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## Canton gets lion's share of stimulus money for roads

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Township will receive a larger amount of economic stimulus money for road projects than any other community in Wayne County.

Of the \$32 million given to Wayne County to divide among cities and townships, Canton will receive \$3.8 million for the widening and reconstruction of Canton Center Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill; and another \$850,000 for reconstruction and improvements of the Warren-Lilly intersection.

"We had planned to use federal and state money for Canton Center, and with that comes a minimum 20-percent local match between the county and township," said Ken Kucel, Wayne County roads deputy director of engineering. "With the stimulus funds there is no local match involved, so in order to save Wayne County and the township money, it makes sense to transfer the source to stimulus money."

The project includes widening Canton Center from two lanes to five, adding sidewalks plus improvements to traffic signals at Cherry Hill and Heritage Drive roads. Kucel said Canton will pay some money because of a road realignment in front of Township Hall.

Kucel noted the project could get started this year, but because the environmental assessment hasn't been completed — and probably

be won't until the summer — county officials are considering waiting until next year to avoid traffic delays during two construction seasons. Under terms of the federal stimulus package, county and local governments have a year to allocate the money they receive.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the Canton Center construction has been ready to go since 2004, when it was originally scheduled to be completed.

"The Canton Center job is probably the most shovel work of all the projects the county is looking at. It was already scheduled for this year," Faas said. "Stimulus or no stimulus, it is ready to go."

According to Faas, the project is scheduled to be bid out and awarded in June, with construction starting in July.

Kucel said the Warren-Lilly intersection is expected to begin and be completed this year.

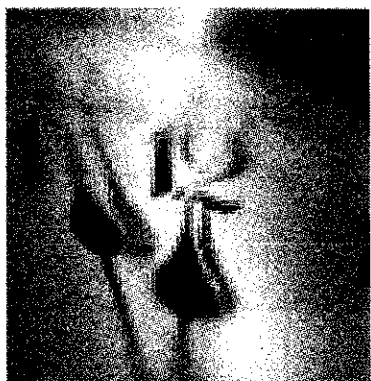
"It doesn't require an environmental assessment clearance and the design has begun," Kucel said.

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara (D-Canton Township) said Canton "did very well."

"The federal stimulus money requires no local match money, which will further save Canton residents money," McNamara said. "We may be a donor nation when it comes to parks and recreation, but we fare pretty well when it comes to roads."

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## Connection



### Ready to spring?

It's that time again, daylight-saving time. Remember the adage to spring forward. Before you go to bed Saturday night, set your clocks ahead one hour. That means the morning will be a little darker when you go to work Monday, but the skies will stay lighter an hour longer in the evening.

## Scholarships

The deadline of the Canton Community Foundation's Education Grant Program is quickly approaching. Residents from Canton Township, Plymouth or Plymouth Township, who have been accepted to a post-secondary educational institution, are eligible to apply for 21 community-based scholarships. The deadline is 5 p.m. March 13.

A diverse committee, composed of Canton Community Foundation volunteers, will review all qualifying applications and take into consideration the following: overall content of the application, financial need and academic achievement. The foundation is particularly eager to provide scholarships for students in need. If you applied and did not receive one of the scholarships in the past, the foundation encourages you to apply again.

To obtain an application or for more details about the requirements, contact the foundation at (734) 495-1200 or visit [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org).

## Bowling fund-raiser

Super Bowl lanes in Canton will be the site of a fund-raiser Saturday to benefit the Penrickton Center for Blind Children, a nonprofit residential and day care agency in Taylor serving blind and multi-disabled children between the ages of 1-12. The event is being sponsored by Keller Williams Plymouth and Livonia offices.

The fund-raiser, which costs \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under, includes two games of bowling, two slices of pizza and one pop per person. Check-in is at 2 p.m. and bowling commences at 3 p.m.

To RSVP, e-mail [GLibby@LibbysLand.com](mailto:GLibby@LibbysLand.com) or call (734) 459-4700.



Canton's Debi Greene and dogs Ginger and Champagne are looking forward to the creation of a Canton Dog Park at Cherry Hill and Denton roads.

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## Canton's dogs to get their own park

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If all goes well, Canton will be going to the dogs sometime this summer.

Canton Parks and Facilities Supervisor Abe Vinitzki said fund raising has begun and with a little luck the park could be open in August.

"Our hope, right now, is to start construction in 2009," Vinitzki said. "A lot of it depends on our fund raising. We're going to have a study session with the board (of trustees) and ask them if they're interested in fronting some of the money, which would be paid back with money collected from fund-raising."

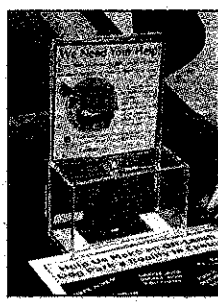
The plan calls for using about four acres near the Travis-Bartlett house on Ridge Road in Cherry Hill Village for the dog park. Vinitzki said it will cost \$50,000-\$60,000 to construct.

"Our biggest expense is for fencing around the four acres, which will be about half the entire cost," said Vinitzki. "You can grow grass in eight-10 weeks, and we want to put in a parking lot. We're looking at getting volunteers to help with the earthwork and seeding."

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### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Canton is in the process of raising money to build its first dog park in Cherry Hill Village. Volunteers are also needed. If you would like to help, contact the Canton Parks Division at (734) 394-5310 or visit [leisure.canton-mi.org](http://leisure.canton-mi.org).



In addition, Friends of the Dog Park will put out a number of collection boxes at various businesses throughout Canton. Here is a list of where the collections boxes

are located: Alsager Animal Care Center, Shampooch, Canton Cinema, Canton Vet Hospital, Showroom of Elegance, Keller and Stein, Parkway Professional Grooming, Pet Supplies Plus, Halliday's Pet Resort, Le Cocoa Bean, A Special Place, and Thomson's Automotive (in Westland).

Business owners who would like a box for donations can call Mary Kahanec at 734-5311.

### CANTON CENTER PROJECT

Wayne County will spend Federal Stimulus money to widen and re-surface this portion of Canton Center Rd.

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## Police hoping to solve cold case with exhumed body

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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With the urging of Canton Township police, Monroe County authorities have exhumed the body of an unidentified young woman whose body washed up along the Lake Erie shoreline in Monroe 27 years ago.

Canton police want to learn if the body — wearing only a plaid shirt and a cord wrapped around her neck — is that of 15-year-old Kim Marie Larrow, a recurring runaway who was last seen alive at the Stroh's Ice Cream shop on Sheldon Road in June 1981.

"A cousin contacted us with information he saw about technology being used to specifically identify DNA on Jane and John Does throughout the country, and he wanted to see if Kim



Larrow

Larrow could be part of the project," said Canton Police Detective Kenneth Robinson, who received the case file in August 2007. "There was never any-

thing to get DNA from, so with the case on the books we wanted to try it."

Robinson contacted Monroe County authorities, who still had an unsolved murder on their hands.

"There's a discrepancy between the ages as our medical examiner said the body is between 20 to 28 years old," said Jeff Pauli, Monroe County Sheriff's detective. "The dates are intriguing because she was found five months after being

reported missing. So maybe it could be."

The body was exhumed Tuesday and DNA extracted. Pauli said it's being sent to the University of North Texas to be processed, and a clay model of the woman's face will be reconstructed to what it may have looked like in 1981.

"The physical characteristics are similar, and she (Larrow) does have a connection to Monroe County," Robinson said. "That's where her father lived (Dundee) and where she was staying before she went missing."

Larrow had been visiting with her mother in Canton for about a week before she disappeared.

Robinson said they may have information about the DNA in about a month.

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**CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
2002	Ford	Explorer	S/W	1FMYU70E32UB96132
1998	Kia	Sportage	4-Dr	KNDJB7233W555485
1990	Lincoln	Continental	4-Dr	1LNLM9845LY721879
1999	Ford	Econoline	Van	1FTRE1426XHA21165
2002	Honda	Accord	4-Dr	1HGGC56792A163352
1997	Dodge	Ram	P/U	3B7HC13Z4VG763555
1992	Ford	Tempo	4-Dr	1FABP37U3NK120231
1997	Pontiac	Gr. Am	4-Dr	1G2NE52M0VM504704
1997	Dodge	Neon	2-Dr	1B3ES42Y8VD271951
1985	Dodge		4-Dr	1B3BE46D9FC291778
2000	Chevy	Malibu	4-Dr	1G1NE52J6Y6282107
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# A new boom

With new construction down, Canton sees influx of home improvement permits

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Township remained one of the leaders in residential and commercial building activity in 2008.

However, compared to the construction boom from the 1980s through the early 2000s, it's easy to spot when the economic downturn in the economy began.

Canton issued 70 single-family home permits and three multi-family home permits for a total of 73. While that was an increase of five building permits from 2007, it's a far cry from the 1,067 in 2004. It's been a downward spiral ever since.

"People focus a lot on new building activity, that's a measure of how busy you are," Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said. "But something we learned both before and after the downturn in 2005 was that the amount of activity associated with renovation permits is huge. The fact is 2007 and 2008 were two of the highest years in our history in the number of renovation permits."

A report by Faas and Canton Building Official John Weyer indicated renovation activity remained steady in 2008 with 3,670 permits. Permits



This weekend's Home Improvement Expo will feature 120 businesses.

are needed for many home improvement projects, including installation of new windows, roofs, outdoor siding and fences. A total of 9,482 inspections were performed for building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing inspections.

"There's been a lot of commercial and tenant buildouts in the strip centers with businesses coming and going," Weyer said. "We also had a lot of church work, senior and institutional housing. There are a number of people doing basement finishes, decks, pools and sheds."

"So far our new permit activity for residential is starting out comparable to 2008, but overall I don't think we'll quite see those numbers," he added.

Without the new construc-

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Year	Permits
2004	1,067
2005	798
2006	222
2007	68
2008	73

tion, revenue for the township also takes a hit.

"The building permit revenues prior to the economic downturn in November 2005 were roughly \$2.5 million per year," Faas said. "Since then, the revenues have dropped about 50 percent. We took in about \$1.25 million in 2008."

Without new construction to inspect, Weyer's department was slashed by half in July 2006 when 14 people

were let go.

Faas said it's not unusual for residential remodeling to be up during a down economy.

"The contractors are a lot more reasonable today than they were three or five years ago," Faas said. "When it's busy, they can generally charge what they want. A cycle like this tends to bring those prices down."

Tom Adamusik, president of Regal Construction in Canton, can't agree more.

"The labor costs are going down, not necessarily the cost of material," Adamusik said. "I'm estimating that my price of doing work today is comparable to 10 years ago. I'm not making money ... all I want to do is survive and get through this."

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AROUND CANTON

Canton business meeting

"Surviving and Thriving" in the current economy will be the topic of conversation over coffee when the Canton Marketing Partners get together with Canton business people on March 10 at the new Comfort Suites on Haggerty Road just north of Ford Road. A variety of available resources to help businesses during these challenging economic times will be discussed, including a presentation by Tammy Thompson from the Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC) at Schoolcraft College. The SBTDC offers free counseling to new and existing businesses.

The Canton Marketing Partners, comprised of the Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA), the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and Canton Leisure Services, continue to work together to promote the Canton business community. Their ShopCanton brand is used extensively through various media to encourage residents and shoppers from neighboring communities to do their shopping in Canton. Special events, like the summer Friday evening jazz concert series, have drawn hundreds of new shoppers to the area to discover all that Canton has to offer.

The coffee meetings are free of charge and will be held two different times to accommodate busy schedules. Attendees can register for either the 8-9:30 a.m. session or the 1-2:30 p.m. session by calling (734) 453-4040 by March 6.

Rotary poker fund-raiser

The Canton Rotary Club will host a "Texas Hold-em" tournament fund-raiser at 5 p.m., March 4-7 (Wednesday-Saturday) at Town and Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland (south of Cherry Hill). After all payouts, all additional money will be used by the Rotary Club for local programs. For more information call (734) 787-5758 or (734) 722-5000.

Young Marines fund-raiser

Canton Young Marines, a national non-profit youth service organization, will host its All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast from 9-noon, Sunday, March 15 at the Wayne AmVets Post 171, 1217 S. Merriman Road, Westland.

Menu will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, assorted fruit, juice, coffee and milk for \$7.50 per person. Call ahead carry-outs available at (734) 729-8930 and donations are gladly accepted. For more information, please call Sheryl Lamarand at (734) 737-9748 and leave a message.

Arts and crafts show

The 5th Annual Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble, which is a juried art and craft exhibition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., March 14 at Plymouth High School. Exhibitors include makers of handcrafted jewelry, holiday gifts, floral arrangements, purses, wood crafts, glass works, clothing & linens, paintings, painted glass ornaments, and more. In addition to the 100-plus exhibits, there will be food, baked goods, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and



Community service

Seventh- and eighth-grade National Junior Honor Society members from All Saints Catholic School in Canton spent a recent Saturday packaging some 4,536 pounds of food at Gleaner's Food Bank in downtown Detroit. Students toured the warehouse, sorted donated goods, and packaged boxes to be delivered to needy families. As always, the NJHS members did an outstanding job representing the school.

artists throughout the day. Admittance is \$2.

All proceeds go towards the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park. This year in particular, the boosters are working to raise enough funds to replace the aging semi-trailer used by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to transport all the large band instruments to many competitions and events. The trailer has been repaired numerous times and must be replaced for future band seasons.

For more information visit [www.pcmb.net/artcraft](http://www.pcmb.net/artcraft).

Polish dancing

The Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers will be hosting their 29th Annual Dance Extravaganza on March 21 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Shows are at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Ticket cost is \$10.

The PNA Centennial Dancers are children and young adults who have studied Polish dance and customs for up to 15 years. Also performing will be Radomanie Polish Folk Dance and Ensemble, which is a group of adults that continue to celebrate their Polish heritage through dance.

Tickets are available at Simply Polish, 28841 Plymouth Road, Livonia or by calling (734) 266-9995. For more information, contact Krsital Wioncek, director of PNA Centennial Dancers, at [DrKristalgw@aol.com](mailto:DrKristalgw@aol.com).

Football boosters

The Plymouth Wildcats football booster board will host a meet and greet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3 at Plymouth High School, Room #701. All parents of incoming Plymouth freshman and parents of current Plymouth football players are invited to attend. Refreshments and desserts will be served. The Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. All Plymouth football parents are encouraged to attend.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Canton man charged with being part of identity theft ring

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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A Canton Township man is one of five people indicted by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit as being part of an identity theft ring. The unsealed indictment charges 32-year-old Stanley Bryanch of Canton with mail fraud, conspiracy and aggravated identity theft. According to a release from acting U.S. Attorney Terrence Berg, the five defendants devised a scheme to

defraud T-Mobile USA, Inc., Hewlett Packard Corporation and HSBC Bank. "As part of the scheme the defendants would illegally access confidential data of T-Mobile, allowing them to steal the identities of real persons with favorable credit histories." Berg revealed in the release. "Defendants would then obtain credit or loans from HSBC in the names of the persons whose identities were stolen and use HSBC's credit to purchase computers and electronics equipment

from HP. "The defendants would have the electronics equipment shipped to addresses in the Detroit area which they controlled and retrieve the electronics equipment and sell it, at a steep discount, to third parties, thereafter leaving the persons whose identities were stolen with outstanding debts to HSBC, HP without its merchandise and HSBC without payment." Hewlett Packard reportedly lost more than \$500,000 in the alleged illegal scheme, which also involved

the theft of identities of more than 200 people residing in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. "Identity theft is a huge problem, not only for law abiding individuals whose good credit histories are stolen and damaged but also for companies such as HP and HSBC which are victimized when the identity information is used to buy products for

which they are not repaid," said Berg. "We will aggressively pursue identity theft." Also charged with mail fraud and conspiracy are Valdez Andrews, 35, of Southfield; Dontrell Jones, 31, of Detroit; Ashley Walker, 32, of Detroit; and Tamara Walker, 34, of Redford Township. Like Bryanch, Ashley Walker was also charged with aggravated identity theft.

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## New community relations officer looking forward to new role

The Canton Police Department has selected Sgt. Mark Gajeski as its new community relations coordinator. Gajeski, who was hired by the department in 1986 as a patrol officer, will be responsible for many duties in his new role, including studying crime data for patterns and trends, so he can provide information



Gajeski

to help direct patrol activities to specifically target problem areas. He will also be responsible for public crime prevention education and awareness, which is

accomplished through working with community groups such as senior citizens, homeowners associations and local businesses. He will utilize a variety of methods of communication to reach the public such as cable television, police Web site, public speaking and seminars. The community relations

coordinator also serves as the department's public information officer, communicating with the media on current events. "In my new role as community relations coordinator I look forward to continuing to work with community members to ensure the safety of our neighborhoods," Gajeski said. "I am also looking forward to the

challenges of my new position." Since joining the department, Gajeski has been involved with numerous special units including bicycle patrol, Community Response Team, and field training officer. Gajeski is also a 21-year member of the Western Wayne Special Operations Team, currently serving as a team com-

mander. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2006. Gajeski is replacing Lt. Debra Newsome, who was recently promoted and transferred to the Patrol Division. For more information on crime prevention education, contact Sgt. Mark Gajeski at (734) 394-5424 or by e-mail to mark.gajeski@canton-mi.org.

## Get rich quick schemes will make economic woes worse

Over the last few weeks, I have given a number of talks at public libraries on helping investors during difficult financial times. I tell investors I have no idea when things will begin to turn around, but I am confident they will. This recession is deeper and longer than anyone anticipated, particularly for Michigan. However, our economy has experienced numerous recessions over the years and it has always bounced back. That is one reason for my optimism. At one library presentation, a middle-aged man discussed an ad that told of a strategy to help people



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

recoup losses from their stock market investments. He wanted my opinion whether it was worth pursuing. I said stay away. After looking at the ad, I am convinced it is just another scam. It is National Consumer Protection Week throughout the United States. The week is meant to educate consumers. Unfortunately, government and laws can only do so much. You and I are ultimately the

ones who have to protect ourselves. Due to the carnage on Wall Street, Web sites are popping up all over the Internet claiming to have the strategy to make money in this market. Many of these sites are professionally done and very believable. In addition, consumers want to believe there is a quick fix to slumping portfolios. We all know these are nothing more than attempts to separate us from our hard-earned money. In difficult times, when people are desperate, they let down their guard. The swindlers know this and prey on taking advantage of those vulnerabilities. I cannot stress enough the old adage, "if something sounds too good

to be true, it is." When individuals let greed dictate decision-making, they end up getting taken advantage of resulting in the loss of more money. A great way to do research on a business is through the Better Business Bureau. It has a wealth of information that consumers can tap. Whether it's a business or consumer tips, the Better Business Bureau is a solid resource. In addition, it's free. The Web site, www.bbb.org has information aimed at helping consumers make better decisions. For example, if you are planning home improvements, do your homework ahead of time and hire a qualified and credible contractor. Thinking of donat-

ing to a charity? Use the resources of the Better Business Bureau to review information about the charity. I wish there was a quick way to recoup our losses from the stock market. There is not. Patience and investor discipline will allow investors to recoup losses. Get rich schemes will do nothing but cause further losses. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

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# Canton Strictly Business

## BUSINESS NEWS

### New Huntington Bank branch

Huntington Bank will open its second Canton branch at Ford and Sheldon Road on March 9. The doors will officially open at 9 a.m. The new branch, located at 44530 Ford Road, marks the 47th office in Southeast Michigan for Huntington.

"We are proud to continue to grow our presence in the region and in Canton with the opening of our second branch here," said Rebecca Smith, Huntington regional president. "We are a bank invested in people and we look forward to further demonstrating our commitment to the community of Canton in our new location."

To celebrate the opening of the new location, and in order to encourage community members to experience banking at Huntington, the branch is offering a \$50 American Express GiftCard while supplies last to anyone who opens a qualifying account.

"We want more people in Canton to experience the exceptional personal service that sets Huntington apart," Smith said. The new office, managed by Janet Volante, will be open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Hobby Lobby opens next week

Hobby Lobby Creative Centers, a privately held retail chain of more than 415 arts and crafts stores, will open a store in Canton on March 9.

The 42,000 square-foot facility will be located at Ford Road at Lilley, west of IKEA. This is Hobby Lobby's 14th store in Michigan. Kacey Jansma will be the store manager.

"We are thrilled to extend our presence into the Detroit area. Our helpful associates are ready to provide customers with exceptional service," John Schumacher, assistant vice president of advertising said.

Hobby Lobby will offer crafts, hobbies, picture framing, jewelry making, fashion fabrics, floral, scrapbooking, cards and party, baskets, wearable art, home accents, holiday supplies and much more.

Hobby Lobby will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and will employ 30 to 50 full and part-time employees.

Hobby Lobby was founded in 1972 in Oklahoma City, with 300 feet of retail space. For more information, visit [www.hobbylobby.com](http://www.hobbylobby.com).

### Health screening clinic

Meijer Pharmacy, located on Ford Road at

Canton Center, will be holding their monthly health screening clinic on Saturday, March 21 from 8 a.m. until noon. Cholesterol, diabetes, and liver function screening are available at a very affordable cost. Appointments are required; please contact the pharmacy for details at (734) 844-2733.

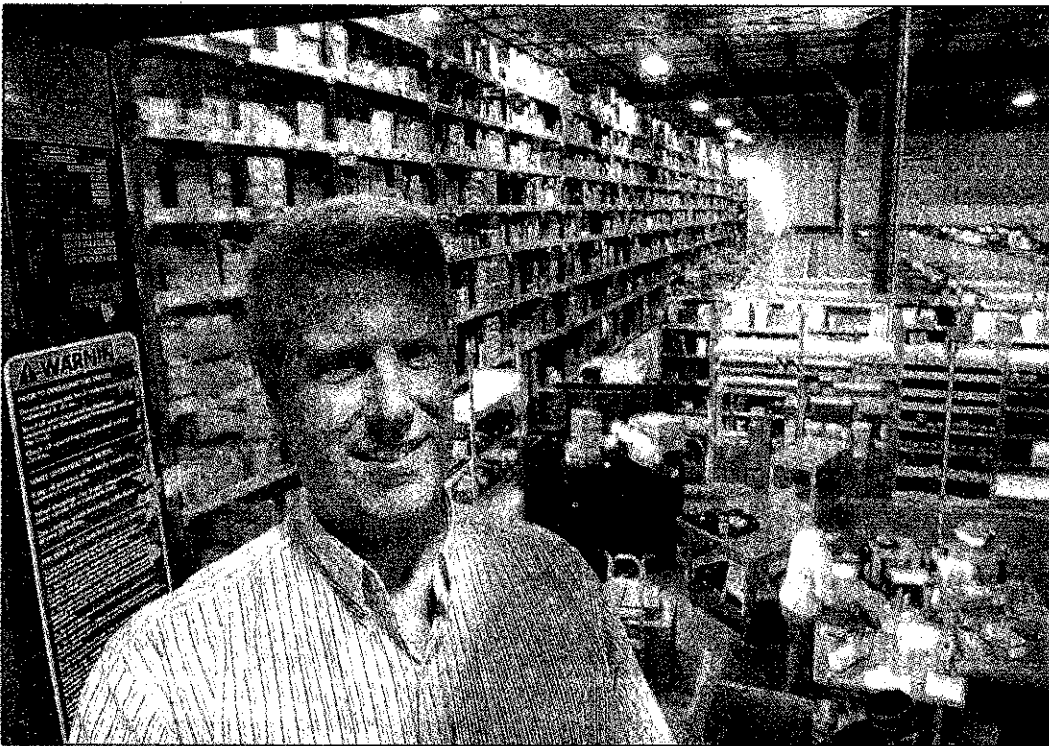
### Business women to meet

The Canton Business & Professional Women (BPW), which promotes full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women, will hold its next monthly meeting from 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 9 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton. Guest speaker Lynn Jarrett will present "Life Balance - Are You Kidding?" Lynn resides in Canton and is the author of the international best selling book "Why Bother Looking" along with three books in her "Hip Chick" series.

Palermo's is located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center. For more information please contact June Nicholas at (313) 610-2561 or [junenicholas@comcast.net](mailto:junenicholas@comcast.net). Please RSVP for this meeting.



## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chris Hall, president of RepairClinic.com, overlooking their cavernous warehouse and shipping facility, full of appliance parts.

# Online appliance doctor also features local store

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

Chris Hall: Founded in Canton in 1999, RepairClinic.com® is the most comprehensive online resource for do-it-yourself home appliance repair help, parts and information. The site features more than 80 appliance brands — including Kenmore, Whirlpool, Maytag, GE, Frigidaire, and LG — across 16 appliance types (e.g., washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, ovens, and dishwashers). Do-it-yourselfers use the intuitive PartDetective®, to find the part they need or the leading-edge service, RepairGuru®, for customized, free repair help online. Appliance parts are stocked in a 72,000 square foot facility and shipped the same business day. Visit [www.RepairClinic.com](http://www.RepairClinic.com) for more information.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

Chris Hall: We offer a large amount of free repair help on our Web site; however our greatest strength is in our RepairGuru service. With this service we can provide one-to-one help with nearly any appliance problem a typical customer is likely to encounter. We can't create technicians from amateurs, but we can often help casual do-it-yourselfers through repairs they once thought were beyond their reach.

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

Chris Hall: Twenty years ago I started up a small service business in Ann Arbor called Huron Valley Appliance Service. After 10 years of repairing home appliances I

### REPAIRCLINIC.COM

Address: 48600 Michigan Avenue, Canton, MI 48188

Your name: Chris Hall, President

Your hometown: Saline

Business opened when?: March, 1999

Number of employees: 120

Your business specialty: Appliance parts sold online, by phone or in person (if local)

Hours of operation: Web site: 24/7; Call center: 8 a.m.-midnight (EST), 7 days a week. Retail store area (local in Canton): 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Sunday.

Business phone/Web site: (734) 495-3079 or (800) 269-2609, [www.repairclinic.com](http://www.repairclinic.com)

co-founded RepairClinic.com with Larry Beach. Larry is the founder of Creative Solutions, an accounting software firm for CPAs which is now owned by Thomson - Reuters. Larry brought business knowledge, funding sources, and the wisdom that comes from starting up a company and helping it grow to be successful. He still serves as our CEO and leads our management team. I brought enough appliance knowledge to get us started, and then discovered an affinity for marketing an e-commerce business.

Our business model was straightforward, yet we didn't know of anyone else doing what we had planned: Provide free appliance repair help to anyone asking for it, and offer the repair parts for sale at competitive prices.

As it turned out, neither was easy to do. Providing repair help for hundreds of thousands of people for 80 different brands and nearly 16 appliance types is a huge undertaking, and figuring out how to make money shipping small parts to customers all over the country has proved to be far bigger

task than we had anticipated. And yet, we have succeeded at both, becoming profitable in 2002, just three years after launch, and reaching the point of helping nearly 50,000 people a month with their appliance repair needs.

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

Chris Hall: Proximity to employees and airport. Great location on Michigan Avenue. Good lease rates and available space — in 1999 — we own our current building next door to the one we leased before.

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

Chris Hall: The funniest story in my opinion is when a customer contacted us and asked us how to permanently sabotage her refrigerator so that her husband would think it broke down naturally — allowing her to buy a new one. Even though we could figure out a few ways to do it, we didn't tell her. We didn't want to get in the middle of that particular marital issue. Sometimes I wonder if we should have just told her.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN



Larry Butterfield, owner of Dryer Vent Wizard of Southeast Michigan located in Canton, recently passed the Chimney Safety Institute of America's rigorous exam to become a CSIA certified dryer exhaust technician. Butterfield passed an exam based upon up-to-date technical information on the cleaning, maintenance, and repair of dryer exhaust vent systems. CSIA certification is the hallmark of excellence in the chimney service and venting technology industry. Butterfield has enhanced his knowledge of how to properly inspect and clean dryer vents in order to better protect people against fire and carbon monoxide poisonings. For more information about Dryer Vent Wizard of Southeast Michigan, call (313) 402-7659, e-mail [lbutterfield@dryerventwizard.com](mailto:lbutterfield@dryerventwizard.com), or visit [www.dryerventwizard.com](http://www.dryerventwizard.com).

## SEND IT

Get in on the new Strictly Business page of the *Canton Observer* by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones. It's simple. Just e-mail all of the details to Editor Kurt Kuban at [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com) and he will take care of the rest. Our new local business page runs each Thursday in your *Canton Observer*. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Board of Review good option for homeowners

If you are a homeowner in Canton, you should have received your property tax assessment from the township by now. Considering property values have plummeted in recent years, you may not be happy with your tax bill. You're not alone.

Although Canton Finance Director Rick Eva says residential assessments are down about 8.9 percent, most homeowners will see an increased tax bill. That's largely a result of Proposal A, which was passed years ago to prevent residents from being taxed out of their homes.

Although the state equalized value (SEV) of most homes has come down, the taxable value has steadily risen, and will continue to do so at the rate of inflation or 5 percent annually (whichever is lower) until those two totals intersect.

Despite this formula, which for years worked in favor of property owners, most residents won't be happy to see their tax bill go up in this economy. The Assessor's Office has been receiving a steady stream of calls from people questioning their tax assessment.

If you feel your bill is too high, or out of whack with reality, there is an option: appealing to Canton's Board of Review, which has the authority to lower the bill.

Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said homeowners should be prepared if they plan to come before the Board of Review, which is made up of local residents appointed by the township's elected leaders. Bringing documents like a recent home appraisal from a lending institution or a list of homes recently sold in your neighborhood and what they sold for will be helpful. McLaughlin said homeowners can also check with the Assessor's Office to make sure all the data for their home is correct, so people aren't being assessed for owning a swimming pool if they don't have one, for example.

People can also get their tax bill lowered for things like financial hardship.

If you do go before the Board of Review and you don't like the decision it hands down, you do have another option, and that is appealing it to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, which meets in July in Lansing. Be warned, however, McLaughlin said the last time she checked, the tribunal had a three year backlog of appeals to hear.

So the Board of Review, which is scheduled to meet March 9-13, might be the best option for tax relief. If you plan to contest your tax assessment with the board, you must make an appointment by calling the assessor's office at (734) 394-5111.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com):

■ In response to "Second Canton Wal-Mart to sport new look:"

MelPT wrote:  
"Canton does not need another Wal-Mart or Meijer! We need more unique stores and restaurants. How about getting a Trader Joe's or Whole Foods here. And please no more big name chain restaurants!"

■ In response to "District targets stimulus for green projects:"

dl647 wrote:  
"I don't feel sorry for anyone complaining about the high school gyms. Go the third floor of Central on a 90 plus degree day. Something needs to be done about that 'school.'"

## Join the discussion

### What do you think about ...?

Gov. Jennifer Granholm says liquor sales and longer bar hours will bring in more money for Michigan's budget. Her plan involves liquor stores and restaurants selling spirits on Sunday mornings and bar owners buying permits to stay open until 4 a.m.

#### Do you think it's a good idea?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

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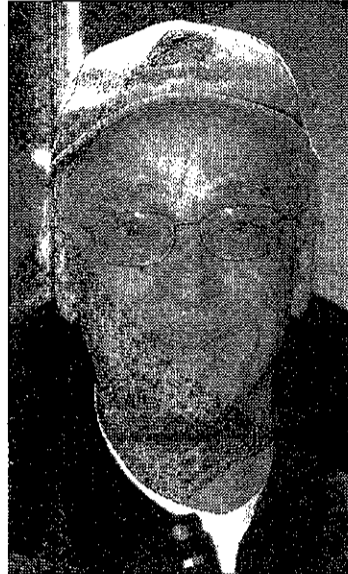
## COMMUNITY VOICE

Asked at the Summit on the Park in Canton:  
Where is the one place you would rather be to escape the cold Michigan winter?



"It would normally be Hawaii, but after watching TV I would like to be in New Zealand, the adventure capital of the world."

Ann-Marie Carravallah, 40, Canton



"I would like to be in Siesta Key, Fla. They have five miles of beach, it's all pure white and never gets hot."

Harry Doyle, 69, Canton



"I would rather be in Destin, Fla., because it's always sunny, it's on the Gulf, it's warm and there's good food."

Carole Klapproth, 61, Canton



"I would like to be watching the Tigers practice in Lakeland."

Patrick Brown, 66, Canton

## LETTERS

### Taxpayers should choose

Businesses don't pay taxes ... people do. Corporations have tax advisers and can recoup taxes in pricing their products. In the end, taxpaying consumers pay the price. I have dutifully been paying taxes — income tax, sales tax, gas tax, Social Security (retirement tax) for 50 years. My employer matched 7 1/2 percent of my personal retirement and I contributed the rest. I thought I was being wise in investing it with companies that would let others borrow my money and I would accumulate interest for that.

All should understand, we have government by the consent of the governed. The government has no monies other than what its citizens allow them in the form of taxes. Now the politicians (we really should elect statesmen instead) have decided to "print" money and give it to these greedy corporations — those same corporations which have decimated my retirement savings and allowed billions of dollars to leave our economy to pay for petroleum (auto corporations had the fuel saving knowledge, but chose not to allow us to decide for ourselves until too late).

The stimulus should have been to advance each taxpayer a set sum (\$10,000?) that could only be used for one of three things: homeowners pay down the principal of their mortgage (this would reduce taxpayer debt, home foreclosures, and provide a stimulus to mortgage institutions); pay down credit card debt (this would reduce future interest payments, provide a stimulus to credit card institutions, and give many taxpayers time to assess their spending habits); or purchase a vehicle (this would provide stimulus to the auto companies).

Thus the taxpayer would determine how much stimulus is paid and to which companies. Only a taxpayer from the previous year would be eligible to receive the stimulus. The advance would be paid back over a 10-year period at income tax time and which one of three choices utilized would have to be indicated on the income tax form for that 10-year period. Doing this would ease the financial concerns of citizen taxpayer homeowners like me.

John Chew  
Canton

### Gonzalez a no-show

I am writing to express my disappointment and dissatisfaction regarding one of our most recently elected Plymouth-Canton school board members, Dianne Gonzales, whom, I may add, was also endorsed by the *Observer*.

Let me share a few facts that I have recently discovered. When Mrs. Gonzales ran for school board in May 2006, she listed her occupation on her campaign finance disclosure as unemployed. During interviews with the *Observer Newspapers* and the League of Women Voters debate, she said her occupation was a small business owner.

Mrs. Gonzales, which are you, unemployed or a small business owner?

The real reason I am writing this letter is to let the community know that she has been a no show at the PCCS board meetings. Following is Mrs. Gonzales' attendance record:

- Regular board meetings: absent on 10/14/08, 2/10/09.
- Special board meetings: absent on 12/02/08
- Executive board meetings: absent on 2/12/09
- Curriculum committee meetings: absent on 10/10/08, 11/07/08, 12/05/08, 1/09/09 and 2/06/09.
- Policy committee meetings: absent on 10/23/08, 01/29/09 and 2/19/09.

From September 2008 to present, Mrs. Gonzales has missed four of 13 board meetings, equivalent to a 23-percent absentee rate.

### What do you think?

Mail comments to the Canton Observer, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226 or e-mail to [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com).

Mrs. Gonzales sits on Policy and Curriculum Committees as well, a part of her duty as an elected school board official. Mrs. Gonzales has missed eight of 12 of those meetings, a 66-percent absentee rate for those committee meetings.

Is this what we expect from our elected officials? I do not think so, although there is one benefit from this: Our school district has saved \$360 by not having to pay her the \$30 stipend for her meetings she gets compensated for attending.

Probably the most important meeting she missed was an executive meeting on Feb. 12 to begin contract negotiations. All this absenteeism has occurred in a six-month period of time. Mrs. Gonzales, I think it is time you show up for work that the residents have elected you to do, or resign. In the real world you would be, as Donald Trump puts it so well, "Fired!"

Roger Sims  
Plymouth

### Patterson has experience

I think Bruce Patterson would be an outstanding state attorney general. He has experience and integrity and knows his way around the political arena. He already has my vote!

William B. Mosher  
Canton

### School funding

We, as residents of Michigan, are experiencing one of the most severe recessions in our state's history. The private sector has experienced a dramatic reduction in business activity and, as a result, jobs have been lost, benefits reduced and wages cut back. Private-sector employees (taxpayers) have been forced to make great economic sacrifices. The purpose of this letter is to illustrate how public employees (in this case, teachers) could participate in an effort to share the sacrifice.

This economic crisis has resulted in diminished tax revenues both for our schools and state and local governments. Michigan hit double-digit inflation last month at 10.6 percent, the highest monthly rate surge since 1984. The state bled 173,000 jobs in 2008. Housing prices have collapsed and a lockup in lending has created the worst financial crisis since the 1930s. We are facing a critical time in our history, with the possible collapse of our auto industry.

While I place tremendous value on the role teachers play in our community, I continue to observe limited, short-sighted attempts to reduce costs in our school system. One example of this is the elimination of teaching positions (thereby increasing class size) and valuable programs. These cost-saving measures don't make sense because they further erode the revenue base (thereby exacerbating the problem) and have a profoundly negative impact on our children's education.

When one looks into the educational budget of our local schools, it becomes abundantly clear there are more sensible, effective means of cost reduction. For example, the largest portion of the educational budget is in wages and benefits. In my local community (Plymouth-Canton) the 2008-09 budget for salaries and benefits for teachers is \$97 million (fringe benefits account for 30 percent of the total). Automatic "step" salary increases are given to teachers annually. These automatic, annual increases range from 4.7 to 8.7 percent for the

first 10 years of a teacher's career (with a bachelor's degree). These are not merit-based, but are automatic, based strictly on seniority.

In Plymouth-Canton's case, elimination of these step salary increases alone would save approximately \$2.3 million in annual cost increases. Also, given that benefits provided to teachers add 42 percent to salary compensation, a benefit freeze could be implemented. A benefit or wage freeze for other administrative and support positions could also provide additional savings (wages and benefits for all personnel represent 88 percent of the total school budget).

Longer-term action should then be a comprehensive, impartial evaluation of salaries and health care benefits as compared to competitive plans provided in the private sector and to teacher salary and benefit levels in other states. Also, a structural review of administrative costs supporting the classroom should be undertaken. These actions would demonstrate that public-supported employees recognize the exceptional financial burdens placed on the backs of Michigan taxpayers and are willing to make a meaningful "shared sacrifice."

It would be refreshing to have a public forum to discuss this matter and I would call upon our leaders to do so. While I discussed the educational system extensively, I believe this is a fairness issue that is applicable to all state government. It is critical that dialogue should begin now and not be tabled for future discussion.

Donald Zaksek  
Plymouth

### GOP is bankrupt of ideas

It appears that the Republican Party, including all seven of Michigan's GOP members of Congress, has settled on a consistent strategy for obstructing President Obama's efforts to restore an American economy already ruined by Republican stupidity. Utterly bankrupt of ideas and still parroting their same tired and failed conservative economic nonsense, the GOP has also resurrected a long-discredited bogeyman in the form of phony claims about alleged "socialism." In the Republican mindset, economic and tax policies that put more money into the pockets of working-class Americans are the quintessence of evil, a devious Marxist plot to redistribute income from the persecuted elites downward to the unwashed masses, meaning American working families.

Meanwhile, in a sick and pathetic affront to patriotism, Republicans and their anointed leader Rush Limbaugh are also openly hoping and even cheering for the American economy to further fail, hoping this ultimately helps them politically no matter what the consequences are for American families. This treasonous conduct exposes the GOP once and for all as devoid of integrity and a political party whose appeal is primarily to ignorance, bigotry and hatermongering. How ironic it is that these are the same Republicans that previously questioned the patriotism of those who had correctly challenged the Bush's administration's lies that led to the invasion of Iraq.

The hypocrisy of the current Republican whining about alleged socialism is all the more absurd following more than 30 years of fraudulent conservative economic policies in America. These policies resulted in a massive upward redistribution of income from the poor and middle classes and into the pockets to those already possessing great wealth. As the inevitable failure of an unregulated market economy now unfolds with catastrophic results, President Barack Obama's responses are a long overdue return to intelligence and common sense.

Joe Golonka  
Westland



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## Fashion is War at Go Red Luncheon

Well, dear readers, I won the purse.

Some of you read my column a few weeks ago on the silent auction that was part of the American Heart Association's Metro Detroit Go Red For Women Luncheon, held Feb. 25 at the Renaissance Center.

I helped collect about 30 purses for the event, and fell in love with one.

I became determined to win it, secretly hoping no one else would recognize its value.

The coveted clutch was donated by Patricia Field, award-winning stylist for "Sex & the City." Field is a genius when it comes to mixing unexpected pieces into revolutionary ensembles. When "The Devil Wears Prada" needed the world's vogue-est wardrobe, who do you think they called?

A fellow fashionista at the Go Red luncheon knew, and she was not leaving that purse's side.

Participating in a silent auction is like waging a military



Spoils of war: the House of Field clutch Patricia Field donated to the Metro Detroit Go Red for Women Luncheon on Feb. 25.

campaign. You must stake out your target, identify your challengers, and attack at precisely the right moment.

It takes bravery. Stamina. And a good friend to use as cover.

My strategy was to lurk about 10 feet away, "chatting" with fellow O&E reporter Linda Chomin and keeping an eagle eye on my arch rival. She was so excited about owning that handbag she could hardly contain herself. This wasn't going to be pretty.

The war of attrition gave me plenty of time to explain to Linda why I should spend money I don't have on a purse I

don't need.

After all, I met Patricia Field in 2005 when she visited Metro Detroit to host styling seminars at Marshall Field's Somerset. I even joined her for dinner at Forte in Birmingham, witnessing how she turned heads with her fiery magenta hair and age-defying outfit.

When it came time to collect purses for the auction, I wrote to Field at the Hotel Venus in New York, requesting a donation. It was a long shot, but it turned out she was among the first to respond — by sending the little magazine-style clutch from her House of Field label.

Recommended starting bid? \$62. She is so modest.

See, the purse has personal meaning, I told Linda. I could even hand it down to my daughter someday. An heirloom.

She humored me to go for it. My window of opportunity arrived four minutes before the end of the auction, when my opponent made a grave tactical error. She phoned a friend.

Distracted, she wandered into the banquet hall, breathlessly gushing about the purse into her cell phone.

Like a sniper, I swooped in at the closing bell, edging my final bid onto the filled sheet.

When the auction results were circulated, my nemesis, who wouldn't you know wound up sitting at my table, leafed through the sheets to see if she'd won.

And there was my name, Wensdy Von Buskirk, Confessions of a Shopaholic, \$80.

It was a small price to pay for victory, and the spoils are absolutely divine.

Wensdy Von Buskirk is features editor and fashion writer for Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She is scared to use her new clutch for fear of staining its fabulous red shantung lining.

## MALLS & MAIN STREETS

### HOT HOUSE BEAUTY

**TROY** — Celebrate "Hot House Beauty Week at Saks Fifth Avenue through March 7. With any \$75 purchase in cosmetics and fragrance, choose your gift of a beauty bag in lilac, orange or brown complete with samples from Clarin's Dior, Kiehl's and more. With any beauty purchase of \$100 or more, receive a \$50 gift card toward highlight service at The Salon & Spa at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, Troy. Call (248) 643-9000.

### VICTORIAN FASHION TEA

**PLYMOUTH** — Plymouth Historical Museum will host "Tea Time Togs" 2-5 p.m. March 8. The event features traditional high tea catered by Sweet Afton Tea Room, along with a display of popular tea garb from 1830-1910. Pam Yockey, a textile historian, will have a team of models wearing nineteenth-century attire from her personal collection. Tickets, \$20, may be purchased in advance at the museum, 155 S. Main St., or using PayPal at www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html. Call (734) 455-8940.

### BRIDAL SAMPLE SALE

**TROY** — The Bridal Salon at Macy's Somerset will host its semi-annual Sample Sale March 10-15. Designer bridal gowns and accessories are 50-75 percent off. Find Vera Wang, Reem Acra, Anne Barge, Romona Keveza, Justina McCaffrey, Lazaro, Watters and Watters, and more. Purchase a gown and get 10 percent off accessory and bridesmaid purchases. Sales are final. Book an appointment at (248) 816-4270.

### GRANT CLOTHIERS SHOW

**BIRMINGHAM** — Grant Williams of Grant Clothiers will host a Spring/Summer Trunk Show Open House 6-9 p.m. March 12. Relax, sip cocktails, and get a

sneak preview of the season's hottest spring and summer fashions including custom suits, shirts and casual wear for men. Additional show hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. March 13 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 14. Williams, a former golf pro at Inverness and Oakland Hills country club, has been a custom clothier for more than 13 years. He was the official clothier of the 2004 Ryder Cup team and currently coordinates the wardrobe for Golf Channel Anchor Rich Lerner.

Grant Clothiers, at 725 S. Adams in Adams Square, also offers 12-day turn around service for custom work and alterations by Master Tailor Dino Mitropoulos. Call (248) 645-2702.

### VINTAGE APPAREL SHOW

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** — Wheels & Deals Promotions Inc. will present The Bloomfield Hills Jewelry & Vintage Apparel Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 14 at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave. The show will have some of the area's best dealers, displaying antique, costume and designer jewelry and vintage apparel from the Victorian to the 1980s. \$5 adults, kids under 12 free. Over 45 dealers and 135 tables at the last show. Call (248) 797-2112.

### GOLD RUSH DAY

**BIRMINGHAM** — The Community House will join Astrein's Creative Jewelers to present "Gold Rush Day," 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 21, 380 S. Bates St. Sell unwanted 14 karat and 18 karat gold and platinum jewelry for full fair market value. Jeweler Richard Astrein will offer confidential appraisals and free removal of gemstones and diamonds while donating 10 percent of the day's proceeds to The Community House. Free. Walk-ins welcome. E-mail kathien@communityhouse.com.

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# Despite differences, McCotter says he's rooting for Obama

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Though he voted against the president's stimulus package and is skeptical of a budget that restores higher taxes, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said Friday he's rooting for Barack Obama.

Friday capped off a busy week on Capitol Hill for McCotter. On Monday, McCotter was the subject of an extensive article in *The New York Times* speculating on whether his seat was vulnerable in the 2010 election. On Tuesday, Obama delivered an address to Congress, on Tuesday and Wednesday the House Financial Services Committee, of which McCotter is a member, questioned Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and on Thursday the White House released the details of a proposed 10-year federal budget.

"The budget is a signal of where they're going," McCotter said. "But we're willing to see what real legislation will be when it comes. This is just the start of the process."

He said the budget has a lot of increased spending and tax



McCotter

increases. "As the people of Michigan know raising taxes on anyone in a recession is not a good idea," McCotter said.

The 11th District representative said he was happy that Obama continued his support for the auto industry in his address to Congress.

"I was heartened that the president said we will not walk away from the auto industry," he said.

The troubled auto industry was also the topic of McCotter's questioning for Bernanke. McCotter asked about the restrictions placed on Term Asset-Backed Security Loan Facility (TALF) funds for auto dealers. McCotter told Bernanke that he was concerned about a requirement that those seeking the federally backed loans needed a Triple A credit rating, a condition which many dealers would have trouble meeting.

McCotter said he is working with U.S. Rep. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, on

pushing Bernanke to lift this requirement.

In his testimony, Bernanke said he wasn't sure that could be done given Congress' concern over past loans to those with lower credit ratings. McCotter said he believes they will be able to work something out with Bernanke on this issue.

McCotter's support for the auto industry has been at odds with his party. But he said while 79 percent of Republican voters opposed the bridge loans for General Motors and Chrysler, 60 percent of Democrats also opposed the loans.

He said he is also concerned about the Obama administration's support for a more vigorous "cap and trade" policy to cut down on carbon emissions. The cap and trade program involves the sale of greenhouse-gas emission permits to polluters. According to Obama's budget projections, the program would generate \$645.7 billion by 2019.

McCotter said the program would hurt the already struggling manufacturing industries.

Despite McCotter's support on auto-related issues, the Democratic Party sees him as potentially vulnerable in the 2010

election because of his opposition to the stimulus package. In the 2008 election, Democrats were successful in unseating Reps. Timothy Wahlenberg and Joseph Knollenberg.

The Feb. 23 *New York Times* article by Carl Hulse said that McCotter "could become a test case of whether House Republicans' united front against the economic measure was a wise political and policy course." The article says that McCotter and 11 other Republicans in "competitive districts" are being targeted by a Democratic campaign.

"There is nothing I can do about it," McCotter said Friday. "I still have to do my job."

## DOGS

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One of approximately 15 volunteers is Debi Greene, who along with her husband, Greg, owns two dogs — a Belgian Malinois named Ginger Brandy and a Bichon Frise who answers to the name Champagne Bubbles.

"We're looking at two parks, one for large dogs and the other for small dogs," Debi Greene said. "We think it will be safer for the animals. There will be a double gate when entering the park so the dogs can't run out. There will be trees and water available for the dogs."

Vinitzki said fund-raising canisters have been put out at about a dozen businesses, and there will be several fund-raising efforts throughout the year.

"We're planning a fund-raiser in Heritage Park where the dogs can bark at the moon and run the bases," said Vinitzki. "One of our volunteers has a

power washing company and we may have a dog and people car wash."

Later in the summer, there will be two-day event featuring dog tricks and exhibitions in Heritage Park.

Traci Sincock, parks director for the Northville Parks and Recreation Department, said there are a lot of Canton residents who pay the nonresident fee of \$50 to use one of the two dog parks.

"It's certainly been one of the most successful projects we've had," Sincock said. "We have about 300 households who use the two parks for an annual fee of \$35."

Greene said Canton has about 2,000 registered dogs.

"All the dogs will need to have a license and have their shots to be able to use the dog park," Greene said.

There will be a fee structure for Canton's dog park, which has yet to be determined.

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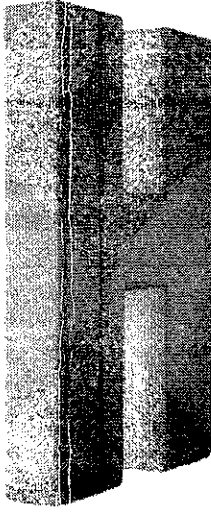
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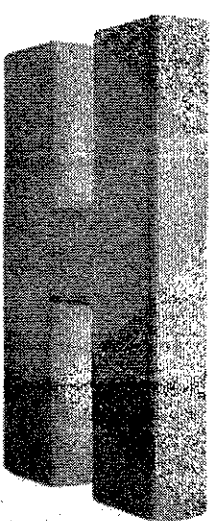
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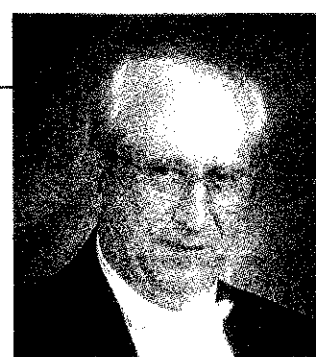
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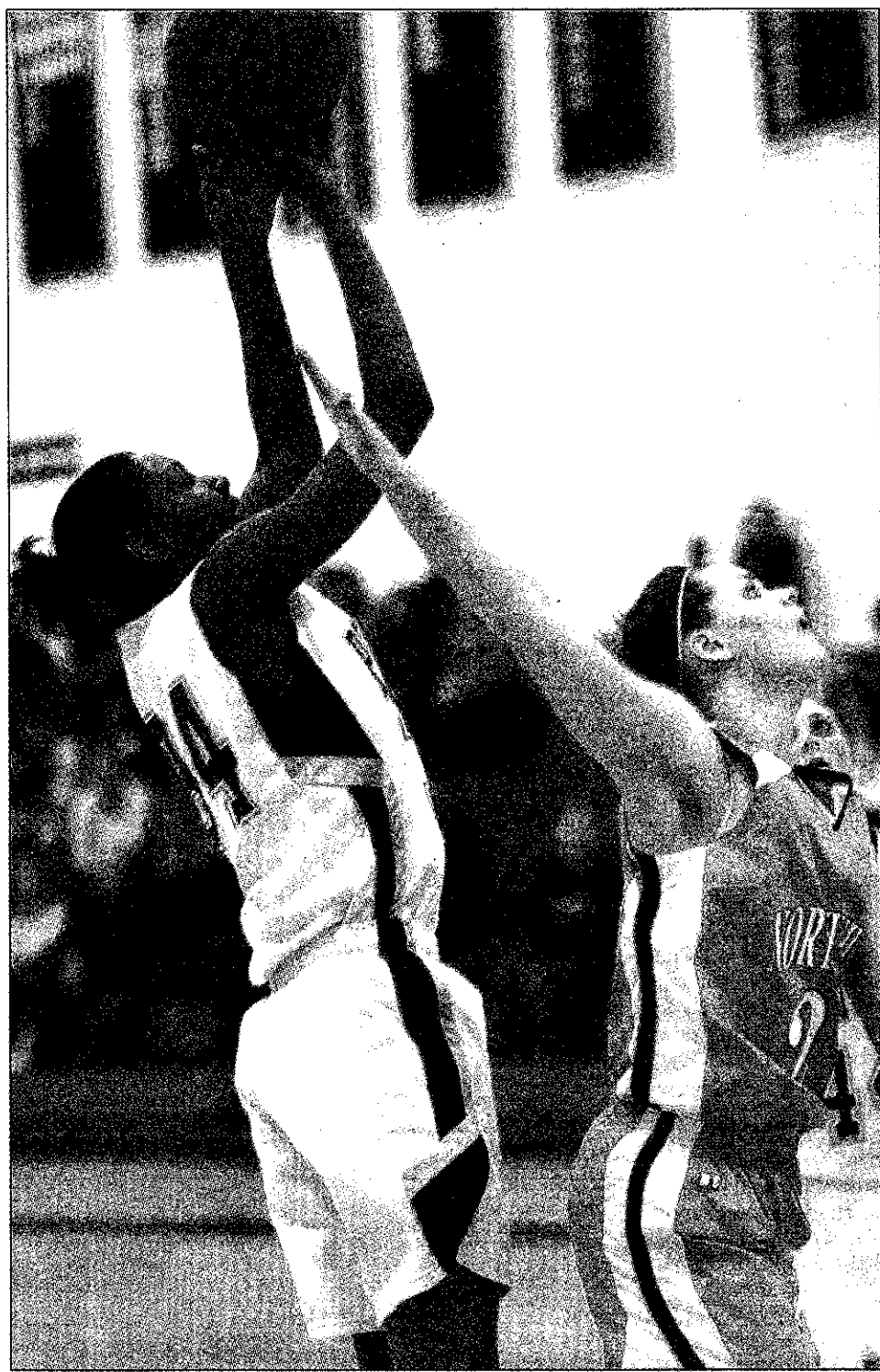


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## GIRLS MARCH MADNESS TIPS OFF



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Shaakira Haywood elevates for a jump shot over Northville's Johanna Poterala during Monday night's 50-40 Wildcat victory in a Class A district opener at Livonia Ladywood.

## Rise & Shine

### Plymouth owns boards in win over Mustangs

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At times Monday night, the Class A district first-round clash between Plymouth and Northville resembled a track meet as much as a basketball game — just the way Wildcat head coach Ted Sturdivant likes it.

Putting the proverbial pedal to the metal, the Wildcats sprinted to an impressive 50-40 victory that earned them a berth in Wednesday's semifinal contest against Novi, which drew a first-round bye. (Visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) for results.)

"My coaching identity is to play an up-tempo game and it's taken our players almost the whole season to understand that," said Sturdivant, whose team improved to 9-12. "Tonight was an indication of what we're capable of when we push the ball up the court."

While the pace may have favored the 'Cats, it was their dominant rebounding that demoralized the scrappy but undersized Mustangs.

Led by Shaakira Haywood's 20 boards and Stacey Klonowski's 15, Plymouth out-boarded Northville 45-19. Haywood paced the winners' offense with 19 points while Klonowski added a strong 14. Alex Roberts and Kelsi Robinson both contributed six points each.

"We knew it wasn't going to be easy tonight because Plymouth has been playing a lot better recently," said Northville coach Todd Gudith, whose inaugural season as the Mustangs' head coach closed with an 11-10 record. "They out-rebounded us like crazy. We knew 'Shaak' (Haywood) was going to be an issue for us, but they had some other girls step up and play great."

"I'm proud of the way our girls kept fighting. Plymouth was up 10 at one

point in the second half, but we kept battling and got it down to four. We just couldn't get that one extra stop and that one extra basket that would have put some pressure on them. Every time we'd get within striking distance, they'd get a loose ball or a put-back."

Haywood's long arms and relentless effort caused havoc for Northville the entire game. The Northern Illinois-bound star never looked fatigued despite playing all 32 minutes.

The same could be said for Klonowski, who sparked the Wildcats' 24-21 halftime lead with a team-high nine first-half points.

"Shaakira and Stacey played very aggressively tonight," said Sturdivant. "And we switched from a zone to a man-to-man defense late in the season and the girls are really getting after it."

Plymouth extended its lead to 41-34 after three quarters.

Northville pulled to within 44-38 with 4:55 to play on a driving layup by Erin Hughes. Two minutes later, the Mustangs' Chelsea Atzinger knocked in an apparent three-point shot to bring Northville to within 44-41, however, the basket was disallowed because the ball bounced off the rim and hit the vertical pole above the backboard before dropping through the nylon.

The Wildcats ended the game on a 6-2 run thanks to four Robinson free throws and a Klonowski put-back.

Julia Ramey led Northville with 10 points and four steals. Atzinger and Hughes both added six while Johanna Poterala and Katherine Jansen contributed five. Tori Wright led Northville with five rebounds.

The Wildcats won despite turning the ball over 23 times. Plymouth registered nine turnovers in the first quarter alone.

## GAME WRAPS

### Chief cagers fall

Canton's boys basketball team dropped a 57-51 decision to Livonia Stevenson Tuesday night in a KLAA cross-over game played in the Spartans' gym.

The loss dropped the Chiefs to 10-9 heading into tonight's regular season-ending contest against the loser of Tuesday's Waterford Kettering-Milford game.

Canton raced to an 18-12 lead after one quarter and 26-21 halftime lead. However, Stevenson reeled off back-to-back 18-point quarters in the second half to claim the victory.

"They played a two-three zone and we struggled to get good shots against it," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "To their credit, Stevenson executed their offense very well."

Canton was led by sophomore guard Dietrich Lever, who scored 22 points. Senior guard Marlan Glenn added eight.

Brian Rowe and Gary Cobb both netted 11 points for the Spartans, who improved to 11-7.

Canton sank 11 of 17 free throws. Stevenson was 12 for 21 from the charity stripe.

### Ignition stalled

In its second game in 24 hours, the Detroit Ignition (7-6) dropped a 6-4 decision Sunday afternoon to the Chicago Storm.

The Ignition's third consecutive setback dropped its record to 7-6, while the Storm improved to 6-9.

The Ignition, which has never lost more than three games in a row in its three-year existence, was nipped by just one goal in each of its last two setbacks.

Detroit's Kyt Selaidopoulos knocked in the first goal of the afternoon at 3:59 of the first quarter — a two-pointer from the right corner off an assist from Josh Rife.

Chicago defender Lazo Alavanja answered for the home team at 8:31, hammering a two-pointer of his own past Detroit net-minder Danny Waltman.

Following a scoreless second quarter, the Storm's Ian Bennett, who scored a hat trick against the Ignition last weekend, added two more points 54 seconds into the third.

### Whalers double up Otters

The Plymouth Whalers dominated the Erie Otters for two periods on Sunday in a 6-3 victory before 3,221 at the Tullio Arena in Erie, Pa.

Plymouth has won four games in a row, is 13-3-0 over its last 16 games and 15-4-1-0 over its last 20 games. Plymouth remains in sole possession of third place in the OHL's Western Conference play-off race with an overall record of 34-23-5-0, good for 73 points and two points ahead of Saginaw.

Erie is now 30-28-3-1, good for 64 points and seventh in the Western Conference.

With the line of Chris Terry (a goal with four assists), Matt Caria (2-1) and Tyler Seguin (1-2) leading the way, Plymouth built a 6-0 lead after 40 minutes. Ryan Hayes (25th) and Tyler J. Brown (11th) scored the other Plymouth goals. Whalers defenseman Beau Schmitz recorded a +4 evening.

## Blazers burn Rocks' district title hopes

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With feet that never stopped sliding, arms that never stopped waving and adrenaline that never stopped pumping, Livonia Ladywood's basketball team executed the brand of 32-minute defense that wins championships Monday night.

The Blazers didn't win a Class A district title against Salem, but they took a giant step toward potentially earning one by upending the Rocks, 32-28, in a first-round district game played in the Blazers' gym.

Ladywood (11-10) hosted Canton (18-2) in Wednesday night's semifinal (visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) for results).

Ladywood may not have painted a pretty picture on the offensive end of the court — the Blazers connected on just 10 of

44 field goals (22 percent), but they delivered a Rembrandt-like effort on the defensive end, forcing the Rocks into a 28-percent shooting night while holding Salem senior standout Chelsea Davis to six points with suffocating double-teams.

"This whole week at practice we worked on our post defense because we knew Salem's offense was great in the post," said Ladywood senior captain Caitlin Szczyzka (pronounced ZIP-ka). "We focused on doubling down on (Chelsea) Davis and (Sara) Stone and we made them work for their points."

Stone, who led all scorers with 14 points, was the catalyst of a hard-charging Salem rally that brought the Rocks to within 30-28 with less than two minutes to play.

However, with 1:23 left, the junior's potential game-tying,

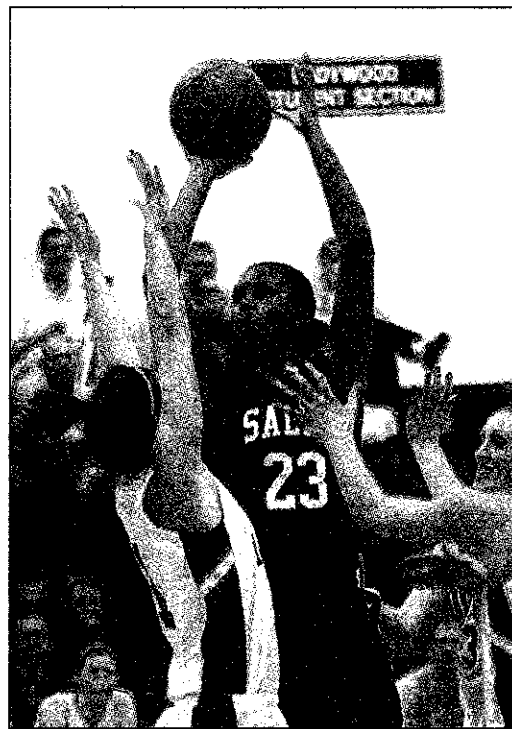
five-foot pull-up, net-finding jumper was wiped out when she was whistled for a charging foul — her night-ending fifth.

"Sara made a great basketball move, stuck it in the bottom of the net and should have went to the free-throw line with a chance to give us the lead," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, discussing his displeasure with the pivotal call. "It was an awesome play by Sara that should have been rewarded."

Thomann, whose team finished 13-8, knew the Blazers were a better team than their 10-10 record indicated.

"We knew this was going to be one of those games where we had to bear down the entire game," he said. "We knew they were going to make some great shots and we knew we were going to

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Salem's Sara Stone scored a team-high 14 points before fouling out late in the Rocks' 32-28 loss to Livonia Ladywood.

## Russell earns 'C' with his stellar work ethic

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you asked every athlete who played hockey in the KLAA this past season to step into a large room, then asked the ones who at one point in their lives played for a travel team to step back outside, the room would be nearly empty.

Salem's David Russell would be one of the few who stayed, which is pretty amazing considering the 5-foot-8, 155-pound Rock's current status.

"Here's a kid who, four years ago, the year before he was a freshman at Salem, played bantam house hockey," said Salem hockey coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "He never played travel hockey. Now, he's one of the top two or three two-way centers in the entire league."



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his incredible work ethic. He's our hardest-working player, no question about it."

### Productive, not flashy

Russell may not light up the scoreboard with dazzling goals or crowd-pleasing assists — he had eight goals and nine assists following Monday's pre-regional game against Plymouth — but he does so many little things, Ossenmacher emphasized, that have helped the Rocks roll to their most successful season in the 10-year history of the program.

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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior captain David Russell has been labeled the "hardest-working" player on the Rocks' roster by coach Ryan Ossenmacher.

## Slow-starting Rocks bury Plymouth, 9-1

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's hockey team was singing the first-period blues for the third consecutive game Monday night against Plymouth.

But over the final two periods, the Rocks rocked and rolled.

In a Division 1 pre-regional contest played at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia, Salem overcame a

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1-0 first-intermission deficit and registered an emphatic 9-1 victory, which was called

with just over six minutes left in the third period due to the MHSAA's eight-goal mercy rule.

Salem improved to 14-8-3 and advanced to Wednesday's 6 p.m. pre-regional final against Livonia Churchill, against whom the Rocks have split a pair of games this season.

"I'm not exactly sure why, but that's the third game in a row we've struggled in the first period," said Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "Our big-

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# Seven P-CEP grapplers earn berths in D1 state tourney

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Calling them the "Magnificent Seven" wouldn't be a stretch — not after the handful of P-CEP wrestlers survived a grueling back-to-back Saturdays test of skill to advance to the Division I State Individual Wrestling Tournament.

Five grapplers from Canton and two from Salem finished in the top four places of their respective weight classes Saturday at Woodhaven High School to earn the right to compete at the Palace of Auburn Hills March 12-14.

The Chiefs' state qualifiers were 112-pound Waleed Faraj, 119-pound Carl Lucke, 135-pound Donnie Watkins, 145-pound Brent Winekoff and 171-pound Keith Zech. All but Zech are repeat state qualifiers.

Salem's two state qualifiers are 103-pound Nick Kim and 215-pounder Sam Lepper. Both will be making their first appearance at the Palace.

Winekoff (55-1) was the lone local regional champion. He breezed through his first two matches, winning on technical falls over Novi Catholic Central's Gerid Gee and Monroe's Nick Lujan before outlasting Highland Park's Desmond Jones, 7-4, in the final.

Watkins (52-2) advanced easily to the 135 final with a major-decision triumph over Livonia Churchill's Bryan Fortney and a technical fall win over Livonia Stevenson's Mitch Gonzalez.

However, Watkins lost to once-beaten Dearborn Fordson standout Paul Hancock, 6-4, in the championship match.

Faraj (41-11) also earned a runner-up finish after pinning Livonia Franklin's Steve Tuvo in a first-round match before ousting Wyandotte's Evan Guffey in Round 2. Faraj dropped a 13-3 battle to the Shamrocks' Alec Mooradian in the final.

Lucke's 3-1 day was highlighted by his 8-6 victory over Westland John Glenn nemesis Joshua Austin in the 119-pound third-fourth match. Lucke (48-10) clinched his Palace ticket by defeating Griffin Fortin of Grosse Pointe South, 7-1, in the previous match.

Zech's took the most challenging path to the state finals as he lost his opening match, 4-1, to eventual 171 champ Hassen Berry of Dearborn Fordson. He battled back to win three close decisions in a row to move on.

Salem's Lepper did likewise, falling in his opener to Highland Park's Quean Smith, 12-8. However, the Rock captain, who improved to 38-8, stayed alive by defeating Woodhaven's Justin Dozier, 6-2, and Lincoln Park's Buster Wilson, 7-4. He lost a 6-5 squeaker to Franklin's Cody Hay in the 215-pound third-fourth match, but he had already punched his Palace ticket.

Kim will take a 34-11 mark to the state finals thanks to an exciting 6-4 victory over Woodhaven's Devin Foster in the win-or-go-home bout.

# RUSSELL

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"For example, he's probably our best player when it comes to face-offs," Ossenmacher said. "And the reason for that is because he stays after practice a lot of nights for five or 10 minutes and works on his face-off technique."

"Dave is a lead-by-example type of captain, but when he does speak up, his teammates listen because they respect what he has to say."

## Fast start

Russell learned to skate at the age of "3 or 4" on a frozen Lake St. Clair when he'd visit his dad.

"I didn't play on a real house team until I was in the sixth grade," Russell remembered, "so I got kind of a late start. The first year was tough because everyone was stronger and faster, but that inspired me to work hard to try and get better."

The sweet equity paid off, Russell recalled.

"During my second season, I was one of the leading goal scorers in the league."

With no travel-hockey experience on his resume — and the fact he stood just 5-5 and

weighed 120 pounds — Russell faced long odds of making the Rocks' varsity squad his freshman year.

But his non-stop effort caught the eye of the coaches, who cut every ninth-grader except Russell and three others.

"Nick Genetty and me are the only seniors on the team this year that played all four years of varsity," Russell said. "We only won about four games my first year, so it's been nice to see the team improve every year like it has."

Despite his less-than-Chris-Chelios frame (he weighs 155 "soaking wet," Ossenmacher said), Russell logs as many minutes as any other Rock skater.

## No time to rest

He's not only one of the team's top centers, but he's a key member of Salem's penalty-killing and power-play units.

"I'm usually a little sore and tired the day after a game," he admitted, "but it doesn't bother me. I go all out because I know this isn't going to last forever."

A 3.3 (grade-point average) student, Russell is undecided about where he'll attend college in the fall.

"I've been accepted at Central (Michigan University), so that's a possibility," he said. "I'm also looking at Adrian and

## THE RUSSELL FILE

**Name:** Dave Russell  
**Age:** 17  
**Athletic status:** Senior captain for Salem's division-winning hockey team and back-up short-stop for Rocks' baseball team.  
**Parents:** Joyce Hassen and David Russell.  
**Favorite pro athletes:** Marian Hossa and Derek Jeter.  
**Favorite class:** History.  
**Favorite TV show:** 'Family Guy'.  
**Favorite movie:** 'Miracle'.  
**Favorite restaurant:** National Coney Island.  
**Why does he wear the No. 22?** "It's the number I wore for my first baseball team in third grade."  
**If he could change one rule in high school hockey, it would be...** "I'd make it optional to wear the neck guards."

## Schoolcraft

"If I go to Central or Adrian, I'm going to try out for their club teams."

"When the day comes that I can't play any more, I'm really going to miss it."

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# Salem, Canton earn top-5 finishes at KLAA meet

BY BRAD EMONS  
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New competition, no problem.

The Livonia Stevenson boys swim team has been able to transition nicely into the new Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

The Spartans captured all three relay races and added three individual titles to take the 11-school Kensington Conference crown.

Former Western Lakes Activities Association members took four of the first six spots in the team standings with Stevenson, ranked No. 6 in Division 1, scoring 526.5 points.

Northville was runner-up with 440.5 followed by South Lyon Unified (247), Salem (209), Canton (198.5) and host Novi (197.5). See meet results.

"We had all good swims from top-to-bottom again,"

said Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker, whose team entered Saturday's meet as the KLAA Central Division champion. "What makes this team unique is the camaraderie. They get along well, and it's one of the hardest working teams I've had."

Stevenson, which captured last year's final WLAA meet, continued its dominance in the relays.

The foursome of Kellen Schoff, Jerome Pesta, Joey Wingett and Ryan Scott opened the finals by winning the 200-yard medley relay in 1:40.5.

The Spartans' 200 freestyle relay team of Aaren Marecki, Chris Behler, Michael Cruce and Pesta also emerged victorious, beating Northville by more than four seconds in 1:28.36.

Stevenson then closed out the meet by winning the 400 freestyle relay as Behler, Marecki, Cruce and Kellen

Schoff were clocked in 3:15.62 with Northville runner-up in 3:16.24.

"We wouldn't go as fast as we go if it wasn't for Northville," Shoemaker said.

Meanwhile, individual firsts for the Spartans were garnered by Behler, 50 freestyle (22.17); Marecki, 100 freestyle (48.24); and Kellen Schoff, 100 backstroke (55.01).

Stevenson also raised its individual state qualifying cut total to 20 when Bryan Bielicki took a fifth (2:05.29) and Charles Turlo placed sixth (2:05.5) in the 200 IM. Daniel Schoff also earned a third in the 500 freestyle (4:56.41).

"I'm probably happier with our position now, which is top four (in the state), than I was at this time last year," Shoemaker said. "Having all three relay cuts is also a key to the state meet. We have a second-chance meet Thursday at Northville

and we're looking for a couple of more cuts."

Northville led the way with four individual first-place finishers — Nate Lunn, 200 freestyle (1:46.51); Kevin Bain, 1-meter diving (399.90 points); Ben Schoenek, 100 butterfly (53.69); and Chris LaFayette, 500 freestyle (4:52.67).

Salem's Adam Seroka captured the 200 IM (1:59.43), while Novi's Joon Chung took the 100 breaststroke (59.84).

But the day belonged to the Spartans, who will now gear up for the Division 1 state finals, set for Friday and Saturday, March 14-15, at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

"They're self-motivated," Shoemaker said. "They understand, too, that they're not allowed to slack off, and that makes them easy to coach."

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## SWIMMING RESULTS

### KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET

Feb. 28 at Novi

**TEAM STANDINGS:** Livonia Stevenson, 526.5 points; 2. Northville, 440.5; 3. South Lyon Unified, 247; 4. Salem, 209; 5. Canton, 198.5; 6. Novi, 197.5; 7. Plymouth, 128; 8. Livonia Franklin, 91; 9. Livonia Churchill, 74; 10. Westland John Glenn, 61; 11. Wayne Memorial, 49.

### FINAL EVENT RESULTS

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Stevenson (Kellen Schoff, Joey Wingett, Jerome Pesta, Ryan Scott), 1:40.5; 2. South Lyon, 1:41.13; 3. Novi, 1:41.53; 4. Northville, 1:42.1; 5. Canton, 1:46.98; 6. Plymouth, 1:47.0; 7. Salem, 1:47.31; 8. Churchill, 1:53.85.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Nate Lunn (N'ville), 1:46.51; 2. Michael Cruce (LS), 1:46.78; 3. Matthew Collingwood (Salem), 1:48.5; 4. Aaren Marecki (LS), 1:49.26; 5. Richard Zhang (Canton), 1:50.23; 6. John Bielicki (N'ville), 1:50.27; 7. Jason Oldani (Ply), 1:50.97; 8. Evan Bischoff (SL), 1:51.14.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Adam Seroka (Salem), 1:59.43; 2. K. Schoff (LS), 2:00.03; 3. Joon Chung (Novi), 2:01.17; 4. Andy Stone (Salem), 2:04.92; 5. Bryan Bielicki (LS), 2:05.29; 6. Charles Turlo (LS), 2:05.5; 7. Brandon Larkins (LF), 2:06.33; 8. Adam Oxner (SL), 2:06.52.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Chris Behler (LS), 22.17; 2. (tie) Clay Malloure (Novi) and Pesta (LS), 22.69 each; 4. Wes Smith (Novi), 22.93; 5. Adam Dabkowski (LS), 22.98; 6. Scott (LS), 23.61; 7. Patrick Jenner (Canton), 23.61; 8. Jaryd Timm (SL), 23.67.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Kevin Bain (N'ville), 399.90 points; 2. Will Price (N'ville), 368.65; 3. Jeff Kinsvater (LS), 345.35; 4. Dan Gronza (SL), 338.15; 5. Travis Holt (LC), 330.05; 6. Matt

Figlewicz (Canton), 305.00; 7. Andrew Richards (LC), 301.00; 8. Cody Roe (WJG), 297.00.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Ben Schoenek (N'ville), 53.69; 2. Cruce (LS), 54.04; 3. Pesta (LS), 54.58; 4. Victor Zhang (Canton), 54.62; 5. Lunn (N'ville), 55.4; 6. Ryan Keener (SL), 55.47; 8. Noah Santer (Salem), 55.47; 6. Tyler Vincent (Novi), 56.29.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Marecki (LS), 48.24; 2. John Lubisco (N'ville), 48.9; 3. Behler (LS), 49.51; 4. Malloure (N'ville), 50.0; 5. Collingwood (Salem), 50.05; 6. Zhang (Canton), 50.46; 7. Mohammed Ghotemi (LS), 50.83; 8. Scott (LS), 51.03.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Chris LaFayette (N'ville), 4:52.67; 2. John Bielicki (N'ville), 4:52.78; 3. Daniel Schoff (LS), 4:56.41; 4. Schoenek (N'ville), 4:58.34; 5. Wingett (LS), 4:59.46; 6. Santer (Salem), 5:01.98; 7. Max Mills (Salem), 5:02.04; 8. Travis Vincent (Novi), 5:03.79.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Marecki, Behler, Cruce, Pesta), 1:28.36; 2. Northville, 1:32.46; 3. Canton, 1:33.23; 4. Salem, 1:33.84; 5. Plymouth, 1:34.13; 6. South Lyon, 1:34.23; 7. Novi, 1:34.59; 8. Franklin, 1:36.87.

**100 backstroke:** 1. K. Schoff (LS), 55.01; 2. Seroka (Salem), 55.35; 3. Lubisco (N'ville), 55.93; 4. V. Zhang (Canton), 55.96; 5. Chet Jankowski (SL), 57.06; 6. Bielicki (LS), 57.4; 7. Alex Zabinski (Novi), 58.14; 8. R. Zhang (Canton), 58.64.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Chung (Novi), 59.84; 2. Wingett (LS), 1:00.62; 3. Oxner (SL), 1:00.74; 4. Dan Stoccup (Ply), 1:03.94; 5. Stone (SL), 1:04.07; 6. Eric Schumann (LS), 1:04.09; 7. Larkins (LF), 1:04.6; 8. Turlo (LS), 1:05.21.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Behler, Marecki, Cruce, K. Schoff), 3:15.62; 2. Northville, 3:16.24; 3. Canton, 3:24.15; 4. Salem, 3:26.16; 5. South Lyon, 3:26.47; 6. Novi, 3:27.48; 7. Plymouth, 3:32.17; 8. Franklin, 3:37.77.

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# Piowar creates new ceiling for floor routines

## ROCKS

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BY ED WRIGHT  
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The score for Canton gymnast Robyn Piowar's floor-exercise routine during last week's meet against Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Central nearly went through the roof.

Thus, the graceful sophomore standout is the latest to etch her name in the school's gymnastics record books.

Piowar's floor-ex routine earned a 9.775 mark, which eclipsed the former record held by Alyssa Kelley, who graduated in 2007.

"It was a flawless routine," noted Canton coach John Cunningham. "There were no deductions."

Not surprisingly, buoyed by her record-setting floor routine, Piowar placed first in

the all-around with a 36.875 score. Her performance led Canton to a 141.20 score — roughly nine points better than Northern (132.30) and just less than 10 better than Central (131.675).

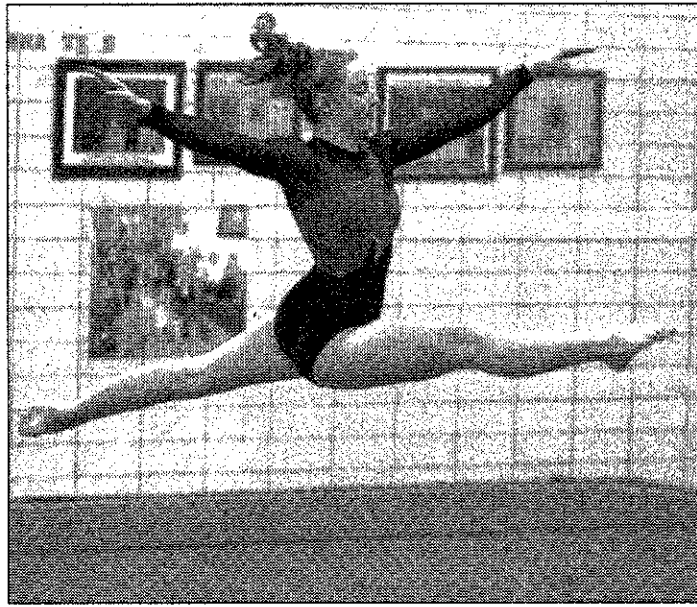
The two wins improved the Chiefs' record to 9-3 heading into Saturday's Regional meet at Plymouth High School.

Piowar also won the uneven bars competition with a 9.0, barely edging teammate Cathy Huang, who notched an 8.85.

Huang won the vault with a 9.375 and placed second in the floor-ex competition with a 9.5.

Mallory Hudak, Lauren Martin and Marina Milad also excelled for the Chiefs in their sweep of the Walled Lake schools.

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LORETTA O'FLYNN

Canton's Robyn Piowar, pictured during a meet earlier this season, set a school record in the floor-exercise competition last week when she recorded a score of 9.775.

make some great shots. The team that could hold on the longest was going to win. Ladywood has a very good team and they played hard."

All 60 points scored in the game came from both teams' starters. Szczyпка and freshman Cara Miller led the winners with eight point a piece while Molly Gacioch added seven, including an oh-my-gosh deep-corner triple with 2:56 remaining that doubled Ladywood's lead to 30-24.

The 5-foot-11 Miller also cleaned up around the glass, snaring 16 rebounds.

Mary Fitzgerald and Jennifer Kelley rounded out the Blazers' scoring ledger with five and four points, respectively.

"We had such a tough schedule this year — we played five teams in the (Detroit Free Press) Super 10," said first-year Ladywood head coach Pat Cannon. "Our schedule is what prepared us to play tough defense. The girls came out and played tenacious tonight. They did a great job of helping and recovery on Stone and Davis, who are both great players."

Ladywood built a 14-7 second-quarter advantage on a Fitzgerald triple at the

six-minute mark, but the Rocks rebounded to knot the halftime score at 16-all with a 9-0 run in which four players scored.

The Blazers never trailed in the second half after Gacioch converted an inside shot to put her team ahead 18-16.

Trailing 30-24 in the fourth, Salem crept back to within two on a Stone jumper with 2:45 left and a Victoria Brotz "J" 55 seconds later. But the Rocks never scored again while Szczyпка added a pair of insurance free throws down the stretch.

Ladywood nailed 6 of 10 free throws. Salem's night from the line consisted only of Stone's 2-for-4 effort.

Davis, who had Blazers in her shadow all night, grabbed 11 rebounds.

"I told the girls after the game that they had an absolutely great season and not to let what happened tonight get them down after all they've accomplished," said Thomann, whose team was just three days removed from winning the inaugural Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship.

"They came to play every night and they worked their butts off, even tonight. There were a couple times tonight when they could have folded up their tents, but they kept battling."

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## HOCKEY

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gest asset is our speed and when we're not skating well, we're an average team. It looked like we were skating in mud the first period, but the guys got it going in the second period."

The Rocks' six-goal second period was sparked by Sam Ott's unassisted net-finder.

"That was a big goal for momentum purposes," said Ossenmacher. "We had a couple of good opportunities at the end of the first period, but we couldn't finish them. Sam's goal helped us get our confidence back."

Not long after Ott's equalizer, the Rocks took the lead for good when Josh Jarvela lit the lamp off assists from Michael Hochkins and Ryan Blakey.

Adding to the second-stanza goal onslaught were Mario Macari (from Kurt Driscoll), Kyle Powell (unassisted), David Russell (from Eddie Mazorowicz and Driscoll, who received helpers from Powell and Macari).

Ott (from Wes Carr and Matt Downey), Driscoll (from Jarvela and Macari) and Ryan Quigley (short-handed) scored in the third period for the winners.

Adam Powers earned the victory with 16 saves.

Salem doubled up the 'Cats in the shots-on-goal department, Ossenmacher estimated.

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# Chargers upend Chief icers

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Mike Woynick has pumped new life into Livonia Churchill's hockey team.

The junior forward notched a hat trick and added one assist as the Chargers began the postseason with a 6-3 win over Canton in the Division 1 pre-regional opener at Edgar Arena.

Churchill, now 10-10-5 overall, moves on to Wednesday's second round pre-regional vs. the Plymouth-Salem winner. (Game time is 6 p.m. at Edgar.)

Woynick has been back in the lineup for about month after being injured before Thanksgiving in a game against rival Livonia Stevenson.

He scored the game-tying goal 2:10 into the third period from Scott Hamill and Steven Klisz to make it 3-1.

And only 1:33 later, senior defenseman and co-captain Ken Masiarczyk tallied the game-winner from Mike Kutek and Ryan Cioch.

Woynick's unassisted goal after steal at the blue line with only 1:50 remaining and Kutek's empty-netter from Rick Stack and goalie Aaron Crouse (19 saves) iced the victory for the Chargers.

Canton jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead while outshooting the Chargers 11-5.

Rohn Gaudi's wrap-around goal just 33 seconds into the game from Alex Berlin made it 1-0 followed by Donnie Barlow's goal from Nick Tomilenko at 6:41 for a

two-goal Canton cushion.

Churchill then answered with a pair of second-period goals just 14 seconds apart.

Woynick scored the first of his three on the night from Stack at 4:44 and Klisz knotted the count at 2-all at 4:58 after a scramble in front of Canton netminder Zane Birchler. Woynick and Drew Sieber drew the assists.

"We felt good about the game and I thought we settled into our game plan," Canton coach Dan Abraham said of the first 15 minutes. "But in the beginning of the second period we started running around and that's when they scored the two goals."

At the 5:30 mark of the same period, Ryan Lash answered for Canton from Tomilenko and Berlin to put the Chiefs back on top again, 3-2.

But the lead didn't last long as Churchill began to carry the play. The Chargers outshot Canton 27-11 over the final two periods.

"We had our chances and did not capitalize . . . and they did," Abraham said. "I applaud coach Mazzoni and the way they came after us. They never gave up."

Canton, which loses 15 seniors to graduation, ends its season at 16-8-1 overall. The Chiefs lost two of their three meetings this season against Churchill.

"Overall I'm proud of the season," Abraham said. "It's the most wins in our 10-year history."

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# Bible study class opens arms to adults with special needs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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James Jones was having a good time clapping his hands and singing Christian songs at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia on a cold, Monday evening in early February. While many congregations study the Scriptures apart from Sunday worship services, the Open Arms Bible Class is especially designed for adults with developmental disabilities. A committee led by parish education director Judy Cook saw a need for the special ministry after several men associated with Angel's Place group homes started attending the church's contemporary worship services and annual picnic.

The first Open Arms event, a pizza and movie night last fall, drew more than 100 proving there were many hungry for the Word. Bob Kotrba is still in the process of developing a program that best reaches students. He first asked the men to introduce themselves then sang a song. The Bible study began in January with about 16 attending. In spite of the weather in February nearly 30 men turned out with their care workers for the hour-long class that takes place the second Monday of every month.

"We're trying to figure out who our clientele would be," said Kotrba of Farmington Hills. "Last time we had autistic, verbal and nonverbal, and have to regear for nonverbal. We're in the process of developing hands-on activities. In the future we'd like to break into a couple of different groups."

Kotrba works with learning disabled, autistic and emotionally impaired as a special education teacher in the Learning Resource Center where students come for assistance and emotional support at Birmingham Groves High School. He kept the program

## OPEN ARMS BIBLE CLASS

**What:** Bible study class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Monday, March 9, and continues every second Monday of each month

**Where:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

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simple as he asked questions and told the men that prayer was talking to God.

"I try to bring meaning to students and want to give them skills to take back," said Kotrba. "We're going to be assembling crosses. That way it will bring understanding. They love music, love the beat. Some listen, some participate."

The men's presence at Emmanuel is a welcome one. Many attend and usher the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday in addition to studying the Bible with Kotrba on the fourth Monday of the month at Angel's Place in West Bloomfield. Jones is a resident of Muirwood Apartments in Farmington Hills, one of 17 Christian-based group homes.

"James sings in the Praise Band. They're a very active part of our service," said Kotrba. "We've all grown because of them. The benefit for them is the interaction they have with us and vice versa."

"We like to get them involved in spiritual development," said Renee Hunt, a direct care worker. "They watch and sing, really get involved. They were excited about coming because they knew they were going to have music and singing."

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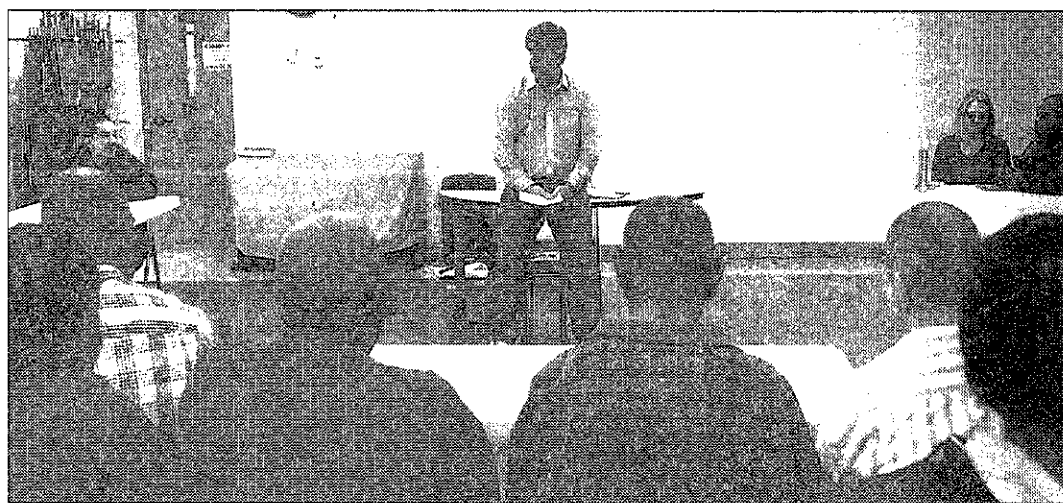


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James Jones enjoys singing Christian songs to the guitar music of Bob Kotrba as part of the monthly Bible study for adults with developmental disabilities at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia.



Ryan Fisher participates in a monthly Bible study class for adults with developmental disabilities at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia. Fisher is a resident of the Angel's Place Christian-based group homes.



Bob Kotrba explains to the Bible study class that prayer is talking to God.



Brian Fay listens as Bob Kotrba talks about prayer.

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**ROBERT "BOB" BRUCE LAMB**

Died at home in Tryon, NC on March 1, 2009. Born May 16, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan, he is survived by his wife of 24 years, Joyce Huey Lamb, and a sister, Bettie Lamb Fairbanks of Michigan. He was predeceased by his first wife, Delphine Kerr Lamb. Bob was a veteran of World War II where he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and subsequently was detained as a Prisoner of War. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, among other decorations. After graduation from Michigan State University, Bob spent his working career as a partner in the firm Schmidt, Lamb & Smith, Manufacturing Agents to the automotive industry. Foxhunting in Metamora, Michigan was a passionate avocation for many years. Bob was a long-time advocate of animal rights and a loyal supporter of the Salvation Army and Disabled American Veterans. After retiring to Tryon, NC he served on the Board of Directors of the Foothills Humane Society. An online guest register is available at [www.mcfarlandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.mcfarlandfuneralchapel.com)



**JENNIE M. FREW**

Age 94, of Plymouth, March 1, 2009. Beloved wife of the late William. Loving mother of Lois (Jerry) Hotchkin. Proud grandmother of Jerry W. (Rhonda) Hotchkin and Elaine (Paul Moody) Hotchkin; and great-grandmother of Kaitlyn and Megan Hotchkin. The family will gather with friends Saturday March 14, 11 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Memorial Service at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 North Territorial Road (west of Sheldon), Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center, 301 East Liberty, Ste. 130, Ann Arbor MI 48104. To leave a message of condolence, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com).

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MARCH

All-you-can-eat fish

The St. Michael the Archangel Parish's "All You Can Eat" Lenten Fish Dinners continues 4:30-7 p.m. March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3 in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. Dinners feature hand-dipped fresh Alaskan cod, fried or baked, along with an assortment of side dishes and beverages. Cost, \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$4 children ages 3-11, free ages 3 and under. Carryout orders, ST. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Rush hour concert series

Continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.org.

School open house

If you have children ready to enter pre-school through eighth grade in the fall, Guardian Lutheran School is holding an Open House 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at 24544 Cherry Hill Road in Dearborn. Families may take personalized tours of the facility, spend time in classrooms, enjoy light refreshments and talk with teachers, parents and board members. Call (313) 274-3665, e-mail walter.krone@guardianlutheran.org or visit www.guardianlutheran.org.

Bethany Suburban West activities

■ Saturday, March 7, Monthly

Dance 8 p.m.-midnight, St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago, Redford. Dance lesson, Swing, \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 261-5716.

■ Sunday, March 15, annual 9 a.m. Lenten Mass, Felician Sister House Chapel, Madonna College Campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Use the Newburgh entrance; breakfast will follow. Call (734) 513-9479.

■ Saturday, March 21, Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m., Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry. Bethany provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Lenten vespers services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit conducts the first in its 2009 series of Lenten Vespers services 6 p.m. March 8, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, at St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Church, 4575 E. Outer Drive, Detroit. The Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, spiritual advisor to the COCC and president of the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit, presides. The general public as well as Orthodox Christians is invited to attend. All proceeds will be used for COCC charities and projects. Call (734) 422-0278 or e-mail paschabooks@sbcglobal.net. Vespers services continue during five Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent March 15, Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas, at St. Michael Orthodox Church, Redford; March 22, Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, at

St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, Southfield; March 29, Sunday of St. John Climacus, at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, Dearborn; and April 5, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Farmington Hills.

Sunday night lights

Riverside Park Church of God presents the non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses, every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music within a casual atmosphere.

**Dining in the kingdom of God** For five Wednesdays in Lent, St. Aidan will host the series. Luke's Gospel revealed 10 meals that describe different dimensions of the Eucharist. This presentation will be given by St. Aidan's Faith Formation Director, David Conrad, M.A. Theology, 7-9 p.m. March 11, 18, 25, April 1, and April 8. Free. Call (734) 425-5950.

Mid-week spiritual enrichment

Two opportunities for spiritual enrichment are available at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, each week on Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays is a study/discussion group focused on understanding our relationship with God and that of other religions and the many philosophical and scientific issues that might impact our faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim Pastor Larry Hoxey. Call (313) 274-3820.

Purim carnival night

5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the Jewish Community Center, The Jimmy Prentis Morris Building

in Oak Park. Carnival games, prizes, face painting, craft booths, popcorn, cotton candy and a dunk tank to soak Haman, the evil nobleman in the Story of Esther. Purim Carnival is \$1 for JCC members; \$2 for non-member children; free for adults and children under 3. Call (248) 967-4030.

Elery concert

Husband and wife singer-songwriters Tasha and Justin Golden perform 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$25, adult and \$15, student at the door; \$5 less in advance. Doors at 7:30 p.m. UUCF is a progressive congregation of men, women and children dedicated to the principles of Unitarian Universalism. Call (248) 478-7272 or visit www.uufarmington.org.

Hungry for God

Continues 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays to April 7, in the church building of St. Colette, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The six-week Hungry for God series helps adults and teens enjoy an even deeper, closer love-relationship with the God who is loving them first, best, and always. Facilitated by Deacon Bob Ovies, former director of the Detroit Archdiocesan Office for Family Life. Themes include: Hungry for God's Love, Hungry for Salvation, Hungry to Know God's Plan for Your Life, Hungry for Jesus, Hungry for the Power to Forgive, Hungry for Faith and God's Spirit. Register at religioussed@stcolette.net or call (734) 464-4435.

Evenings of reflection

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia offers a special Lenten Evening of Reflection 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, with Rev. Daniel Jones, a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit and Assistant Professor of Theology at Sacred Heart Major

Seminary in Detroit, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

An evening with Simon Peter

A live dramatic presentation of the story of the ministry, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth from the point of view of one of his closest friends, the Apostle Simon Peter, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church on Farmington Road, Livonia. Free will offering. Performed by former parishioner John Dzwonkowski and family.

Detroit Lutheran Singers

Present four concerts in their Spring 2009 series. 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, and at 7:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham. Also 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21915 Beech Street, Dearborn, and 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 202 E. 5th Street, Royal Oak. The children's choir from St. Paul Lutheran School will sing several selections in this final concert.

Taizé prayer

All are welcome to a Taizé ecumenical prayer service 7:30 p.m. Monday,

March 23, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Taizé worship combines prayer, silent meditation, candlelight and special music, and dates back to 1940 when a community of Catholic and Protestant brothers was formed in Taizé, France. Today, Taizé services are held across the globe and are especially popular among young adults. Taizé will be part of the church's Lenten 40-Hour Devotion beginning with 6 a.m. Mass on Monday, March 23, continuing with around-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration, and ending after 7 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, March 24. For more information, call (734) 981-1333.

Midweek Lenten services

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have midweek Lenten services at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. For information, call (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523.

Lenten services

7 p.m. every Wednesday through April 1, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313) 534-7730. Passover Seder Dinner at 6 p.m. for \$8 followed by the Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. April 9. Easter Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. April 12.

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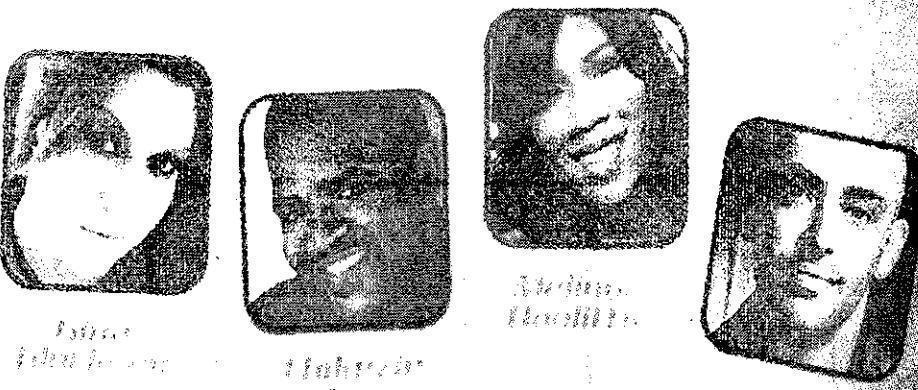
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# Livonia symphony brings ballet to life

Once you've heard live ballet music you never forget the intensity of the sound. It's been several years since the Royal Ballet of England danced "Swan Lake" in Detroit but



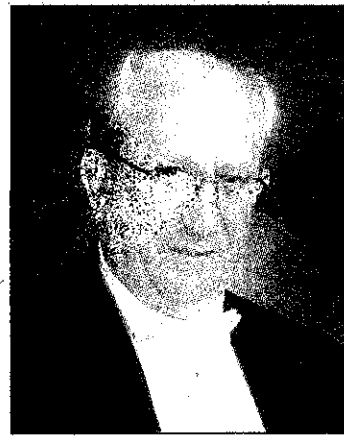
Linda Chomin

I still vividly remember the orchestra's telling of the story of Prince Siegfried and his love for a fair maiden under an evil spell. Sadly, as a young ballet student, it was

the only live ballet music I would experience for years. Local little dancers won't have to wait as long. The Livonia Symphony Orchestra is performing Ballet Masterpieces 4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

The Board is making it especially enticing for those who have never attended an LSO concert by giving away 300 tickets, 10 per member. All ballet enthusiasts have to do is call a board member or the LSO hot line at (734) 421-1111.

"We want to make sure everyone gets to see these things," said LSO board president Rose Kachnowski. "Board members are going out and passing them out to their circle of friends. Everybody loves the beauty of the ballet and don't get to hear it performed live. Right now so many young people



Volodymyr Sheshiuk conducts the Livonia Symphony Orchestra in music for the ballet Saturday, March 7.

are studying ballet and this gives them an opportunity to hear the music."

Volodymyr Sheshiuk enjoys conducting ballet music when he doesn't have to worry about tempo. He's loved Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" since he was Conductor-in-Residence of the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow.

"There's ballet music for the orchestra and dancer. For me to perform only with orchestra, I'm not responsible for tempo for their legs. I'm following only my feeling and what's in the score. It's fun to play ballet music without ballet. Many instruments in the orchestra solo like voices of the dancers. We start from Chopin and piece by piece go through the whole classical ballet - 'Swan Lake,' Debussy's 'Afternoon of a Faun Prelude.' For me my favorite is Khachaturian's 'Spartacus.'"

## BALLET MASTERPIECES

**What:** Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents famous ballets including Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake  
**When:** 4 p.m. Saturday, March 7  
**Where:** Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Tickets:** \$17 adults, \$5 children and students. Call (734) 421-1111

As co-chair of the LSO music committee it's Jim Poe's job to select music to please the audience.

Last year, the audience left whistling selections from "A Night at the Opera." Theme programs always seem to be popular, says Poe, LSO principal bassoonist.

This season's ballet program features Chopin's "Le Sylphides" in addition to "Swan Lake Suite," "La Damnation du Faust" by Berlioz, Bizet's "Carmen," and Saint Saens' "Samson and Dalila-Bacchanale."

"It's ballet music that people will recognize," said Poe of Farmington Hills. "It's good to display the variations composers bring to that but also the tunes people know and love."

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**PROGRAM (SUN 3/8)**  
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**PROGRAM**  
 Haydn String Quartet in d minor, Op. 76, No. 2 ("Quinten") (Hob. III:76) (1796-97)  
 Woertgen New Piano Quintet (commissioned by the artists)  
 Schoenberg Ode to Napoleon, Op. 41 (for quartet, piano, and baritone) (1942)  
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**Christine's Cuisine:** Gwen Joy's Red Headed Vixen, through March 21, 729 East Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, (248) 584-3384, [www.gwenjoy.com](http://www.gwenjoy.com).

**CPop Gallery:** "Conformity Exhibition: Live Conformists/Dead Troublemakers," through March, opening reception, 7-11 p.m. March 7, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9901, [wcpop.com](http://wcpop.com).

**Northville Art House:** "Creative Minds-Changing Minds," through March 21 and "The Persistence of Personal Vision: The College of Creative Studies Illustration Alumni Annual Show," through March 29, both opening receptions, 6-9 p.m. March 6, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, [www.northvill-learths.org](http://www.northvill-learths.org).

**Visual Arts Association of Livonia:** Studio classes for the public, spring season started March 4, 18000 Newburgh Road, Spring Show, May 1, Livonia City Hall, (734) 838-1204, [www.valart.org](http://www.valart.org).

### BENEFITS

**Detroit Hard Rock Cafe:** Rockers Brandon Calhoun, Frankie D'Angelo and Robin Horlock, acoustic performance to benefit Musicians on Call, March 5, doors 8 p.m., \$5, 45 Monroe St., Detroit, (313) 964-7625.

**Village Theatre at Cherry Hill:** Ricky Nelson Remembered with Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, March 27, to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, includes champagne, desserts and meet the artists, \$52, (734) 394-5300, [www.canton-mi.org/village-theater](http://www.canton-mi.org/village-theater).

### BOOKS/LITERATURE

**Borders:** "Twilight" DVD release party, 10 p.m. March 20, participating stores include Canton, check [www.borders.com](http://www.borders.com) for complete listing.

### CHORAL

**First Presbyterian Church:** Pipedusters w/ organist Tom Trenney, 7:30 p.m. April 17; Music for a Cathedral, 7:30 p.m. May 22, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 644-2040 x136, [ttrenney@comcast.net](mailto:ttrenney@comcast.net).

**Rackham Choir:** "Dear Mrs. Parks" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, March 6-8, Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Dearborn, [www.rackhamchoir.org](http://www.rackhamchoir.org).

### CLASSICAL

**Plymouth Symphony Orchestra:** "Fanfare for Freedom," 8 p.m. March 14, Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville; Benefit Concert of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, 8 p.m. April 24, Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org).

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

### COMEDY

**Joy's Comedy Club of Livonia:** Brad Williams, through March 7; Tracy Smith, March 11-14; Mike Vecchioni, March 18-21; Roz G, March 25-28; Ryan Belleville, April 1-4; Jarrod Harris, April 8-11; Mark Theobald Special Engagement, April 15-18; Bobby Miyamoto, April 22-25; Shane Moss, April 29-May 2; Mike Veneman, May 6-9; Erik Blake, May 13-15; Colin Moulton, May 20-23; Jimmy Dore Special Engagement, May 27-30, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, [www.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.com).

### CONCERTS

**The Fillmore:** Taste of Chaos Tour, March 10, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

**The Fox Theatre:** Bill Gaither and his Homecoming Friends, March 12, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) (248) 433-1515.

**MotorCity Casino Hotel:** Bret Michaels Rock of Love Bus Tour featuring Dirty Americans, 8 p.m. March 13, \$41-\$56, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** Fleetwood Mac, March 8, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com).

**Royal Oak Music Theatre:** MMA: Xtreme Cagefighting Championships, March 6; Missy Higgins & Justin Nozuka, March 11; Umphrey's McGee, March 12, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272, [www.royalokmusictheatre.com](http://www.royalokmusictheatre.com).

### DANCE

**Detroit Dance Collective:** "The Power of Green," 8 p.m. March 13, \$18-\$22, Michael A. Guido Theater, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 943-2354.

**Detroit Opera House:** "Romeo & Juliet," American Ballet, March 13-15, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-3426, [www.michiganopera.org](http://www.michiganopera.org).

### FAMILY

**Canton Cinema:** Free Spring Matinee Series, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturdays, "Space Chimps," March 7-8; "Madagascar 2," March 14-15; "Igor," March 21-22; "Kung Fu Panda," March 28-29; "Horton Hears a Who," April 4-5; "Tale of Despereaux," April 11-12; "Open Season," April 18-19; "Hotel for Dogs," April 25-26, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456, [www.GOTI.com](http://www.GOTI.com).

**Marquis Theatre:** "Little Mermaid," March 14-April 17, 135 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-8110, [www.northvillmarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillmarquistheatre.com).

**Palace of Auburn Hills:** Smuckers Stars on Ice Tour, March 7, 5 Championship Drive, [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com).

**Penn Theatre:** Saturdays @ The Penn, old fashioned variety show featuring Conductor Nan Washburn of Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, noon March 7, \$3, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 377-0914, [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com).

### FILM

**AMC Livonia 20:** "A Powerful Noise LIVE," 7:30 p.m. March 5, 19500 Haggerty Road, (734) 542-9909.

**Detroit Film Theatre:** "Gomorrh," through March 8; "Harvard Beats Yale 29-29," through March 15; "Timecrimes," March 13-22, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. See [www.dia.org/dft](http://www.dia.org/dft) or (313) 833-7900.



## Local Artists Show

"Dreaming Boats" by Kate Paul (pictured) is featured in Lotus Arts Gallery's Second Annual Local Artist Exhibit. The exhibition showcases work by 15 Michigan artists including oils, acrylics, pen and ink renderings, ceramics, photography and mixed media. It opens with a meet-the-artists reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 6 and runs through March 27. Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 995 West Ann Arbor Trail (corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street) in downtown Plymouth. Call (888) 889-4ART or visit [www.lotusartsgallery.com](http://www.lotusartsgallery.com).

**Detroit Historical Museum:** "More Bob-Lo Memories," 1 and 8 p.m. March 7-8, 5401 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-1805, [www.detroit-historical.org](http://www.detroit-historical.org).

**Henry Ford IMAX:** "Watchmen: The IMAX Experience Rises," opens midnight March 6, doors at 10:30 p.m. March 5; "Journey to Mecca," "Under the Sea 3D," 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 271-1570.

**Penn Theatre:** Hitchcock Month, "Marnie," March 5; "Shadow of a Doubt," March 12; "Saboteur," March 19; "To Catch a Thief," March 26, shows at 7 p.m., \$3, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com).

**Redford Theatre:** "The Karate Kid," March 6-7, 17360 Lanser, Detroit, [www.redfordtheatre.com](http://www.redfordtheatre.com).

### MORE MUSIC

**Bullfrog Bar:** Open Mic Movement Mondays w/ DJ Melly Mel & host Redbone; Live Karaoke Tuesdays with host Paris; Noh Worry Wednesdays; After Work Party Fridays; Mic Rocker Sessions w/ Foolish Sundays; David Young Sir Jay Records Event, March 5; Realm Showcase, March 6; Mad Cap Show, March 7; Monthly Mixer, March 12, 15414 Telegraph Rd, Redford, (313) 533-4477, [www.bullfrogrocks.com](http://www.bullfrogrocks.com).

**Takea Lounge:** Paradime with Marv Won, Danny Brown, Street Justice and Chief, with MTV filming "Made," March 13, 21 and older, 28949 Joy Road, Westland, (734) 513-5030.

### MUSEUMS

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell," March 8-May 31, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, Call (313) 833-7900.

**Detroit Historical Museum:** Book signing and talk, "Motor City Rock and Roll: The 1960s and 1970s," authors Bob Harris and John Douglas Peters, 6-8 p.m. March 11; "Detroit's Classic TV Personalities" opens March 14, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, [www.detroit-historical.org](http://www.detroit-historical.org), (313) 833-1805.

**Plymouth Historical Museum:** "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 155 S. Main St. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission, \$5; \$2 for students 6-17; \$10 for families. Tour groups can be accommodated, (734) 455-8940, [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org).

### SOMETHING DIFFERENT

**Astronomy Expo & Swap:** 6th annual, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 7, Holy Cross Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, \$5, [key\\_string\\_guy@yahoo.com](mailto:key_string_guy@yahoo.com).

**Michigan Woodworkers Guild:** Custom Woodworking 2009 Show, noon-5 p.m. March 8, parking and admission free, Livonia Senior Activities Center, 15218 Farmington Road, (313) 278-2150.

**Rock Financial Showplace:** The Michigan Golf Show, March 6-8, 46100 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-5600, [www.rockfinancialshow.com](http://www.rockfinancialshow.com).

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### THEATER - COMMUNITY

**The Farmington Players:** "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," through March 7, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 553-2955, [www.farmingtonplayers.org](http://www.farmingtonplayers.org).

**Destination Theatre:** "Canton Folies: One Hit Wonders," March 12-14, \$15, Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5460.

**Spotlight Players:** "Divine Stella Devine," through March 8, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300, [www.spotlightplayers.net](http://www.spotlightplayers.net).

### THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

**Detroit Opera House:** "Fiddler on the Roof," through March 8, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

**Fox Theatre:** "Movin' Out," March 27-29, tickets \$30-\$75, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com), [OlympiaEntertainment.com](http://OlympiaEntertainment.com), (248) 433-1515.

**Jewish Ensemble Theatre:** "The Diary of Anne Frank," through March 15, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900, [www.jetttheatre.org](http://www.jetttheatre.org).

**Gem Theatre:** "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through March 29, 333 Madison Ave, Detroit, (313) 963-9800, [www.gemtheatre.com](http://www.gemtheatre.com).

**Meadow Brook Theatre:** "Kong's Night Out," through March 8, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), for more information, visit [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com).

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# FOOD & WINE

## Local chefs semifinalists for top award

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK  
O & E STAFF WRITER

The Academy Awards might be over, but "the Oscars of the food world" are just getting underway. Five Michigan chefs have been named semifinalists for the James Beard Foundation 2009 Award in the Great Lakes Category.

Two of them are from Oakland County — Luciano Del Signore of Bacco Ristorante in Southfield, and John Somerville of The Lark in West Bloomfield.

Del Signore, nominated for the second year in a row, said he was thrilled when the James Beard Foundation phoned him with the news.

"It caught me by surprise both years. It's not like I had any kind of warning," he said. "We're excited. It's very, very nice to be included with that list of chefs that have been nominated."

Del Signore worked for 25 years at his parents' restaurant, Fonte D Amore in Livonia, and opened Bacco Ristorante seven years ago.

"Quality Italian food is our passion," Del Signore said. "I concentrate on finding unique and interesting fresh produce that's Michigan grown. We're more interested in what's called the 'slow food movement,' where everything is made in-house."

John Somerville joined The Lark in 1994 as a garde manger chef, and worked his way up to chef de cuisine three years ago. According to Jim Lark, Somerville is the finest head chef the restaurant has had since it opened in 1981.

"That's not only my opinion and the opinion of Mary Lark, but our patrons who have been coming for many, many, many years," Lark said. "To my mind he's undoubtedly the best chef in mid-America."

Whether the judges for the James Beard Award agree

### BEST CHEF NOMINEES

Of the 20 semifinalists for the James Beard Award for Best Chef: Great Lakes Region, five are from Michigan. They are:

**Luciano Del Signore:** Bacco Ristorante, Southfield

**John Somerville:** The Lark, West Bloomfield

**Alex Young:** Zingerman's Roadhouse, Ann Arbor

**Brian Polcyn:** Five Lakes Grill, Milford

**Ali Barker:** Bistro on the Boulevard, St. Joseph

remains to be seen. Del Signore and Somerville are among 20 chefs in the running for the Great Lakes Region. The category will be narrowed to five finalists by a panel of 400 judges on March 23. Winners will be announced May 4.

"I just feel privileged to make the semi-finals, whatever happens from there remains to be seen but the James Beard Foundation is certainly one of the most prestigious awards to win," Somerville said.

Dubbed "the Oscars of the food world" by Time Magazine, the awards have been considered by many to be the highest culinary honor since their creation in 1990.

Categories include best restaurant, best chef by region, outstanding service, recognition for wine and spirits, as well as a variety of others that extend into the realm of food photography and media. They are presented every spring at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City.

Bacco Ristorante is located at 29410 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. Call (248) 356-6600 or visit [www.baccoristorante.com](http://www.baccoristorante.com).

The Lark is located at 6430 Farmington Road in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-4466 or visit [www.thelark.com](http://www.thelark.com).



Chef Luciano Del Signore of Bacco Ristorante in Southfield.

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### CAPEANTE AL BALSAMICO

This dish, created by Chef Luciano Delsignore of Bacco Ristorante, features pan seared sea scallops served over a cauliflower puree and arugula, topped with balsamic glaze.

#### CAPEANTE AL BALSAMICO

Serves 4

- 8 extra large dry pack sea scallops
- Olive oil for cooking
- 2 shallots minced
- 1/2 cup aged balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1 head cauliflower (boiled and pureed same as mashed potatoes, seasoned with butter, cream, salt and pepper)
- 2 cups arugula, washed and patted dry

Season scallops with salt and pepper on both sides. Bring a 12" skillet to high heat, add a 1/2 cup of olive oil, sear scallops on both sides for 3 minutes each side till deep golden brown. Drain oil from pan and add shallots, sauté for 1 minute, deglaze the pan with the wine and balsamic vinegar, reduce sauce on high heat till thickened. Serve scallops over the cauliflower puree and arugula and top with the glaze.



Capesante al Balsamico, as prepared by Chef Luciano Del Signore of Bacco Ristorante.

### Truffled Macaroni and Cheese by Chef John Somerville of The Lark

In the hands of Chef John Somerville of The Lark, comfort food goes gourmet.

This Truffled Macaroni and Cheese is made with rich custard.

#### TRUFFLED MACARONI AND CHEESE

Custard:

- 12 eggs
- 1 quart cream
- 1 quart milk
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 1 tablespoon white pepper

Combine all in a small mixer fitted with a paddle. Mix till incorporated. Will hold for 2-3 days.

#### Macaroni & Cheese:

- Small amount soft butter
- 1 pound elbow noodles (preferably Whole Foods 365 Organic brand)
- Custard (see above recipe)
- 1 pound truffle cheese, grated
- 1 pound gruyere cheese, grated

Lightly butter small baking pan. Place elbow noodles in pan. Cover with custard. Top with cheese being sure to press in to keep cheese moist. Cook for 30 minutes in a 350° oven or till custard is set. Cool in refrigerator. Cut into attractive molds. Line in baking tray, top with additional grated truffle cheese. Reheat in oven till cheese is melted.

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## Spring home 'spruce up' doesn't have to be costly

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

March is here, so homeowners and renters can turn their thoughts to spring cleaning before too long.

Gardening experts, as well as those who specialize in home building and repair, agree you don't have to spend a fortune to spruce up the look of your abode.

Harry Jachym of Plymouth Township has home expertise from his 14 years teaching construction in the Livonia schools and 20 years as a shop teacher before that. Jachym's also been the general contractor for Plymouth-based Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, which works to provide homes for lower-income families.

"If they have siding, they might want to wash it down, power washing," said Jachym, a former *Observer & Eccentric* columnist still teaching construction at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. Painting's a logical spring spruce up if you're on a budget, as is using a deck brightener with a stiff brush.

Jachym has found the high-pressure nozzle on a garden hose good for deck cleaning. He recommends TSP, tri-sodium phosphate, for decks, noting there are more environmentally friendly alternatives for that as well.

He finds a power washer OK on a deck provided it's on low pressure. There's been a lot of debris this winter, so he recommends cleaning gutters.

"There probably is less money being spent" on homes at big-box stores. "People tend to fix up the homes they're living in now rather than moving."

Jachym said it's good to walk around your home to see if a nail is loose or other "little odds and ends that need to be taken care of" are.

The great outdoors of your home may need some springtime attention, too. Tim Parker, general man-



ager of Plymouth Nursery & Garden Center, has common-sense advice for residents seeking a new and improved spring look.

There are many things you can do for your lawn and garden that are not expensive, according to Parker. He likes to start spring cleanup by pruning his dormant shrubs then blowing the debris out of the beds, weeding the beds, and fertilizing with a slow release granular fertilizer, such as Espoma's Organic Plantone.

Parker, a Pinckney resident with a Michigan State University horticulture degree, then uses a cultivator to scratch and fluff existing hardwood mulch and add more to maintain a 3-4-inch depth which will help the plants retain moisture and prevent weed seeds from germinating in the beds. He then applies a pre-emergent weed preventer which is also now offered in organic form (corn-gluten).

Parker will vigorously hand rake his entire lawn to eliminate debris and thatch and repair doggie spots with lawn patch that includes seeds, fertilizer and mulch all in one. The best time to fertilize your lawn is in the fall while the grass is still

actively growing; this will allow the root system to store energy and have a great spring kick.

Parker starts his spring with a fertilizer which includes crabgrass preventer that must be applied in early spring. Homeowners can save significantly by buying all four seasons of many lawn care programs. Many organic lawn foods are also gaining in popularity, he noted.

If you're starving for spring color ... a vase full of water and cuttings of your forsythia, quince and pussy willow will produce blooms in a very short time, giving you a taste of spring, Parker added.

Jachym noted HGTV has good shows on home projects; his wife watches those and gets lots of ideas. "They've got some great ideas on it," he said.

If you need in-person help with home ideas, there's a free expo coming. Canton's annual Home Improvement Expo will be held Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 8, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park.

Interior decorating, landscaping, flooring, plumbing, kitchen repairs,

decks and more will be covered.

How-to workshops will be held all weekend on a variety of topics from landscaping to installing brick pavers, crown moldings and ceramic tile and 15 minute mini-workshops, targeted to home owners, homeowner associations and businesses, will also be held on a wide range of topics including but not limited to; detention pond maintenance, home security, safety tips, property standards, and tree and landscaping maintenance. The mini-workshops will be held in the Parkview Room and a full list of topics and start times will be made available to all expo attendees.

A hands-on children's project center will be available for kids of all ages to construct projects made from wood donated by Home Depot. A special guest appearance will be made by Murray Gula, host of *Murray Gula's Home Improvement Team* on WXYZ-TV Detroit and Joe Gagnon "The Appliance Doctor" will be broadcasting his 1600 WAAM talk radio program live from the expo.

A free Expo Advertisement Booklet will be available at the event, filled with vendor coupons, a map of the show, workshop and mini-workshop schedules and several home improvement tips. The expo is hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. For more information, call Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division at (734) 394-5200.

For the gardeners and others eager to get outdoors, Plymouth Nursery's Spring Home and Garden Expo is Saturday and Sunday, April 25-26. The nursery at 9900 Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road (west of Plymouth) will have many speakers and demonstrations, including Nancy Szerlag and Janet Macunovich. For details, call (734) 453-5500.

## Lawyer a help when buying and selling

**Q: My Realtor says that I don't need an attorney because she has experience in drafting purchase agreements and it is a simple real estate transaction. Plus, I am paying her a commission as a buyer's agent. Somehow, I think this might not be a good idea. What do you think?**

**A: Obviously, it may appear to sound self-serving, but I believe that you need a lawyer in any real estate transaction to protect your interests. Typically, your**



Robert Meisner

purchase agreement will also provide disclaimers and/or indemnification for the real estate firm and, realtors are not attorneys, and should be deferring to an attorney to review the purchase agreement. However, many Realtors feel that lawyers by definition tend to try to kill the

deal even though their intent is to protect the interests of their client. You are best advised to get an experienced real estate attorney to review any purchase agreement for real estate before you sign as it is extremely difficult to deal with the situation after the fact.

**Q: How will the change to digital TV affect our condominium which has a central master antenna for our residents?**

**A: As you probably know, if your members have an analog TV that does not receive local broadcast stations through a paid provider, these members will need a "digital to analog converter box" to watch digital broadcasts. Some members may have a digital TV, a TV with a built-in tuner. If so, they do not need a converter box. However, if your condominium association has a master antenna that feeds a TV signal through wiring in the building, members with an analog TV may or may not be able to watch full power broadcast stations after Feb. 17, 2009, or on the extended date. Their ability to view channels after this date depends on whether members with analog TV sets get a "digital to analog converter box" and whether the association needs an upgrade to its master antenna. You may want to ask the following questions with regard to each condominium building.**

1. What have we got,
  2. How is it wired in, and
  3. What are we going to do about it?
- Some condominium buildings receive local TV stations through a master antenna system, sometimes called a common antenna or a MATV system. These antenna systems receive TV signals through an antenna on the roof or in a central location and provide the signals through wiring in the building that connects to the TV set and in individual members' homes. These systems incur no charge to the members. Many condominium associations see this system as a way to reduce antenna clutter and to provide a service to the members. Other condominium buildings may use a SMA TV or satellite master antenna system. In these instances, there is a private cable provider involved to give members or the association access to local broadcast channels coupled with satellite TV programming. If this is your case, the association should contact its provider and ask what it is doing about the digital transition.

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

### BRIEFS

#### Investors

Come and learn from accountant Joseph Simasko as he discusses accounting related to real estate investing. Presented by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, March 12, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy.

Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742 for more information on the March 12 program. (Visit [www.REIAofOakland.com](http://www.REIAofOakland.com).)

#### Awards

Kelly Sweeney, president and CEO of Weir Manuel Realtors, announced the recipients of its

corporate awards for 2008.

The highly prized Eagle Award, given to the agent in each WMR office who has the highest closed sales production for that year, was presented to Robert and Barbara Dundon (Birmingham office), to Ann Stanzel-Kilgore (West Bloomfield office) and to Stella Bosnyak (Rochester office).

The Sherwood Awards, given to the agents who most exhibit the "Weir Manuel Way" in their approach to business, and who have the highest increase in closed sales production from the prior year, were Kathy Manoogian (Birmingham office), Patricia Stokes (West Bloomfield office) and Mickie Schulte (Rochester office).

Highest-performing agents were inducted into the President's Circle:  
Birmingham Office: Don Amalfitano, Steve

Cole, Kathleen Dalton, Jennifer Doctor, Barbara Draplin, Deidre (Didi) Etue, Kathleen Goodrich, Tim Holden, Kathy Manoogian, Mark Marangon, Rebecca Meisner, Erin O'Neill, Kathy Parker, Dawn Rassel, Robert Taylor, Todd Zachary, Jennifer Zardus.

West Bloomfield Office: Ann Stanzel-Kilgore, Karen Lambert, Greg Morad.

Rochester Office: Stella Bosnyak, Mickie Schulte.

"The outstanding performances last year by our elite sales professionals is a testament to the diligence they exhibited throughout the year," said Sweeney. "Though the market is down, these agents were able to outperform the market by consistently delivering superior client experiences."

### HOMES SOLD

These are the *Observer & Eccentric*-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 10-14, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### Canton

7693 Admiralty Dr	\$225,000
2639 Barkhill Rd	\$289,000
49042 Castleside Dr	\$500,000
382 Constitution St	\$158,000
2504 Cranbrook Rd	\$150,000
194 Dunhill Way St	\$285,000
48598 Fifth Ave	\$235,000
8245 Forrest Dr	\$145,000
43598 Fredericksburg St	\$154,000
51261 Glen Hollow Ave	\$383,000
45641 Henley Dr	\$262,000
50002 Jackson Ln	\$217,000
50026 Jackson Ln	\$207,000
42649 Keystone Ln	\$166,000
50373 Lansdowne Rd	\$177,000
50412 Lansdowne Rd	\$176,000
43570 Lynnwood Ct	\$136,000
44531 Numberland Cir	\$62,000

258 Patriot St	\$207,000
4753 Pond Run	\$215,000
8152 Rolling Meadows Dr	\$235,000
2099 S Cavalier Dr	\$143,000
4447 Southbridge Dr	\$167,000
1542 Valentine Ct	\$207,000
1940 Wentworth Dr	\$205,000

#### Farmington

23947 Colchester Dr	\$150,000
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#### Farmington Hills

22150 Abington Dr	\$266,000
37752 Amber Dr	\$175,000
22394 Buckingham Dr	\$187,000
21097 Marshview Dr	\$215,000
29632 Middlebelt Rd	\$85,000

#### Garden City

33416 John Hawk St	\$32,000
29648 Rush St	\$84,000

#### Livonia

9638 Cavell St	\$115,000
19822 Deering St	\$118,000
31510 Haldane St	\$80,000
1160 Haller St	\$120,000
18644 Hillcrest St	\$110,000
15646 Levan Rd	\$194,000
31609 Middleboro St	\$144,000
31065 Minton St	\$124,000
29573 Munger St	\$160,000

35916 Parkdale St	\$138,000
9327 Patton St	\$153,000
18380 University Park Dr	\$85,000
34908 W Chicago St	\$115,000

#### Milford

1395 Old Plank Rd	\$215,000
1783 S Milford Rd	\$160,000

#### Northville

47604 Blue Heron Dr S	\$335,000
17047 Boulder Dr	\$319,000
20556 Clement Rd	\$275,000
46095 Frederick St	\$220,000
49165 Freestone Dr	\$409,000
18248 Larough Dr	\$270,000
41397 Leidel Ct	\$115,000
46757 N Valley Dr	\$336,000
39654 Rockcrest Ln	\$145,000
20304 Woodbend Dr	\$345,000

#### Novi

50853 Calvert Isle Dr	\$686,000
1127 S Lake Dr	\$65,000
24307 Simmons Dr	\$243,000

#### Plymouth

399 Ann St	\$300,000
295 Arthur St	\$230,000
8823 Ball St	\$140,000
40767 Brecken Ridge Ln	\$223,000
44483 Charnwood Dr	\$230,000

1125 Fairground St	\$133,000
517 Maria Dr	\$155,000
9147 Mayflower Dr	\$218,000
9403 N Canton Center Rd	\$80,000
12360 Pinecrest Dr	\$175,000
467 Roe St	\$140,000
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18615 Gaylord	\$76,000
17390 Glenmore	\$79,000
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#### South Lyon

339 E Liberty St	\$132,000
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37378 Amhurst Dr	\$145,000
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32140 Parkway St	\$61,000
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### ACROSS

- 1 Pull the lever
- 5 Cartoon possum
- 9 Domestic animal
- 12 Flush with
- 13 Football field
- 14 Snort of disgust
- 15 Bakery items
- 17 Twist and twine
- 19 Caterwauled
- 21 In shape
- 22 Bear's pad
- 24 Pacino or Jolson
- 25 Hearing aid?
- 26 German article
- 27 Fragrant blossoms
- 29 PC capacity
- 31 Work unit
- 32 Numeral on a sundial
- 33 Baseball assn.
- 34 Gloating cry

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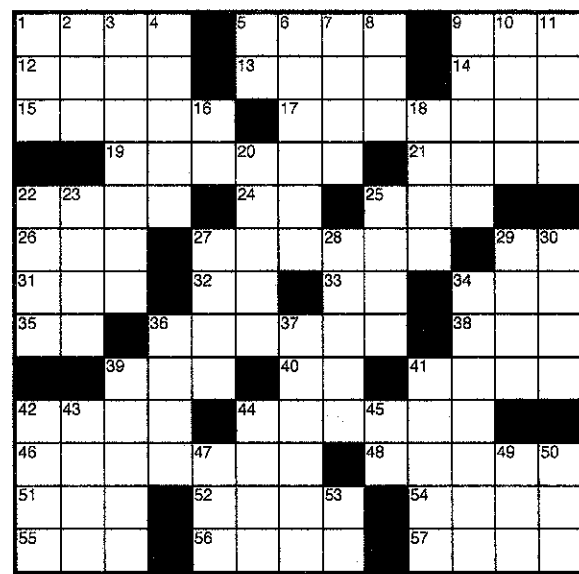
- 35 Blue Grass st.
- 36 Protozoans
- 38 U-boat movie "Boot"
- 39 1300 hours
- 40 Worldwide org.
- 41 Lip- —
- 42 Cable channel
- 44 Spooky noises
- 46 Was a bandit
- 48 Sundowns
- 51 Won — soup
- 52 Project starter
- 54 Carrie's "Star Wars" role
- 55 Blow away
- 56 Cafe handout
- 57 Bobcat

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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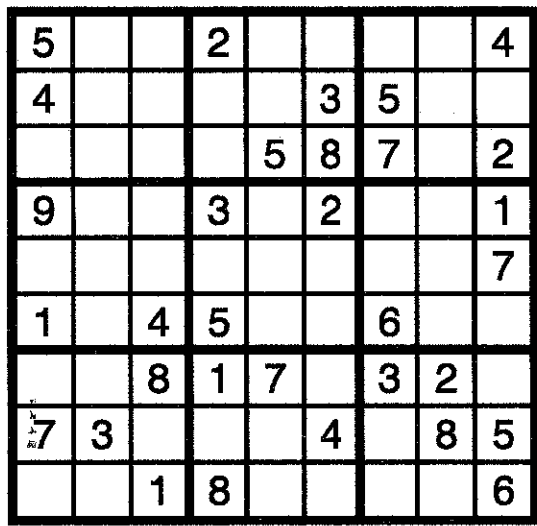
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- 8 Kind of poem
- 9 Shrewder
- 10 Turkish honcho
- 11 "And — some!"
- 16 True
- 18 Mournful wail
- 20 Dispense with
- 22 Mild onion
- 23 Spacious
- 25 Underwater shockers
- 27 Cement component
- 28 Lacking sense
- 29 Mongol ruler
- 30 Juicy pear
- 34 Homer epic
- 36 Murray or Baxter
- 37 Weigh down
- 39 Express a view
- 41 Pirate flag emblem
- 42 Comics' Miss Kett
- 43 Prove
- 44 Surrender territory
- 45 Commercial
- 47 Vitality
- 49 Extended family
- 50 Jazz instrument
- 53 Gold, in the lab

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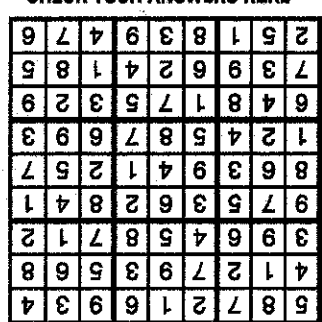
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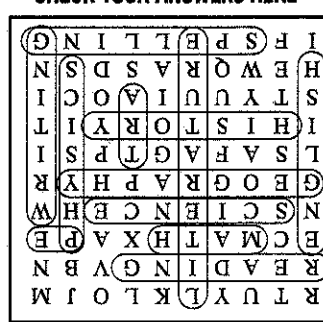
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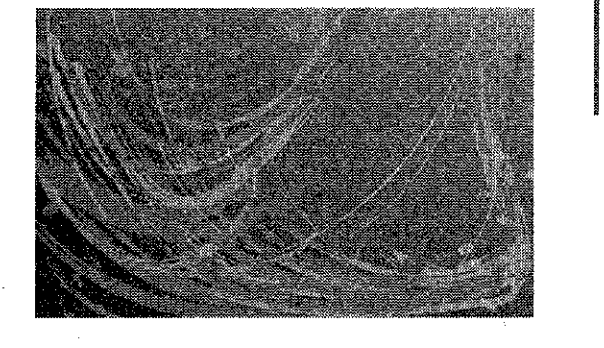
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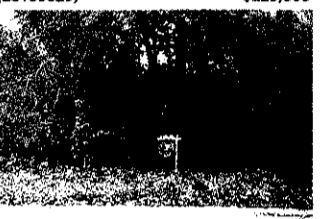
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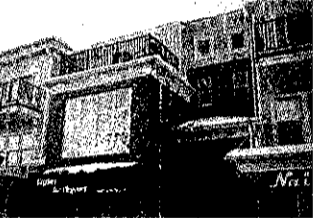
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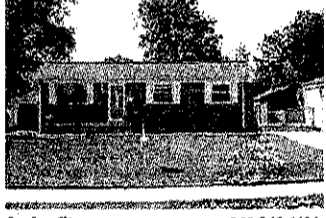
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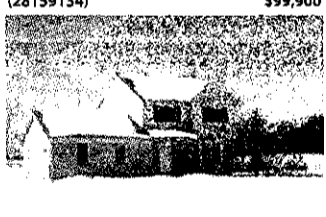
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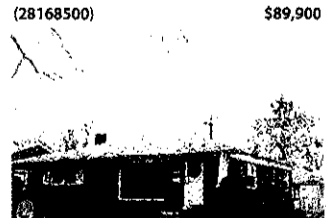
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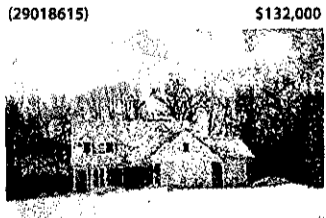
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Carriage Trace "Aberdeen Model" Offering spacious gourmet kitchen, great rm w/ soaring ceilings, extra lrg front study, Jack & Jill bath, oversized 3 car garage and finished basement.  
(29023638) \$319,900



**Wayne** 734-455-7000  
OH ME, OH MY! Updates galore! kitchen, baths, trim, doors, roof, furnace, floors. 2 bedrooms. 2 baths, basement, garage.  
(29004240) \$75,000



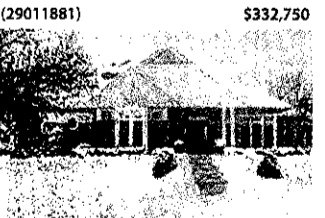
**Dearborn Heights** 734-591-9200  
Must See! Orig Own. Home Updated Thru Years New Furnace, Hardwood Floors Under Carpet. Fin Bsmt w/BA. Kitchen Updated. Nice Clean Home. Great Bargain with Crestwood Schools. Buyers Agent to Verify All Info.  
(28185364) \$114,900



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Enjoy the 1/2 acre parcel backing to nature preserve! 2-story foyer, HDWD flrs, GR w/ stone FP, vaulted ceiling, MBR w/WIC, 3-car heated garage.  
(28203761) \$225,000



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



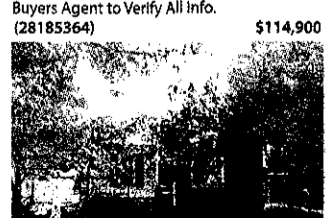
**Plymouth** 734-591-9200  
Spacious Ranch in Deer Creek! Very Open Flr Plan. Lg kit & BFT m'all kit appls stay, Grt Fr m w/FP&D/W o lrg deck. Mstr BR w/BA has roll-in shower. Home has hadicap access w/ramp from gar to bsmt.  
(29009792) \$314,900



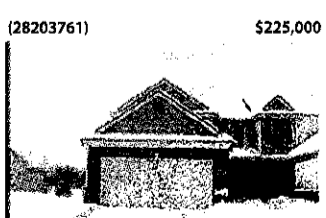
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Prestigious Trotter's Pointe Home features 3 car garage, fireplace, lots of storage and is on one of the largest lots in sub. Open Sunday 1-4.  
(29024609) \$278,000



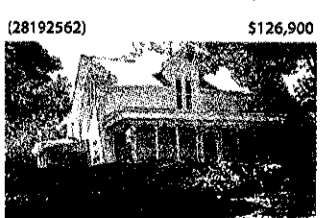
**Westland** 248-348-6430  
Totally Updated Maintenance Free Home! New roof, updated BA, new win, carpet, 6 panel doors, steel DRs, ceramic tile in foyer, HWH, all appls, shed, 2 car gar & patio w/ retractable awning.  
(28133015) \$124,900



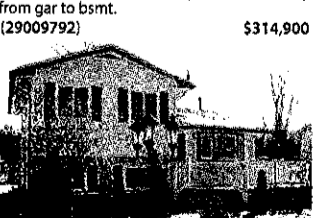
**Dearborn Heights** 734-591-9200  
Lg Nth DH Hme on huge lot w/oversiz garg Ovr 1350 sq ft. Newer wind. lg yd w/pool & deck. Frpice, High eff furn, nwr HWH, Updt BAs. Short sale subj to bank app. Buy respon for DH city inspe. Comp fees 199 24 hr not  
(29023907) \$65,000



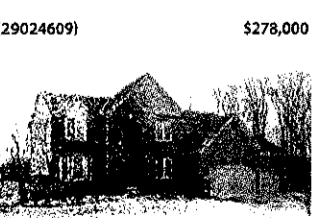
**Howell** 248-437-3800  
Wonderful Floor Plan! Newer end unit w/lrg 1st fr mstr. Vaulted LR w/skylights & FP open to dining area & kitchen. Hrdwd flrs entry, kit, din. area & powder rm. 1st fr laundry.  
(29024080) \$179,900



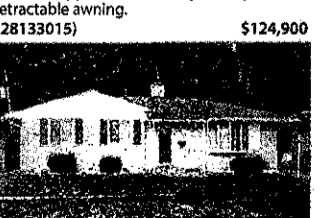
**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Unique Opportunity in Historic District One of the prized sites in Northville. 2BD, 2BA farm house w/fin'd walkout BSMT, 2 stry carriage house w/att'd carport. Plus a separate vac. lot. Approx .75 acres.  
(29020632) \$674,900



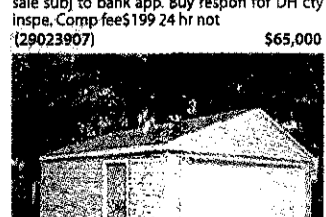
**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
HUGE PRICE REDUCTION! \$60K in upgrds in '07. Kit w/cherry cabts, corian counterop & ceramic tile. New paint w/o '07. Hickory hrdwd flr in GR & foyer. 1st fr mstr BR & laundry.  
(29024591) \$279,900



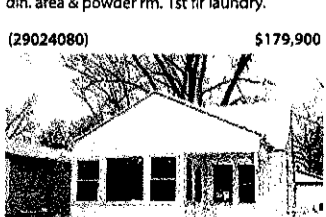
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Corporate Relo Forces Sale Pond view off a quiet cul-de-sac w/one of the best lots in the community. Spacious gourmet kit., soaring ceilings in GR, fully fin. W/O LL w/wet bar & 2nd kit.  
(29025076) \$269,900



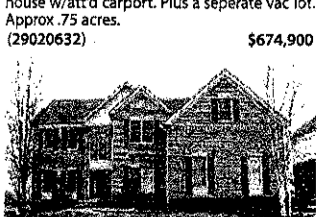
**Westland** 734-284-5400  
POPULAR TONQUISH SUBDIVISION Beautiful brick ranch. 2 car garage. 1.5 BA. All neutral tones thru-out. Kitchen w/oak cabinets & bath in oak too. Newer windows, roof, furn, HWH, Florida rm.  
(28154627) \$79,900



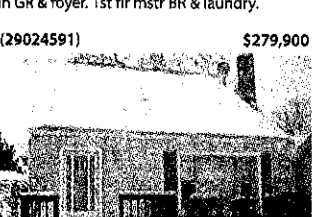
**Dearborn Heights** 248-348-6430  
Attention Builders! Lot w/ 2 Car Garage! Great price on this premium lot with a brand new 2 car garage. Crestwood schools, fenced yard & a large shed. New construction will be built unless lot is sold.  
(27193396) \$38,000



**Keego Harbor** 248-684-1065  
Bank-owned foreclosure in good condition! Open flr pin. Updates: drywall, carpet, closets w/ organizers, 6-panel drs, furnace, water heater, and more!  
(29007364) \$40,000



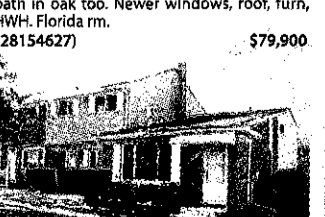
**Northville** 734-455-7000  
STUNNING HOME! 3rd hole on T of Arnold Palmer golf course. Hrdwd foyer, kit, LR, DR, & lib. Exceptional granite kit. Jet tub. Maple/daylight LL w/BR & BA.  
(29018502) \$499,000



**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY! Come home to this warm and cozy bungalow w/natural fireplace and lots of natural wood. Oak cabinet kitchen w/laminate floor. 2 full baths. Large backyard.  
(29015504) \$155,000



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Premium Lot Overlooking Pond! Well maintained home. Hardwood floors in kit & foyer. Bay window. Custom window treatments stay. Workshop in bsmt. Freshly painted. Open Sun 1-4.  
(29007937) \$214,900



**Westland** 248-348-6430  
GREAT TRI-LEVEL CONDO w/ Spacious LR NEWER WINDOWS, ROOF & CENTRAL AIR. GALLERY KIT w/ DR. WOOD FLRS IN BRs. FNISHD LL w/ STORAGE. WORK ROOM & LAUNDRY. PLAY AREA & COMMUNITY CENTER. PETS WELCOME.  
(29015785) \$50,000