, \$15-\$18, available at the box office, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton; by phone at (734) 394-5300; or discounted to \$13 at www.spotlightplayersmi.org. Kids 16 and under wearing PJs April 24-26 get in for \$5 at the door.

CLUBS

Bullfrog Bar: 15414 Telegraph Rd, Redford, (313) 533-4477, www.bullfrogrocks.com.

Callahan's: Charlie Musselwhite, April 10; John Gorka, April 19, 2105 South Boulevard, Auburn Hills, (248) 828-9508, www.atcallahans.com.

Eclipse Lounge: DJ Sandman, April 18; DJ RC, April 25; DJ Mark EP, May 2; DJ AMF, May 9; DJ Chill Will, May 15; Hoedown After Party with Jyl Forsyth, May 16; Motown Party, May 23; DJ RC, May 30, free, 21 and over, inside Greektown Casino-Hotel, Detroit, www.greektowncasino.com/Dining/Eclipse-Lounge.

Soundboard: Etta James, May 1; Boz Scaggs, June 17; Sinbad, July 25; Gary Allan, Aug. 21; An Evening With Natalie Cole, Oct. 3, MotorCity Casino Hotel, Detroit, www.ticketmaster.com, www.motorcitycasino.com.

COMEDY

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

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or 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: Mark Theibold Special Engagement, through April 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.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Hypnotist Kevin Lepine, April 22; John Pinette, May 14-16; Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays; 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

Masonic Temple Theatre: 500 Temple, Detroit. Tickets \$51.50-\$67.50, (248) 645-6666.

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.com.

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

CONCERTS

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

Comerica Park: Kid Rock with Lynyrd Skynyrd, July 17, tickets on sale 10 a.m. April 18; Vans Warped Tour, July 31; tickets on sale 10 a.m. April 17, 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, www.warpedtour.com.

DTE Energy Music Theatre: New Kids on the Block, June 25; The Fray with Jack's Mannequin, June 27; Brad Paisley, July 10;

The Fillmore: J Giels Band, April 24; Lamb of God with God Forbid and As I Lay Dying, May 6; Buckcherry, May 13; 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 Manhattanans, April 25; Leonard Cohen, May 9; Il Divo, May 17; Unwiggled & Unplugged: An Evening with Christopher Guest, Michael McKean and Harry Shearer, May 29, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Freedom Hill: The Ofspring, June 28.

I Rock: The Von Ehrics, April 16.

Macomb Center for Performing Arts: Richie Havens with special guest Harry Manx, April 17, Smothers Brothers, April 18, 44757 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, www.MacombCenter.com, (586) 286-2222.

Magic Bag: 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; Dr. John, June 27, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.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 w/Square Pegs, April 11; Louis C.K., April 17; TechNow09 Showcase, a benefit for MS Society, April 23; New Found Glory, April 26; Demetri Martin, May 15; Music4Mutts, a benefit for the Michigan Humane Society, May 16; Animal Collective, May 18; Gogol Bordello, June 2; The Derek Trucks Band, June 9; Robin Trower, June 20; The Decemberists, Aug. 11, 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; The Sounds, May 6; Animal Collective, May 18; The Derek Trucks Band, June 9; Metric, June 15; Robin Trower, June 20, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

DANCE

Detroit Opera House: Piliobolus, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; The Cincinnati Ballet presents "The Nutcracker," Dec. 3-6; Ballet Hispanico, Feb. 13-14, 2010; Tchaikovsky Ballet presents "Sleeping Beauty," March 26-28, 2010, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-3426, www.michiganopera.org.

Moondusters: Ballroom dancing to a live band every Saturday night, 8:30-11:30 p.m., Livonia Senior Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia (248) 968-5197.

Tatry Dancers: 38th annual dance recital, April 25, Crestwood High School, 1501 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, (313) 274-0183.

University Musical Society: Compagnie Heddy Maalem "Rite," 8 p.m. Oct. 15; Compagnie Marie Chouinard, "Orpheus and Eurydice," 8 p.m. April 25, and "Rite of Spring," 2 p.m. April 26, www.ums.org.

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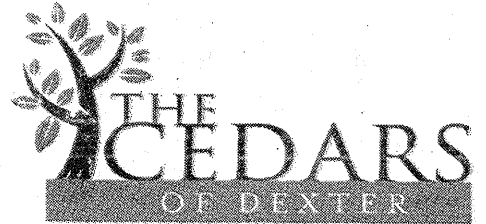
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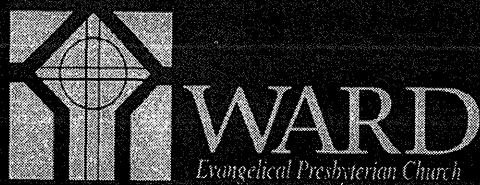
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Currently, dry Riesling is the "hot" white wine. Laden with apple, lime, white peach, mineral notes of slate and wet stones; sometimes floral such as jasmine and orange blossom and always a vibrant finish, it's a most versatile white wine with foods. It's perfectly styled



Focus on Wine
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for sushi or fish with a lemon-butter sauce. Grilled brats are a delicious meat accompaniment. No matter the success of riesling in Michigan, New York State, cooler regions of northwest U.S. and Australia, Germany is where it all began. Its many wine areas from the northern reaches of the Mosel south to the Swiss border, offer unique regional tastes due to the wide variety of soil types, aspects and climatic influence of the regions' rivers.

So, don't group all these wines under one moniker, "German riesling."

Holding U.S. consumers back are German wine names such as Paul Anheuser's 2008 Schlossbockelheimer Konigsfels Riesling Kabinett, a truly excellent, fresh and fruity wine for \$17.

Only two elements of the label are important as you try to navigate through many selections. In the case of this wine, it's the term Riesling Kabinett, announcing a dry style with lots of fruit sweetness and the region Nahe, which means that riesling grown there will display more earthy and mineral notes.

MASTERING REGIONAL STYLES

If you'd like a slightly drier style than the Anheuser Kabinett, look for 2006 Dr. H. Thanisch

RIESLING AROUND THE WORLD

The many delicious facets of RIESLING styles are exemplified by: Poet's Leap 2007 Columbia Valley, in the Long Shadows collection, \$20
Cono Sur 2008 Vision (Chile), \$15
Penfolds 2008 Thomas Hyland, \$14
Kendall-Jackson 2007 California, \$12 - slightly sweet at 2.2 percent residual sugar

Classic (dry) Riesling from Bernkastel in the Mosel, \$20. The Mosel's steep, slate soil slopes are the source of intense riesling fruit, mineral characters and ageworthy wines.

As a point of wine style comparison, from the same Mosel region, try 2006 Bollig-Lehnert Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Kabinett, \$18.

Looking for a bargain, you'll find none better than 2005 Dr. Heyden Oppenheimer Riesling Kabinett, \$14, from the Rheinhessen. Oppenheim, a village on the banks of the Rhine River has a more Mediterranean climate with lots of sun and fertile soil that gives the wines full-bodied flavors.

Although it's a step up in sweetness, 2006 George Albrecht Schneider Niersteiner Hipping Riesling Spatlese, \$18, comes across as dry as many kabinett wines, due to its good acidity.

2004 Fitz-Ritter Bad Durkheim Riesling Kabinett from the Pfalz region, \$17, is again another style. Mother Nature looks after the region with a unique combination of abundant sunshine and low rainfall. Riesling gets physiologically ripe with loads of complex fruit.

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MURDER MYSTERY MEAL

PLYMOUTH - Barefoot Productions announces its first murder mystery fund raiser, "The Case of the Missing Jewels," 6 p.m. April 23, at Station 885 restaurant in Plymouth. Tickets are \$30.

The evening features a three-course meal as well as interactive dinner entertainment in which guests have the opportunity to don their sleuthing hats to solve the case. The fund raiser, which stars Barefoot Productions' talent, is meant to build excitement for its spring murder mystery production, "Prescription: Murder," April 30-May 10 at the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main St., Plymouth.

Call (734) 560-1493, or visit www.justgobarefoot.com.

BEST BURGER BLOWOUT

CANTON - Think you've got the best burger in town? Enter the Spice Up Your Summer Cook-off Series starting with the Best Burger Blowout on Sunday, April 26 at Canton Farmer's Market 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton. The grills will fire up at 11 a.m.

Participants must register for the event at the front desk of the Summit on the Park, and must provide all ingredients and cooking utensils. Prizes will be awarded for the most delightful burgers and the top three burger kings or queens will move on to a featured competition at Liberty Fest 2009. There is a \$10 entry fee for Canton residents and a \$15 entry fee for non-residents.

Call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.leisure.canton-mi.

BBQ RIB COOK OFF

NOVI - The first-ever West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest, is set for Sunday Aug. 9 at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave in Novi. The all day event will feature as many as fifty BBQ Rib Teams, live music, local restaurant tastings, family activities including a furry creature petting zoo, and more.

"Experience West Oakland," a committee of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, was recently granted a sanction from the Memphis Barbeque Network for their inaugural event, which will offer BBQ competitors the chance to com-

CITY BITES



Morton's The Steakhouse in Southfield and Troy is offering its famous Morton's Prime Sirloin Burger and French Fries for \$15.

pete for Prize Packages totaling \$10,000. A panel of 40 professional and amateur judges will determine the contest results. The Grand Prize Winner will be invited to compete in the "Memphis in May" Barbeque Network Finals, May 2010.

More information on the sanctioning body can be found at www.MBNBBQ.com

Registration information for interested contestants can be found at www.experiencewo.com

Restaurants located in Western Oakland County are invited to participate in the fun by offering samples of their most popular dishes. Exhibitors featuring cooking and barbeque related products

are also welcome. For additional information about the West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest, contact Linda Daly at the Novi Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-3743, or e-mail info@novichamber.com

CANTON FARMERS MARKET OPENS

CANTON - Canton Farmers Market will kick off its third season 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, April 26 at the Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge. It will be open every Sunday through Oct. 25 rain or shine at this historic site.

New and returning vendors will offer a wide-variety of

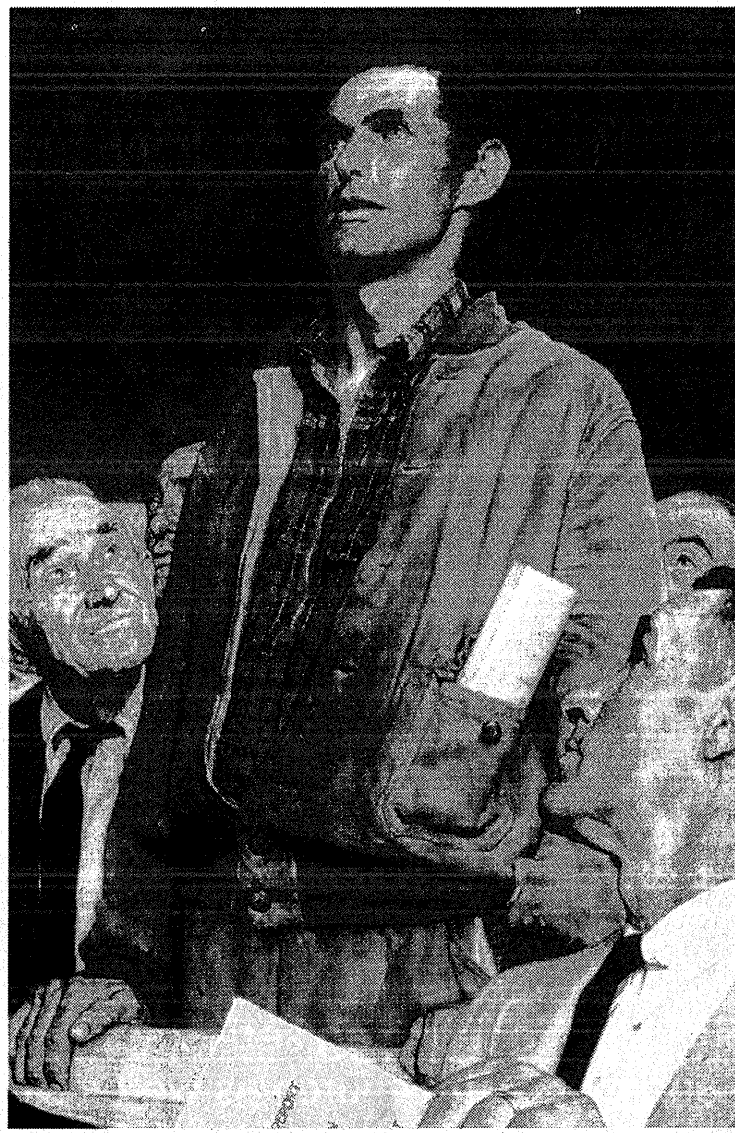
merchandise, as it becomes available, including fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, baked goods, flowers, herbs, jellies, jams, cider, honey and much more. New vendors this season with Michigan-made products, include Aunt Violets Cottage offering mosaic tile work; Sansonetti Gourmet Foods offering pasta sauces, appetizers, mustards, barbecue sauces, salsa, and dipping oil; and Sun River Natural offering homemade bath salts and lotions.

Special activities are planned for the opening including: the Spice Up Your Summer Cook Off Series challenge, featuring the Best Burger Blowout, where all you closet chefs can show off your culinary skills. While at the market, be sure to purchase a Farmers Market tote made from recycled materials, while supplies last.

Admission is free. Canton Farmers Market is always looking for new and unique vendors to add to our outdoor market, especially meat, cheese, seafood, and dairy vendors. Applications are still being accepted for the 2009 season. Vendor market applications and registration forms are available at leisure.canton-mi.org or by contacting the Market Manager at spavlo@canton-mi.org.

To find more information about Canton's growing Farmers Market, visit leisure.canton-mi.org or contact the Market Manager at 734/398-5570 x 5.

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MSU lawn care pros can help you get growing

Chances are you've begun to work on your lawn, hoping this year it will look lush and feel that way to bare feet as warm summer days beckon. Spring's a great time to begin work on your lawn, and the experts at Michigan State University's Department of Crop and Soil Sciences can help.

There's a wealth of information online at www.turf.msu.edu/, ideas to get you going on getting your lawn growing. Here are some basics (you can go online to learn more about crabgrass control, Japanese beetles, grubs and other lawn woes).

Spring? Even though the calendar is telling us it's spring, I've yet to really feel it. It appears that temperatures are going to begin to warm in the next couple of weeks but I think it's still going to be a little bit before the turf really gets going.

Before we get started on any discussion of turf practices for home lawns let's talk mowers. Your assignment this weekend if you choose to accept it, is to find where your mower is and secondly to un-screw that blade and take it down to the local hardware store to get sharpened. Sharp blades are important not only from an aesthetics perspective but a clean cut reduces water loss and helps prevent pathogen infection in the turf.

Winter has definitely been a long one this year in Michigan and if I had to guess, I think we will definitely see some snow mold in some turf areas. There might be some pink snow mold and in other areas some gray snow mold, whichever is your favorite color I wouldn't get too worked up over the symptoms you'll see. Gray snow mold is typically seen in turf areas that were under snow cover for extended

periods of time. The damage from either type of snow mold is typically restricted to the leaf tissue and once the temperature starts to warm the turf will start growing and recover from the damage quickly.

Lowering the mowing height for the first mowing will help remove dead tissue and facilitate soil warming which will help the turf get growing faster. Be advised though not to get carried away with this lowering the mowing height recommendation. At most I would drop it 1 inch from your normal mowing height, be careful, we don't want to scalp the turf. For most dropping the height 1/2 inch (usually 1 notch on your mower) will probably suffice to clean up debris on the lawn from the winter and get that turf going. Lowering the height a notch will be especially helpful for turf with snow mold damage. You also might want to consider raking the turf in areas that the turf was really matted down to help stand it up and then mow it off.

Resist the urge to apply something, anything, to your turf right now to help wake it from its winter slumber. We'd like to see that turf growing before we apply either a preemergence herbicide (i.e. crabgrass preventer) or fertilizer. If you applied a late fall fertilizer application you may not need to apply an early spring fertilizer but instead might be able to wait until mid-May. Avoid the urge to get out there and fertilize the turf out of dormancy. This is the time to show restraint and let the turf naturally awaken. Applying high rates of fertilizer now will encourage excessive top-growth and has the potential to reduce summer stress tolerance later on. You might notice that professional applicators will start to make appli-



cations in the next month. They are most likely doing preemergence herbicide applications and/or light fertilizer applications. The fertilizer amounts they are applying are probably 0.5 lbs. N/1000 ft. 2 or less, just enough to encourage some greening without causing excessive growth.

Remember that the environmental signal for applying a preemergence herbicide is when the forsythia bush is in full bloom. You can also use a soil thermometer to check soil temperatures. Apply preemergence herbicides when soil temps at a two inch depth reach 50 °F. In Michigan, the time

for applications is usually around the 15th of April for mid-Michigan. Before you automatically apply a crabgrass preventer consider whether or not crabgrass is a big problem in your turf. Remember that the best way to control weeds in turf is to encourage a healthy, dense turf that competes well with weeds and crowds them out. Mowing high, returning clippings, and having a good fertility program are just some of the practices that will encourage a dense turf.

Kevin Frank is a turfgrass specialist with the MSU Department of Crop and Soil Sciences.

Energy costs should be weighed

Q: I am thinking about doing a reserve study and am wondering whether or not a current criteria for a "green building" should be considered?

A: This is, of course, a good question because most reserve studies are largely backward



Robert Meisner

looking but should now have a new section added to their calculations with the suggested title of "Estimated Compliance Costs of Energy and

Environmental Design Retrofits." These requirements will, of course, have to be considered in the event of a need to replace any of the major component parts of the condominium and/or association development.

Q: We are planning to go to Los Cabos and we have heard about the solicitation for time shares almost everywhere you go. What are your recommendations?

A: You will be inundated with requests to go to presentations and you will also be given promises about all types of gifts. Be aware that time shares are not an investment and that you are best advised to ensure that everything that you are promised is in writing and that you be prepared to spend more than 90 minutes which is the typical time they promise the time share presentation will last. Obviously, certain time share presentations are run by people who are unscrupulous and they have what they call closers and super-closers to ensure that you don't walk away freely without buying a time share. Please keep in mind that there is a five-day rescission period in Mexico and you should not sign any agreement without consulting with your financial and/or legal adviser.

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.

BRIEFS

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.

Designation

Heidi Anderson of Keller Williams Realty, of Plymouth (serving western Wayne and Oakland Counties, and eastern Washtenaw and Livingston Counties) has earned the prestigious Certified Distressed Property Expert (CDPE) designation, having completed extensive training in foreclosure avoidance and short sales. This is invaluable expertise to offer at a time when the area is ravaged by "distressed" homes in the foreclosure process.

Short sales allow the cash strapped seller to prepay the mortgage at the price that the home sells for, even though it is lower than what is owed on the property. With plummeting property values, this can save many people from foreclosure and even bankruptcy. More and more lenders are willing to consider short sales

because they are much less costly than foreclosures.

"This CDPE designation has been very useful as I work with sellers and lenders through complicated short sales," said Anderson. "It is so rewarding to be able to help families save their homes from foreclosure, at a time when so many just want to give up because of fear and lack of clear understanding of the elements and consequences of foreclosure. Many just do not know where to go or who to talk to for help."

Alex Charfen, founder of the Distressed Property Institute in Boca Raton, Fla., said that Realtors such as Anderson with the CDPE designation have valuable training in short sales that can offer the homeowner much better alternatives to foreclosure, which virtually destroys the credit rating. These experts also may better understand market conditions and can help sellers through the emotional experience, he said.

The Distress Property Institute opened in January 2008 and provides training on-site and online. The CDPE is the premier designation for Realtors helping homeowners in distress and handling short sales.

For more information about CDPE designation or to find a certified distressed property REALTOR® in your area, call (800) 896-0117, Ext. 6208.

Promotion

Hall & Hunter Realtors promoted Shondell Patterson to the position of president, Relocation & Corporate Services. She replaces Barbara Miller, who will remain at Hall & Hunter in real estate sales.

Since joining Hall & Hunter in 2002, Shondell has continued to make her mark — initially being named "Rookie of the Year" in her first year at the company, and since as a multi-million dollar producer with a proven record of relocating top executives and professional athletes. Prior to joining the management team, Patterson contributed to the company's long-range planning and assessment meetings and also served as a member of Hall & Hunter's Advisory Council.

In her new position, she will be responsible for corporate development of relocation management accounts and overseeing the destination services of individuals and groups on a local, national and worldwide basis.

In addition to her work in the real estate industry, Patterson has served on numerous school and parish boards, as well as volunteering her time as president and national board member of Christ Child Society, a charity serving children in need.

Recognition

Weir Manuel Realtors received a Leading Real Estate Companies of the World® Member Achievement Award and the Solutions Award, presented March 28 at the global conference of Leading Real Estate Companies of the World, which attracted top real estate brokers, managers, relocation professionals, sponsors and guests from across the U.S. and eight countries worldwide.

"We are very proud to say that we were the only Michigan company to be nominated for an award, and winning two — the Service Recognition Program Award and the Solutions Award — is quite an honor," said Carolyn Bowen-Keating, VP Relocation Services.

Leading Real Estate Companies of the World is a global real estate network comprised of nearly 700 of the best-known local and regional real estate firms. With more than 5,500 offices and 170,000 sales associates in the United States and 38 countries abroad, LeadingRE affiliates sell nearly \$370 billion in home sales, representing 1.2 million transactions annually. Weir Manuel was honored with a Service Recognition Program award, which formally acknowledges contributions such as committee and board involvement, presentations at network conferences, and service in various network capacities.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 22-26, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
6634 Carriage Hills Dr	\$177,000
41483 Conner Creek Dr	\$222,000
1168 Hempsire Dr	\$160,000
45169 Horseshoe Cir	\$148,000
2025 Marlowe St	\$73,000
4193 Monarch Ave	\$188,000
43924 Palisades Dr	\$140,000
42310 Trent Dr	\$252,000
448 Waterview Ct	\$332,000

Farmington	
22839 Hawthorne St	\$115,000
32630 Meadowlark Ct	\$140,000
Farmington Hills	
37781 Amber Dr	\$190,000
23442 Barfield St	\$130,000
28585 Heatherbrook Ct	\$285,000
30307 Kimberly Ct	\$254,000
21712 Orchard Lake Rd # 2171	\$175,000
37015 Ridgedale Ct	\$112,000
38167 Turnberry Ct	\$605,000
Garden City	
29444 Rosslyn Ave	\$60,000
Livonia	
30560 Minton St	\$75,000
8886 Parkside Dr	\$220,000
16245 Southampton St	\$256,000
Milford	

Northville	
415 Hickory St	\$250,000
17015 Brooklane Blvd	\$400,000
41730 Broquet Dr	\$115,000
17280 Summit Dr	\$295,000
41730 Broquet Dr	\$115,000
Novi	
2030 Austin Dr	\$175,000
24473 Cavendish Ave W	\$315,000
23185 Donnington Ct	\$604,000
45531 Emerald Forest Dr	\$300,000
22444 Heatherwoode	\$184,000
42683 Wembleton Way	\$235,000
Plymouth	
11998 Fox Ridge Dr	\$420,000
42057 Lindsay Dr	\$180,000
12258 N Canton Center Rd	\$189,000
9333 N Lilley Rd	\$275,000

Redford	
11434 Berwyn	\$72,000
15029 Delaware Ave	\$140,000
19453 Denby	\$130,000
18478 Lennane	\$34,000
11314 Lucerne	\$125,000
26250 W Seven Mile Rd	\$215,000
15539 Wormer	\$55,000
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 - Toward the stern
 - Surf maker
 - Exiled Roman poet
 - Yucky stuff
 - Harm
 - Meander
 - Tach reading
 - Pool table item
 - Sherlock creator
 - Window parts
 - Girders (hyph.)
 - Looks mischievous
 - Mademoiselle's date
 - Codgers' queries
 - Metallic sound
 - T'ai - ch'uan
 - Diary opener
 - Pumper's pride
 - Watch
 - Zoo favorites
 - Heaps

- Foul-up
- Matterhorn echo
- Cowboy gear
- Gigantic bird of myth
- Burnoose wearer
- Aptitude -
- Subzero comment
- Quechua speaker
- Helm position
- Ms. Lupino
- Requirement

- DOWN**
- Go over big
 - Eager, plus
 - Pedro's wine
 - Swirling around
 - Come to an understanding
 - Vain fellow
 - Jerry's toon pursuer
 - Prefix for "trillion"

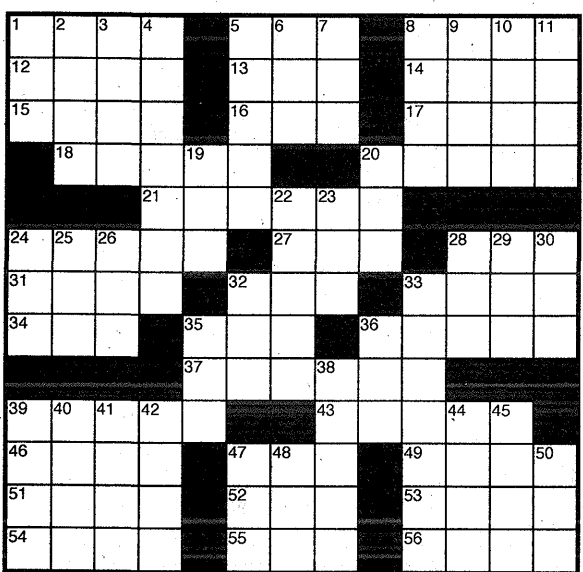
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- Scale meas.
- Air-pump meas.
- Exclaimed over
- 2001 in old Rome
- Student stat
- Corduroy ridge
- Successful candidates
- Want-ad abbr.
- Chinese dynasty
- Almost grads
- Business VIP
- Spurn
- wester
- Zodiac sign
- Brand of spandex
- Mile. in Barcelona
- Carol
- Nave neighbor
- Big party
- Urn homo-phone
- Tighten a corset
- Baseball stat
- Law (abbr.)
- Dog-scolding word



SUDOKU

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<p>New 2009 Ford Focus 4DR SE Was \$17,690 A/Z Plan Purchase \$11,541** OR... 36 Months/36,000 Miles Lease \$163* PER MO. \$1575 Due at Signing Includes Ford Credit Renewal Rebate Stock #91920</p>	<p>New 2009 Ford Edge SE FWD Was \$26,905 A/Z Plan Purchase \$19,332* OR... 36 Months/36,000 Miles Lease \$321* PER MO. \$1833 Due at Signing Includes Ford Credit Renewal Rebate Stock #91017</p>
<p>New 2009 Ford Flex SE Was \$29,755 A/Z Plan Purchase \$21,281* OR... 36 Months/36,000 Miles Lease \$316* PER MO. \$1857 Due at Signing Includes Ford Credit Renewal Rebate Stock #91600</p>	<p>New 2009 Ford Ranger XLT Supercab 4x4 Was \$25,770 A/Z Plan Purchase \$18,694* OR... 36 Months/36,000 Miles Lease \$275* PER MO. \$1694 Due at Signing Includes Ford Credit Renewal Rebate Stock #91667</p>
<p>New 2009 Ford Escape XLT FWD Sun & Sync Value PKG Was \$25,370 A/Z Plan Purchase \$18,109* OR... 36 Months/36,000 Miles Lease \$293* PER MO. \$1743 Due at Signing Includes Ford Credit Renewal Rebate Stock #91461</p>	<p>New 2009 Ford Mustang GT CPE Was \$32,840 A/Z Plan Purchase \$24,226** OR... 36 Months/36,000 Miles Lease \$332* PER MO. \$2814 Due at Signing Includes Ford Credit Renewal Rebate Stock #90002</p>

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Belleville 734-455-7000
CLEAN, COMFORTABLE, CONDO LIVING! is yours in this 2BR/2BA condo, located deep in the complex and featuring an oak kitchen, master suite w/walk-in closet, all appliances and a covered carport.
 (29002170) **\$94,900**



Clarkston 248-684-1065
 Wonderful site condo w/ 2 BR and 2 full BA up and BR/full BA in Fin W/O bsmt. GR w/ FP. Association fee includes yard, street maint, garbage pick-up.
 (29014294) **\$245,000**



Highland 248-684-1065
 Enjoy the 1/2 acre parcel backing to nature preserve! 2-story foyer, HDWD flrs, GR w/ stone FP, vaulted ceiling, MBR w/ WIC. 3-car heated garage.
 (28203761) **\$200,000**



Milford 248-684-1065
 Luxury riverfront condo in downtown Milford across from Central Park! Craftsman style inspired with fin w/o. oak cabs, granit tops, HDWD flrs, deck.
 (28129939) **\$460,000**



Novi 248-348-6430
 Island Lake 5 BR, 3.1 BA w/1st Fl Mstr BLT in 2002. Prof decorated. Open floor plan, 4007 sqft, LG lot w/deck & stamped patio, 2 staircases, 2 furnaces, 2 a/c, daylight BSMT, close to schools & X-way.
 (28099363) **\$617,500**



South Lyon 248-437-3800
 Darling Bungalow! Almost 1 acre. Newly painted, hardwood flrs thru-out. Stained woodwork, new window, new vinyl siding. Plaster walls w/oval archways. Formal dining & living rm.
 (2806463) **\$159,000**



Birmingham 734-455-7000
BIRMINGHAM BEAUTY! Stunning home--an entertainer's dream! 3BR/3.1BA, fin bsmt, hrdwd flrs, recess lighting t/o, granite kit/bath counters. Phenomenal mstr ste. Seeing is believing!
 (29033748) **\$675,000**



Commerce 248-684-1065
 Waterfront. 24 Ft. pontoon included for right offer! Wrap around deck, patio, shed, paver walk to boat dock. Den/library in lower level. Pella windows.
 (290126239) **\$349,000**



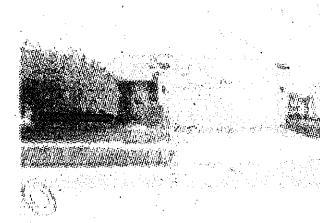
Holly 248-684-1065
 Beautifully maintained 2-BR ranch w/ lake access to Spring Lake and all-sports Crocheted Lake. 3-car garage & separate heated workshop. Wooded lot.
 (29016532) **\$119,500**



Milford 248-684-1065
 Home with 3.9 acres. First floor laundry. Unfinished basement. Two car attached garage with side entry. Dining, living and family rooms. Library/study.
 (29017806) **\$334,900**



Novi 248-348-6430
 Friendly Family Sub - Great Location Remodeled colonial w/LG GR & MSTR. Neutral Paint, Pella Windows, newer roof, furnace & A/C. MSTR w/WIC & therapeutic spa tub. Fenced yard w/pool & brick patio.
 (28191537) **\$299,700**



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



Brighton 248-437-3800
 Great Home To Entertain In Wide open floor plan, GR has soaring ceilings, fireplace & lots of windows. 1st flr mstr suite w/jetted tub. Large kit w/hardwood floors. Prof/fin bsmt.
 (28181801) **\$259,000**



Commerce Twp 248-348-6430
 Great Home With Many Updates! New roof & siding, newer windows, well & finished W/O BSMT. Newer desks on front & rear. Enjoy lake access on all sport lake! Must see, ready to move right in!
 (28144672) **\$179,900**



Livonia 248-851-4100
 OPEN FRI-SUN 1-5. 8 MILE & NEWBURGH AREA New, spacious & open. High ceilings, large GR & DR, eat-in kitchen, 1st flr laundry. Customize to suit. Site condo includes landscape & street maintenance.
 (28181554) **\$279,900**



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



Novi 248-348-6430
 Lovely Colonial Backs To Woods Dramatic 2 story foyer welcomes you! Open floor plan, lovely GR w/fireplace, gourmet KIT w/granite & 42" maple cabinetry, extensive use of hardwood & much more.
 (29013211) **\$289,900**



South Lyon 248-437-3800
 Just Listed! Take a closer look at this all brick ranch hm. Brand new kitchen in large living rm w/dining area. Spacious carpeting w/eating area was remodeled 05. Quick Occ.
 (29041467) **\$139,900**



Canton 248-851-1900
GOURMET GRANITE KITCHEN. WONDERFUL HOME Kitchen w/island & stainless steel appliances. Vaulted master suite w/WIC & luxury tub. 2nd story laundry. Finished bsmt w/granite wet bar. 2605 SF.
 (29045522) **\$275,000**



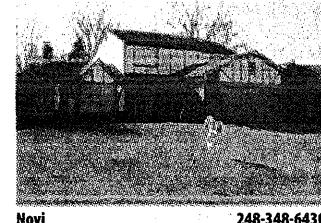
Dearborn 248-348-6430
 Charming 80 Sq. Ft. Ranch Newer A/C, furnace, water heater, roof, flooring & kitchen counter, windows 1996. Knotty pine finished basement. Tons of storage. Just move in!
 (29018590) **\$72,000**



Livonia 734-591-9200
 Colonial lcted in Mayflower Estates. Grt crb appl & shows like a model hme. New hrdwd flrs in LR & DR. Updtd granite BA'S, kit. Ntrl decor. Fin bsmt. Lg grt room w/gas frplce. Bkly w/brk patio. Mstr BA w/skylight.
 (29019433) **\$249,900**



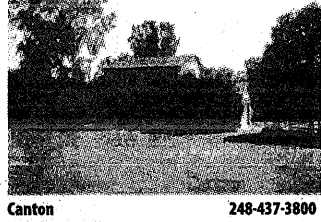
Milford 248-684-1065
 Custom 2900 SqFt home on .79 acre lot. Minutes from Village. Granite, wood & ceramic flrs. F. FP. B pavers, fresh paint t/o, 3+ heated Gar. Priced to sell fast!
 (29043383) **\$314,900**



Novi 248-348-6430
 In The Heart Of Novi Where Everything Is Walk to the holiday parades, Civic Center, Library, high school, tennis courts & police station. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, LIB, great RM w/FP, newer KIT, LG deck w/hot tub.
 (29015226) **\$284,500**



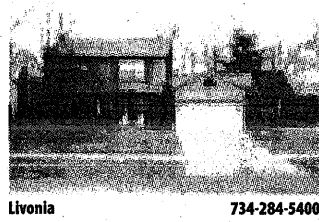
South Lyon 248-437-3800
 Contemporary Remodeled Home. Stately brick ranch exterior disguises this contemporary remodeled hm. Eat in kit. w/maple cabinets, stainless steel appl. ceramic flr & open to living rm.
 (29043249) **\$134,900**



Canton 248-437-3800
 Colonial on 5.10 Prime Acres! 1 acre splits available. Hm offers lrg finished bsmt & incredible land on both sides of Fellows Creek. Perfect to update or tear down & build your dream home.
 (28161094) **\$249,500**



Dearborn Heights 734-591-9200
 Clean 3 Bedroom, Two Bathroom Ranch in Crestwood School District. Updts incl full fin BSMT w full BA; kit updtd w/possibility of Breakfast Bar. Upstrs BA remodeled 08; brick paver patio; lgbk yrd.
 (28078061) **\$134,900**



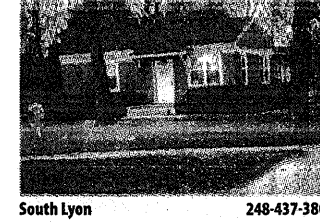
Livonia 734-284-5400
 PACK YOUR BAGS & COME HOME 3 possible 4 BD, 2.5 BA brick colonial. Natural fireplace in family room w/ door wall to deck & backyard w/ 2 Koi ponds. Fin basement. 2 car attached garage.
 (28197688) **\$189,617**



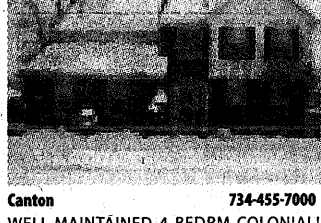
Milford 248-684-1065
 Charming 3 BR ranch w/ 1.1 BA. HDWD flrs. New carpet. Neutral decor. Skylight in kit. Part fin bsmt. Patio and fenced yard. Sep. fenced kennel. Shed.
 (29003227) **\$110,000**



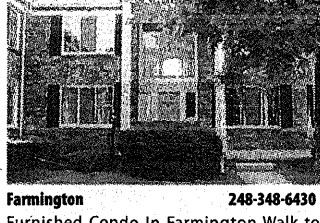
Novi 248-348-6430
 Lovely 3 Bedroom Colonial with cherry kitchen, granite island, great room with transom window & gas fireplace, formal dining room, 2nd floor laundry, large basement plumbed for bath.
 (29015355) **\$260,000**



South Lyon 248-437-3800
 Cute smaller home on double lot! Lots of upgrades and natural charm. Great for first-time home buyer or investor. Newer roof and windows, front door, furnace, electric and plumbing. A Must See!
 (28170169) **\$99,900**



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



Farmington 248-348-6430
 Furnished Condo In Farmington Walk to downtown Farmington from this furnished condo including all kitchen appl. & washer & dryer. New paint, new carpet - Move right into this upper unit.
 (28119721) **\$49,500**



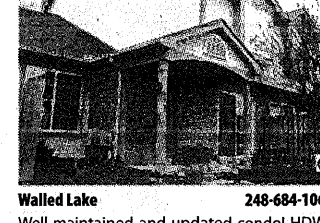
Livonia 734-591-9200
 Nice size brick ranch in the heat of the city. Newer kitchen, cupboards, hardwood floors in bedrooms, under carpet in LR, spacious corner lot.
 (29027682) **\$174,900**



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



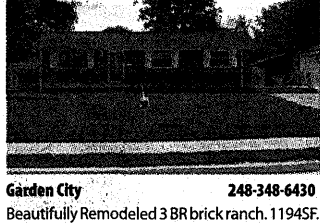
Plymouth 734-455-7000
YOUR PERFECT SHANGRI-LA ON 1.24 ACRES! Fabulous resort estate on priv cul-de-sac. Brick circular dr is gateway to this home w/ magnificent 2-story stone FP, Tennis, basketball, pool, sauna & hot tub.
 (29037228) **\$985,000**



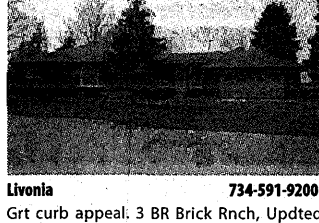
Walled Lake 248-684-1065
 Well maintained and updated condo! HDWD flrs on entry level. Natural FP in cathedral ceiling living room. Part fin. bsmt. Some exclusions apply.
 (29019456) **\$135,500**



Canton 734-455-7000
PERFECTION + QUALITY = AMAZING! Newly remodeled t/o w/hardwood flrs, granite, cozy FP. This 2-story grand room condo awaits you. 2BR/2.5BA + lg loft overlooking grand rm. 2car att gar. + bsmt.
 (29034855) **\$159,890**



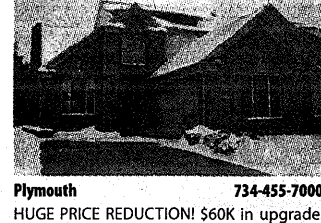
Garden City 248-348-6430
 Beautifully Remodeled 3BR brick ranch. 1194SF. Gorgeous updated KIT. LR, FR, BRKfst RM. Full BSMT. Newer roof, windows. All appls. Move-in ready. Walk to elementary. LG fenced yard.
 (29043758) **\$125,000**



Livonia 734-591-9200
 Grt curb appeal. 3 BR Brick Rnch, Updtd kitchen, bath-just painted-new glass blk, newer roof, furn 10 yrs old, fin area in bsmt. Cld be 4th BR. Huge 1/2 acre lot. Hme warranty. Not Bank owned or short sale
 (29043723) **\$159,500**



Northfield 248-437-3800
 Frank Lloyd Wright Inspired Interior. Panoramic views of private all sports Horse Shoe Lake. Vaulted open 1st flr w/extensive windows captures views from most rms. 4 season rm w/southern exposure.
 (29019404) **\$299,900**



Plymouth 734-455-7000
HUGE PRICE REDUCTION! \$60K in upgrades in w/cherry cabs, corian countertop & ceramic tile. New paint t/o '07. Hickory hrdwd flr in GR & foyer. 1st flr mstr BR & laundry.
 (29024591) **\$279,900**



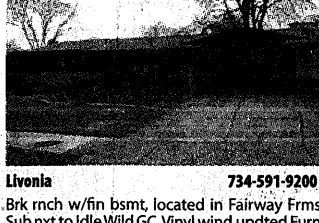
Walled Lake 248-348-6430
 Updated End Unit Townhouse Bargain Price Just Listed Walled Lake condo w/brand new hardwood FLRS, updated kitchen & baths, FNSHD BSMT & ATT garage. Newer windows & all appliances ready to move in! WOW!
 (28174084) **\$89,000**



Canton 734-455-7000
CONTEMPORARY RANCH CONDO! Stylish 1st floor unit like brand new! High ceilings, granite counters, huge basement, attached garage. Located in "Traditions" complex.
 (28162752) **\$144,500**



Green Oak 248-437-3800
 Fabulous Find in Today's Buyer's Market! This colonial home with 1st floor den has lots of potential. Great home in great neighborhood. Beautiful back yard setting to enjoy. Spacious kitchen, all appl.
 (29033034) **\$219,000**



Livonia 734-591-9200
 Brk rch w/fin bsmt, located in Fairway Frms Sub nrt to Idle Wild GC. Vinyl wind, updted Furn & AC. Updtd elec, newer Indscap w/sprinkler syst. Glass blk wind, opn kit w/pergo flr. Appl includ. Fam rm w/gas fp
 (29039805) **\$149,900**



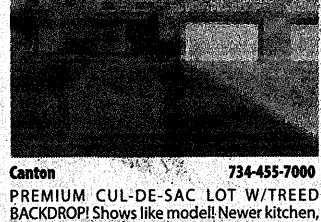
Northville 248-348-6430
 Charming and Immaculate Walk to dntwn Northville! Cozy, yet bright & cheery home! Updates:wind,roof,furn,HWH. Lt new carp t/o. Cove ceil, gas FPw/brk hearth in LR. Fl rm w/skylight.
 (28139466) **\$320,000**



Redford 248-348-6430
 Custom 2006 Home Priced To Sell Living room with fireplace. Dining area overlooks large backyard. Outstanding master & BA w/Jacuzzi & sep. shower & WIC. First floor LAV & laundry. 2+ garage.
 (29004547) **\$164,900**



Waterford 248-348-6430
 Hard To Find Ranch In Lake Shores Sub! Well maintained home nestled in wooded lot. Spac KIT w/illum skylight & LG eating area, 1st FLR laundry, 3rd BDRM used as den (no Closet) hardwood FLRS. Deck.
 (28119638) **\$200,000**



Canton 734-455-7000
PREMIUM CUL-DE-SAC LOT W/TREED BACKDROP! Shows like model! Newer kitchen, bamboo flooring t/o 1st flr, gas FP, garden tub, sep shower, true dbl drive, decorator colors, etc. So much home for the money!
 (29040724) **\$139,900**



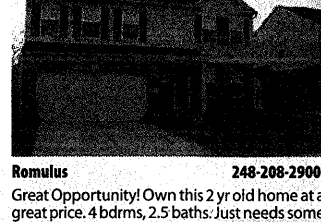
Highland 248-684-1065
 Custom built LakeFront home: 1.7 acres. Maple cabs & granite t/o 2 kits & baths. 2 story GR w/ gas fp. 1st flr mstr w/ ba & 2 WIC's. Fin W/O; prof Indscap.
 (29045312) **\$499,900**



Livonia 734-284-5400
 GREAT 3 BEDROOM HOME Perfect for the 1st time buyer. Updated kit w/ lots of cabinets. Appl are included. New furnace & hwt in 2003. Lifetime composite deck around above ground pool.
 (29036097) **\$79,900**



Northville 248-348-6430
 Beautiful Architects House Built in 1963. 2 FP lots of light, wood floors, master suite w/ Jacuzzi. 2.5 garage w/lots of storage. Beautifully landscaped. Deck, sandstone patio. Walk to town & schools.
 (28168581) **\$214,900**



Romulus 248-208-2900
 Great Opportunity! Own this 2 yr old home at a great price. 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths. Just needs some elbow grease and kitchen rehab.
 (28167307) **\$84,900**



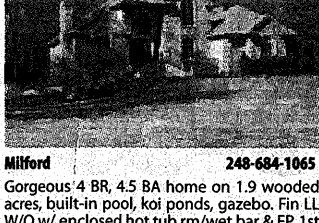
Westland 734-591-9200
 Clean Ranch. 1103 sq.ft. 4BR's. 1.5 Bath Refin hrdwd flrs, updted kit, updted BA's, new AC and Furn 2006. Home is well kept. Walking dist to Elemen school, big back yd with pool. Grt yard for entertaining.
 (29015365) **\$134,900**



Canton 734-455-7000
BETTER THAN NEW! 2 bedrooms/2 full baths; cathedral ceiling; lots of windows; all appliances; neutral decor; attached garage; close to pool.
 (28110431) **\$110,000**



Highland 248-684-1065
 Sweet home in Huntwood! Neutral & move-in ready! Fin BSMT w/ corner bar. Mstr BA w/ stone tile, HDWD flrs, crown moulding, ceramic baths, jetted tub, patio.
 (29017348) **\$239,000**



Milford 248-684-1065
 Gorgeous 4 BR, 4.5 BA home on 1.9 wooded acres, built-in pool, koi ponds, gazebo. Fin LL. W/O w/ enclosed hot tub rm/wet bar & FP. 1st Flr MBR. Patio/deck.
 (29029411) **\$550,000**



Northville 248-348-6430
 Beautiful Condo For Lease Long-term accepted. 2 way fireplace in living room, eat-in kitchen. Great storage space. Close to shopping, dining, expressways.
 (29042961) **\$1,550**



Romulus 248-208-2900
 16422 Taft Brick Front Ranch With Newer Vinyl Siding. Quiet Starter Home For A First Time Home Buyer Or An Investor. Bank Owned Being Sold As Is.
 (27210874) **\$50,000**



Ypsilanti 248-437-3800
 Just Listed! Hard to find ranch on a spacious southern exposure lot. Offering spacious mstr suite w/private bath, giant open kitchen w/oversized new frig, heated pool.
 (29041764) **\$148,900**

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