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'Rent' benefit

Destination Theatre presents *Rent*, Jonathan Larson's Pulitzer-prize winning Broadway musical based loosely on Puccini's opera *La Boheme*, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton.

Tickets are \$15. Show times are 2 p.m. today (Sunday); 8 p.m. Nov. 5, 8 p.m. Nov. 6 and 8 p.m. Nov. 7.

The performance today (Sunday, Nov. 1) benefits the HIV/AIDS Resource Center in Ypsilanti. HARC provides services to people who are at risk of living with HIV/AIDS. Five dollars off every ticket sold will be donated to the center.

Purchase tickets on-line at www.cantonvillageheater.org or call (734) 394-5460 for more information.

Bright lights

Join the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority for fun 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, as officials turn on the new holiday lights that will be strung - beginning Monday - on the Main Street island trees.

Mayor Phil Pursell will headline a short ceremony, culminating with flipping the switch to turn on the new lights. The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps canteen will hand out hot chocolate and cookies.

While there won't be ringing of the bells, a Red Kettle will be out and the DDA will match a portion of what they collect. The DDA will also have some giveaways for visitors.

Ironwood set

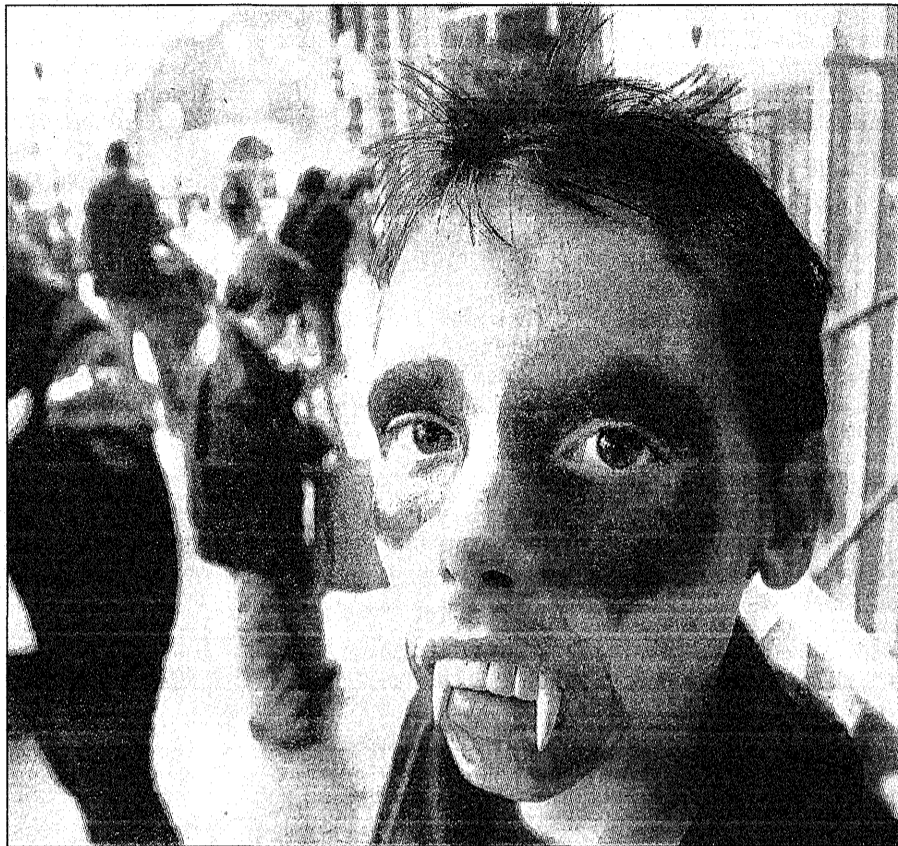
Opening day is just around the corner for the Ironwood Grill, a much-anticipated restaurant and bar that's taking shape in downtown Plymouth.

"I'm crossing my fingers for next week," said restaurateur Dan Johnson, one of three partners in the Ironwood, on Friday. Opening is pending a Wayne County Health Department inspection, he said. "We're literally waiting for the health department to come in right now," Johnson said.

All other hurdles, including city inspections and liquor license acquisition, have been cleared, Johnson said, and a number of employees have been hired. Johnson said he's received more than 1,000 applications for 35 to 40 jobs, and only has a few hiring decisions left to make.

The restaurant cannot be stocked, however, until a health inspection is passed, he said.

The Ironwood, on Ann Arbor Trail, will offer pizzas baked in a wood-fired oven, sandwiches, salads, pastas and burgers, rotisserie chicken, 20 beers on tap and 40 bottled beers, and more. There are about 20 big-screen television sets throughout the bar and dining room; Johnson said the Ironwood is designed to be family friendly but also bring in a sports crowd.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hel-looo Plymouth! Twelve-year-old Wesley Moore hangs out in front of Wiltse's Pharmacy, looking for a blood donor, at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Great Pumpkin Caper Friday. For more Halloween photos please see page A8.

Tricks and treats

Pumpkin Caper treats youngsters to Halloween fun

Friday was a fairly wet day, but the young ghosts, goblins, cartoon characters and other costumed enthusiasts didn't seem to mind.

They still turned out in droves for the annual Great Pumpkin Caper, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual Halloween ritual that allows kids to trick-or-treat in a safe environment.

The trick-or-treaters traveled the streets of downtown Plymouth, visiting the dozens of retailers, restaurants and

business owners taking part, some of them in costume, as well.

And, for the first time, the event included a food drive, Cans for Candy, the brainchild of Plymouth resident Kathy Havrilla, who attends Plymouth Baptist Church. Cans for Candy benefited the Plymouth Salvation Army's food pantry, which serves clients in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

"I hear the statistics that the Salvation Army is getting 10 calls a day for food," Havrilla said.

3/50 Project businesses to treat coupons as cash

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth businesses participating in the 3/50 Project, a nationwide marketing effort in support of local independent businesses, will be handing out "cash" starting in the middle of the month.

Twenty-one participating businesses will offer "Plymouth Dollars" to customers, as a thank you for purchases, beginning Friday, Nov. 13, with the kickoff of the holiday open house, a marketing event for downtown businesses.

The coupons will be in \$1 and \$5 denominations and will be treated as cash at participating businesses through Thursday, Dec. 24, said Tanja Kulajta Winn, a 3/50 Project backer and the owner of R.S.V.P., a stationery and gift

shop on Penniman.

"We really want to get some cash out there to spend at the 3/50 stores," Kulajta Winn said. "It's a way for us to kind of send people to stores that maybe they haven't gone to before."

The coupons, in lime green and fuschia, are being printed later this week, she said.

The 3/50 Project, which began in Minneapolis, Minn., is named for the idea that people should pick three local, independently owned business - the three businesses they'd miss the most if they went under - and patronize them, spending \$50 a month between the three. If half the employed population did that, organizers say, it would generate \$42.6 billion in revenue.

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Suspect killed, officer wounded in robbery try

BY MATT JACHMAN
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A robbery suspect with a criminal record was killed and a Plymouth Township police officer was wounded when gunfire erupted as plain-clothes officers tried to arrest the suspect after the holdup of a cell phone retailer Thursday.

The officer, wounded in the right shoulder and the left hand, was in stable condition Friday at an area hospital, police said. Police were not releasing his name.

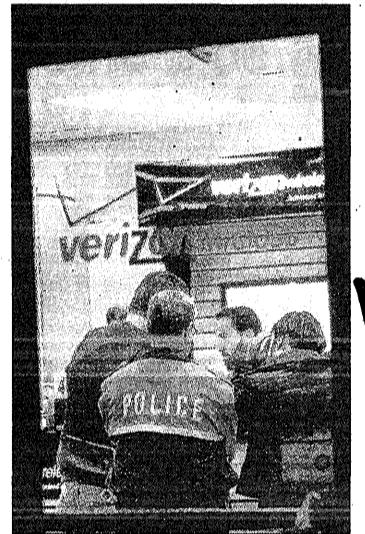
The shooting occurred about 6 p.m. outside the Wireless USA store on Ann Arbor Road east of Lilley in Plymouth Township.

Lebron Bronson, of Canton Township, had just robbed the store and stepped outside when he was confronted by officers from a Western Wayne Criminal Investigations Task Force, which includes officers from several communities, said Michigan State Police Lt. Monica Yesh.

Bronson pointed a pistol at officers and refused orders to drop it and was shot by police, Yesh said. He was pronounced dead at St.



Bronson



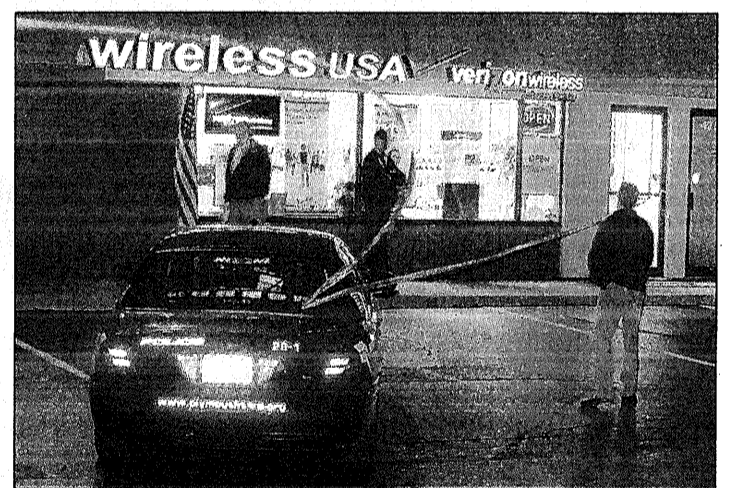
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Police investigators talk to witnesses after a suspect was killed trying to rob the Wireless USA store in Plymouth Township.

Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

The incident was still under investigation Friday, and Yesh said it was unclear exactly who fired shots, how many shots were fired, or where Bronson was struck. Nor was it clear if the officer's hand wound was from a bullet or from shrapnel related to being shot in the right shoulder.

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Wind whips the crime scene tape around during the investigation of a shooting at the Wireless USA store on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township Thursday.

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Clerk predicts low turnout for election

See what candidates think, pages A4-A5

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's voters - some of them, anyway - will head to the polls Tuesday to elect four people to the Plymouth City Commission.

City Clerk Linda Langmesser predicted Friday voter participation in Tuesday's election will be between 12 percent and 15 percent. She'd like to be proven wrong.

"We always have a low turnout for local elections, and it's very disappointing," Langmesser said. Local government, she said, has the most impact on how residents' tax dollars are spent. "I just wish people would get out there."

At 15 percent, that would mean ballots from only 1,050 of the 7,001 registered Plymouth voters eligible to vote in the election.

The city ballot includes five active candidates for four commission spots: Incumbents Ron Loiselle, Stella Greene and Gerald Sabatini, plus challengers John Barrett, a retired educator, and Dan Dwyer, a former commission member. The

top three vote-getters will each win a four-year term, while the fourth-place finisher will win a two-year term.

Tracy Hewitt, a former Planning Commission member, is also on the ballot, but has not been actively campaigning and has indicated she would not serve.

Voters in Plymouth and neighboring communities will also be choosing four people to serve on the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education. There are six candidates in that race.

Langmesser said she based her voter-participation forecast on the number of absentee ballots her office has received (about 60 percent of the 704 ballots sent out as of late Friday morning), on the general lack of interest in local elections, and on what she said is the absence of widespread dissatisfaction with incumbent commissioners.

Plymouth's four voting precincts - all located at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer - will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Rockin' the library

The Plymouth District Library Rhapsody Music series continues on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 3 p.m., when Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band presents a free concert. Guest artists James Davis and Don Hails will transport listeners back to the 50s and 60s and the early days of rock and roll. Rhapsody is sponsored by Friends of the Library. This performance is funded in part by the Michigan Humanities Council. Sign-up requested at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org/regist_friends.htm

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

Saturdays at the Penn

The Plymouth Community Arts Council continues its "Saturdays at the Penn" musical performances with an appearance by special musical host and performer Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Penn Theater.

Special guest performer is Mr. Seley and the Troublemakers, with guest announcer Tamara Trudelle.

Doors open at 11:05 a.m.; tickets can be purchased at the door the day of the event. The Penn is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Smith fund-raiser

Smith Elementary School hosts its seventh annual Holiday Shopping Spree Fund-raiser 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13 in the school gymnasium. Admission is free.

More than 30 vendors will be on display offering a diverse range of products - just in time for holiday shopping! This event will also feature a raffle of over 30 products from participating vendors. Proceeds from table rentals and raffle ticket sales directly benefit the Smith Elementary PFO.

Applications are currently being accepted for home-based business owners/crafters that are interested in participating in this event.

Smith Elementary is located at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey. For more information, contact Julie at (734) 414-0218.

Goodfellows help

The Plymouth Goodfellows are coordinating volunteers for their annual paper sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

People can sign up for any time frame. "Times are difficult ... and we need all the help we can muster to help us meet our goal of No Child without a Christmas," Goodfellows spokesperson Penny Irwin said.

The next meeting is 7 p.m. Nov. 11, in the Plymouth District Library. People can reach the Goodfellows at plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com or by calling (734) 262-3199.

Book signing

Local author Shawn Hennessy will sign his book "The Next Level" 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth. Books will be on sale on-site.

The book, "The Next Level," is a 31-day experience. Hennessy is the founder of Real Life Plymouth. He is a Rotarian and Plymouth resident.

The book will be available on Amazon.com and at Borders bookstores by spring. Hennessy's second book will be published next year.

Photo exhibit

Lotus Arts Gallery announced the opening of a new exhibit,

"Icons, Symbols, Fictions and Fantasies: An Exhibition of Modern Photography," on display during November.

The exhibit will feature the photographic works of local artists Robert Stewart, Eric Smith and Joe Crachiola. Their three different styles of photography will give viewers an understanding of appreciation for what is being done in photography today. For more information see Lotus' Web site at www.lotusarts.com or call (734) 453-5400.

Medicare workshop

The Plymouth District Library will again be offering workshops to assist individuals who are looking to enroll in the prescription programs offered by Medicare.

Co-sponsored by CVS Pharmacy, workshops will be held on all Tuesdays in November - Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 24 - from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees are required to put all their current medications in a bag and bring it to the workshop.

Trained library staff members will review the medications and obtain a comparative look at the programs offered. Space is limited; register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Chiefettes clinic

The Canton Chiefettes are hosting a Pom Pon Clinic for kids ages 5-14 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Canton High School gym in the Phase III building.

Kids will learn a pom routine

and a short dance routine. Cost is \$45 per child and includes a T-shirt, poms and a snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings and for participants of the August 29 clinic. Parents are invited to watch their daughters perform at 2:30 p.m. All girls attending are invited to perform at a Canton Varsity Basketball game Dec. 11.

Registration is from 11-11:30 a.m. the morning of the clinic. Visit our Web site at www.cantonchiefettes.com to pre-register and save \$5 before Nov. 13. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

For more information e-mail pomclinic@cantonchiefettes.com

Preventing cancer

Cancer nutritionist Sharlene Bidini is coming to the Plymouth Cultural Center on Nov. 21 from 10:30-11:30 a.m., located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Her presentation "Lifestyle Choices and Cancer Prevention" is designed for cancer prevention, survivors and previvors. Topics include nutrition, exercise, weight and supplements. Bidini is a registered dietitian and a board certified specialist in oncology nutrition.

Cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Session is approximately 40 minutes with a 15 minute Q&A session afterward. Please respond via e-mail to sbidini@hotmail.com or call (734) 934-4440 for more information. Minimum of 10 participants, maximum of 50 allowed.

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The strategic planning team (from left) Shelley Clifton, Kathy Webster, Anne Marie Hudak, Loren Khogali, Jeff Schamberger, ReGina Schamberger, Naren Balasubramaniam, Stanley Olszewski and Aamina Ahmed.

Diversity group unveils strategic plan

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton played host to a tribute to India's Mahatma Gandhi last month, Naren Balasubramaniam couldn't help but notice the audience was, by his estimation, "95 percent Indian."

Balasubramaniam, a member of the strategic planning committee for the Plymouth Canton Diversity and Inclusion Initiative, would have liked to see a more diverse audience paying tribute to the "Father of India."

In fact, that's why Balasubramaniam is involved with the group to begin with: To make the Plymouth-Canton community more diverse inclusive.

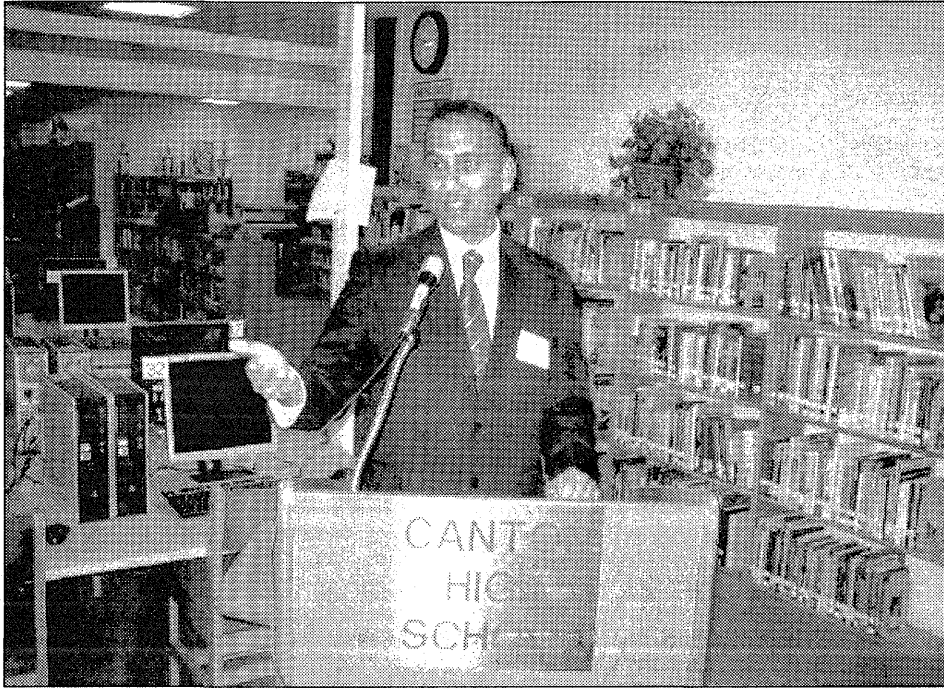
"I think that misses the point," Balasubramaniam said of the Gandhi gathering. "We need to mix that up a little."

And that's exactly what the Initiative is setting out to do. The group's planning committee spent 90 minutes Thursday at Canton High School, laying out the strategic plan committee members have spent four months constructing.

It's the latest step for a group originally started in summer 2008 by Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion but which has since become its own body, dedicated to the idea of inclusion in an increasingly diverse community.

The 15-member strategic planning committee met for some three hours every Monday for four months, carving out the group's plan. It centers on four tenets:

- Community action — guiding the community in recognizing the importance of building a culturally inclusive community;
- Diverse community leadership — Helping the community achieve "diverse leadership which understands our true history and ... reflects the demographics and wishes of all residents";
- Respect and equity — Getting to a place where community groups, school and government employees and law enforcement treat everyone with respect and equity; and
- Inclusion in the public sector — Working toward a public sector workforce "representa-



Naren Balasubramaniam moderates the Plymouth Canton Diversity and Inclusion Initiative's meeting Tuesday at Canton High School. The group presented its strategic plan during the meeting.

tive of the entire community in all aspects, including race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, faith and cultural beliefs."

The group also laid out potential strategic action plans to help the community reach each goal.

Despite all the work, committee members know there's lots left to do.

"This is a learning process, and we're not even halfway through it," Balasubramaniam said.

Aamina Ahmed of Canton said she grew up in an area similar to this, where she felt like she was among the "others" who resided there. She wants better for her children.

"I grew up feeling very 'other,'" she said. "I want to do what I can to make sure my children don't feel 'other.'"

"The community is diverse," she added, "but I hope we can embrace that diversity, not just tolerate it."

Balasubramaniam said laying out the plan

was an important step for the group. He said the fact the group had at least a dozen of its members at every meeting shows how important it is to people.

"They say getting five people together consistently is hard to do, but we had at least 12 of our 15 members every time," Balasubramaniam said. "There's a lot of passion about this. I think there is a lot of felt need."

Athena Thornton of Plymouth, a clerk working for Wayne County, said the presence of her three sons — Joel, 15, Jacob, 12, and Julian, 10 — in Plymouth-Canton schools makes the committee important to her.

"My kids go to these schools, so I want to see that we keep working on these things," Thornton said. "Canton and Plymouth are great communities, but we could always get more diverse."

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ROBBERY

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she said.

An autopsy on Bronson was being performed Friday.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the wounded officer was part of the multi-jurisdictional task force, which had Bronson under surveillance because he was suspected in three Canton Township holdups.

Police did not say what was taken in the robbery. Bronson, 45, had a criminal history that included armed robberies, Yesh said.

The police investigation at Wireless USA continued for several hours Thursday night, with officers from the township, the State Police and the county task force at the scene talking to store

employees and each other.

Mary Jane Radloff, the owner of Salon MJ, across the parking lot west of Wireless USA, said the incident was "very nerve-racking."

"This is like way too close for comfort here," Radloff said.

Stylist Karen McGeorge said she walked over to the scene minutes after the shooting and saw emergency medical personnel attending to a man she believed was the suspect. She could only see that it was a male wearing work boots, she said.

"They put him on a stretcher and took him away," she said.

Because the State Police oversee police task forces like the one involved Thursday, the MSP is in charge of the shooting investigation, Yesh said.

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Voters in the city of Plymouth will head to the polls Tuesday to decide the race for four Plymouth City Commission spots.

There are five active candidates: incumbent Commissioners Stelle Greene, Gerald Sabatini and Ron Loisele, retired high school principal John Barrett, and former Commissioner Dan Dwyer. Tracy Hewitt, a former member of the Planning Commission, is on the ballot but is not campaigning and has effectively bowed out of the race.

The top three vote-getters in Tuesday's election will win four-year terms, and the fourth-place finisher will win a two-year term. The winners will be sworn in, and a new mayor chosen by fellow commissioners, on Monday, Nov. 9.

The Observer has asked the five active candidates to answer, in their own words, these four questions.



Dan Dwyer

Spouse: married 21 years, wife Shon
Children: daughter Emma, 13 and son, Dylan, 10
Profession: administrator, Washtenaw County Trial Court
College degrees: bachelor's in sociology, University of Michigan, master's in social work, U-M
Government service: Livonia reserve police officer for five years
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 Plymouth City Commission liaison to Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (2001-2005)
 Downtown Development Authority board member (2005-present; current vice chairman)
 Member of super parking committee
 Member of way-finding sign committee
 Member of infrastructure review committee

1) Why are you running for the City Commission and what do you hope to accomplish if elected?

1) I have a strong commitment to service to Plymouth and my skills are suited to elected office. I was extremely proud of my eight years on the commission, especially my two as mayor. We ended my term as mayor with the largest budget surplus in a decade despite dwindling revenues. We accomplished that with limited impact to residents by carefully scrutinizing how and why we provided every city service. We looked to the future and made changes far in advance in order to reduce our expenditures. It is that creativity and attention to cost-effective government that I will bring to the commission.

2) What is the most critical issue facing Plymouth right now, and how would you address that issue as a commissioner?

2) The most critical issue we face is how to manage our budget during times of dramatically decreasing revenues. In the 2005 Citizen Survey that I initiated as mayor pro tem, public safety was listed as the number one budget priority of our residents. It also consumes over 50 percent of the entire general fund. We have already reduced full-time city staff by over 35 percent so we are forced to evaluate alternative ways to provide and fund public safety services. My focus will be on maintaining high quality public safety services for our residents while evaluating proven alternative methods to provide those services.

3) How do you feel about the so-called "public safety model" of delivering police, firefighting and emergency medical services?

3) I support the critical evaluation of the public safety model (police cross-trained as fire) or regionalized fire department. If a proven alternative model is researched critically, does not reduce services, and is more cost-effective, it must be seriously considered. I am the only candidate that brings a long history of public safety experience to this process. My five years as a reserve police officer, 10 years as a parole officer and two years operating a prison facility will be invaluable during this evaluation process. I do not support a regionalized police department or a volunteer part-time fire department.

4) Is Plymouth's personality changing, and, if so, is it changing for the better or not?

4) Yes, Plymouth's downtown is changing from a primarily retail focus to a new mixed use with a strong emphasis on restaurants and entertainment. Plymouth is now a destination spot in western Wayne County. That shift brings certain benefits as well as challenges. The trick is to capitalize on the benefits while limiting the impact of those challenges. The benefits are that Plymouth is a thriving town despite extremely difficult economic times that have drastically impacted other communities. The challenge is that we cannot lose focus on the small-town atmosphere that most resident cherish about living in Plymouth.



John Barrett

Spouse: Married to Carla Barrett (celebrating 40th anniversary this year).
Children: Two grown children, Jennifer and Elizabeth (one married and one engaged)

Profession: Retired educator. Retired as principal of Farmington High School
College Degrees: BA, MA, Ed. Specialist, PhD

1) I am running for the City Commission because I love Plymouth. I want to help the city continue to thrive, especially in these difficult financial times. I have always wanted to get involved in Plymouth in a meaningful way. Now that I am retired, I feel it is time to give back to this great community and to share some of my talents to help Plymouth become an even more vibrant small town. That means being open to new ideas and being passionate about this city, both qualities that I bring to the plate.

2) The most critical issue the city faces is how to function on a tighter budget due to reduced state revenue sharing and reduced property tax collections. I bring a voice of experience in fiscal responsibility, experience in facilities management, and in motivating people to set the bar high in order to maximize performance. Efficiency in operations is the key to survival for any organization faced with reduced spending or income. This means examining all operations, all staffing, and all services in order to become as lean and efficient as possible and still meet the needs of our citizens.

3) The public safety model for police and fire protection is a possible way to save money and deserves examination. This model could save money and has the potential to provide even better safety and security services to our citizens. A number of small towns in the tri-county area have been using this model with great success. The public safety model seems to function well because all police officers are also trained to be firefighters and emergency first-responders. I have witnessed this model in Farmington, and it is both successful and popular with Farmington citizens.

4) I have loved Plymouth ever since my family moved here twenty-six years ago. We still take great pride in showing off Plymouth to extended family and friends when they visit us. Although Plymouth is changing, most of the changes have been positive. There is, however, the danger of moving too rapidly. There is a delicate balance between being a family friendly small town with an active social life and a town known mostly for its night life. The City Commission needs to be watchful to make sure that we preserve our widely recognized small town character, charm and history.



Stella Greene

Spouse: William
Children: 2 grown children: Melissa, Shaun
Profession: Executive Director of the Dearborn Community Arts Council

College degrees: B.A. in secondary education, Wayne State University
Government service: Appointed to City Commission in 1992. Elected to four terms prior to this election.

1) Plymouth is the best community, regionally, to raise a family in. If I can contribute to keeping this city unique and at the same time vital, my efforts are well spent.

2) With every community facing declining revenues, maintaining a high quality of services is increasingly difficult. Core services, police, fire, emergency medical services and dispatch are over 54 percent of our current year budget. Prioritizing non-essential services and then continuously adjusting acceptable levels of service provision in those areas is the process driven by available revenues and the primary responsibility right now for any city commissioner.

3) The "public safety model" needs to be thoroughly and intelligently reviewed. Having an independent consultant lay out all the options in a fact-based, comparative grid gives the City Commission the ability to make knowledgeable, financially prudent decisions for the long term. Not wedded to a specific model, the consultant's findings and recommendations will determine my final decisions.

4) As Plymouth's demographics change, (we are seeing a natural influx of younger residents) that translates into a positive continuation of family centered downtown activity. Regardless of the median age, there continues to be a healthy respect for our history, a desire for pedestrian friendly multi-generational activity. That's what makes Plymouth so special and an attractive destination for non-residents.



Gerald Sabatini

Age: 56, Plymouth resident 25 years.
Spouse: Married 26 years. Wife, Barbara, PCCS ESL teacher.
Children: son, Michael, daughter, Kristen, both in college.
Profession: Ford Motor Co., financial analyst, 31 years.
College degrees: UDM 1975 BA, CMU

1994 MSA.
Government service: City Commission 2005-present. Zoning Board of Appeals 1991-2005, Chairman 8 years. Friends of the Penn, Treasurer 2005-present. Charter Review Committee 2002-2004. Planning Commission 1995-1997. Zoning Rewrite Committee 2001-2002. Sign Ordinance Committee 1998-1999. Master Plan Committee 1996-1997. Ann Arbor Road Study Committee 1995-1996. Business Retention Committee. 1995. Beautification Committee 1988-1990.

1) Serving the community defines who I am as a person and as a responsible citizen and leader in the community. I endorse the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) and the business district, have a high regard for the planning and zoning process, and support the Old Village Association and the Historic District. My goal is to continue my commitment to enhance the positive aspects of Plymouth and to respond to the concerns of the residents and businesses.

2) The single issue of importance is the challenge to maintain a balanced budget. Due to the loss of taxable values and state revenue sharing, cost savings will have to be identified through the prioritization of services, or through a study of joint agreements with other municipalities. For the past several years, the financial plan projected no budget deficit. The collapse of the economy has changed the projection. In addition, during the past seven years, the state has continued to slash revenue sharing. Revenue sharing is the second-highest source of revenue for the general fund.

3) I support the study of converting from a joint public safety service to a city public safety department. However, until the financial and practical research data is available for serious discussion, it is difficult to estimate the cost savings and impact of the service. While there is a strong desire for the community to maintain a local identity with public safety services, there must be a reasonable understanding of the long term financial plan when compared with a consolidated or regionalized service model.

4) The expression "Positively Plymouth" continues to identify the unique charm and personality of Plymouth. The city is highly respected for the excellent volunteer leadership, neighborhood parks, personalized business and city services, and an active downtown. While the basic character of the city has evolved from farming and small factories, into relaxing restaurants and enjoyable downtown events, the one constant fiber of the community - aside from the daily sound of a train whistle - has been the friendly and family atmosphere. With each new generation of residents and businesses, Plymouth has remained a great place to live, work, and visit. Positively!

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Voters in the city of Plymouth will head to the polls Tuesday to decide the race for four Plymouth City Commission spots.

There are five active candidates: incumbent Commissioners Stelle Greene, Gerald Sabatini and Ron Loiselle, retired high school principal John Barrett, and former Commissioner Dan Dwyer. Tracy Hewitt, a former member of the Planning Commission, is on the ballot but is not campaigning and has effectively bowed out of the race.

The top three vote-getters in Tuesday's election will win four-year terms, and the fourth-place finisher will win a two-year term. The winners will be sworn in, and a new mayor chosen by fellow commissioners, on Monday, Nov. 9.

The Observer has asked the five active candidates to answer, in their own words, these four questions.



Ron Loiselle
City business owner: 32 years - taxes, accounting and investments
Spouse: Frances Loiselle for 42 wonderful years
Children: Lance (36), Jason (36) and Zach (33)
Profession: Accountant, tax preparer and financial planner
College degrees: Wayne State University. B.S. in accounting economics

Government service: City Commission - 24 years (current), Mayor - 2 years, Mayor Pro Tem 6 years (current), Plymouth Hall of Fame - 2002, Ice Festival Board - 15 years (current President), Community Foundation of Plymouth current Board Member, Plymouth A. M. Rotary - Past President member for 30 years, Plymouth A. M. Rotary Foundation, Planning Commission - 8 years (past chairman), Plymouth Economic & Brownfield Development Board - 6 years (current), Plymouth Library Board (Past President), Plymouth (DDA) Downtown Development Authority Board.

1) Why are you running for the City Commission and what do you hope to accomplish if elected?

1) I love Plymouth. Being on the City Commission is my way of giving back to the community that has been so good to me and my family.

2) What is the most critical issue facing Plymouth right now, and how would you address that issue as a commissioner?

2) Reduced revenues. The state of Michigan is reducing revenue sharing and property tax revenues are decreasing due to decreasing property values. My skills as an accountant, and 30 years on the City Commission and/or Planning Commission will give me the insight to help the city to continue to balance the budget, by looking at all possible ways to keep expenditures less than revenues.

3) How do you feel about the so-called "public safety model" of delivering police, firefighting and emergency medical services?

3) Public safety is being studied as a possible alternative means of providing first response. It may prove that public safety is a more efficient and faster way to respond to a fire or medical emergency if we cross-train and equip our police, who are always the first to respond. I am always willing to look at all possible solutions that could give our citizens faster, more cost effective service while maintaining or increasing the high level of service that have delivered in the past. Fire, dispatch and police services consume 55 percent to 60 percent of the city's operating budget. We need to look at alternatives to deliver these essential services in a more cost effective way.

4) Is Plymouth's personality changing, and, if so, is it changing for the better or not?

4) Yes Plymouth's personality is changing for the better. Our great quality of life has attracted many young families that love the "small town" feel that makes Plymouth one of the best places to live.

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Small Businesses

Plymouth community rallies

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

“By supporting the independent stores, they guarantee towns like Plymouth will continue to exist.”

— **Tanja von Kulajta Winn**
R.S.V.P. owner; The 3/50 Project
Plymouth Committee organizer

It started with the yard signs. Staked into front yards and near businesses around downtown Plymouth, signs supporting “The 3/50 Project” signaled phase one of an initiative that has gone viral. Then came the bookmarks and stickers, handed out to Plymouth library-goers and shoppers at supporting businesses. Now with 50 businesses registered, sporting flyers, logos and window banners, The 3/50 Project movement in Plymouth has exploded into a community-supported effort to help Plymouth thrive.

“The Plymouth community has always been a big supporter of its downtown stores, and I don’t think they realize what a difference they’re making by shopping local,” said Tanja von Kulajta Winn, owner of R.S.V.P. and organizer of The 3/50 Project movement in Plymouth. “If the trend continues toward chain stores, restaurants and the Internet, towns like ours will struggle to stay vibrant.”

Formally launched on March 30 as a result of a blog post written by founder Cinda Baxter of Minneapolis, The 3/50 Project has snowballed with more than

5,000 independent, locally owned businesses registered nationwide, making it one of the fastest growing small business campaigns in history.

The campaign’s message is simple: Pick three businesses. Spend \$50 (total). Save your local economy.

According to research compiled by Baxter, for every \$100 spent in locally owned, independent stores, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures.

The key to success is choosing the right stores to support. Supporting this initiative means supporting independent businesses, where the majority of the ownership is private, by employees, the community or an area cooperative — and the owner is a resident in the community the business is based.

“It’s more than a buy local campaign, because even if you’re buying local, the majority of the profit from the product is going elsewhere instead of staying in your community,” von Kulajta Winn said. “By supporting the independent stores, they guarantee towns like Plymouth will continue to exist.”

Independent businesses operate out of their own storefronts, are the only business residing at their specific address and are solely responsible for their own rent, marketing materials and other expenses.

Read on to see how several downtown Plymouth businesses are supporting the cause, what they offer the community and where to take your next local shopping trip.



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Creatopia Pottery

924 W. Ann Arbor Trail
www.creatopiapottery.com
“The heart of the community

is the small businesses that treat customers like friends and family,” said Lindsey Lebovitz, owner of Creatopia Pottery.

The paint-it-yourself pottery studio hosts more than 100 birthday parties, social gatherings, baby/wedding showers, field trips and schools each year.

“Pick out a piece of pottery from our large inventory, have a seat and we’ll help you from there,” Lebovitz said. “You paint the piece however you like, and we’ll fire the piece for you. We have books, stamps, stencils and a very creative staff to help you bring your idea to life!”

Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth

805 W. Ann Arbor Trail
www.dearbornjewelers.com

Owned by the Pavlich family for 59 years, Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth moved from its Michigan Avenue location in Dearborn to its location in Plymouth in 2003. Daughter Teri Allen and her brother, Nick Pavlich Jr., are bringing their family business into a new century.

“The 3/50 Project is helping to educate a generation of consumers who are used to shopping online

without knowing how it impacts their community,” Allen said. “When you shop (in downtown Plymouth), most stores you are dealing directly with the owners and their families. You are helping your neighbors to survive.”

The store specializes in fine jewelry, custom designs, remounts, on-site jewelry repair, fashion accessories and giftware.

Engraving Connection

1205 S. Main St.
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“Even as a merchant in Plymouth, I’m amazed at the selection for any gift giving need,” said Engraving Connection Owner Rex Tubbs, whose specialties include etching crystal and personalized engravings. “Most people don’t know all there is to offer right in their own community.”



Genuine Toy Co. owners Elle and Charles Dare

Engraving Connections personalizes gifts and awards for special occasions, from Christmas ornaments to etching wine bottles.

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Dave Gotschman, owner of Forest Place Optical, supports The 3/50 Project because “local businesses will give their best growth to the local economy and foster local employment.”

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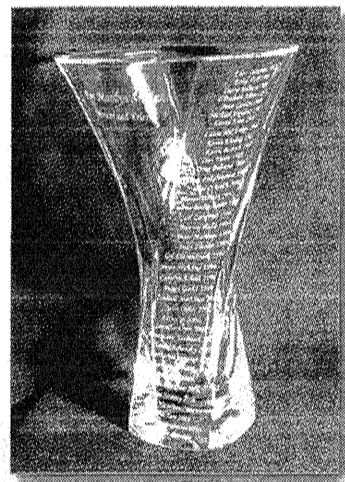
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- Candy Trail
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- Creatopia Pottery
- Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth
- Engraving Connection
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"Experience and excellent framing choices are an art," Gallas said. "You can't do it well with two weeks or even two years of training. You need the right eye for color, proportion and style."



Hands on Leather Owner Nancy Ball showcases the store's unique jewelry selection.



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Forest Place Optical offers eye care, eyewear, glasses, contacts and exams.

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Gyros, schwarma, hummus, Greek salads and more make up a menu with something for just about any appetite.
Owner George Costos, a supporter The 3/50 Project, said "It's important to support any community you are doing business in."
"We have everything you need for your family in downtown Plymouth, with great shops and great food," Costos said.

R.S.V.P

833 Penniman Ave., Suite A
www.rsvpplymouth.com
Tanja von Kulajta Winn, owner of RSVP, views The 3/50 Project as an opportunity to thank customers for choosing to shop locally while educating them on the impact they have on the economy.
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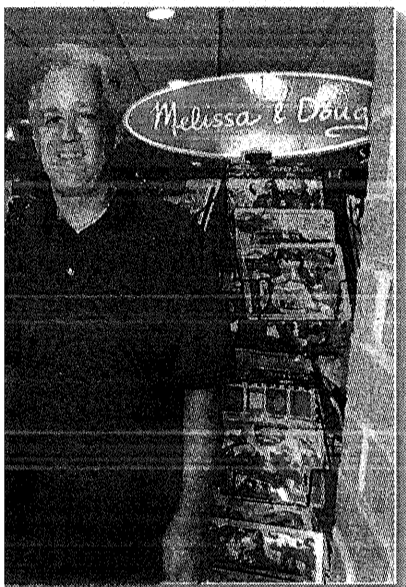
Hands on Leather

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Plymouth residents need only go downtown to find national leather brands such as Brighton, Minnetonka, Hobo and Ameribag at Hands on Leather. The store offers a surprising collection of unique high quality jewelry and leather goods hand picked to deliver real value.
Owner Nancy Ball is a proud supporter of The 3/50 Project.
"People discover how much farther their money goes when they shop at home," Ball said. "You deal with store owners, get lower prices and more reliable quality, create local jobs and get better service."

changing blend of antiques, architectural salvage and gifts and accessories for the home and garden. Owner Martha McMeekin and her staff offer personalized service in a warm and inviting atmosphere and will take the time to help you pick out that perfect gift or help you furnish an entire room.
"People like to live in Plymouth because the downtown has a diverse mix of shops and restaurants," McMeekin said. "The 3/50 Project reminds people that if they don't support those businesses, the character of their community will suffer."

Home Sweet Home

852 W. Ann Arbor Trail
The architecturally pleasing, homelike atmosphere at Home Sweet Home provides a charming setting while shopping for one-of-a-kind antiques, home accessories and gifts.
"The atmosphere of our quaint downtown area and the uniqueness of the many shops provides shoppers with an experience that is hard to beat," said owner Carol



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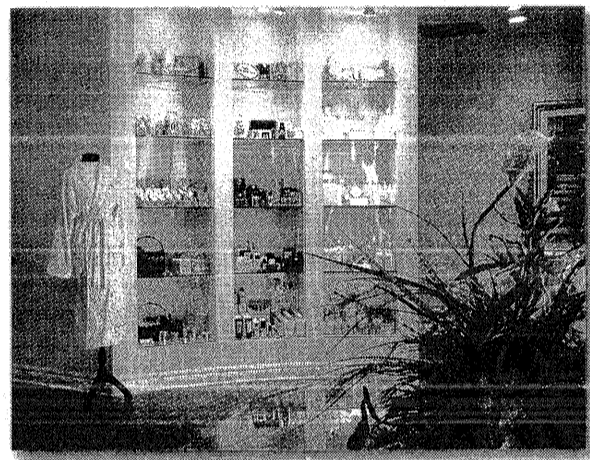
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Spa Julianna offers facials, massages, body wraps and exfoliations, waxing, make-up applications, hair styling, sauna, manicures, pedicures and more.

designed invitations created just your occasion," von Kulajta Winn said. "This time of year we'll sell a lot of personalized gifts, including stationery, placemats, plates, Christmas ornaments and luggage tags and of course, personalized Christmas and photo cards."

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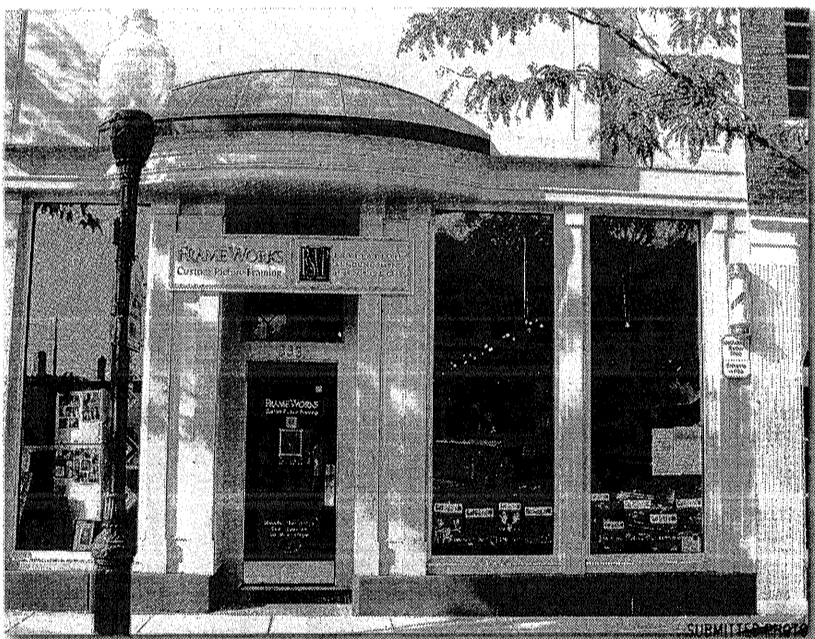
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Plymouth shoppers can find personal service, fashionable attire and friendly faces at Maggie & Me boutique.
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R.S.V.P. Owner Tanja von Kulajta Winn is the organizer of The 3/50 Project Committee in Plymouth. Her store features standard and custom designed invitations and announcements for all occasions.

Genuine Toy Co.

550 Forest Ave., Suite 8
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Just this year, owners Charles and Elle Dare debuted their shoppe in downtown Plymouth after residing in the community for several years.
The store features toys that entertain young and old alike, with science and craft kits, real fossils and minerals, an entire wall of award winning games, brain teaser puzzles and different items arriving each week.
"We are finding out just how much the local businesses do to foster and support the very strong sense of community Plymouth enjoys," Charles Dare said. "For residents and visitors to continue to enjoy all that Plymouth has to offer, it is important that they in turn support the local business community by making it a point to spend a portion of what they would already be spending

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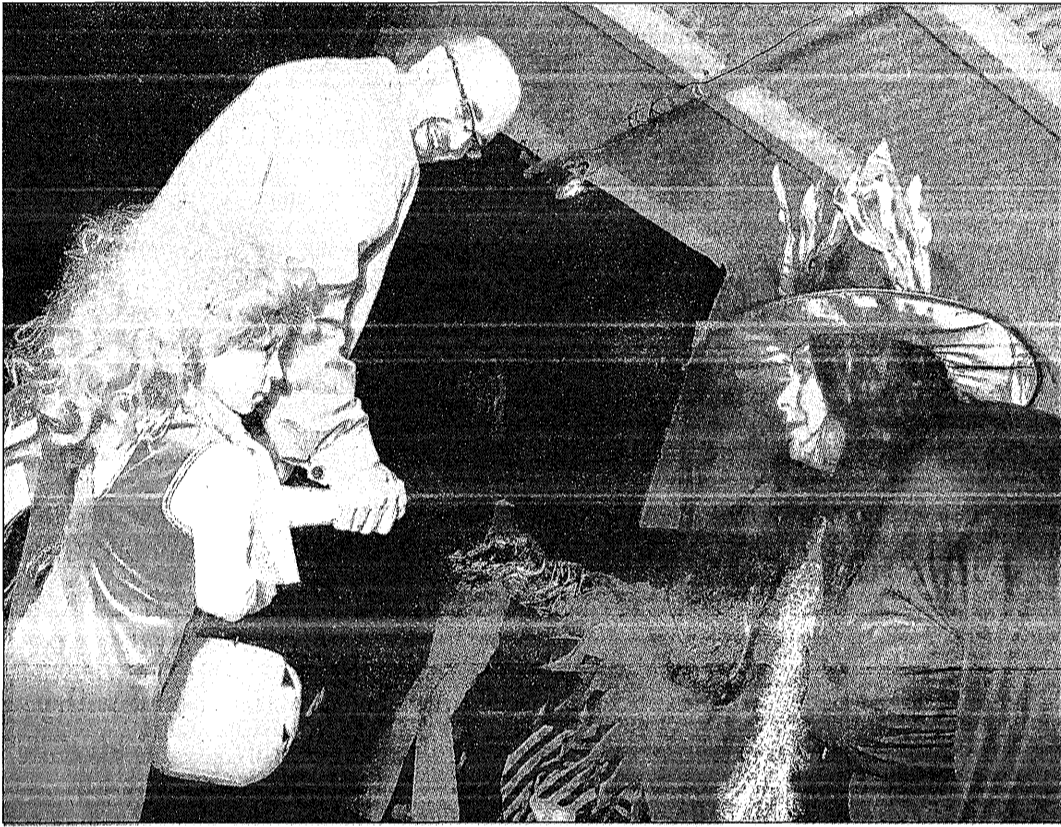


If you have a basket of dirty laundry, you need a box of Tide. Eleven year old Hannah Graff and Brodie, a Yorkshire terrier, are a pretty clean team.



Grandpa Ken Ingle holds 1-year-old grandson Keegan Ingle.

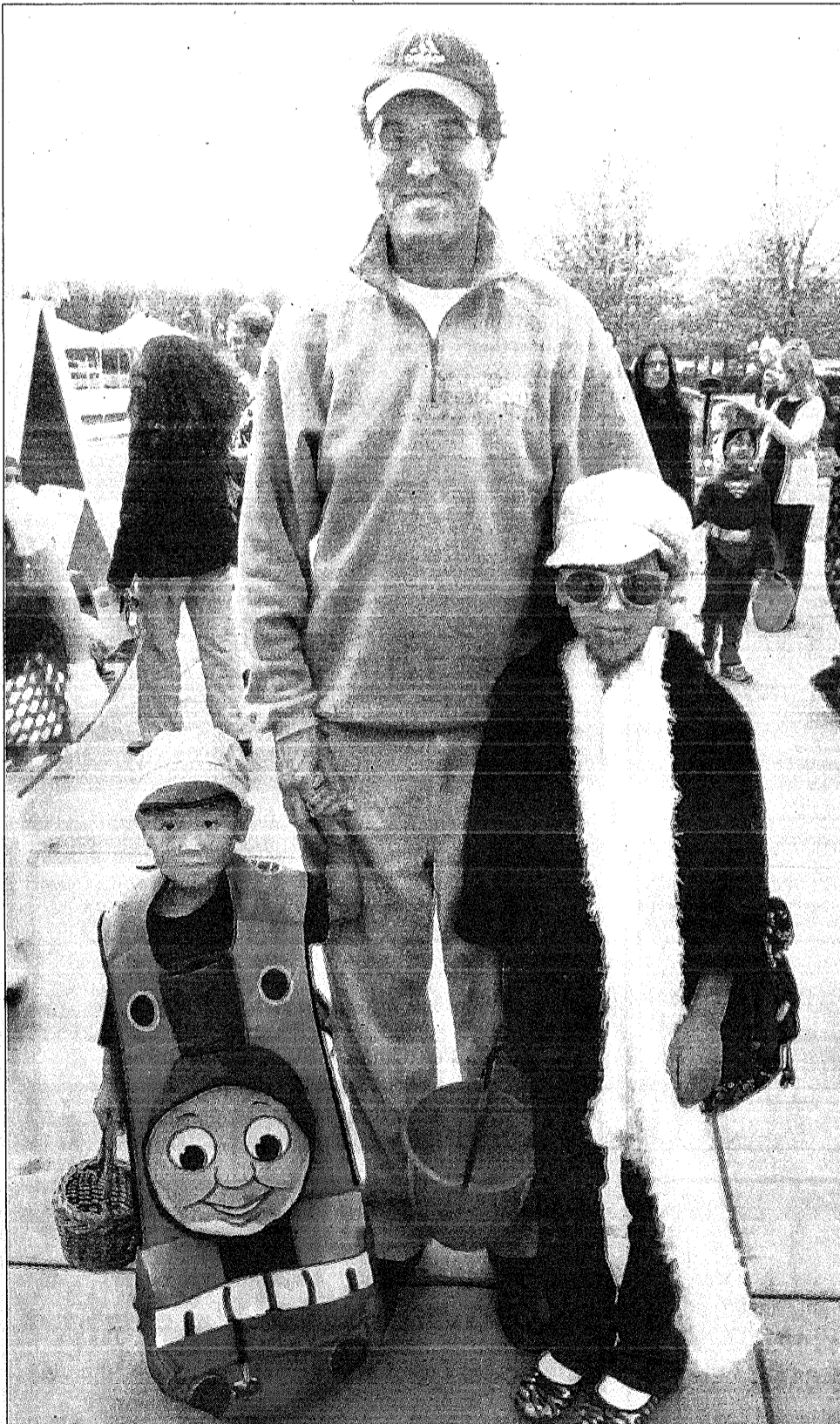
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By day, Susan Doughty works in the senior center at the Summit. At night she becomes a witch, looking for choice little boys and girls for her cauldron. Four-year-old Chloe McClain and her dad, Shawn McClain, decide to keep moving.



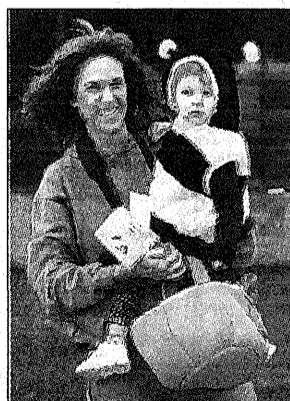
Three-year-old Joey Allen is a Canton firefighter for Halloween at the trick or treat parade in Canton.



Noureddine Chehman and children Nassim and Aicha wait to enter the Summit for the Halloween Parade.



Di Fisk leads her children, Aidin, 3 years, and Hannah, 6 years, across Penniman Avenue.



Debbie Klein holds her daughter, 2-year-old Gracie, who is dressed as a bee, as they get ready for the Halloween Trick or Treat Parade at the Summit in Canton.



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The 'club'

Work colleagues maintain 55-year friendship

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Nancy Braden of Plymouth Township and Barbara Krauss of Westland have been friends since 10th grade at Mackenzie High in Detroit.

But Krauss isn't among Braden's top 10 Facebook friends. In fact, she didn't make the list at all.

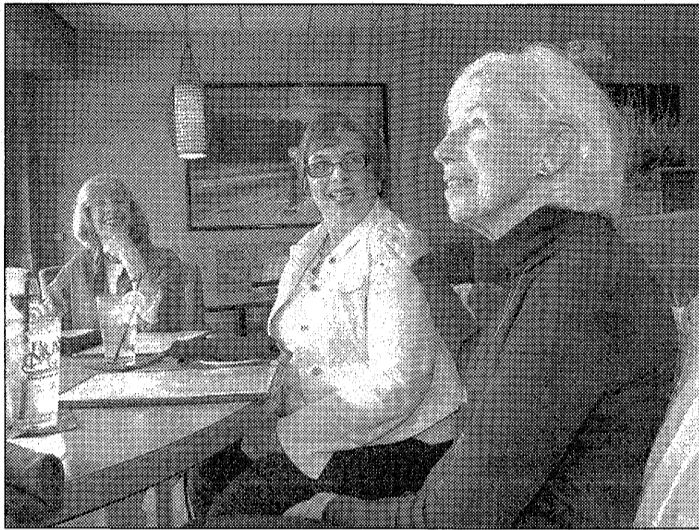
Neither did Janet Conway of Livonia, Pat Hildebrand of Birmingham, Marilyn Lindow of Troy or Rose Pierce of Farmington.

Friends since 1954, the "club" as they called themselves in early days, celebrates friendship the old-fashioned way — in person with lots of laughter and good times.

"There are six of us and we all worked together at National Bank of Detroit (Puritan-Livernois branch). We're in our 70s now," Braden said. "This is the first time I've enticed them to Plymouth."

The group meets quarterly, usually at a restaurant as they did recently at E.G. Nick's in downtown Plymouth. Braden invited the Observer along to sit in on the conversation and discover what makes this 55-year friendship tick.

"We worked in the bank and we worked together. I don't think I've ever seen anyone closer than that," Pierce



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Nancy Braden of Plymouth (left) Janet Conway of Livonia and Pat Hildebrand of Birmingham, have been friends for more than 50 years.

recalled.

"There was a lot of mutual respect and I think work ethic," Conway added, recalling their early days together in the early to mid 1950s. "We were very supportive of each other."

"We all got married pretty close and we all started having babies," Lindow said.

COMMON INTERESTS

They remained friends even after leaving the bank to raise their children and move from Detroit to the developing suburbs. Their husbands all got

along well, and the kids sometimes played together. There were couples parties, "kiddie" gatherings at Christmas and plenty of "gals only" outings.

"Those kiddies are probably closer to 50 give or take," Conway noted. Between the six, there are 21 children in the 40- to 50-plus age range, some with kids of their own.

Four of the women are widows. Conway and her husband have been married 51 years; for Hildebrand and her spouse, it's 54 years.

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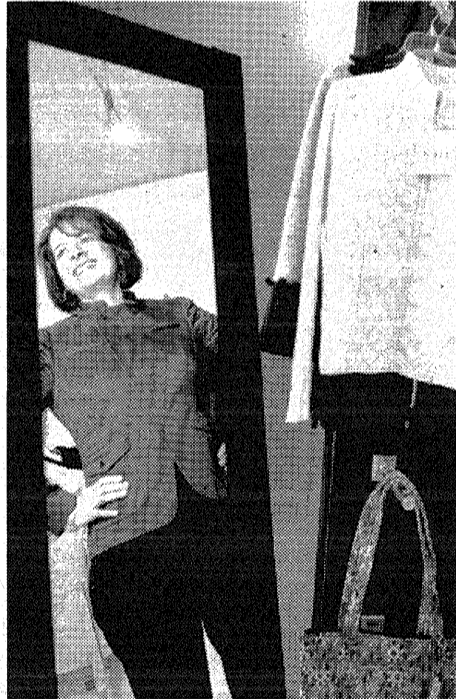
Rose Pierce of Farmington, (standing left) Barbara Krauss of Westland, and Marilyn Lindow of Troy, along with Nancy Braden, (seated left) Janet Conway of Livonia and Pat Hildebrand of Birmingham, friends for more than 50 years, met recently at E.G. Nick's in Plymouth.

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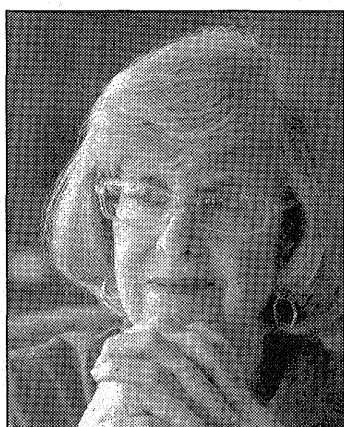
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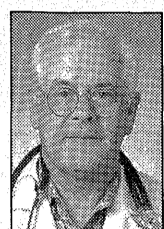
Barbara Krauss of Westland



Nancy Braden of Plymouth

How hot is your kitchen range?

A few weeks ago I informed you of problems that Barb Bennett was having with her Frigidaire range which was under a nationwide recall. I'm pleased to know that Barb



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

finally had her range repaired after waiting for a month and a half before a service technician came to her home. With 200,000 of these smooth top ranges needing a factory fix, it make take

Frigidaire the next 20 years to get them all fixed. This story prompted Lesley to send me the following e-mail:

"I'm writing about my Classic Amana Range ACS3350AS. I feel that it is defected and very dangerous to have in my home. In May of 2006 my husband and I had purchased a new home. Our new home came with new appliances. I've been having on-going problems with my oven. I've had A&E Factory, AHS Repair out to my home numerous times. My complaint is that the oven door does not seal properly, the top of the stove and the knobs are extremely hot, that it is untouchable to handle. I've burned myself numerous times. And having three little children safety is important to me.

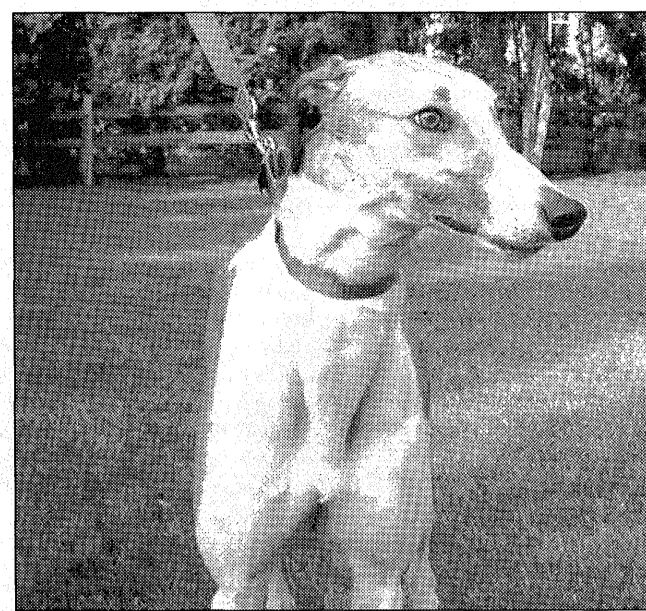
"On Sept. 10, 2007 I had a technician to my home. I had over \$858.43 worth of problems to my oven. I felt that was a red flag when the oven was only a year old. The oven let so much heat out that my oven control buttons actually melted. The hinge on the oven door was replaced and the oven control was replaced. The oven control membrane was replaced and so was the door gasket. The list goes on and on.

In March 2008 I had another technician out for the same problem and on his invoice it reads, 'outside of unit is still very hot, cannot touch knobs.' He said the outside surface and knobs were 188 degrees. I remind you the stove temperature was set at 350 degrees. Could you imagine what it would be like if I was cooking all day? I have many repair invoices with the same problems every time — never fixable. I'm still having problems with my oven door and the light now won't go off. I've spoken to my builder who says there's nothing he can do.

Bottom line, my Classic Amana range is a danger in my home. I feel that Amana should step up to the plate and handle this serious situation. Please help me inform others if there are other similar situations."

Thank you Lesley and I must say that this is not the first I've heard of these sorts of problems. I've read on the Internet of others who have almost identical problems such as yours. The outside surface temperature on kitchen ranges has been a big concern of mine for several years. I've written articles in the past about little children have been treated for burns suffered while their little hands touched the stove during their first walking experiences. This sort of problem reflects very poorly on the quality of our major appliances of today. It seems to be acceptable in the industry that a surface temperature can be as high as 168 degrees. Hopefully your communication on this problem may shed some light towards the manufacturers and I'm sure you have helped others prevent their little children from suffering burns from a kitchen range.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com



Prime

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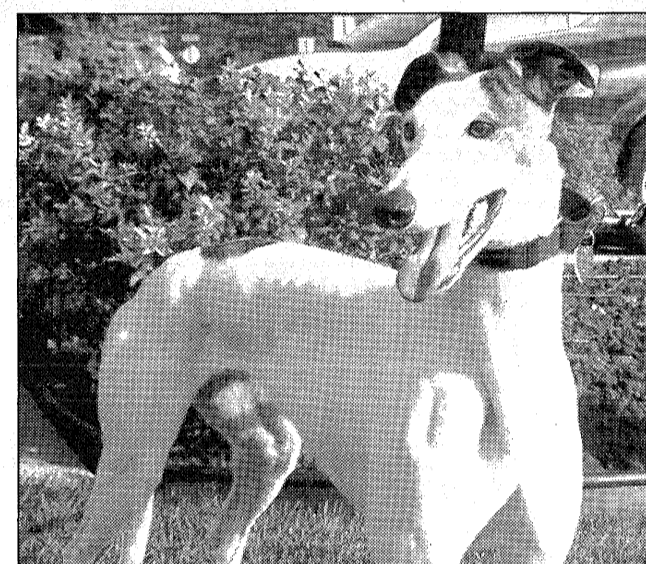
Diamond and Oliver "Prime" are two of five dogs the Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption picked up from Dairyland Greyhound Park in Kenosha, Wis., last week.

Here's what volunteers say about them: Diamond is a gorgeous little 2-year-old, female greyhound with a beautiful white coat with some brindle markings. She's very easy going and loves to play with toys.

Oliver (Prime) is a very handsome gentleman. He's 2 and is a very happy dog with a calm disposition. He's white with some red markings on a beautiful coat.

Both Diamond and Oliver are looking for their "Forever Homes." If you want to meet them, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739. Check out the group's Web site at www.greyheart.org for more photos.

The organization holds a meet and greet from noon to 4 p.m., today, Sunday, Nov. 1, at Canton PetCo, 43435 Ford Road, Canton. www.greyheart.org



Diamond

CLUB

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Braden and Krauss have travelled together. Conway and Hildebrand were neighbors for a while.

And during the 15 years that the group didn't routinely meet, they kept their bonds alive through cards and phone calls.

"When you get to the years when your children are in hockey and all the activities, there just isn't time," Conway said, explaining the hiatus. "When they are infants it's not hard to break away as long as they are being cared for while you're away."

RECONNECTING

When Conway ran into Braden at a grocery store three years ago, they decided it was time for the group to begin meeting in person again.

"Everyone was more than happy to resume these get-togethers. We were ready to reconnect. Life does change as you get into your 70s. Friendship is so important as we get older," said Conway, who "flunked retirement" and works part-time at RSVP, a gift and paper store in downtown Plymouth. She also volunteers at Angela Hospice.

"We fell right back into place. And it is quite amazing because we're all very different. We have different interests and personalities."

ENJOYING THE DIFFERENCES

Braden, who earned a teaching degree while raising her family and is now retired from the classroom, said common

memories helped to cement a lasting friendship.

"We shared our youth together. We have a never ending conversation about husbands gone or still with us or children. The conversation never lags," she said. "Now we're interested in the differences as much as the commonalities."


Memories, stories and gentle ribbing wove easily throughout the conversation during their lunch at E.G. Nick's. When Hildebrand mentioned the word "chicken" in conversation, Conway egged her on with a "speaking of chickens, shouldn't we go there?"


Hildebrand has told the story many times before — at age 12 she worked in a chicken store killing fowl — but provoked genuine laughter when she added "I said a Hail Mary for every one."

"I think all of our personalities are easy to get along with. No one puts on airs," Krauss observed. "We're just down to earth people. You take people as they are and enjoy hearing what they've been doing. This is a great group of ladies. I just enjoy seeing them."

The group mentioned a few ideas for maintaining lasting friendships:

- Try not to be judgemental about other people
- Be happy for others
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- Try to reconnect with friends because time moves swiftly
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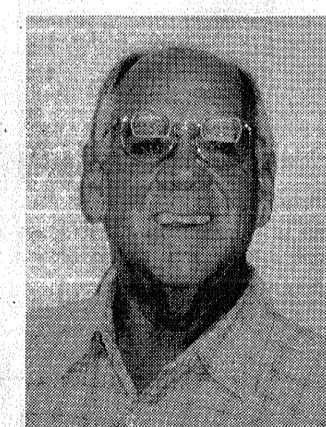
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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

OPEN HOUSE

First Step is inviting families to its new facility in Wayne from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. The facility is First Step's fourth location in the metro Detroit area and will focus on surrounding communities.

The open house will feature a free pancake breakfast, a tour of the new building, and a variety of kids' activities. First Step representatives will be available to answer questions about services the new facility will provide.

"First Step has a large family of supporters, volunteers, donors, staff and friends that make our work possible," stated Judy Ellis, executive director. "This open house is to thank them for their support and to invite everyone to tour our new facility, and what better way to celebrate than with a free pancake breakfast!"

The event will be held at 4400 S. Venoy, Wayne. For more information call Theresa Bizoe at (734) 416-1111 or e-mail to tbizoe@firststepmi.org. Visit First Step's Web site at: www.firststep-mi.org. First Step's mission is to reduce the incidence of domestic and sexual violence and to provide services to individuals affected by these crimes. The goal of First Step is the prevention of violence through education, advocacy and intervention.

BEER TASTING

The Friends of the Rouge will hold a beer tasting fund-raiser 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 8, at Liberty Street Brewery, 149 W. Liberty, Plymouth.

Brewmaster Joe Walters, a long-time supporter of the Rouge will be on hand to describe his beers. Michigan beer guru Rex Halfpenny of the Michigan Beer Guide will guide participants through the tasting and inform participants about brewing in the Rouge River watershed and the Michigan craft beer renaissance.

The cost is \$30 per person and \$25 for Friends of the Rouge members.

All proceeds will support Friends of the Rouge, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River. The fee includes tastes of eight beers, one pint, pizza and popcorn.

Register by sending a check to: Friends of the Rouge, 4901 Evergreen Road, 220 ASC, Dearborn, MI 48128 by November 2. Call Sally Petrella at (313) 792-9621 or e-mail monitoring@therouge.org with any questions. Visit the Friends of the Rouge Web site at www.therouge.org for more information about the group.

Friends of the Rouge promotes restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River through monitoring, cleanups, restoration projects, tours and workshops.



Four generations

Jennifer (Carbott) Bouren holds her son, John 'Jack' Matthew Bouren, born Aug. 3, 2009. Bouren grew up in Livonia and graduated from Ladywood High School. With her are her baby's great-grandmother Eileen Murphy of Livonia and grandmother, Bridget Carbott of Livonia.

Zoo, Salvation Army join forces in drive

The Detroit Zoological Society and the Salvation Army will conduct a drive to collect used clothing and household goods during two weekends in November at the Detroit Zoo.


Donors can drop off used but usable clothing and household goods at the Salvation Army truck in the zoo's front parking lot beneath the landmark water tower Nov. 7-8 and Nov. 14-15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A tax receipt will be available upon request at the time of donation. Contributions to the donation drive can be made without payment to enter the zoo; regular admission and parking fees apply for those visiting the zoo.

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TOO BROWSE OR NOT TO BROWSE

One aspect of health care today is the ongoing campaign that urges individuals to become "the informed patient." That idea is that if you are ill, you should go to the library, the Web, or even watch television ads so you will learn enough to "participate" in your care, and be a "stakeholder" in decisions concerning your health.

This zeal for the informed patient brings out a less than enthusiastic response from physicians caring for persons with arthritic complaints. On the one hand, the patient who comes to the office with a perspective of the possible cause for the pain, and the likely treatments, make the doctor's job of explanation fare easier than would occur with the uninformed patient.

However, the misinformed patient especially one who is proud of the information that he or she gathered, presents a far more difficult task for the physician than the uninformed patient.

First, the only way a physician can counter bad, usually Web based, information is with the Web. Providing the patient with Web based counter material is time consuming for the physician. Second, the patient often comes with requests that are closer to demands than to recommendations. Usually, these "requests" are for blood work, x-rays, MRI's or bone scans that are costly and not in order. Giving in to the patient rather than using clinical judgment riles a physician, but arguing the matter upsets both physician and patient. It is the risk of conflict that causes physician second thoughts on the informed patient.

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Local artists give women's heart health a boost

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The red dresses on display at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills make more than a fashion statement. They're also designed to raise awareness of heart health.

The American Heart Association exhibit, continuing through the end of December, is part of the Red Dress campaign that spreads information about the frequency of heart attacks in women. It features five half-scale red dresses that were entered into competition, including the winning design by Inga Lenz, a 2006 Farmington Harrison High School graduate, and Marisa Cristina Vendittelli, a 2006 Troy High School graduate.

"We knew we wanted to make a little bubble dress, something cute and fun. The skirt kind of looks like a bubble," Lenz said. They purchased the fabric first, and were required to use red.

"It just all came together eventually. It wasn't a thought out process before." Both designers were pleased with the result. "When we made the big one, it looked even better. It's comfortable to wear, actually."

The women also made a

regular-size dress of the design.

"We're pleased to see that art can be used in such a good way to communicate the dangers of heart disease to women," said Nancy Coumoundouros, cultural arts supervisor for Farmington Hills.

Shelley Rusinek, Go Red for Women director for the American Heart Association, arranged the exhibit's visit to Farmington Hills. "We thought it was exceptional," Rusinek said of students' work.

ARTS COMMUNICATE

The dress competition is sponsored by the International Academy of Design and Technology. Student designs are nominated by the school's faculty.

"The arts are one of the most effective communication devices available and, in this case, help spread awareness of heart attack to both the public as well as the students," said Julie Patterson, Fashion Design Program chair, in a statement.

Rusinek said the educational traveling exhibit focuses on heart disease as the No. 1 killer of women. The students also created regular-size dresses



Marisa Cristina Vendittelli (left) and Inga Lenz designed the winning dress, on display at the Costick Center. Lenz is a 2006 graduate of Farmington's Harrison High School.

for the February 2009 AHA luncheon at the

Detroit Marriott in the Renaissance Center.

"We encourage students to get involved, submit their pieces of work," Rusinek said, adding the competition was first held in 2004 and has been followed by other educational exhibits.

WINNING DESIGNERS

Lenz and Vendittelli got their assignment from the AHA. "It was great," Lenz said of the work. "It's just so important to do something for a good cause like that."

The dress will tour and be seen.

"It'll get more attention than just fliers that are lying around somewhere. That is much more rewarding than winning," Lenz said.

She recently graduated from the International Academy of Design and Technology and works for Marlaina Stone, a couture jewelry designer based out of Royal Oak.

Vendittelli also is a recent graduate of the

International Academy of Design and Technology. She is working toward her master's degree at Istituto Marangoni in Milan, Italy.

The Costick Center is located at 28600 W. 11 Mile, at Middlebelt (east of Mercy High School), in Farmington Hills.

Rusinek of the AHA said libraries, companies and others are welcome to host the Red Dress exhibit. She can be contacted with such inquiries at (248) 936-5807.

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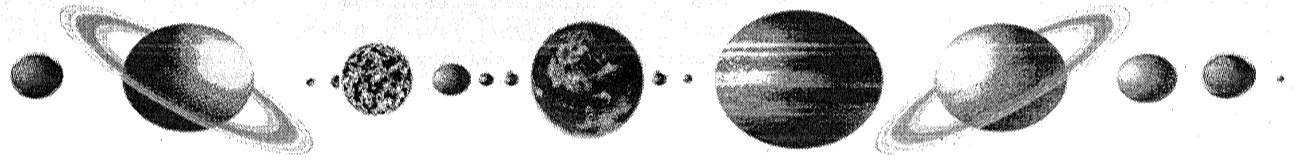
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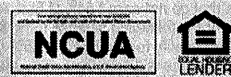
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UDM legal expert highlights help in getting veterans' benefits

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Project SALUTE works to assist low-income veterans with denied federal disability and pension claims obtain their benefits. It's a program of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

The program was highlighted Tuesday, Oct. 20, in a presentation at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Joon Sung, visiting assistant clinical professor for the Veterans Law Clinic, spoke that evening.

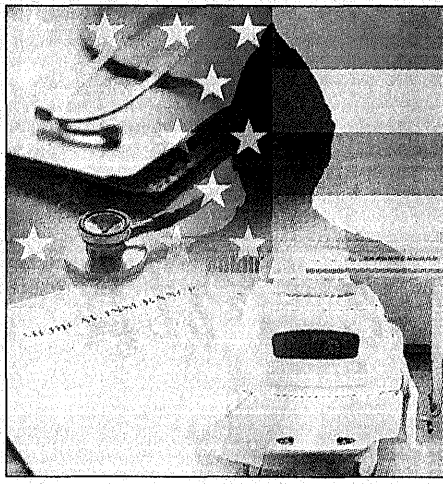
"Veterans can call directly if they don't want to go to a site," said Sung, noting UDM's law school hosts a number of clinic site visits for low-income veterans statewide. The number is (313) 596-0262.

The clinic started two years ago, said former Westland resident Sung, a graduate of Boston College's law school. "It teaches the students to give back and serve those in need."

Law students and volunteer attorneys help veterans with their benefits. The clinic was founded in response to the scant help available for veterans with disability benefits, he said. Often, veterans have trouble knowing what benefits they can obtain.

"Our first goal was to recruit attorneys, pro bono attorneys." They work without pay. A mobile law office was created, with plans for the Westland library and Westland Rotary to host it at the library after Jan. 1, 2010. "We hope to come back to do those individual consultations with veterans," Sung said.

Medical care offered through the Department of Veterans Affairs is generally good, although news stories have focused on



poor care, he said. Sung outlined requirements to obtain care, with conditions needing to be service-connected.

He recommends those with questions go to a VA facility and apply. Monetary benefits can accrue to those who left the service "under conditions other than dishonorable."

The disability must be current and diagnosed, he said. Chronic conditions, such as cancer, are also compensable.

Sung, who focuses on veterans and consumer protection law, noted post-traumatic stress disorder is up about 30 percent among current veterans.

"This is a very common condition," he said. It can include Vietnam-era veterans who raised families and held jobs but now have difficulty as their time is less occupied.

Benefits are often denied by the VA, he said, noting veterans need a medical opin-

ion to link the disability to their service. The standard is that it's linked "as likely as not."

He discussed the defoliant Agent Orange used in the Vietnam war. Veterans who served Jan. 9, 1962, to May 7, 1975, are generally eligible as the chemical has led to skin conditions, cancer and other illnesses. In the past, it could be tough to get medical support for the claim, Sung said.

Congress passed a law of presumptive service connection for Agent Orange in the late 1980s, he said. Gulf War syndrome began to appear in the early 1990s, including fatigue, appetite loss, gastrointestinal symptoms and others. It's now also considered service-connected.

Sung also highlighted secondary service connection, such as when a foot broken in military service leads to back problems. He said the VA system is not intended to be adversarial to veterans, although its ability to help is limited.

"This is a program for low-income veterans, individuals who are financially needy," Sung said of the monthly VA pension payment to veterans unable to work. Some have been in car accidents or other situations not directly tied to military service.

He touched on other sources of help, such as veterans service officers associated with the American Legion and similar organizations. Counties may have staffers who specialize in working with veterans.

Sung concluded by saying there's no time limit in filing for veterans' benefits, and cases can be reopened for claims with new evidence.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

NOV. 2-8

Tribute event

General Motors Vice Chairman and senior adviser Bob Lutz will be "roasted and toasted" at the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter's annual fund-raiser and tribute, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at The Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. "An Evening of Roasting & Toasting in Honor of Bob Lutz" will begin with a cocktail reception leading into dinner, followed by the roast. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening. Tickets are \$300 per person. The \$500 patron ticket also includes admission to a VIP cocktail reception, premium dinner seating and recognition in the program. Corporate sponsorships are also available. For additional information or to buy tickets, call (248) 649-2891. Proceeds from tickets sales and the silent auction will benefit the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter's research into the prevention, control and cure of arthritis. www.arthritis.org.

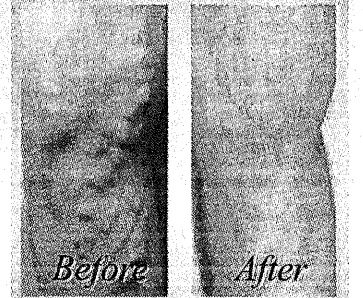
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Endodontist (root canal specialist) Dr. Todd Ester of Canton, who has practices in Southfield and Ypsilanti, performed free root canals for Detroit residents last week as part of the "Save a Tooth" event at the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School's Endodontics Clinic

He was among the more than 20 Southeast Michigan endodontists who volunteered their time and expertise to 50 Detroit residents who otherwise would have no access to dental care.



Ester

received root canal treatments at no charge in the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School's Endodontics Clinic.

Because root canals must be followed by skilled dental care

The region's first ever "Save a Tooth" volunteer effort took place Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 27-28. Pre-screened Medicaid-eligible patients

to ensure the successful complete restoration of the tooth, patients were placed in the care of dentists from the Covenant Community Care dental partnership after completion of their free "Save a Tooth" root canals.

Though they donated their time as individuals, all participating root canal specialists are members of the Michigan Association of Endodontists. The University of Detroit Mercy donated the facilities.

"It can be difficult for an

endodontist to volunteer services to help people in need, but through our partnerships, we've found a way," said root canal specialist Dr. Steve Shoha, whose practice is located in East Pointe. "Regardless of the patient's financial status, saving a tooth through a root canal is the healthiest option and is pain-free thanks to new technology."

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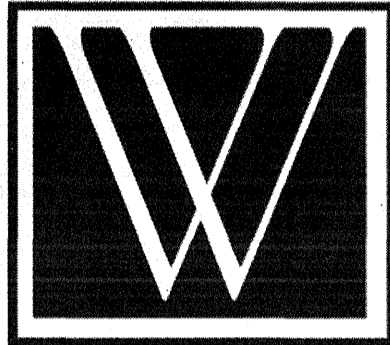
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