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### PIPELINE 'Rent' benefit

**Destination Theatre presents** Rent, Jonathan Larson's Pulitzerprize 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. cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5460 for more informa-

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 visi-

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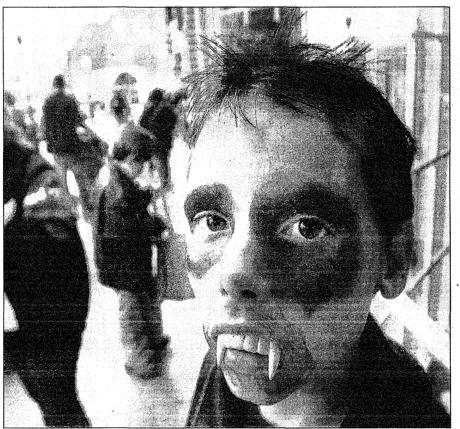
Opening day is just around the corner for the Ironwood Grill, a much-anticipated restaurant and bar that's taking shape in downtown Plymouth.

"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 benefitted 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 **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

A robbery suspect with a criminal record was killed and a Plymouth Township police officer was wounded when gunfire

erupted as plainclothes 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

**Bronson** 

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.

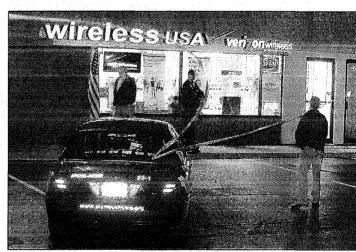


PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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,

Please see ROBBERY, A3



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

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 commis-

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/regis\_friends.htm



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#### Saturdays at the Penn

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

**AROUND PLYMOUTH** 

The Plymouth Goodfellows are The Plymouth Community Arts 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.

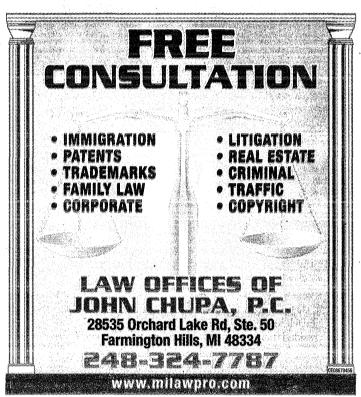
For more information e-mail pomclinic@cantonchiefettes.com

#### Preventing cancer

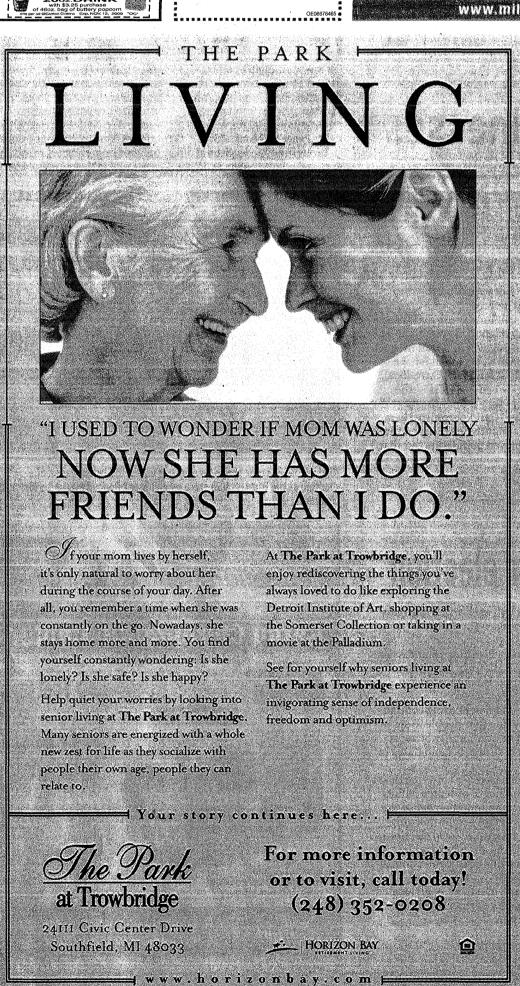
Cancer nutritionist Sharlene Bidini is coming to the Plymouth Cultural Center on Nov. 21 from 10:30-11:30 a.m., located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

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

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 diversely 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-

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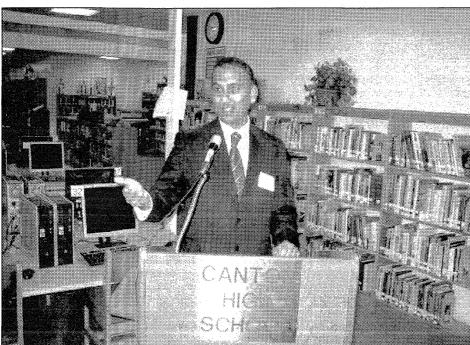
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Naren Balasubramaniam moderates the Plymouth Canton Diversity and Inclusion Initiative's meeting Tuesday at Canton High School. The group presented its strategic plan during the meeting.

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

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

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

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

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."





between Joy & Warren Roads

she said.

An autopsy on Bronson was being performed Friday.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the wounded officer was part of the multijurisdictional 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

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

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-wrack-

ing."
"This is like way too close for "Padloff said. 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



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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.

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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 fourthplace 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.

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

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

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

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



Dan Dwyer

ter Emma, 13 and son, Dylan, 10 Profession:

administrator, Washtenaw County Trial Court College degrees: bachelor's in sociology, University of

Spouse: married

Children: daugh-

21 years, wife Shon

Michigan, master's in social work, U-M Government service: Livonia reserve police officer for five years Plymouth Beautification Committee Chairman, three years

Plymouth city commissioner (1999-2003) Plymouth mayor pro-tem (2003-2005) Plymouth mayor (2005-2007) 35th District Court Authority board member (2003-2007)

Conference of Western Wayne board member (2005-2007: treasurer from 2006-

Plymouth City Commission liaison to Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (2001-2005) Downtown Development Authority board member (2005-present; current vice chair-

Member of super parking committee Member of way-finding sign committee Member of infrastructure review committee

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 

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) I support the critical evaluation of the pubic 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) 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 smalltown atmosphere that most resident cherish about living in Plymouth.



lennifer and Elizabeth (one

ebrating 40th anniversary this year). Children: Two rown children. married and one

Spouse: Married to Carla Barrett (cel-

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

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 tricounty 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 Profession: **Executive Director** 

Community Arts

Age: 56, Plymouth

resident 25 years.

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

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

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.



Spouse: Married 26 years. Wife, Barbara, PCCS ESL teacher

Children: son, Michael, daughter, Kristen, both in col-

Profession: Ford Motor Co., financial

1994 MSA.

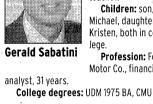
Government service: City Commission 2005-present. Zoning Board of Appeals 1991-2005, Chairman 8 years. Friends of the Penn, Treasurer 2005-present. Charter Review Committee 2002-2004. Planning Commission 1995-1997. Zoning Rewrite Committee 2001-2002. Sign Ordinance Committee 1998-1999. Master Plan Committee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

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 fourthplace 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

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

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

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 pos-

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?



Ron Loiselle

taxes, accounting and rvestments Spouse: Frances oiselle for 42 wonderful years Children: Lance

owner: 32 years

(36), Jason (36) and Profession:

Accountant, tax preparer and finacial planner College degrees: Wayne State University. B.S. in accounting economics

Government service: City Commission 24 years (current), Mayor - 2 years, Mayor ProTem 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) 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

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.

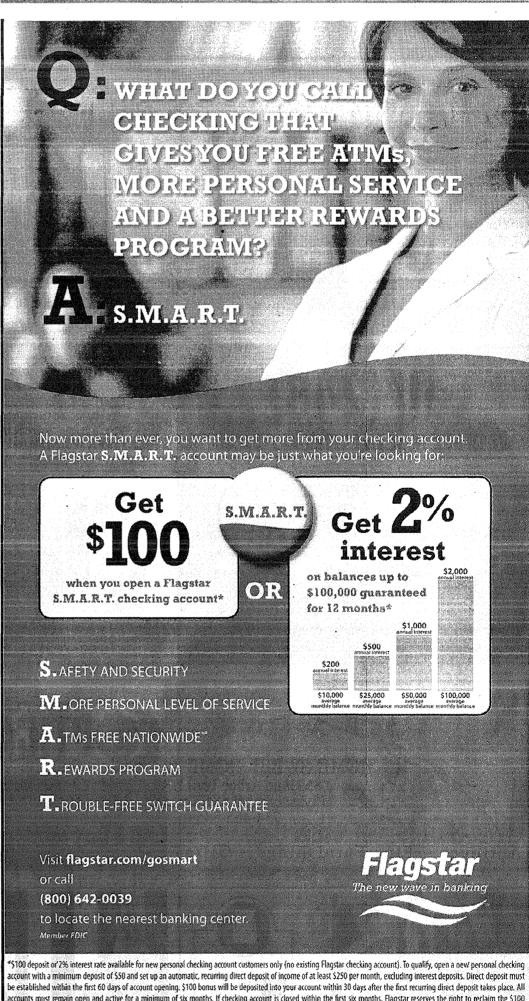
sible alternative means of providing first response. It may prove that public safety is a more efficient and faster way to respond to a fire or medical emergency if we cross-train and equip our police, who are always the first to respond. Lam always willing to look at all possihie solutions that could give our citizens faster more cost effective service while maintaining of the best places to live. 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

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









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### Plymouth community rallies

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

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



Creatopia Pottery hosts more than 100 birthday parties and other gatherings each year.

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

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

5,000 independent, locally owned businesses registered nationwide, making it one of the fastest growing small business campaign 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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The only studio in southeast Michigan to offer true Classical Pilates and feature all Gratz Pilates equipment, Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio is truly unique to Plymouth. The studio features a "Hybrid" workout that combines 30 minutes of personal training with 30 minutes of Authentic Pilates.

"Downtown Plymouth is a great small town with tons of activities for families and people of all ages said," Owner Jaime White said. "In one stop you can get a workout, purchase your stationary or flowers, buy a unique gift or gift certificate for a holiday or birthday, get a haircut for you or your children, pick something up for dinner and stop by the post office or library all without ever moving your car or driving five different places to do so."

#### 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.

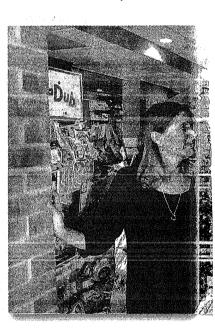
"The 3/50 Project is helping to educate a generation of consumers who are used to shopping online without knowing how it impacts their community," Allen said.
"When you shop (in downtown Plymouth), most stores you are dealing directly with the owners and their families. You are helping your neighbors to survive."

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

### Engraving Connection

1205 S. Main St. www.engravingconnection store.com

"Even as a merchant in Plymouth, I'm amazed at the selection for any gift giving need," said Engraving Connection Owner Rex Tubbs, whose specializes in 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.

"We can turn a gift into a precious heirloom to be remembered for years to come," Tubbs said.

#### Forest Place Optical

449 S. Harvey St., Suite B www.forestplaceoptical.com

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."

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

"We offer a large selection of designer frames, the latest in lenst technology and examinations and customer service above all else," Gotschman said.

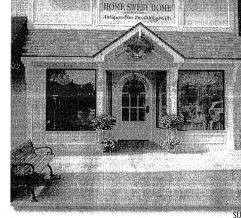




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Experts at Engraving Connection
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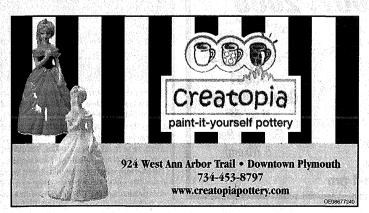
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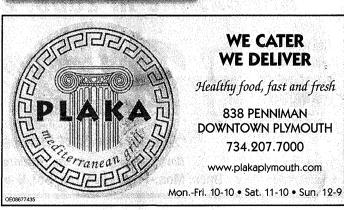


Gigi's Mode

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#### Frameworks

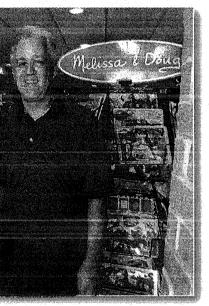
833 Penniman Ave.

Any frame shop can carry thousands of frame choices, but no other frame shop in western Wayne County has the experienced designers like those at Frameworks, another proud supporter of The 3/50 Project.

"With average experience over 20 years, we know how to make someone's cherished artwork, photos, jerseys and memorabilia really stand out, not just get framed,' said Store Manager Susan Gallas.

With in-stock molding and more than 3,000 frame choices, Frameworks can match any budget, including marked up big box store discounts.

"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."



ned up shop just this year.

#### Genuine Toy Co.

550 Forest Ave., Suite 8 www.genuinetoyco.com

Just this year, owners Charles 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 ahs 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



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

elsewhere at your favorite local stores."

#### Hands on Leather

525 Forest Ave. www.nancysstore.com

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."

#### Haven

863 Penniman Ave. www.havenofplymouth.com

A great place to find home décor inspiration year-round, Haven of Plymouth features constantly

announcements for all occassions.

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 wam 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

#### 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-ofa-kind antiques, home accessories

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



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

Uber. "The 3/50 Project provides a program that shoppers can support the growth of the local retail-

#### Hug Center for Hearing

705 S. Main St. Gerry Hug, owner of Hug Center for Hearing, encourages

community members to "think

Plymouth first." **Hug Center for** Hearing provides a unique service to downtown Plymouth, with audiometric examinations (hearing tests) and audiological rehabilitation (dispenses hearing aids) to hearing impaired adults.

"Without businesses in the downtown area being involved in the community, downtown Plymouth wouldn't be like it is today, Hug said.

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. Visit RSVP for invitations and announcements for all occasions - weddings, births, showers, birthdays, first communions and "We offer standard and custom

right in town.

about any appetite.

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Greek salads and more make up a menu with something for just

Owner George Costos, a sup-

porter 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

833 Penniman Ave., Suite A

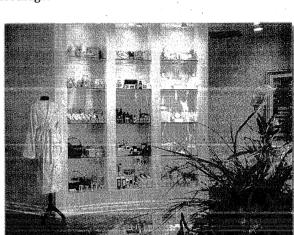
Tanja von Kulajta Winn, owner

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great food," Costos said.

R.S.V.P

Plymouth, with great shops and



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

#### Maggie & Me

926 Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth shoppers cand find attire and friendly faces at Maggie

& Me boutique. The store features contemporary womens clothing and accessories.

"When you shop local, you get that extra service that is all but forgotten in a shopping mall," said Owner Magaret La Forrest.

#### PlakaMediterraneanGrill

838 Penniman Ave. www.plakaplymouth.com

For Greek-inspired Coney Island cuisine, Plaka Mediterranean Grill offers health and fresh food with full catering and delivery

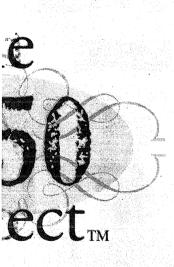
designed invitations created just your occasion," von Kulajta Winn said. "This time of year well sell a lot of personalized gifts, including stationery, placemats, plates, Christmas ornaments and luggage tags and of course, personalized hristmas and photo cards

#### Spa Julianna

444 S. Main St. www.julianna-online.com

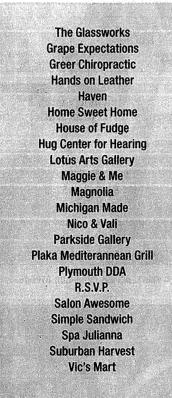
Walk into Spa Julianna and step into a relaxing world of facials, massages, body wraps and exfoliations, waxing, make-up applications, hair styling, sauna, manicures, pedicures and beyond.

"You can visit the spa and then have lunch or dinner and enjoy shopping all in one place," said Owner Julie Van Ameyde. "There's really no place like downtown Plymouth.'



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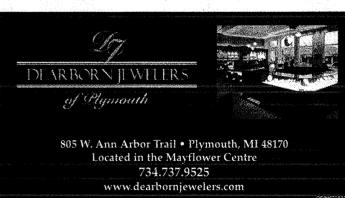




R.S.V.P. Owner Tanja von Kulajta Winn is the organizer of The 3/50 Project Committee

in Plymouth. Her store featuers standard and custom designed invitations and

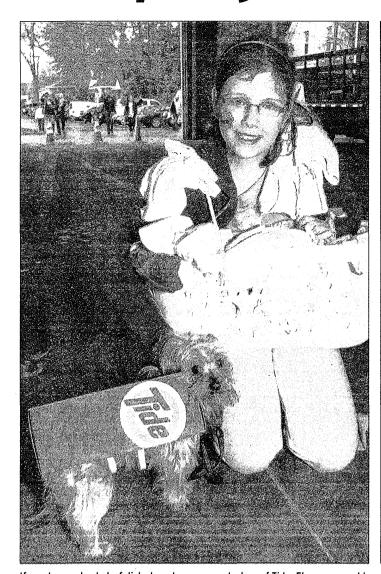








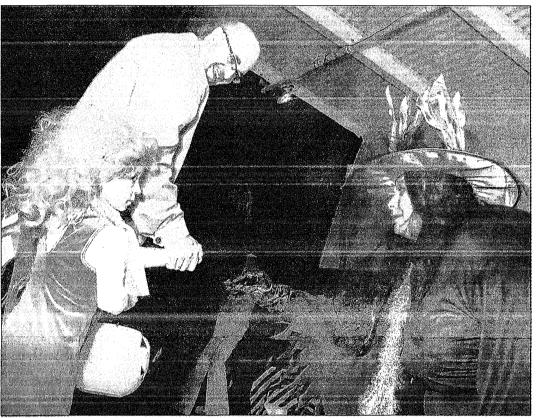
### Area youngsters enjoy all the hoopla of Halloween



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.



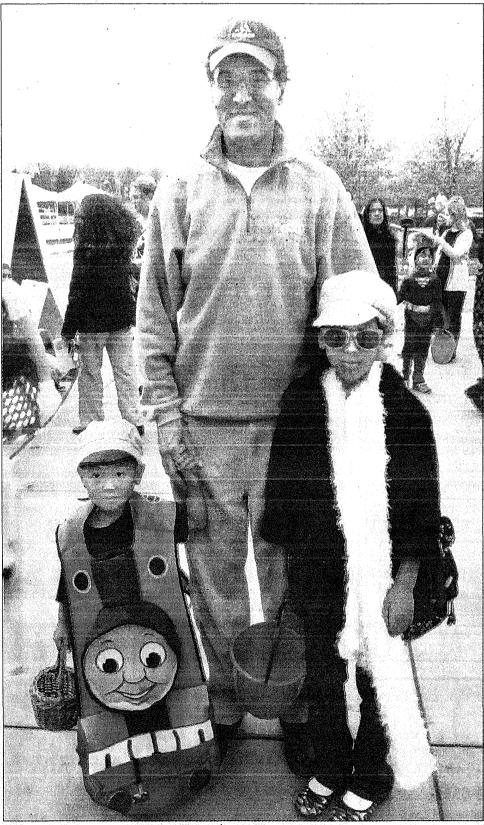
Grandpa Ken Ingle holds 1-year-old grandson Keegan Ingle.



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.



Umbrellas outnumbered costumes at the Great Pumpkin Caper in Plymouth, but the trick-ortreaters didn't let a little wet weather bother them.

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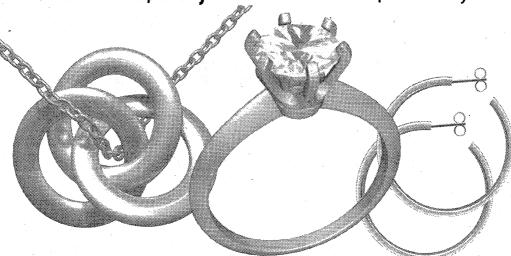
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### Challengers face off for Van Buren school seat

### Former student says 'insight' would be valuable to board

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BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

When Kevin English was in his first semester of college, he was doing some service-learning work within the Lansing school district when a thought suddenly struck him.

"I had an epiphany," said English, a 19-year-old Sumpter resident seeking the four-year term up for grabs in Van Buren schools' Nov. 3 election. "Why am I here,

when I could be doing so much more closer to home?

English said his best trait will be the diversity and insight he'll bring to the board, if elected. As a former student of the district, he said, he has "experienced the first-hand effects from budget cut after budget cut."

"I will be constantly determined as a member of the board to make sure that our decisions are made in the best interests of the students," he

said. "Sometimes, I feel that it is easier to get carried away with making cuts and while having experience in the 'business world' may be somewhat important when crunching numbers, it becomes futile if the board is out of touch with the needs of today's student." English said the district

should focus on four things: What needs immediate

attention?

• Improving the education of students. "This is the only way to ensure their success in the future and we have an obligation to them, their families and the community," he said. "A top-notch education and a successful, instilled one at that, will open so many doors that can lead them to be productive citizens in the future.

When college is becoming almost a necessity to find decent employment, we have to make it a top priority to prepare our students for the next step in life. With the district's test scores coming under the state average, we need to assess the situation entirely

#### THE ENGLISH FILE

• Who: Kevin M. English, 19

• What: Running for a seat on the Van Buren school board

• Where: He's

from Sumpter Township • Occupation: Student at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) undergoing coursework for a double major in English/ History with secondary teaching certification

techniques and instructional methods that foster both higher test scores and return a true understanding of the material that students have been taught."

• Improving communication between the district and the community - "A lot of problems that we have encountered recently have resulted from the cloudy, unclear commudistrict and its community members," English said. "We need to make sure that we are communicating in clear, concise ways that leave little room

for nuances and ambiguities." • Rebuilding the district's reputation - "This isn't going to change overnight," he said. "Improved communication and transparency may help, but it won't be enough. We need to constantly invite our parents, our neighbors, our community members and stakeholders into our schools and show them what positive environments we have created within them. No one should ever feel that they do not have

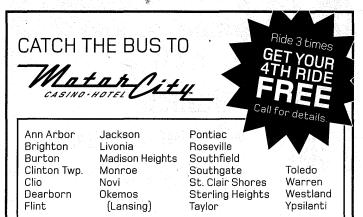
a "stake" in our district." • Long-term planning -"While the district currently has a lot on its plate, I truly think that the only way we can ensure the progress that I hope to achieve is by setting a long-term plan into effect," he said. "We can never expect to achieve desirable results if we do not have a set structure of

the loss of students last year, and acknowledges it's "nearly impossible" to plan strategically in Michigan.

"With a Legislature that isn't willing to put public education at the top of Michigan's priorities and the possibility of more drastic cuts looming in the future, most school districts are going to struggle to make ends meet," English said. "It can be only beneficial for the current board to have a member who is really 'in tune' with the needs of today's student."

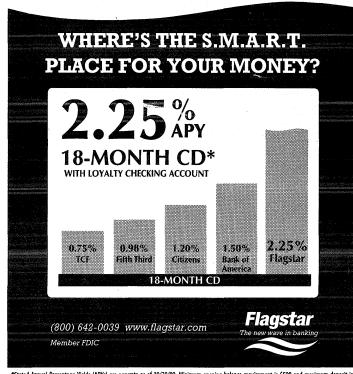
So why should voters choose him? English said he'll put "students and their success as one of my top priorities."

"I will add to the lack of diversity on the current school board and use my recent insight to benefit the 5,000plus students of the district in only the most positive of ways,' English said. "With the world perpetually "shrinking" and competition increasing from all directions, it is of the utmost importance that we are preparing tomorrow's leaders with the most well-rounded and top-



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#### STATE OF MICHIGAN **COUNTY OF WAYNE** CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2009-11

REPEAL OF PRECIOUS GEM DEALERS ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 100, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 56, THE PRECIOUS GEM ORDINANCE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

#### SECTION I. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.

This section repeals Chapter 56, the Precious Gem Dealers Ordinance of the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances, adopted as Ordinance No. 100.

#### SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

#### SECTION III. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

#### SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

#### SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

#### SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, CMC

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### **OPINION**

### Incumbents, Davis are our school picks

The Plymouth-Canton school district's Board of Education faces enormous budget challenges with the accompanying decisions on what to cut and when, and how to do it all while Judy Mardigian maintaining the quality education for which the district has become known.

With decisions of such magnitude facing it, the board could use all the experience it can get. That's why John Jackson we're recommend-

ing the return of Judy Mardigian, of ways within the district. Barry Simescu and John Jackson to their seats when voters hit the polls Tuesday, Nov. 3. Mardigian is the board's longest-

tenured member, a former board president who knows the inner workings of the district inside and out, backward and forward. In her long years of service, Mardigian has shown a dedication to the district that will be valuable as they face tough choices. She has the respect of state

handy as funding issues are debated. She is zeroed in on student achievement, which has helped district students perform better on tests such as the MEAP with much greater success than districts around the state. Simescu provides a reasoned

approach to problem solving, and his business acumen provides a perspective on which other board members depend. His leadership is valuable he's currently the board vice president, he chairs a couple of committees - and his is one of the first opinions sought when decisions need making.

All four of the other board members are in their first terms; Mardigian and Simescu provide a balance of experience and corporate knowledge the considered when voters go to the polls.



**Barry Simescu** 

Adrienne Davis

board can lean on. Jackson is running unopposed for the lone two-year term available. It's the completion of the term to which Mark Slavens was elected a couple of years ago, before being

appointed a judge. Jackson was appointed to fill the position when Slavens resigned, and he's done more than enough to earn the chance to serve out the term. He's smart, he's actively involved in a variety

Since incumbent Tom Wysocki

decided not to seek re-election, leaving his seat open to a newcomer, there will be at least one fresh face on the board. There are three other challengers - Plymouth Township residents Adrienne Davis, Larry Martin and Eric Bacyinski - seeking seats at the table. Our choice is Davis, The 47-year-old

has two children in the district, she's volunteered for a variety of commit-Legislators, which could come in tees and she has an educational background, running Different Drums Educational Services, with which she partners with the Michigan Council on Economic Education to teach children about the components of educa-

She also has 20 years of marketing experience in corporate America, having worked for companies such as Xerox, ADP and Kodak. Her marketing experience could be valuable in hopes of raising money through foundations, donations, etc.

It's going to take a good deal of work for the board as it faces a variety of daunting challenges. We think Judy Mardigian, Barry Simescu, John Jackson and Adrienne Davis should be

### Experience key in city race

When a city is facing challenges, particularly in the financial arena, it's probably a good time to hang on to as much corporate knowledge as you can when it comes to your city commission.

Plymouth has done better than most municipalities at managing dwindling resources, having years Dan Dwyer ago decided to tackle looming deficits with a five-year plan officials have followed to the letter.

That's why we're recommending voters return incumbents Gerry Sabatini, Stella Greene and Ron Loiselle, along with former commissioner and mayor Dan Dwyer, when they head to the polls for the Gerald Sabatini Plymouth City Commission election Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Not only do all four of our recommendations have years of experience, three of the four — Dwyer, Greene and Loiselle — have all served as mayor. The fourth — Sabatini — is a calm, reasoned voice.

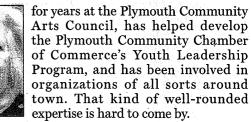
Loiselle has the most commission experience. having served 24 years including two as mayor. He owns his own business in town, so he understands the commission's plight from that standpoint. He's also willing to tackle tough issues — he will be among those calling for a hard look at how fire protection services are provided to city residents.

experience in the community as a whole. She worked face them.





Ron Loiselle



Sabatini has served only one term, but his has been a voice of reason as the commission has debated budget issues, staffing, ordinances and other issues.

His work in his first term has earned him a second.

We're most excited about the potential return to the commission of Dwyer, one of the most forceful, deci-

sive and dynamic commissioners the city has seen the last 10 years. During his tenure, Dwyer proved he could lead and that he could work

well with commissioners. He led the charge toward studying regionalization of fire services; the idea fizzled not because of anything Dwyer did, but because commissioners couldn't convince Plymouth Township officials to go along. The township's tune may be changing, though; look

for Dwyer to push the idea again if he gets elected. There are challenges ahead for the Plymouth City Commission, and we believe Ron Loiselle, Stella Greene, Gerry Sabatini and Dan Dwyer should be Greene's strength is her overall knowledge and returned to the commission to help guide the city

#### **LETTERS**

#### **Support Dwyer**

We are supporting Dan Dwyer for City Commissioner.

He has shown resilience and perseverance in the past with various issues and has succeeded in passing ordinances which have helped the community, including noise and cell-phone tower

ordinances. We believe he is the best candidate for City Commissioner.

**Bob and Nola Wellman** 

#### Dwyer obvious pick

Dan Dwyer is an obvious choice for the Plymouth City Commission. He is well liked and respected in the community, by friends, associates,

business executives, and other public officials.

Dan has offered his help and time in community service in various roles that include former Plymouth Mayor, Downtown Development Authority member, Breast Cancer 3-day walk participant, recreation soccer coach and police reserve member.

Dan's previous experience as Mayor will help with the difficult decisions that need to be made in the near future to overcome deficits and in finding ways to consolidate services with nearby communities.

Please join me in supporting Dan Dwyer for Plymouth City Commission.

#### Dwyer the choice

I write today to endorse Dan Dwyer for Plymouth City Commission.

Dan has served on the Plymouth **Downtown Development Authority** with me since his last term on the commission expired. During his DDA tenure, Dan has taken an active role in our largest projects, dedicating a significant amount of time and energy. He actively works at achieving compromise in a civil, professional manner.

I have the utmost confidence in his ability to govern this city and look forward to him returning to the Commission.

Steve Alexandrowski Chairperson, Plymouth Downtown

Steve O'Connor Plymouth Development



### Challengers face off for Van Buren school seat

### Hopeful thinks background, experience help

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 1, 2009

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Having grown up in the community and having been graduated from Belleville High School 26 years ago, Steve Henry thinks he's got a pretty good handle on community issues, both inside and outside the Van Buren school district.

And with a financial background, he thinks he can bring a unique perspective to the Van Buren Board of Education. That's why he decided to seek the four-year term up for grabs in Tuesday's school board election.

"I've worked my way through college, established a career in business, real estate and finance, raised my family, and have attempted to give back to the hometown that has given me so much," said Henry, 44. "I've held senior management positions in both established international and

local start-up businesses. I believe the experience, maturity, and skills developed in my business career, and as a parent, homeowner, taxpayer, and community volunteer have provided me the ability to capably represent our community on our school board.

"I am running because I believe I will bring financial and business intelligence, innovative ideas and creativity, and a passion for education

and kids to our school board," he added.

Henry, who has been president of the PTSO at Belleville High School, treasurer of the Belleville Band Boosters, and who played a role in passing last year's bond proposal to build a new high school for the first time since 1926, said he has several priorities should he be elected:

• The budget - "Whoever is elected to this seat on the

#### THE HENRY FILE

• Who: Steve Henry, 44 • What: Running for a seat on the Van Buren



Board of Education . Where: Lives in Belleville. • Occupation: Real estate/busi-

Crossroads in Belleville. • Family: Wife Kimberly; children Michael and Jennifer.

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school board will be expected to hit the ground running, with a firm knowledge of how schools are funded in Michigan," he said. "That's why this position needs someone who has experience in business and finance and understands the mechanics of a \$53 million dollar budget.

"The biggest challenge education has over the next five years is this: How do you do more with less? How do you deliver a first class education on a third class budget? This is the reality across the country. We need to be very proactive in addressing this issue."

• Student achievement - "We must be relentless in improving student achievement, especially as measured by standardized test scores," Henry said. "Unfair or not, our schools, and our community are judged by these scores, and improving them must remain our priority."

• Long range plan - "The purpose of a school board is to set priorities, create a plan, and execute that plan," he said. "I believe my experience in business, finance and strategic planning will be an asset in accomplishing this purpose."

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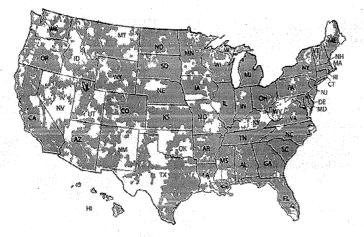
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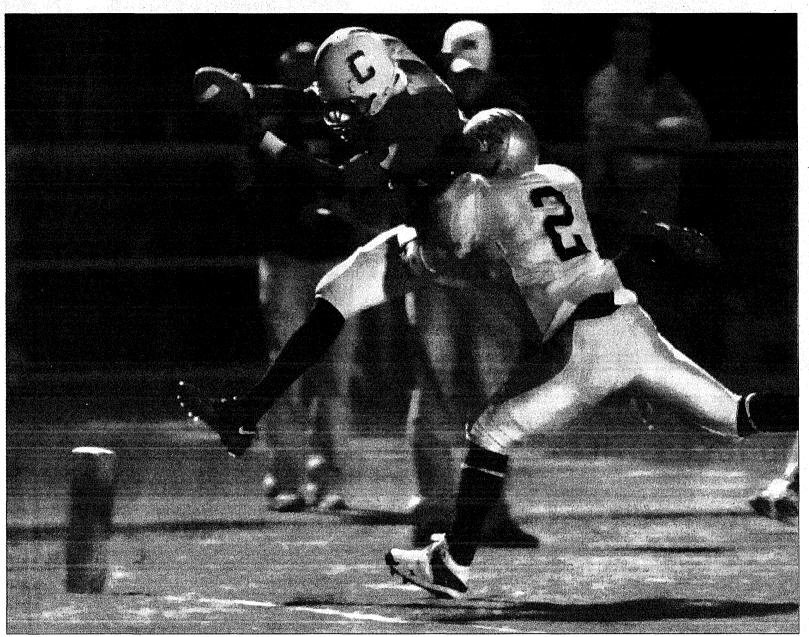
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Stretching for the corner of the end zone Friday night is Canton's Kevin Buford (No. 1), fending off furious coverage from Plymouth's Jernarian Caldwell.

### Chiefs recharge, plow past Wildcats

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Oh, what might have been for upstart Plymouth in Friday's Division 1 pre-district football showdown with Canton.

In the final minute of a wild first half, strong winds pushed Kyle Brindza's 49-yard field goal try to the right of the uprights — a kick that would have sent the Wildcats into halftime tied at 20-20 with the Chiefs.

But it didn't and Canton took a 20-17 edge into the break.

That close call put a scare into the favored Chiefs, and it was no contest the rest of the

way as Canton (9-1) rolled to a 40-17 victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

We were down in the dumps at halftime and they (Wildcats) were excited, because they were three points away from tying the game," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "But (the Chiefs) settled down, adjusted. We knew it was going to be a four-quarter battle."

According to Canton senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz, the message from the coaches at halftime was on target.

"We knew we were in a dogfight with a great team," Delapaz said. "So we said to go out there and really show our heart and play hard."

**TAKING CONTROL** 

Canton was so dominant in the second half that the Wildcats managed just 33 total offensive yards after the intermission, while the Chiefs gained more than 220 - all on the

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk praised his team for battling as hard as it did. But he lamented the inability to stop Canton's big-play capability in the first half or sustain anything on offense in the second half when the game was still close.

"Bottom line is, to beat them you have to con-

Please see FOOTBALL, B2

### Chiefs strike late in regional semis

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the prospect of overtime as crisp as the late October weather, there was no way Canton's Connor Furgason wanted extra time to decide things Wednesday.

The sophomore defender, moving up into the attack, jammed a rebound into the Walled Lake Northern goal with just 3:12 left to give the Chiefs a 1-0 victory in the Division 1 boys soccer regional semifinal at Livonia Stevenson.

Canton's win, coupled with Salem's 2-1 victory later Wednesday against Dearborn, set up Saturday's regional final matchup between the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals.

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"When we just crowd the box and the ball's in there,

we've got to score," said Furgason, who also was all over the pitch throughout the game to stymie the Knights' offense. "And we did. We were focused on winning, we knew we could do it."

Earning the shutout with a solid and sometimes spectacular night was Canton senior goalkeeper Kai Walther.

The game-winning sequence started with a corner kick to the right of Northern goalkeeper Mitchell Thompson. Senior forward Brandon Tolinski got to the ball first and rang a shot off the crossbar from close range.

His shot ricocheted to Furgason, who made no mistake.

Please see CHIEFS, B3



Vying for possession Wednesday are Canton's Connor Shennan (left) and Walled Lake Northern's Mike Aravas. The Chiefs won the Division 1 boys soccer regional semifinal, 1-0.

### Rocks hold off Dearborn's Saad

**RV TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Salem boys soccer coach Ed McCarthy minces no words when describing Dearborn senior forward Soony Saad.

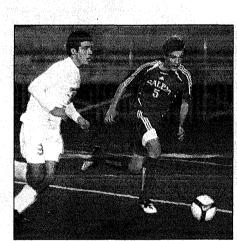
"He's as explosive of a player as I've seen in high school soccer in the last 20 years," McCarthy said. "He's that special and that dominant of a player."

Saad lived up to that billing - and then some — during Wednesday's Division 1 regional semifinal at Livonia Stevenson. But equal to the task was Saad's friend and another special player Rocks senior goalkeeper Sasa "Sasha"

The job Miskovic did, along with a clutch goal by senior midfielder Alex Tramel, enabled Salem (16-4-4) to escape with a 2-1 victory and a berth in Saturday's regional final against Canton. "Sasha's performance was huge,"

McCarthy said. "If Sasha was not the caliber of player as he is, a first-team All-Stater, we couldn't have won this game."

Concurring was Dearborn head coach Sean Gordon, whose Western Wayne Athletic Conference champions finished



Trying to stay a step ahead of Dearborn standout Soony Saad (No. 9) is Salem defender Brandon Barfuss. Saad scored a goal, but it wasn't enough as the Rocks won 2-1.

with an 18-2-2 record.

"Soony had a couple opportunities that were great shots," Gordon said. "But he just couldn't beat a great keeper in

Saad did score the Pioneers' only goal at 3:58 of the second half to knot the score at 1-1 (Salem's Dan Martin

#### **BOYS SOCCER REGIONALS**

opened the scoring in the first half). The Dearborn player turned on a dime and ripped a 25-yard shot top shelf to the right corner behind Miskovic.

But Salem, as good teams do, quickly

answered to regain the lead.
Sophomore defender Jake Genrich's long free kick from the left flank began the play. Tramel's timely header finished it, redirecting the ball inside the right post just 1:27 after Saad's tally.

"That was a very, very big goal and probably the biggest goal of the game when we come back immediately after they score and Alex Tramel gets that goal," McCarthy said. "If not, we're probably still playing."

Tramel said he had to be quick to react to Genrich's kick before the Pioneers did. "Jake Genrich made a great ball in the

box and I just got my head on it before the defense and it just found it's way in," Tramel said. "There was someone coming. I had to get my head on it."

Please see ROCKS, B3

# Captain's

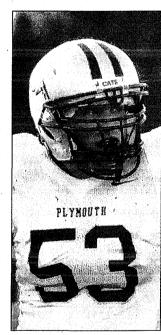
Who: Jordon Birman, Plymouth senior, football co-captain. Miscellany: The 17-year-old Birman, who plays both offensive and defensive line for the Wildcats, carries a 3.9 gradepoint average. His parents are Steve and Lori.

Captain's job: "To me, the job of a captain is to rally the troops when things maybe aren't going exactly how you had planned. I believe a captain has to do things the right way all the time, because the other guys look up to him."

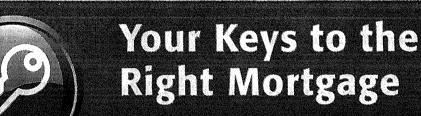
Leadership style: "My style of leadership is mostly leading by example. I try to give my best at all times and provide a standard for my teammates."

Why him?: "I think my team-

### JORDON BIRMAN



mates chose me as a captain because I work hard all the time and they can trust me to stand strong with them when the mud is flying."



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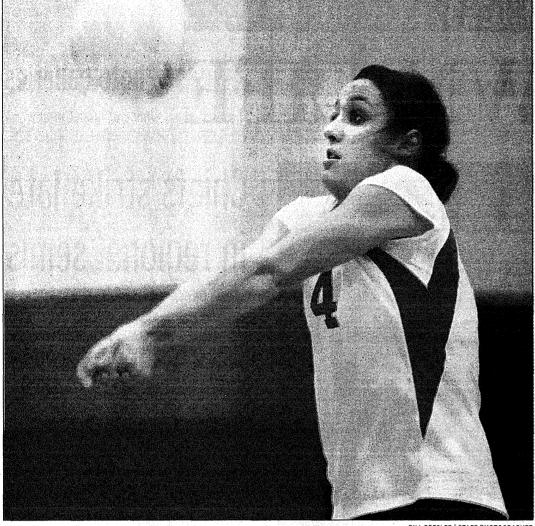
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The defense of Kristen Muir, shown from earlier this season, could boost Canton's district hopes.

### Spikers gearing up for districts

Canton and Plymouth competed Thursday in KLAA volleyball crossover matches in preparation for next week's Class A districts at Novi High

The Chiefs played through some inconsistency and defeated Howell (25-23, 25-14, 23-25, 25-16) in the match for fifth place while, in the seventh-place matchup, Plymouth swept past Waterford

Kettering (25-7, 25-12, 26-24). "We started to eliminate most of our errors to give us the advantage over Howell," said Canton head coach Mary Kryska. "When we are focused and continue to hit, even after a hitting error, is when (we're)

the strongest." Kryska emphasized that "any easy attacks will hurt us against the big teams we will face in

Breitmeyer was a standout with 30 assists and 21 defensive digs.

Other strong defenders included Kristen Muir (20 digs), Lauren Macuga (24 digs) and Jordan Kielty (13 digs).

Chipping in with 16 digs was middle hitter Alison Trapp, who played back row for the rotation whenever she was serving.

"I need everyone to be able to play defense because even if you are a primary front row hitter there is always the potential of serving and play-

ing back row for a rotation." Meanwhile, the Wildcats finished 13th overall in the KLAA with a record of 25-13-1 entering Wednesday's district

clash with Canton (5 p.m.). Statistical leaders for Plymouth against the Captains 15 digs), Dani Risi (7 kills. 5 digs), Alex Roberts (7 kills) and Katie Salo (30 assists, 6 digs).

The other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park team, Salem will play 7 p.m. Wednesday against the winner of Monday's Novi-Northville

matchup.
VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT PAIRINGS
CLASS A

Monday, Nov. 2: (A) Novi vs. (B) Northville, 7 Wednesday, Nov. 4: Canton vs. Plymouth, 5 p.m.; A-B winner vs. Salem, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6: Championship final, 7 p.m.

(Winner advances to regional semifinal at Dexter

vs. Hartland district champion.) at ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST Thursday, Nov. 5: Detroit Westside Christian Academy vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 5:30

p.m.; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Lutheran High Westland, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifina

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at WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY Teams include: Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner Plymouth Christian Academy, Washtenaw Christian Academy, Ypsilanti Calvary Christian Academy. No other details availabl

trol the clock with your offense and not give up the big plays,' Sawchuk said after exchanging hugs with many players in an emotional postgame scene. 'We gave up the big plays."

A lot of the Canton damage came courtesy of Delapaz, who threw and ran for a total 270 yards (including 145 on the ground).

He connected with junior running back Davion Stackhouse on a 55-yard touchdown pass to open up a 20-10 lead in the second.

Delapaz started the scoring with a 4-yard quarterback keeper with 3:54 to go in the opening frame and wowed fans with a dazzling, 77-yard touchdown early in the second to make it 14-3.

That TD came just two plays after Brindza put Plymouth (6-4) on the board with a 47-yard field goal that sliced through the uprights.

Delapaz faked a handoff up the middle, booted around right end and tore down the right sidelines, avoiding Plymouth defenders.

"He's great, he's faster than what he looks," Baechler said.

#### **ANSWERING BACK**

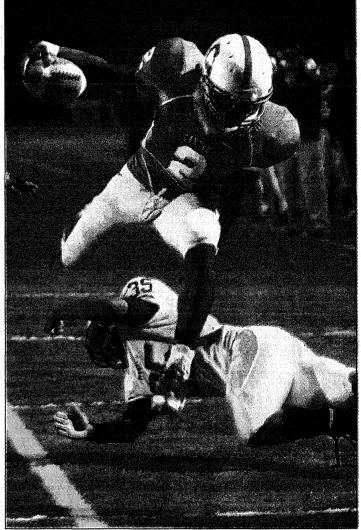
Plymouth junior quarterback Victor Hicks and senior running back Jernarian Caldwell did a good job of answering the Chiefs with some big plays of their own in the first half.

Hicks (22 carries, 136 yards), perhaps charged up by the long Delapaz six-pointer, burst up the middle for a 50yard gainer on the subsequent drive. That set up his 7-yard touchdown through the line. A Brindza extra point made it

Next came the Chiefs, marching down the field 80

yards for another score. Delapaz found junior tight end Angelo Lanava on a 29yard pass and then threw the

TD bomb to Stackhouse. On his scoring strike to Stackhouse, the receiver reached back to grab the pigskin and hit the gas to finish the job - veering into the front-left corner of the end zone, well ahead of Plymouth defenders.



Canton junior running back Davion Stackhouse (No. 2) hurdles Plymouth sophomore defensive back Donte Fox during the second half. Stackhouse scored two touchdowns in the Division 1 football pre-district game.

But it only took three plays for the Wildcats to answer. Caldwell (10 rushes, 65 yards) scooted up the middle for a 27yard touchdown with 3:36 left in the half to make it 20-17.

Then came Brindza's unsuccessful bid to tie the game. The kick had plenty of distance, but drifted off target.

#### **DOWN THE FIELD**

Right away in the third, it was apparent that Canton's defense would be a bit tougher on the Wildcats.

After a three-and-out series for Plymouth, the Chiefs put together an 88-yard scoring drive. Sophomore running back Kevin Buford (106 allpurpose vards) scored on a 21yard run around right end.

If the Wildcats had thoughts of a comeback, they were dashed on their next offensive series. A floating pass by Hicks was intercepted by junior

defensive back Ryan Powell near the Plymouth 30-yard

On the ensuing drive, Canton's Stackhouse scored again (on a 4-yard run) and it suddenly was a 16-point spread.

The final TD of the night was a 68-yard run by senior running back Adam Payter (13 carries, 122 yards).

Following the game, Baechler was able to exhale, with his team hosting either Ann Arbor Pioneer or Temperance Bedford (probably next Friday night).

"Beating a team twice in a year is very difficult, especially when it's your arch rival," Baechler said. "I'm just glad to get out of here (with a win).

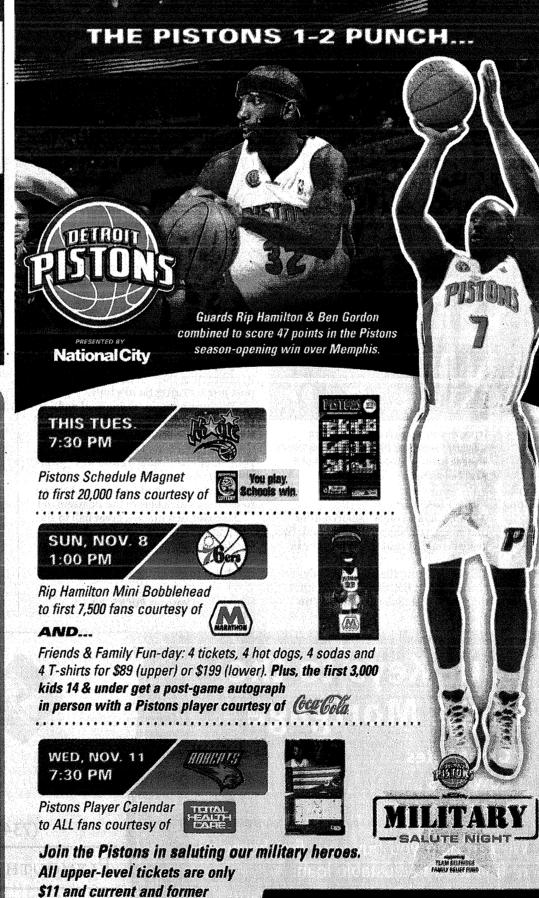
"First-round games for us, it seems like they're always tough."

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#### **CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS**

LIVONIA FRANKLIN PATRIOT CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL Oct. 29 at Nankin Mills

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (grades 11-12): 1. Northville, 22 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 35; 3. Salem, 86: 4, Canton, 112, (won tie-breaker): 5 Franklin, 112; 6. W.L. Northern; 7. Ladywood (NTS); 8. Garden City (NTS). Individual winner: Alexis Hickson (Churchill).

21 minutes, 14.8 seconds (5,000 meters). Churchill finishers: 6. Kayla Szado, 21:56.4; 7 Jessica Raisanen, 22:047:10 Jenna Szuba.

22:14.2; 11. Megan McDonald, 22:15.0; 22. Melissa Roe, 22:56.3; 30. Erika First, 23:22.1; 33. Maddy Jiga, 23:59.0; 35. Kelly Twigg, 24:07.8; 37. Evran Ural, 24:17.4: 55. Amanda Adams, 25:59.6: 62. Whitney Bucher, 26:50.2; 63. Molly Kurasik, 26:52.6. Salem finishers: 9. Rachel Morrison, 22:09.9: 12. Phoebe VanHoff, 22:15.0; 13. Mariam Mroeh,

22:26.4; 21. Brittany Callegari, 22:52.7; 32. Emily Willer 23:277:59 Danielle Warren 26:23 8 Canton finishers: 16. Melanie Kulczycki, 22:36.8; 23. Yuki Krolicki, 23:00.0; 27. Shelby Oslen, 23:18.5: 28. Bree Starosciak, 23:20.9: 29. Courtney

Campbell, 23:21.2; 31. Ashley Cade, 23:25.0; 34. Rebecca Krul, 24:00.5; 41. Andrea Rapson, 24:34.6; 53. Avery Ash. 25:42.4. Franklin finishers: 14. Christa Mott, 22:27.4; 17. Victoria Church, 22:39.8; 25. Meghan Lark, 23:13.9; 26. Nikki Kaledas, 23:18.3; 42. Dina Spagi, 24:35.1; 43. Courtney Stadler, 24:40.9; 44. Jackie Horsell,

Ladywood finishers: 38, Siobhan Aldridae. 24:20.2; 39. Mercedes Black, 24:23.0; 47. Lauren

Garden City finishers: 54. Sydney Borlace. 25:43.8; 58. Brianna Chambo, 26:21.6; 60. Megan

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (grades 9-10): 1. Salem, 23 points; 2. Northville, 61; 3. Livonia

Churchill, 66; 4. Canton, 116; 5. Livonia Ladywood, 118: 6. Livonia Franklin, 149. Individual winner: Lisa Hamel (Northville), 20 minutes, 59.8 seconds (5,000 meters).

Salem finishers: 2. Emily Bizon, 21:08.1; 3. Amanda Beyer, 21:19.3; 5. Shannon Fitzpatrick, 21:41.5: 6. Madison Goodpasture, 21:42.9: 7. Gretchen Clemans, 21:53.7; 8. Alexis Foley, 21:55.3; 9. Alejandra Beltran, 21:55.7; 13. Maddy Verklan,

Churchill finishers: 4. Vivien Okechucwa, 21:33.0; 11. Lisa McMullen, 22:10.3; 16. Allesandra ladipaolo, 22:35.3; 18. Allison Murray, 2:47.8; 24. Alexandra Pomrenke, 24:12.4; 38. Jennifer Bourlier, 27:25.0; 40. Abigail Haod, 28:23.4; 47. Gabriella Portis 36:33 0:49 Maria Zarkin 39:46 2 Canton finishers: 20. Michele Bellovary, 23:49.8; 21. Hannah Feree, 23:50.9; 26. Laura Murphy, 24:37.4; 29. Meg Riley, 25:21.1; 32. Mona Patel, 25:27.6.

22:31.2:23. Megan Riethmiller, 24:07.2:27. Carlee Faber, 24:55.2; 34. Sarah Wickman, 26:28.5; 35. Brenna Wright, 26:49.5; 37. Ally Mozeleski, 27:16.4. Franklin finishers: 17. Jane Modes, 22:41.1: 28. Sara Turner, 25:01.6; 42. Hajer Al-Hassuni, 29:17.7; 45. Sara Burgess, 31:30.0; 48. Theresa Savage,

Garden City finishers: 30. Faith Lovelace, 25:24.6; 31. Rebecca Reiter, 25:27.3; 39. Mandy Cyrenne, 27:25.3; 46. Kaitlyn Sanders, 34:13.8

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (grades 9-10): 1 Northville, 40: 2, Canton, 42; 3, Salem, 77; 4. Churchill, 89; 5. Franklin, 111.

Individual winner: Steve McEvilly (Salem), BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (grades 11-12): 1. Northville, 15, 2. Canton, 59; 3. Livonia Charchill, 61; 4. Livonia Franklin, 113.

Individual winner: Alex Kanya (Northville), 17 minutes, 34 seconds (5,000 meters).



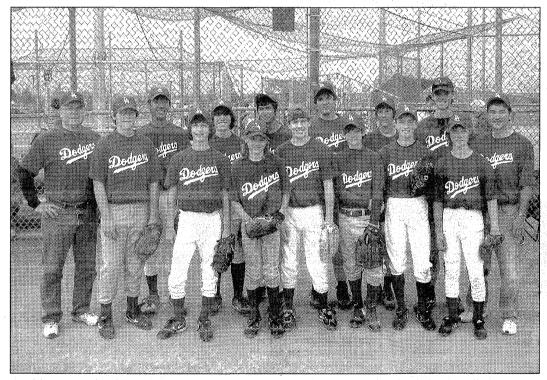
#### They are the champions

Celebrating their first Kensington Conference championship Oct. 22 is Salem's girls cross country team, coached by Dave Gerlach (front left) with help from assistant coaches Laura Friedman and Jenny Dattilio and managers Alyssa Calkin, Clarissa Carvalho and Allison Walker. The team, listed alphabetically and including varsity and junior varsity runners is as follows: Amanda Beyer, Emily Bizon, Dana Blackenship, Kara Booms, Autumn Burin, Brittany Callegari, Gretchen Clemans, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Meghan Flynn, Shannon Flynn, Alexis Foley, Madison Goodpasture, Adelaida Jepperson, Kelly Kerwin, Jordyn Moore (captain), Rachel Morrison (assistant captain), Mariam Mroueh, Victoria Tripp, Danielle Warren, Emily Willer (assistant captain), Phoebe VanHoof, Maddy Verklan.



#### Awesome autumn for 12U Phillies

The 12U GCYBSA Phillies completed the fall season and playoffs undefeated going 14-0. The team includes: (front row, from left) Alex Zoltowski, Pete Carravallah and Ryan Watson; (middle row, from left) Ty Robinson, Mike Vernon, Josh Penn, Dante Toppi, Kyle Bauer, Jordan Chambers, Lucas Albrect and Steve Vernon; (back row, from left) Coach Len Carravallah, Coach Pat Watson and Tyler Brooks. Not pictured is Tanner Hay.



#### **Dodgers** do it

The 14U Dodgers capped the fall season in style by winning a close one against the Phillies, 9-8, to take the Plymouth-Canton rec-league playoff championship. Members of the championship team are (left to right): Coach Jason Russell, Jacob Beaudoin, Ryan Chin, Corey Jose, Chad Russell, Gabe McBay, Jake Brekke, Austin Mckee, Robert Boutilier, Alex Leventis, Joe Klots, Jonathan Hoeschele, Nick Armstrong, Nick Miller and Head Coach Rich Jose. Not pictured is Coach Chris Brekke.

#### **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

#### Give 'Pickleball' a try

Plymouth and Canton residents are welcome to sign up for a unique recreational sport being offered by Northville Parks and Recreation — pickleball. The sport combines ping pong and badminton,

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#### Plymouth YMCA eyes grant Liberty Mutual will soon donate a \$2,500

Responsible Community Grant to 20 youth sports organizations demonstrating their commitment to doing the right things on and off the playing surface. The Plymouth Family YMCA is hoping to be one of

the recipients.

"The Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports program targets many of the issues we see happening at youth sporting events by shining a positive light on what it means to be a responsible coach and a responsible sports-parent," said Greg Gordon, vice president of Consumer Marketing at Liberty Mutual. "Beyond that, Liberty Mutual is making a significant financial contribution to support the efforts of local organizations like Plymouth Family YMCA."

The ongoing, community-based program offers meaningful, easy-to-use educational resources for youth sports parents and coaches, including access to on-the-field game and practice preparation tools as well as self-paced online courses filled with learning tools, videos and topics addressing youth sports

The Responsible Sports program, including community grants, comes at a crucial time for communities where youth programs are under pressure from increasing numbers of participants, limited volunteer activity and mounting program-administration costs. Through the resources provided by the grants, it is

hoped that "our organizations thrive even under challenging circumstances." For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or go to www.responsiblesports.com.

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From there, the defense of the Chiefs (14-7-3) spoiled any thoughts the KLAA Lakes Conference champion Knights had of a comeback.

"He's one of our special players," Canton head coach George Tomasso said about Furgason. "Fortunately we got a few set pieces in the second half so he could go up and help with our attack. And he got on the end of a few that could have been goals, but just didn't have the right accuracy.

"That last one, you just saw him running up to the ball and you knew he wasn't going to

#### **TAKING CHARGE**

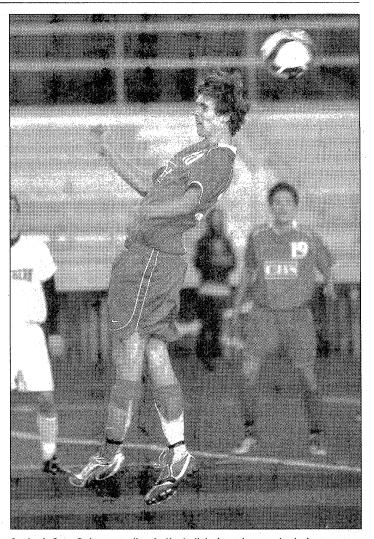
After a scoreless first half, a 40-minute exercise for each team to see what the other one had, the Chiefs started to bring more pressure on Thompson.

"We did start off a little bit nervous," Tomasso said. "But when we finally settled down about halfway through the first half, we did a great job to start controlling the play."

Whenever the Knights did have dangerous scoring attempts, Walther was there with acrobatics and sure hands.

Just 13 minutes into the match, a header by Austin Rogers off a throw-in looked to be a goal. But Walther dove to his left to keep the ball out.

Walther's diving snag of a labeled drive off the foot of Yanni Silvestri near the 12minute mark of the second half also kept the Chiefs from falling behind.



Canton's Sean Balnaves redirects the ball during a teammate during Wednesday's Division 1 regional.

"If he didn't get his hands to that ball, there were Walled Lake Northern players all around him," Tomasso said. "So I give Kai a lot of credit because he made the big save at the big time and that kept us in it."

Just before Furgason's goal, Canton had several excellent chances to score. The best was a bid by sophomore forward

Shean Krolicki, but Thompson dove to block it.

"I've got to give my boys a lot of credit," Tomasso said. "They worked hard, they defended as best as they possibly could and kept the ball out of our goal.

"It took the majority of the game, but we got the goal in the end."

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#### **CLOSE CALLS**

The Rocks then had to wring their hands for more than 34 minutes, particularly whenever Saad was on the pitch.

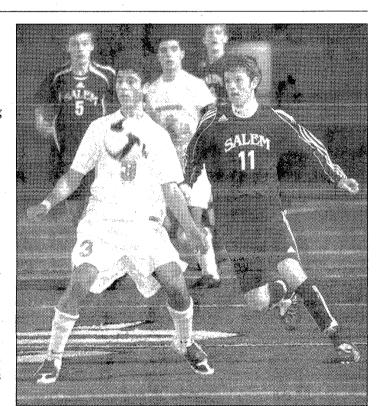
Despite apparent lockdown mode by Salem, Dearborn's Ahmad Jawad and Saad worked a perfect give-and-go. The shot by Saad, coming in from the right side, looked on its way in until Miskovic jumped up high to deflect it.

Miskovic later dove to get in front of a sharp-angle kick by Saad, with about four minutes to go.

The Rocks, meanwhile, dodged a major bullet about 27:30 into the second half when Saad's apparent goal was waved off due to an offsides

"They kind of used that as a tactic to stretch us all night, getting behind the back line and then getting right back (onsides) right before the ball was played," McCarthy said. "Since they won it so quickly on that, he (Saad) didn't have time to get back."

For Dearborn, the range of emotion went from elation to dejection in an instant due to the offsides ruling. Unable to get the tying goal the rest of



Dearborn's Khalil Boussi gets in front of the ball while Salem's Lachlan Savage (No. 11) moves in on the play during Wednesday's Division 1 boys soccer regional semifinal at Livonia Stevenson.

the way, the Pioneers lost in a regional semifinal for the eighth year in a row.

"From this point of view, I couldn't see" whether Saad

was offsides, Gordon said. Salem finished the night as well as it started it. The Rocks got on the board just 4:45 into

the match and still led 1-0 at

the intermission. Senior midfielder Lachlan

Savage's shot hit the crossbar and bounced toward junior midfielder Dan Martin, who hammered the ball past Dearborn junior goalkeeper Ramee Naja.

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### Steelers knock off Lions in 'Black and Blue' match

Black and gold ruled at the annual "Black and Blue" youth football game Saturday, Oct. 24 between the Plymouth **Canton Steelers and Canton** Lions.

For the second consecutive year, the varsity Steelers won the coveted "Black and Blue" trophy, defeating the Lions

Steering the Steelers to victory was quarterback Mike White, connecting with speedster Stephen Cook to outrace the Lions' secondary.

Other key players to contribute for the Steelers were Jonathan Jamssens, making versatile plays on offense, solid two-way player Derek Young and defenders Wesley Weber and Aaron Martin.

The win netted more than a trophy for the Steelers. It also gave them the third seed in the WJSFL Super Bowl playoffs.

For the Lions, whose season ended with the loss, tailback James Hall rushed for more than 80 yards and scored a 40-yard touchdown.

Other highlights included a 35-yard pass play from quarterback Andrew Hunt to Nathan Michalik, strong defense from Daniel Tidwell and Ben Cockrum, special teams excellence from Robert Daoud and sturdy blocking from offensive linemen Austin Fisher and Anthony Kenney.

JUNIOR VARSITY: The Lions were victorious in the junior varsity matchup, 12-7. An interception by DaMarcus Kaigler late in the fourth quarter sealed the win against their crosstown rivals.

Lions jumped out early on a long touchdown run by Chuck Turfe with Allante Wheeler scoring before halftime to make it 12-0.

The Steelers cut the lead to 12-7 on a TD reception by Jacob Marsh, who caught sev-

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eral passes during the contest. Kaigler then came through with a pick to keep the Steelers from taking the lead.

Other strong performers for the Lions included lineman Austin Stoneburg, particularly on defense to hold back the Steelers.

Devin Cameron of the Steelers ran hard up the middle to help his team make its late rally bid, helped out by the blocking of lineman Justin

Kevin Justice was tough on D, making a number of tackles and blocking an extra point try by the Lions.

**Both Plymouth-Canton** teams were set to face each other this weekend in the first round of the playoffs.

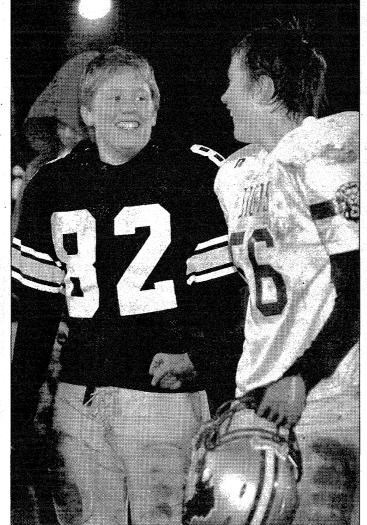
FRESHMEN: A 6-0 victory by the Steelers featured running back Dylan Stackhouse, who was the leading rusher and scored the game's lone TD on an interception return in the fourth quarter.

Helping the still perfect Steelers (8-0) move down the field was the blocking of Vincent VanDerRoes while key defenders included noseguard Lou Baechler and defensive end Christian Pearson.

For the Lions, the defense also pitched a shutout (since the TD was after an interception). Solid efforts were turned in by Myles Beverly, Spencer Brown, Alan Farmer, Joey Glunt, Evan Voyles, Tevyn Smith, Noah Brown, Cody Tapp, Victor Abraham, Brad Tyszkiewicz and Jason Arnold.

Playing hard in defeat were O-linemen David Mason, Julius Crouch, Ethan Balogh, Connor Flanigan and Carter Kahl.

In the first round of the playoffs this weekend, the Lions looked to avenge a 12-6



Congratulating each other for a game well-played are Nick March of the varsity Plymouth-Canton Steelers (No. 82) and Forrest Hall (No. 56) of the varsity Canton Lions following the annual 'Black and Blue' youth football contest.

loss earlier this season to the **Brighton Bulldogs** 

JUNIOR FRESHMEN: The fourth contest between the Lions and Steelers included plenty of highlights and top performers.

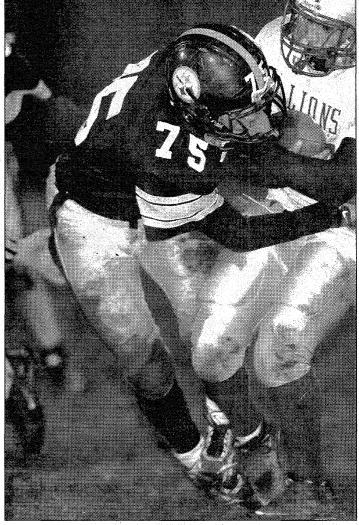
· Dominating the first half were the junior freshmen Lions, with Justin Reynolds running the ball in for a TD for the eighth game in a row.

Registering quarterback sacks were Kameron Arnold and Robby Begley to key an excellent defense. Justin

Reynolds also returned an interception 80 yards for a

Meanwhile, Bennett Austin's season high 18 tackles sparked the Lions D as did Darrell Harding Jr., Michael Linderman and Gary Hicks in the secondary and Lawrence Austin, Preston Parana and Ethan Locke up front.

Offensively, Steven Shoats Thomas gained hard-fought first downs while running backs Austin and Reynolds



Derek Young (No. 75) makes one of his patented hard-hitting tackles for the Steelers against the hometown rival Lions.

tallied nice yardage on the ground.

• Steeler highlights include an excellent defensive stand late in the

first half, which deprived the Lions of momentum going into the

intermission. The Steelers made the stop on a fourthand-three.

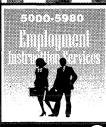
Keagan Whitczak sparked the defense with aggressive play and several assisted tack-

Meanwhile, on offense, the Steelers finished the game with a long drive that ended with Logan Walkley's second rushing TD. Leading the charge was quarterback Jake Cain, behind the blocking of Dean Kaye, Ben Wright, James McCarthy, Nick Prevo and Nicholas Downs.

Also contributing on offense were Carson Miller and Benjamin Bennett, with key receptions and hard runs, respectively.

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#### **MILESTONES**

#### Melaragni-Considine

Ingrid and Mike Melaragni of Livonia and Judy and Barry Considine of Redford Township are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Julia Melaragni and Robert Considine.

The bride-to-be graduated from Ladywood Catholic High School and the groom from Thurston High School. They are both graduates of the University of Michigan.

A late fall wedding is planned.

#### Barker-Cislo

Jennifer Lynn Cislo of Belleville and Craig Daniel Barker of Northville were married June 27, 2009, in Britton. The Rev. Amy Mayo-Moyle officiated.

The bride, daughter of Clyde and Linda Cislo of Milan, graduated in 1996 from Milan High School. She earned an undergraduate degree in 2000 from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in 2007 from Spring Arbor University. She teaches sixth grade in Monroe Public Schools.

The groom, son of Daniel and Virginia Barker of Livonia, graduated in 1996 from Adlai E. Stevenson High School, in Livonia. He earned an undergraduate degree in 2000 from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in 2004 from Marygrove College. He teaches history in Livonia Public Schools.

The bride's attendants were: Janel Tucker, friend of the bride, Matron of Honor; Jodi Westrick, cousin of the bride and Jennifer Barker, sister of the groom, bridesmaids; Emily Cislo and Madelyn Cislo, both. nieces of the bride, acolytes: Caroline Cislo, niece of the bride, flower girl; and Emma



Melaragni-Considine



Barker-Cislo

Barker, niece of the groom, Bible bearer.

The groom's attendants were David Wallace, friend of the groom, best man; Geoffrey Zmyslowski, friend of the groom and Brian "Rocky" Barker, brother of the groom, groomsmen; Benjamin Cislo, nephew and Godson of the bride, ring bearer; and Geoffrey Cislo, brother of the bride, Andrew Cislo, brother of bride and Eric Muraszewski, cousin of the groom, ushers.

A reception was held at The Michigan League, Ann Arbor. The couple took a honey-

moon trip to California's and Oregon's coast.

They reside in Northville.

#### **GARDEN CALENDAR**

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#### **Holiday Tables**

The Farmington Garden Club presents its 9th Annual Holiday Table Exhibition 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 and noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15, at the historic Spicer House in Heritage Park, located off Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads in Farmington. Tickets are available for \$5 at Steinkopf Nursery, 20815 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, and the day of the event at the Spicer House. There will be a Complimentary Coffee Shoppe with refreshments, small gift shop and some hands-on demonstrations.

The Farmington Garden Club is devoted to the development of all phases of gardening, the betterment and beautification of the community and the protection and preservation of natural resources. The group also studies the fine art of flower arranging and gardening. Each meeting includes a program on garden related topics, instruction on flower arranging, or environmental subjects. The club meets at noon the first Monday of the month at the Spicer House in Heritage Park. Guests are welcome. For more information visit farmingtongardenclub.com.

#### KROLIKOWSKI-KELLER

Age 104, Livonia's oldest resident. Beloved wife of the late Anthony F. (1962) and Joseph (1995). Loving mother of Marie (Walter) Bobrowski, Arlene Williams (Farris Thomas). Proud grandmother of 18 and greatgrandmother of many more. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Preceded in death by her son Anthony (1921) and daughter Frances Szakaly (2005). Member of The Daughters of Isabella-Tekakwitha Circle #924, Life Long Member of the Felician Sisters, and Female Auxillary for VFW Woodrow Wilson Post 6896, Polish Legion of American Veterans #2545, worked 35 years for the International Co-op Restaurant, Detroit. Funeral Service was Thursday St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. Memorial Contributions to Donor's Choice. Arrangements were provided by Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 5 Mile Rd., Livonia.

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**AMY JO STEWART** 

Age 43 of Livonia, October 25, 2009.

Dear daughter of James and Barbara

Stewart of Bellaire. Loving sister of

Craig (Linda) Stewart, Traci Stewart and Linda Namie. Cherished long

time partner of Larry Kuriwchak. Dear

aunt of Stephanie Stewart. She will be missed by her faithful pets Alivia,

Zenith and Sabrina. Private cremation

services were arranged by Vermeulen

Funeral Home. To share memories, visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

BERNARD C. YELCHO

Age 73, of Farmington Hills, MI,

passed away October 23, 2009.

Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral

Home, Farmington, MI

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ETHEL M. MUNDT Age 92 passed away Oct. 24th. She was the wife of the late Charles Kovacs and Elmer Mundt. Loving mother to Marie (Charles) Gurriero of Brighton, Charles Anne Kovacs of Las Vegas, Judith (James) Mazrum of Alpena. Robert Mundt of Birmingham and Martha (Frank) Yeisman of AZ., sister of Violet Bader. 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren also survive. Burial was at Oakview Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Easter Seals of Oakland County or The Alzheimer's Association, Condolences at www.wesselsandwilk.com.



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LENORA NORINE WILSON Age 78, of Canton, October 30, 2009. Beloved wife of Frank. Loving mother of Michael (Pamela) Wilson, Linda (Jack) Dalton and Michele (Thomas) Kinor. Dear grandmother of Teresa, Michael, Nicholas, Angela, John, Matthew, Amanda, Alex and greatgrandmother of Timothy, Whitney, John Franklin II, Ashley, Brittany, Brian and Zachary. She is also survived by her brother Norman (Betty) Fulmer. She was preceded in death by her parents Arthur and Norine Fulmer, 10 brothers and 1 sister. Funeral service is Monday, 3:00 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Monday, 11:00 - 3:00 PM. Entombment in Michigan

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#### JANE E. FINLEY

October 23, 2009 of Plymouth. Jane

was born Jan. 29, 1928 to Charles and Eva Jane (Petersen) McCabe. She graduated from St. Benedict's Catholic School. On June 27, 1949 she married Foy Smith Finley and they enjoyed 56 years of marriage. Together they raised six children: Mark, Marikay (Craig) Reidsma, Steven (Rhonda), Susan (Don) Honaker, Ronald (Dianne) and Craig (Natalie). Jane was preceded in death by her husband Foy, her parents Charles and Eva, one brother William McCabe, sisters Patricia Burke and Dorothy Heinmiller, and one grandson Isaac Honaker. Jane is survived by her sister Carol (Jack) Gaffkey, her six children, twenty grandchildren: Ryan, Emily, Nicole, Shayne, Emilia, Julia, Andrew, Alec, Sarah, Isaac and Erinn Finley, Brett and Scott Reidsma, Sanquez Cole, Shanika, Noah and Alana Honaker, Aisslyn Wilson, Clarissa and John Bullington and nine great grandchildren. Jane enjoyed family, playing euchre at the Friendship Station in Plymouth Township, cooking for her many family dinners, and keeping in touch with friends. She will be sorely missed and always loved by those who were fortunate enough to know her. Visitation was held Monday with a Funeral Service Tuesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. To share a memory please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

#### JUNE A. TURNER

May 12, 1930 - October 27, 2009 of Pawleys Island, SC, formerly of Plymouth, died of multiple systemic failures following a number of years of ill health. A complete obituary can be accessed at: goldfinchfuneralhome.com

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#### LISA (FLAMME) MIHM

October 8, 2009. Age 46 of Florida, formally of Livonia. Beloved wife of Matthew, mother of Mason, stepmother of Matthew Jr. She is survived by her parents Albert and Patricia Flamme, brother Dennis, sister Lynda and several nieces and nephews. Memorial Mass on Nov. 5th at 10:30am at St Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lily Rd., Canton, MI. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to American Cancer

#### MARGARET A. FOURNIER

Age 78, October 25, 2009. Beloved wife of David "Mike". Loving mother of Lee (Eric) Sandweiss, Julia Dougherty, Michael (Lee), Patricia and David. Dear sister of Elizabeth Harrison. Proud grandmother of Michael Lee, Ethan, Noah, Timothy and Patrick. Memorial visitation was Thursday 6 p.m. until the time of memorial service 8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Memorials to American Diabetes Association appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

#### **NORMA ROBERTS**

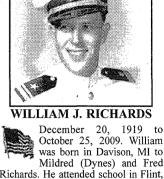
Age 92, October 28, 2009 of Dearborn. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Marjorie Roberts, Mary Beth (Edward) Fest and Jeffrey Roberts. Dear sister of Robert Sandberg. Also survived by two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Visitation on Tuesday November 3, 2009 at the Henry Ford Village Chapel. In state 12:00 p.m. until time of service at 1:00 p.m. Arrangements by the Dearborn Chapel of the Voran Funeral Home. Obituary/Guestbook at: www.voranfuneralhome.com

#### **RAY A. MATTSON**

Age 67, of Livonia, MI passed away October 28th, 2009. Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River, Ave, Farmington, MI

#### TAMMY J. SMITH

October 27, 2009 Age 46 of Westland. Dear wife of Charles. Loving mother to Jonathan and Sarah. Beloved sister to Nancy (Donald) Martin and Ted (Becky) Winekoff. Funeral services The Uht Funeral from Westland, Thursday 1pm. Visitation was at the funeral home Wednesday from 5-9pm. Burial will take place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.



MI and graduated from General Motors Institute with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1941. He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1943 through 1946. He served aboard the USS Shamrock Bay (aircraft carrier) as a catapult and assistant flight deck officer in the Pacific and Atlantic theatres. Bill married E. Lenora Thompson, from Pontiac, MI, in 1946. They raised two children in Livonia, MI: Ronald (Janet Pletcher) of E. Lansing, MI and Nanci (Steve) Tayler of Crystal Lake, IL. Lenora passed away in May 1998. His sister, Doris Richards, PhD, preceded him in death in July 2000. William was a career engineer. He began employment, after the war, with GM Coach in Illinois. In 1958, he accepted employment with the Ford Motor Company in the Transmission and Chassis Division in Livonia. He retired as Resident Engineer of that facility in 1984. At his retirement, his peers lauded him as one of the finest and most gifted mechanical engineers with whom they had the privilege to have worked. Bill was a tinkerer. His basement workshop was his creative lair. He spent countless hours designing and crafting items of wood or metal; repairing mowers to fan motors which he had retrieved as "cast-aways" from neighboring curbsides. Bill also restored a 1946 Chevrolet pick-up truck that had been 'in the and used on a gladiola farm near Traverse City, MI. The restored truck was the recipient of several blue ribbons in local and regional car shows.He began summer vacations on Lake Huron in Harrisville, MI in 1958. He purchased land and began building a second home on "The Bluffs" in 1973. Together, Bill and Lenora built the house as a labor of love. It remained Bills proudest achievement. Bill leaves behind his many special friends at the Livonia Senior Center, where he danced on Wednesday afternoons to live "Big Band" music and his most special and favorite partner, Bernie Timm. A private memorial service will be held with the family. Bill's remains will join with those of his beloved Lenora in Lake Huron. The family requests memorial gifts only to Alcona Humane Society; 457 W. Traverse Bay Road; Lincoln, MI 48742 or The Salvation Army. For

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Brady James DelCarmen was born Dec. 4, 2008, in Gurnee,

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### NEIGHBORS

# 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.

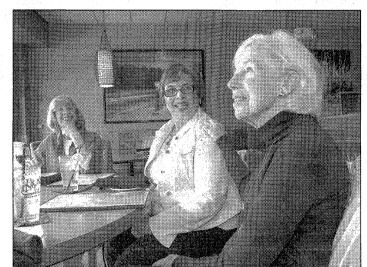
Neither did Janet Conway of Livonia, Pat Hildebrand of Birmingham, Marilyn Lindow of Troy or Rose Pierce of Farmington.

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.

Please see CLUB, B7



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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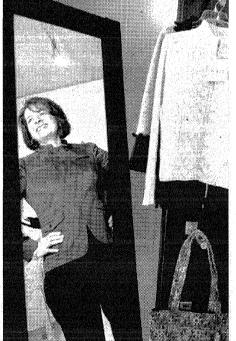
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Barbara Krauss of Westland



Nancy Braden.of Plymouth

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

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 gettogethers. 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 person-

#### **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

"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
- Stay close send a card, make a phone call to tell someone you're thinking about them if you can't visit in
- Try to reconnect with friends because time moves
- Enjoy your differences as well as common interests

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needing a

factory fix,

"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

"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 say's there's nothing he can do.

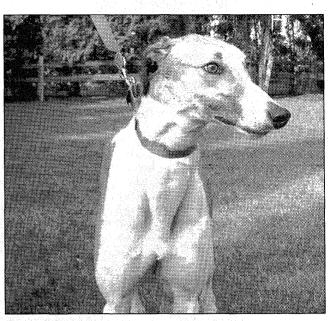
Bottom line, my Classic Amana range is a danger in my home. I feel that Amana should step up to the plate and handle this serious situation. Please help me inform others if there are other similar situations."

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

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

children from suffering burns

from a kitchen range.



Prime

#### **ADOPT A GREYHOUND**

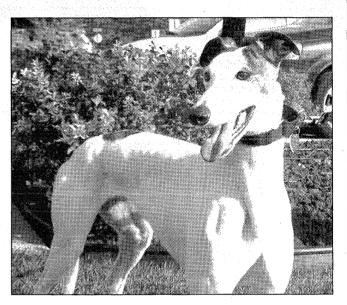
Diamond and Oliver "Prime" are two of five dogs the Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption picked up from Dairvland Greyhound Park in Kenosha, Wis., last week. Here's what volunteers say about them:

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

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

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David Welch with driving glasses

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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 tbizoefs@gmail.com. Visit First Step's Web site at: www. firststep-mi.org. 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**

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 1, 2009

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

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**Arthritis Today** 

#### **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 uniformed 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

www.drjjweiss.yourmd.com

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

Donations to the Salvation Army's Thrift Stores generate total funding for the organization's Southeast

Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center's 180-day residential rehabilitation program for adults. The program provides food, shelter, education and counseling services to those re-establishing their lives free from alcohol and chemical dependencies. For more information, visit www. SalArmyThrift.com or call (866) GIVE-TOO.

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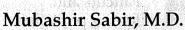
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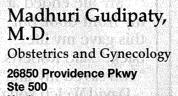
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com. Got a photo of your graduating

class? Maybe a prom photo or some

other special moment? Send it along,

50th reunion festivities in September

Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown

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Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at

(Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

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Class of 1984

(248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington

Planning a reunion and looking for

classmates. Contact szonyek@att.

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking

Facebook by searching Farmington

High School Class of 1970 Reunion.

Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at

25-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight,

Saturday, Nov. 28, Burton Manor in

Livonia. Cost is \$65 per person and

includes dinner, dancing/DJ, and full

bar. A photographer will be on-site

taking and selling group and individ-

ual photos. Invitations will be mailed

out in October. E-mail Michele (Tonna)

Belczak at michelebel@sbcglobal.net

or Melanie (Monaghan) Scharboneau

at mscharboneau@yahoo.com to pro-

Mini-reunion luncheons held the sec-

ond Saturday of every month at 1 p.m.

in the banquet room in the Plymouth

Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of

I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-

Dearborn Heights Haston High

4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@

vide current mailing address.

**Garden City High School** 

Class of 1960

vahoo.com.

Chapter 54

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classmates. Join the group on

net with any information about class-

too, as a jpg attachment.

**Detroit Pershing** 

Class of 1960

least two weeks in advance to Sharon

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. For a complete listing online, go to hometownlife.com.

#### NOV. 5-11

#### Christmas bazaar

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20850 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Gifts, cookies, cakes and breads, door prize drawings. Free. For more information or for table rental sign-up, call CherylAnn at (734) 560-9278 or e-mail nalyrehc@yahoo.com. Or leave a message at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at (248) 474-0675.

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington continues its series of learnsing forums, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, with these topics: Groundswell: Using Technologies to Get the Things You Need. Inspired by the best-selling book "Groundswell," this session will cover the personal and business uses of social media networks; "Sun of God" will explore the numerous astrological elements that comprise so much of the Christian story; and "Beyond the Paw Print: A Support Group for those Grieving the Death of a Pet," will appeal to those grieving the death of a beloved pet or animal companion. Refreshments at 7 p.m., with forums from 7:30-9 p.m. No advance registration is necessary. A \$5 donation is suggested. The church is located at 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills.

#### Craft show

Holiday crafts, attic treasures, country store 10 a.m.-3 p.m.. Nov. 6-7, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. "Crafts 'n More Show" is presented by the United Methodist Women with proceeds benefitting mission and church programs. Includes handmade ornaments, holiday decor, specialty gift items, canned goods and bake sale. Lunch available 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (313) 937-3170

#### Fund-raiser

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Livonia partner to support local needy families this Christmas with the 18th Annual Share the Bounty fund-raiser, 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 6. Donation is \$14 and includes admission and 10 auction tickets. Additional auction tickets, available at the door, are 10 for \$10. Enjoy fun, refreshments and opportunities to win prizes. For more information contact Kathy Weinberg at (734) 464-0211.

#### **Grief program**

"GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays" is aimed at people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. The seminar runs 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 8, at Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman in Livonia. There is no charge for this event, but a \$4.00 donation is suggested to cover the cost of workbooks. The seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death. For more information call (313) 682-7491.

#### Speaker

Rev. Dr. Phil Hemke, director of Church Relations for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, will speak at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, and 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 5 Mile, Livonia. His message is entitled "Focus." (734) 464-0211

St. Michael the Archangel Church in

#### Veteran's Day Mass

Livonia invites veterans, reservists. active military, and their families to a special Veterans' Day Mass at noon, Sunday, Nov. 8. There will be an honor guard and flag-raising ceremony in front of the church at 11:45 a.m. to remember men and women who have given their lives in service of the country. The Mass will be followed by an informal reception and refreshments in the school cafeteria. A highlight of the annual gathering has been the display of many letters, pictures, and drawings by students of St. Michael's School, remembering and thanking our military for their service, past and present. The church is located at 11441 Hubbard, immediately south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman Roads in Livonia. (734)

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24, 2010; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com

#### Ladywood Class of 1984

25th reunion, Dec. 26; for information e-mail to Sara Czarnecki Levitsky at

#### saralevitsky@comcast.net Livonia Bentley

Classes of 1968-1970 Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970. org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

Classes of '78, '79, '80 Combo-Class Reunion Friday, Nov. 27, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100, Livonia. Tickets are \$50 before Nov. 1 and \$60 after. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event includes food, live music and an open bar. Visit www.bentleyclassof1979.com.

Contact bentleyclassof78@yahoo.com

#### or call John at (734) 358-3272. Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

40th high school reunion, 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Nov. 14, at Lyon Oaks Banquet Center, 52251 Pontiac Trail, Wixom. No tickets will be sold at the door. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at Klivingstone@nu-core.

#### Livonia Stevenson Class of 1979

30th reunion, 6 p.m., Nov. 28, Station 885, 995 Starkweather, Plymouth. Tickets cost \$35 per person before Nov. 14 and \$50 per person after the date and at the door. Contact Lisa Falk at lisannefalk@comcast.net

#### Oak Park High School Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4, 2010; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@ yahoo.com

#### **Redford Union** Class of 1984.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

**COUNTY OF WAYNE** 

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2009-14

AMENDMENT TO LIQUOR REGULATIONS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 100, OF THE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF

ORDINANCES: CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 54, THE LIQUOR

REGULATIONS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR NEW LICENSE APPLICATION, RESTRICTIONS, TERM AND PUBLIC

HEARING; PROVIDING FOR OBJECTIONS TO RENEWAL, REQUEST FOR REVOCATION; PROVIDING FOR

INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING

FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR

SECTION I. AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 100,

Ordinance No. 100, codified as Chapter 54, the Liquor Regulations

Sec. 54.010. Purpose. This section provides for the purpose of this

Sec. 54.020. Application for New License. This section provides

for the process of obtaining an application for a new license, license restrictions, the term of the license, and a license hearing.

Sec. 54.030. Objections to Renewal and Request for

Revocation. This section provides for objections to renewal and

request for revocation and for the criteria for non-renewal or

Sec. 54.040. Inspections. This section provides for the inspection

Sec. 54.050. Penalties. This section provides that any person that

violates any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty of a

misdemeanor and punished as provided in Chapter 1 of the

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in

conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not

affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and

matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of

Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the

Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N.

Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular

full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

SECTION III. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Ordinance be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

process of all liquor establishments.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

from the rest of the Ordinance.

to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Township Code.

#### Class of 1965

Center in Livonia. To register, visit celebrations2remember.com. Questions? E-mail to Bethany Payton-O'Brien at spikeypayton@hotmail.com or Lori Suski Manus at Iorimanus@yahoo.com

**REUNION CALENDAR** 

#### **Rosary High School of Detroit** Class of 1969

40-year reunion for women only, 1 p.m., Nov. 21, at Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile, Livonia; cost is \$20 per person and includes salad entree and cash bar. RSVP by

Saturday Nov. 7, at St. Mary's Cultural

Nov. 10. Email: rosarvreunion1969@ mi.rr.com. Information also is on Classmates.com.

#### St. Mary of Redford **Class of 1969**

40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to mcoulter@gr-lakes.com.

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN **COUNTY OF WAYNE** CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

#### **SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-2009-13**

#### AMENDMENT TO PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. C-2003-07 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TO REGULATE TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, DOOR TO DOOR SALES AND SOLICITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITION OF TERMS; PROVIDING FOR LICENSING, REGISTRATION AND LICENSE FEES; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES AND APPEAL; PROVIDING FOR A PROPERTY OWNERS POSTED PROHIBITION OF SOLICITING AND/OR PEDDLING; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

#### SECTION I. AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE.

#### Chapter 58 Peddlers and Solicitors\*

58.010. Definitions. This section provides the definitions for terms used in this ordinance.

58.020. Prohibited Activity. This section provides for prohibited

activity. 58.030. Peddlers; License Requirements. This section provides

for the license requirements for peddlers. 58.040. Peddlers: Helpers. This section provides that no more

than one helper on foot for each vehicle is allowed. 58.050. Peddling; Restriction; Schools. This section provides

restrictions for peddling near schools. 58.060. Peddling: Hours of Operation. This section provides

that no person shall engage in peddling between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. 58.070. Peddlers License; Application. This section provides the

application process to obtain a peddlers license. 58.080. Inspections. This section provides for inspections.

58.090. <u>Issuance of Peddlers License</u>; <u>Term</u>. This section

provides the requirements for the issuance of a peddlers license and the term.

58.100. Denial of Peddlers License Application; Appeal

hearing. This section provides for denial of a license application and for the appeal process. 58.110. Peddling: Exempt Persons. This section provides for

58.120. Revocation of License; Appeal. This section provides for the revocation of a license and the appeal process.

58.130. Surrender of License on Demand; Return. This section provides for surrendering a license and for the return of said

58.140. Solicitor; Registration Requirement. This section provides the registration requirement for a solicitor.

58.150. Solicitor; Registration Application. This section provides for a solicitor registration application.

58.160. Solicitation without Registration. This section provides for solicitation without registration.

58.170. Soliciting: Hours of Operation. This section provides for the hours of operation for soliciting.

58.180. Solicitation; Exempt Persons. This section provides for exempt persons.

58.190. Property Owners Posted Prohibition of Soliciting or Peddling. This section provides that soliciting and peddling are

prohibited where property owners have posted a notice.

58.200. License Fees. This section provides for license fees. 58.210. Transfer or Misuse of License, Badge or

Identification. This section provides for the transfer or misuse of license, badge or identification.

**58.220.** Display. This section provides for displaying the license. SECTION II. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY. This section

provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

#### SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

#### SECTION IV. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

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This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

#### SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

> Joe Bridgman, CMC Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH **SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-2009-15** 

AMENDMENT TO ALARM USER ORDINANCE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

**COUNTY OF WAYNE** 

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. C-2001-04, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 50, ALARM USER **DEFINITIONS**; PROVIDING ORDINANCE: FOR PROVIDING FOR FALSE ALARM FINE; PROVIDING FOR INTERFERENCE WITH TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR AUDIBLE OR VISUAL SIGNALS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. SECTION I.

Ordinance No. C-2001-04, codified as Chapter 50, the Alarm User Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

> Chapter 50 Alarm User

50.010. **Definitions**. This section provides definitions for terms used in this Ordinance.

50.020. False Alarm Fine. This section provides for false alarm fines.

50.030. <u>Interference with Telephone Communication Systems</u>. This section provides for interference with telephone communication systems.

50.040. Audible or Visual Signals. This section provides the requirements for audible and visual signals.

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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.

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"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'

#### **ARTS COMMUNICATE**

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

"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

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

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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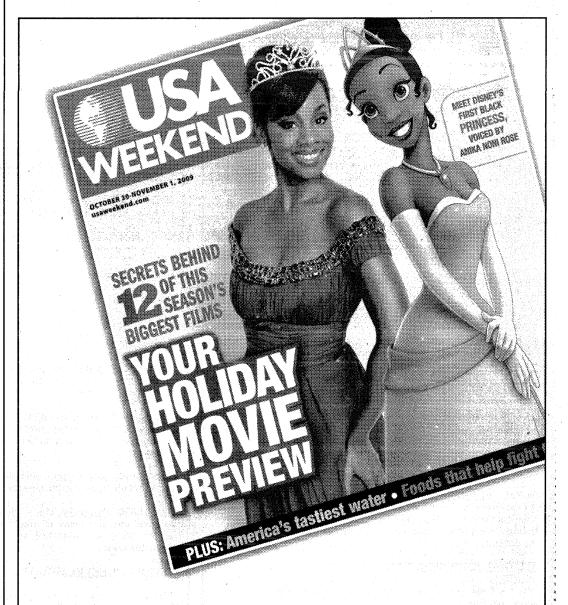
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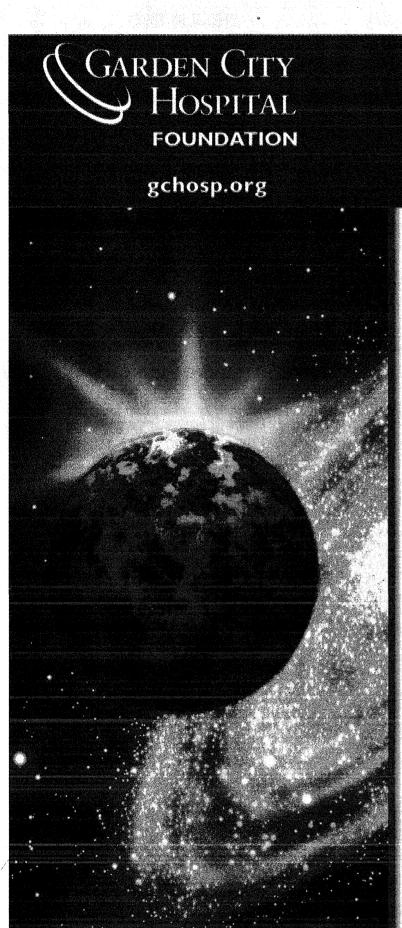
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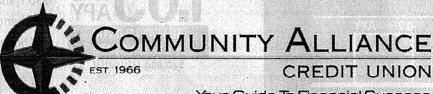
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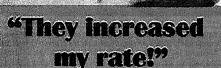
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### UDM legal expert highlights help in getting veterans' benefits

**O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Project SALUTE works to assist lowincome 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.

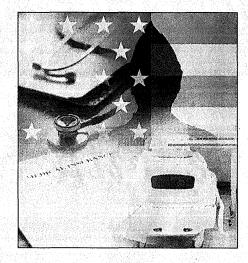
The clinic started two years ago, said former Westland resident Sung, a graduate of Boston College's law school. "It teaches the students to give back and serve those in

Law students and volunteer attornevs 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



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 posttraumatic 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 occu-

Benefits are often denied by the VA, he

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

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

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

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#### 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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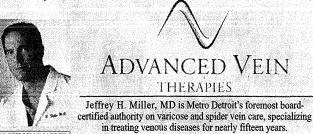
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#### good, although news stories have focused on said, noting veterans need a medical opinnew evidence. Dentists 'give back' with free services

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.



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

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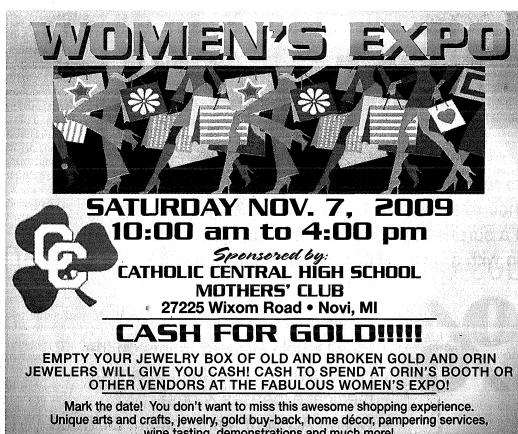
to ensure the successful complete restoration of the tooth, patients were placed in the care of dentists from the Covenant Community Care dental partnership after completion of their free "Save a Tooth" root

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.

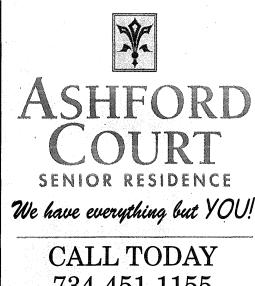
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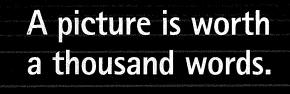
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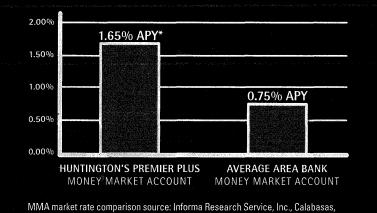
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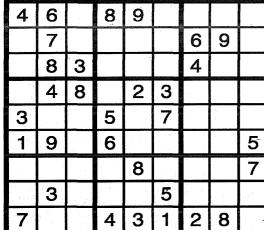
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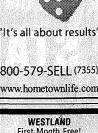
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### 2010 Chevrolet Camaro 2LT RS: After 7 Years, A Classic Muscle Nameplate Returns

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### **CAReport**





By Dave Menard For Avanti NewsFeatures and Allopinionsallthetime.com

When you think of the great muscle cars of the 1960s and 1970s, you have to include the Chevrolet Camaro. First hitting the streets as a 1967 model, the Camaro was everything you could want in a muscle car – power, styling (for its day) and that feeling of "cool" for those of us who couldn't afford a Corvette.

My wife's first ever brand-new car was a 1975 model that cost a whopping (at the time) \$4,205. She remembers exactly how much it cost, because, as she told me, "Owning a Camaro is burned into your brain."

The question for Chevrolet now is, can its brand-new 2010 Camaro command the same kind of passion its ancestor did? Judging by the week I spent with the 2LT version, it's off to a good start.

I say that because the car got long looks and stares everywhere I took it (or should I say took "her"). I had people approach me in parking lots, at gas stations and in my own driveway to ask about it. I had a neighbor knock on my door to ask if he could get inside. This much is clear: own one and get ready to make some new friends.

And why not? The Camaro's styling can be summed up in one word: hot. It actually looks like a little brother to the Corvette, with a shorter front end than the Vette, but with similar lines, particularly in the rear. 19-inch aluminum wheels are standard, but if you get the \$1,450 "RS" appearance package (like the test car), you'll get 20"x 8" front and 20"x 9" rear flangeless painted aluminum wheels that make the Camaro look even faster.

The rest of that package includes body-color roof ditch molding, rear spoiler, RS unique tail

lamps and high-intensity discharge headlamps with halo ring. Polished aluminum wheels are available for \$470 more, and a sunroof is a \$900 option. Dual exhaust with polished stainless steel tips come with all models.

Get inside the Camaro, close your eyes and for a few minutes you're back in 1975. But only for a few minutes; this Camaro is all 21st century. The cabin is well-designed, with some nods to the Camaro heritage.

The instrument panel features deep, recessed gauges in square housings like the classic Camaro, but, unlike its much-older relative it has a computerized driver information center located in the center. The console-mounted gauge package (available on the 2LT and SS versions only) includes oil pressure, oil temperature, volts and transmission fluid gauges, and was one of the first things my wife noticed when she got in

The 2LT version of the Camaro comes with heated leather timed bucket seats and they provide pretty good support. The driver's seat is power-adjustable. There is a rear seating area, but don't expect to use it much, except for cargo; it's a little tight there.

Manual tilt-wheel is included as are a leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob. Air conditioning is standard, as are universal home remote, Bluetooth, power windows and locks, keyless entry and rear window defroster.

The standard audio system on the 2LT is a Boston Acoustics AM/FM/CD system with an auxiliary input jack for your mp3 player, nine speakers and six months of satellite radio service. An optional package gives you a USB



The 2010 **Chevrolet Camaro** 2LT RS. Welcome back to a classic nameplate.

port and an iPod-specific connection kit. It's a muscle system for a muscle car.

The real muscle for a car like this comes from what's under the hood. The Camaro 2LT is powered by a 3.6-liter V6. Rated at 304 horsepower and 273 lb.-ft. of torque, you'll get a quick jump off the line. If you want more horses than that, you can look at the Camaro SS, which can be ordered with one of two 6.2liter V8s that can give you as much as 426 horsepower. The V6, though, provides plenty of power and will save you a bit on gas. The V6 engine runs on regular fuel.

The 2LT comes with a six-speed manual transmission; for \$1,185, you can get a sixspeed automatic that includes a remote start system. It seems almost sacrilegious to out an automatic in this car, but the six-speed auto is a fine transmission. The shifts are smooth and the shift points are tuned well for performance. You can take control yourself, however, with the steering-wheel mounted shift paddles -something they did not have in 1975.

The suspension systems, front and rear, are fully independent. The rear suspension is a 4.5-link system that includes an L-shaped upper control arm. The front suspension has a dual-ball strut system with a direct-acting stabilizer bar. The ride is active without being harsh. Stability control is standard, as is a four-wheel anti-lock brake system.

In case all this power gets you in a little trouble, the Camaro comes with front dualstage airbags, driver- and front passenger seat-

curtain side-impact airbags for front- and rearseat passengers. As with all General Motors vehicles, OnStar is standard with the Camaro. With OnStar, you can make and receive calls hands-free, get updated vehicle diagnostics, ask for directions or restaurant recommendations or summon emergency help at the touch of a button. The system also automatically calls for assistance in the event airbags are deployed.

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One word of caution: the Camaro does not come with a spare tire; instead you get tire sealant and an inflator kit. You can get a spare if you pony up an extra \$150.

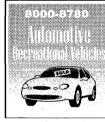
The Camaro 2LT starts at about \$26,500. Add the RS package, the automatic transmission, sunroof, polished aluminum wheel and the spare tire and you're at almost \$31,500. A bit more than the \$4,205 my wife Ro paid for her 1975 Camaro, but this version has all the fun, with 21st century technology.

And not a leisure suit to be found. Dave Menard can be reached at Avanti1054@aol.com. Distributed by Fracassa News Group. @2009, Fracassa Communications.

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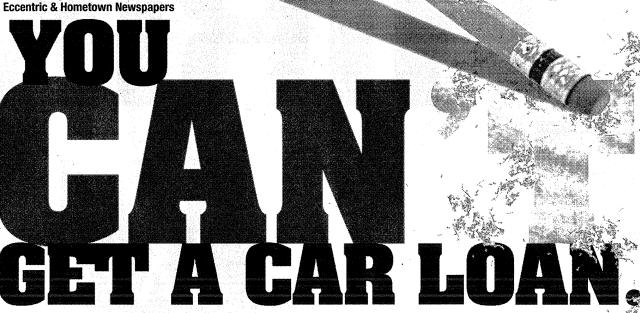


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