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### Turn off TV

National TV Turnoff Week starts Sunday, April 19, and runs through April 25. Canton Leisure Services will be hosting several events during the week that will help you get away from the tube and get out and enjoy life.

Stop by the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail (Morton Taylor Road, just south of Michigan Avenue) 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19, for a free game of trail bingo, in which participants will see how many nature spots they can locate.

Family Dodge Ball and Game Night is set to start at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the Summit gym and will feature a variety of rounds, including families, parents vs. kids and siblings vs. siblings. Leisure Services staff will also provide other gym games for families to enjoy. The cost is \$5 for the whole family to play dodge ball (for ages 6 and up).

If swimming is more your thing, the Water Fun Pool Party will take place 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, April 24. Join the Aquatic staff for an evening full of river rapids, fish dives, noodles and squirt guns. This event is free for members, just \$2 for all kids, and adults are \$4 for residents and \$6 for non-residents.

Visit the Village Theater for a performance of *The Pajama Game*, a musical comedy that's set in the 1950s and tells the story of the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory. Tickets for the April 24-26 performances will be discounted one hour prior to the 8 p.m. shows. Kids wearing pajamas can get tickets for \$5 each (ages 16 and under) and adults are just \$18.

In addition, Leisure Services is teaming up with As the Page Turns Bookstore to offer a book fair and story time during the week. Look for posters and fliers with all of the details.

For more information on all of these off-the-couch activities, visit [leisure.canton-mi.org](http://leisure.canton-mi.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

### Casting call

Want to compete on *The Amazing Race*? Then grab a partner and head to the open casting call CBS is hosting 3-7 p.m. today at Gardner White Furniture in Canton (39453 Ford Road) for your chance to audition for the reality TV game show where two-person teams travel the globe to solve clues, win prizes and avoid coming in last place.

The show, which is hosted by Phil Keoghan, is currently in its 14th season.

To audition, you must be 21 or older and bring two completed applications (one for each applicant), which can be downloaded at <http://www.jtv.com/events/amazing.race>. Also bring a valid photo ID, and be sure to review eligibility requirements before attending.

## Upcoming projects to fix pothole-laden roads

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Driving on some of Canton's pothole-laden roads can be downright dangerous, with thoughts turning to how much it's going to cost to replace tie rods or a damaged wheel after feeling a drop into what feels more like craters.

Wayne County will give Canton motorists a break from some of those problems with four road resurfacing projects on Joy, Warren, Sheldon and Haggerty roads, most of which are expected to begin within weeks.

"The total is \$994,000 for the four projects and seven other areas where we will do patching," said Eddie Bizek, Wayne County project manager. "These projects aren't being paid with federal stimulus money,

they are rehabilitation and resurfacing projects which have been in the planning for the last year. These were going to get done regardless of any stimulus money."

Among the projects:

Warren Road will be resurfaced from Morton Taylor Road to Lilley Road. This project is expected to start in the latter part of April or the early part of May.

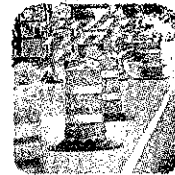
"Warren will have a detour and be closed to local traffic both eastbound and westbound," said Bizek. "It will take about a month and a half, depending on weather."

Mast arms installation at the Warren and Lilley intersection is planned for late 2009.

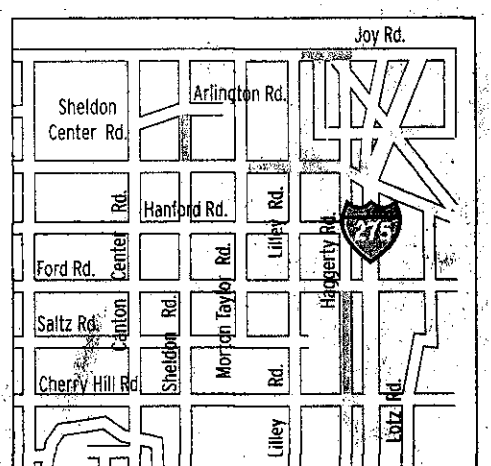
Two-lane Sheldon Road will be resurfaced from Warren Road to Arlington Road.

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### ROAD RESURFACING PROJECTS



This month Wayne County will begin road repair and reconstruction on Warren Road between Morton Taylor and Lilley roads; Joy Road between Lilley and Haggerty roads; Haggerty between Cherry Hill and Ford roads; and Sheldon between Warren and Arlington roads.



## Peace process

### Pioneer kids push plan in Big Apple

BY JEFF NOVAK  
CORRESPONDENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

Even though honored guest Yoko Ono didn't make the cel-

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



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

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## State grant will help beautify Ford Road/DDA

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A half-million-dollar state grant will help Canton's Downtown Development Authority complete a three-mile Ford Road beautification project begun 15 years ago.

The \$510,383 grant, along with a matching amount from the DDA, will go to landscape Ford Road from Morrison (west of Lilley Road) to the I-275 interchange.

"With this money we will put in a lot of landscaping from Morrison to Lotz roads," said Kathleen Salla, DDA coordinator. "A big part of it will be the enhancement of the I-275 quadrants as well. We'll be doing some landscaping at I-275, with manicured planting near the road. As you get further into the quadrants, it will be a prairie that is low-maintenance so we won't

have to spend a lot of money maintaining it, but it will look nice."

"The DDA is going to pay to put in our signature brick walls and irrigation in front of some of the older areas that don't have them," Salla added. "The rest of our community looks very nice, so we want our gateway to look as nice as our residential areas do."

Salla said the construction of the remaining masonry walls from Lilley to Lotz will cost the DDA \$300,000, bringing the entire project to more than \$1.3 million. Salla said she's hopeful the improvements will begin mid- to late summer.

The original DDA district in 1994 consisted of Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor roads. In 1996, the district was expanded to the Westland boundary on the east and past Canton Center Road on

the west. Salla said developers who build along Ford Road are required to put in the brick wall, green street lights and Canton Community logo signs.

"They still are, except in the area from Lotz to Lilley we've committed to do that," Salla said. "And we put in all the street lights. Eventually, all of it will look alike and have an identity, and people will know it's still part of Canton."

Salla said the street lights will soon sport banners to divide Ford Road into color districts.

"There are seven different colors and each block will have its own color identification so the businesses can advertise, for example, they are in the green district so customers can find the businesses more easily," she said. "We're hoping they will be up sometime this summer."

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## Road rally

Leadership Canton's upcoming Road Rally fund-raiser will take place Saturday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rotary Clock in Heritage Park. Leadership Canton is raising money for First Step ([www.firststep-mi.org](http://www.firststep-mi.org)), Open Door Ministry ([www.opendoorfood-ministry.com](http://www.opendoorfood-ministry.com)) and Leadership Canton Alumni Fund.

The fee is \$35 per person and includes road rally, T-shirt, dinner and refreshments. The rally is limited to 30 cars, with 4-6 passengers per car (minimum of four people per car). There are still sponsorship, participant and sign maker opportunities available.

For more information about the event visit <http://roadrally.cantonchamber.com>, or contact Deb Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

## Open house/science fair

All Saints Catholic School (48735 Warren Road, Canton) will host a Spring "Open

House" and "Science Fair" from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., Thursday, April 23. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the school's staff and view science projects completed by fifth through eighth grade students. For more information, call (734) 459-2490.

## 'The Pajama Game'

Local theater group Spotlight Players will present the musical comedy "The Pajama Game" between April 24 and May 9 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Showtimes are 8 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$13-\$18. To RSVP call (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org).

## Adopt-A-Road clean-up

Volunteers are sought to help clean up the shoulders along Geddes Road and Beck Road on Saturday, May 2, at 9 a.m. for the Adopt-A-Road program. Picking up the trash and

debris from the roadside and ditches not only makes the area look better, it also cuts down on pollution of the soil and water that occurs during runoff.

Wayne County trash bags and reflective vests will be supplied for the morning event. Call Greg Greene at (734) 855-6192 or see [www.gregreene.biz](http://www.gregreene.biz) for more information and to volunteer.

## Deadline nears

Need help with those college bills? The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has a suggestion: Submit an application for its \$1,000 scholarship that will be awarded in June.

Applicants must be a United States citizen and college student entering the third or fourth year of undergraduate studies. They also must live in the league's service area of Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland and the Wayne County portion of Northville as well as attend a Michigan college or university where



## Elite dance studio

At the recent KAR Dance Competition in Walled Lake, Canton's planetdance received the most points and earned the 'Top Elite Studio' award. Hundred of dancers from across the area attended the event. The studio was also awarded several overall achievements as well as Junior Miss KAR and Teen Mr. KAR. The studio has students from Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Garden City and Wayne. "I'm so very proud of each and everyone of our dancers. They have worked so hard the past couple of months and their dedication was evident to everyone this past weekend," said planetdance owner Jen Toby.

they are majoring in government, political science or public policy.

Additional information and the scholarship application can be found at the League's Web site at [www.lwvnmw.org](http://www.lwvnmw.org). Click on 2009 Scholarship Application. The deadline is April 17.

## Farmers Market to open

Preparations are underway for the opening of the Canton Farmers Market third season on Sunday, April 26 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge. It will then be open every Sunday from April 26-Oct. 25 rain or shine at this historic site.

New and returning vendors will offer a wide-variety of merchandise, as it becomes available, including: fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, baked goods, flowers, herbs, jellies, jams, cider, honey and much more. New vendors this season with Michigan-made products, include Aunt Violets Cottage

offering mosaic tile work; Sansonetti Gourmet Foods offering pasta sauces, appetizers, mustards, barbecue sauces, salsa, and dipping oil; Sun River Natural offering home-made bath salts and lotions.

Returning vendors include Baubles by Barb, Boblin Honey, John the Wood Guy, Just for Fun, Kapnick Orchard, Linda's Lighthouse Beads, Paluch Farm, Parran's Greenhouse and Farm, Skin Essentials, Vena's Greenhouse and West Farm.

Special activities are planned for the opening including the Spice Up Your Summer Cook Off Series challenge, featuring the Best Burger Blowout, where all you closet chefs can show off your culinary skills. While at the market, be sure to purchase a Farmers Market tote made from recycled materials, while supplies. The public is encouraged to attend and there is no admission to enter the Market.

Canton Farmers Market is always looking for new and

unique vendors to add to our outdoor market, especially meat, cheese, seafood, and dairy vendors. Applications are still being accepted for the 2009 season. Vendor market applications and registration forms are available at leisure. [canton-mi.org](http://canton-mi.org) or by contacting the market manager at [spavlo@canton-mi.org](mailto:spavlo@canton-mi.org) or (734) 398-5570 extension 5.

## Cheer open call

Michigan Xtreme Cheer and Dance, a cheerleading training center, is holding open call for its 2009-10 season. Michigan Xtreme, which offers classes for various ages and skill levels, ranging from competitive cheer teams to tumbling and dance, has locations in Canton, Ann Arbor, Hartland and Lansing. Evaluations for placement of Canton teams is being held on Thursday, April 16 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Canton location, 7857 Ronda Drive.

Michigan Xtreme's two level 5 competitive cheer teams will travel to Florida to compete at the Cheerleading Worlds, which is a huge honor according to Director/Coach Lisa Hemmie. If you want to learn what Michigan Xtreme is all about, families of these athletes are hosting a "Kick-off to Worlds Friends and Family Night" to celebrate this accomplishment on April 21 from 5-6:30 p.m.

For more information on the program and/or to register for classes, please call the Canton office at (734) 737-0560 or visit our Web site at [www.mix-cheer.com](http://www.mix-cheer.com).

## Relay fund-raiser

The Westwood Community Church is doing a Relay for Life fund-raiser on May 5 all day at Carvel Ice Cream, 41990 Ford Road, Canton. A percentage of the proceeds will go to Relay for Life, which is scheduled to take place May 16-17, 2009 at Heritage Park. For more information, call (734) 983-9120.

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# Observer & Eccentric will lay off 44 employees

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

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

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

future that includes multiple platforms of news and advertising."

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

Rosiek met Monday with employees and representatives of employee unions – Graphic Communications Conference/International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 13N District Council 3 and the Newspaper Guild of Detroit, Local 34022 to inform them of these decisions.

The Birmingham Eccentric has been published since 1878. The Eccentric was founded and named after a local men's club – The Eccentric Club. The first edition of the Birmingham Eccentric in 1878 sold for two cents a copy. The award-winning Birmingham Eccentric has had six owners in its 131-

year history. The newspaper has been known for its local news and prep sports coverage. Local names and faces in award-winning photo pages were a staple of the newspaper.

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

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

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## ROADS

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"There will be some detours associated with the project, but we will maintain traffic," added Bizek, who noted it will get started within weeks. "It should take about a month to complete."

Canton resident Paul Schrauben said that stretch of Sheldon is dangerous.

"You have to drive in the oncoming lane to avoid (potholes)," said Schrauben. "I'm

afraid if I actually stayed in my lane I'd do damage to the car, myself or somebody's property along there."

Joy Road will be resurfaced from Lilley Road to Haggerty Road, including installation of a guard rail and sidewalk.

"It should get started in a week or two and take about six weeks to complete," said Greg DuChene, Wayne County project supervisor.

Haggerty Road will be resurfaced from Cherry Hill Road to Ford Road.

"This won't get started until

the middle or end of May," said DuChene. "It's a resurfacing project that will also include bridge rehabilitation, which could take a couple of months to complete."

The remainder of the patching plans have not been completely determined. However, they could include Lilley from Cherry Hill to Ford roads; Warren Road west of Haggerty; Sheldon between Cherry Hill and Ford; and Morton Taylor between Warren and Joy.

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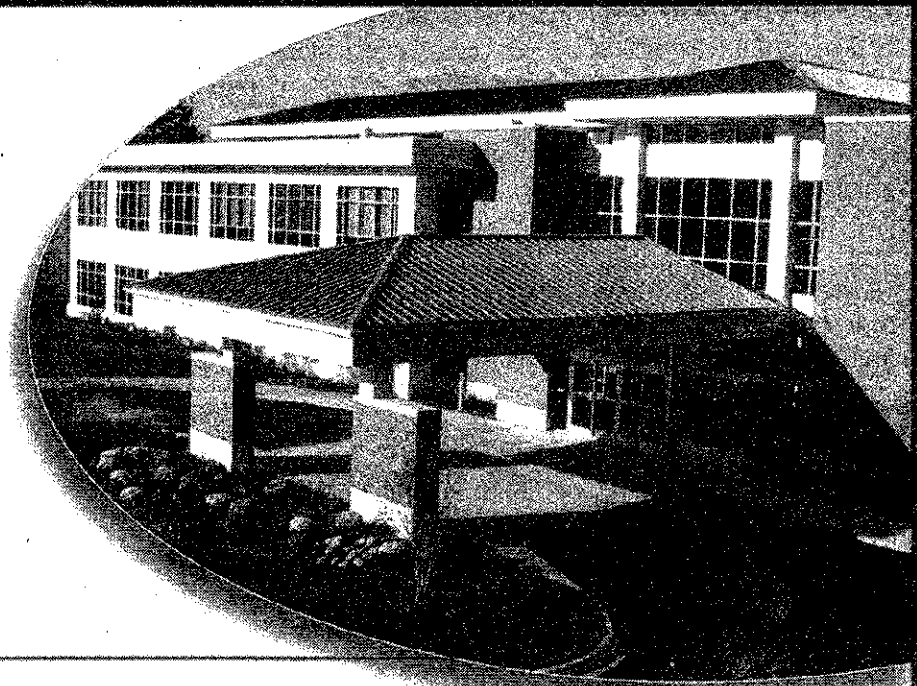
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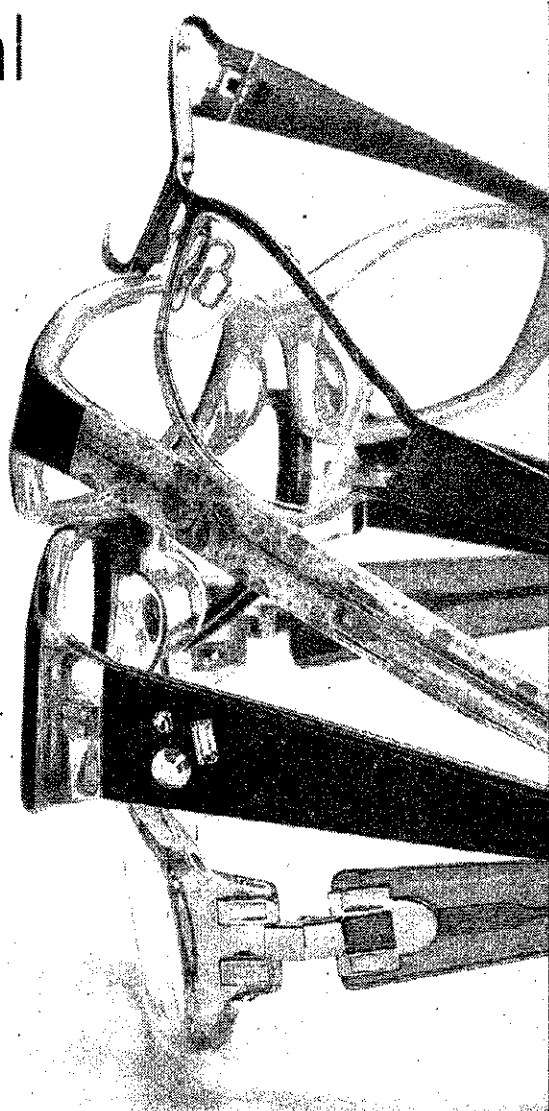
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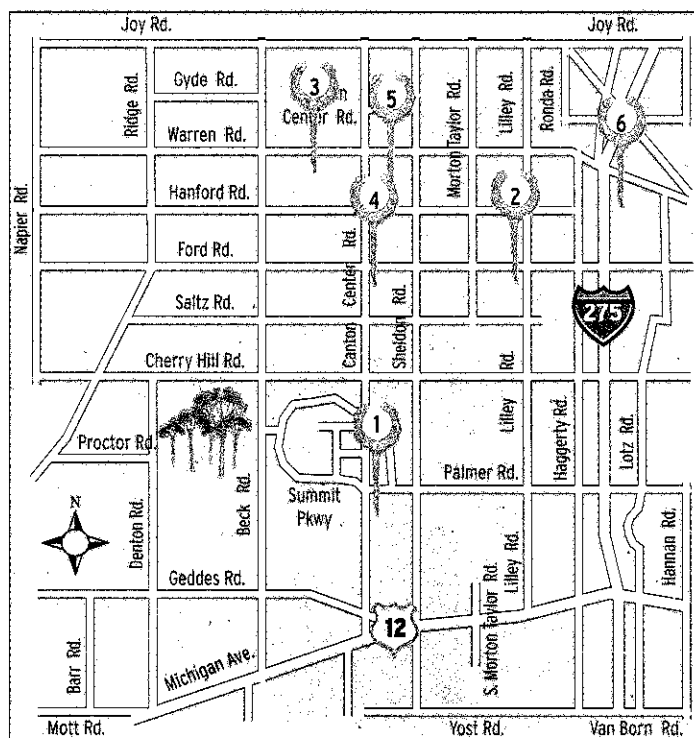
On April 9, a woman told police a suspicious man had been spotted at two bus stops near Cranbrook and East Woodmont in Canton the past several months. One of the buses is from Stevenson Middle School in the Wayne-Westland school district, while the other bus is from Tyler School in the Van Buren school district. The woman recently tracked the suspect as he followed a Van Buren bus. The man noticed he was being followed and stopped at a convenience store. The woman took a picture of the man, wrote down his license plate number and gave the information to Canton police, who identified him as a 57-year-old Canton resident. The investigation remains open.

### Donation jar stolen

An employee of the Speedway gas station, 5395 N. Lilley Road, reported someone stole a donation jar from the counter April 1. The employee told police a customer asked to purchase a carton of cigarettes, and when the employee went in the back room to retrieve the merchandise the man walked out with the jar. There is no estimate as to how much money was taken.

### Tonda vandalized

On April 12, a Canton police patrol officer discovered graffiti spray painted on doors and windows at Tonda Elementary, 46501 Warren Road. The officer contacted school officials. The incident remains under investigation.



### Teen steals iPod

A 19-year-old man was arrested April 14 for stealing an iPod Griffen Road Trip accessory from Meijer, 45001 Ford Road. Police say the teen cut the package open, removed the contents and concealed it in his sweatshirt pocket. He bought several other items, but was detained by store security when he didn't pay for the concealed item. Canton police charged him with retail fraud.

### Identity theft

A man who lives in the 6900 block of Camelot reported to Canton police a case of identity theft on April 7. The victim told police he filed his fed-

eral income tax return online, but received an e-mail it was rejected because someone else already filed a return with the same Social Security number.

### Wallet stolen

A couple who lives in an apartment complex in the 40000-block of Eaton took their dog for a walk at 11 p.m. on April 2, leaving the apartment door unlocked. The next morning the woman noticed her purse — containing \$3,000 in winnings from Motor City Casino — missing. Nothing else in the apartment was taken. The couple told Canton police a black male, who claimed he was homeless, had been sleeping in the laundry room. The suspect hasn't been seen since.



Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy offers a free Citizens Academy, a free course taught by those who work in the criminal justice system and designed to demystify that system. Speakers include prosecutors, law enforcement officials and Worthy herself.

## Prosecutor's free Citizens Academy looks at real law & order

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

The next Academy, Miller said, will feature breakout sessions that explore topics such as jury duty and the importance of witnesses to criminal prosecutions, plus appearances from representatives of some of the specialized units in Worthy's office, and recogni-

tion for the prosecutors' annual Everyday Hero honorees.

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

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

Despite the time commitment required, Miller said, most participants stick with it. "We have very low attrition," she said.

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

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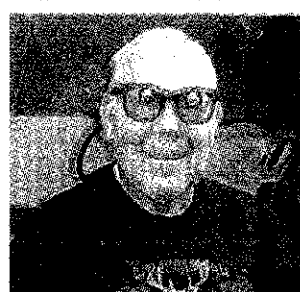
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# Tough economy takes its toll on food pantry

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Here's how bad it's getting for the Plymouth Salvation Army's food pantry:

Old Mother Hubbard had more food in her cupboard.

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

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

In the last three months, the Salvation Army has serviced 273 families, hitting a high point in March by seeing 106. That's more than triple what they saw two years ago (31 in March 2007).

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

"There is a general increase, and that's just families," Aren said. "That doesn't account for individual men and women, which are the new faces of who



LAURIE AREN

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

## POSTAL FOOD DRIVE

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

they've never had to ask for our kind of help."

Not only is the economy sending more people the Salvation Army's way, it's also putting a crimp in the ability of people to donate. Consequently, the food is flying off the shelves much faster than it's being replaced.

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

"Our food supplies have been depleted beyond anyone's

wildest imagination," Irvine said. "The economy is taking its toll, even on us. But our commitment to helping this community remains as strong as ever."

Local residents are going to get their chance to help May 9, when the Salvation Army once again teams with postal workers in both Plymouth and

Canton for the annual Letter Carriers Food Drive. Residents will be able to leave non-perishable food items on their doorsteps to be collected by postal carriers.

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

Road), or by donating cash. Aren said she's confident help will arrive.

"It's scary right now, (but) it seems like just when our pantry gets to its lowest point, someone walks in with donations," she said. "That's the good news: God is providing."

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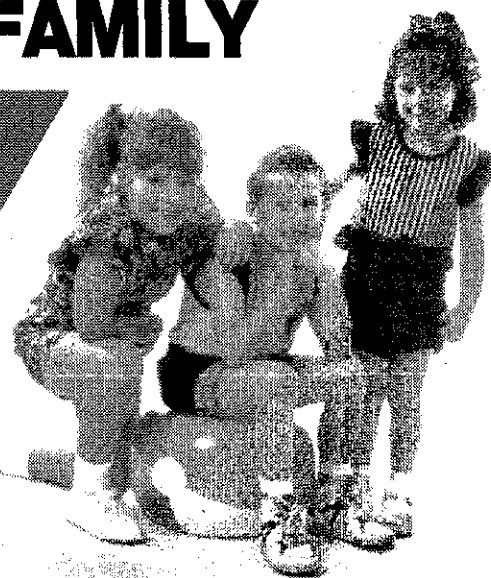
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eboration due to the weather conditions, the students' spirits remained high for the next leg of the tour.

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

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

Along with every book, the students gave away a free "Peace Bag," courtesy of California Pizza Kitchen,



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

that contained promotional materials — CDs, DVDs, buttons, stickers and more — from 20-plus peace-oriented organizations, corporations and individuals. California Pizza Kitchen also provided lunch for the group.

Parr finished off the project with a successful book signing at a very dry Union Square Barnes & Nobel.

Swisher said the students came back as changed individuals.

"They were exposed to a community that is different from the one in which they live, but they come to realize that we are all searching

for similar things," she said. "As teachers, we see them become global citizens. They become aware of the world around them and recognize that we are all striving for the same things. Our students return more independent and self-assured; they have just conquered a bus-

tling city on their own. As we watch them interact with the city during our stay, we see them become more confident and daring — they are New Yorkers."

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

to NYC.

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

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Paula Buermele (left), Marge McConell, Alicia Dubisky, Dan Bourquin, Jeff Middleton, Melissa Karby Stange, and Patty Pluta make up the Canton Concert Band's Percussion Concussion Ensemble. The percussion group performs during the band's in the Spotlight spring concert April 18, at the Village Theater.

## Canton Concert Band gearing up for Stomp-like performance

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Paula Buermele looks out of place carrying trash can lids into rehearsal at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. She normally just has her flute in tow every Thursday evening but a selection by the Canton Concert Band Percussion Concussion Ensemble was so popular at a fall concert they're bringing back the sound which is similar to Stomp, a touring show that combines percussion and movement.

The Canton Concert Band's version can be heard during their In the Spotlight concert 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at The Village Theater at 50400 Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Tickets are \$12 and available at the door or by calling (734) 394-5300.

It was the band's Christmas concert 3-years ago that inspired Buermele to pick up her flute again and take lessons. She hadn't been part of a music program since school but worked hard and joined the 50 to 60 member band in August 2008. Proceeds from their Haunted Horns concert last Halloween went to First Step, an agency to assist domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

"We wear ear plugs," said Buermele. "I also wear them when I play high notes on my flute as well. We all had ear plugs the last couple of rehearsals."

A week ago Thursday night the band was busy rehearsing everything from a Mozart clarinet concerto to the rhythmic number, "Fresh Trash" by Ed Argenziano.

By day Buermele works as a service support representative for Unisys in Plymouth, but once a week she enjoys being part of the band which rehearses from August to December and February to June. The group is composed of engineers, teachers, managers, and high school students from the metro Detroit area. Dues are \$25.

"Every time we play a concert we pick up a couple more members," said Buermele of Canton, who also plays in a flute choir at the Flute Specialist in Clawson. "We give our regular season concerts and the rest of the year play the Liberty Fest and concerts in the park in Plymouth. You do have to audition if the section is full, but if not just show

### 'IN THE SPOTLIGHT' CONCERT

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up, sit down and play."

Buermele is especially looking forward to the Meet the Band segment after intermission.

"Each section will stand up and play music typical of those instruments and then we'll put it all together at the end and show how it all works together," said Buermele. "We're all volunteers. For me the satisfaction is playing a part that contributes to a whole and being part of a whole that contributes to an audience's musical experience."

Jim Blough has been playing trumpet with a group, specifically a Big band, since age 13. A professional musician for 40-some years, he directs the Canton Concert Band he started in 2004.

"The Canton administration was looking for a band. We started in the one-room Cherry Hill Schoolhouse as a class. We had 8 people the first night and grew from there," said Blough who leads the Swing City Big Band also based at the Canton theater. "For our In the Spotlight concert we feature soloists in the band. We usually use set decoration and acting in the shows but this is more of a concert. We're trying to spotlight talent in the band from classical to traditional band music, to a polka. We play a wide variety for all kinds of musical tastes. This is the third time for the Percussion Concussion ensemble to perform. At our last concert people just loved it. People were screaming in the audience. It's a different sound. It's very exciting."

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# Protesters' tea party decries taxes

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK AND BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITERS

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

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

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

Andrew Plagens of Canton figures his slice of the national debt already sits at more than \$35,000, a figure he believes is growing by the day. And he's only 16.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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According to Plymouth police, the crowd in Plymouth's Kellogg Park numbered about 500.



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



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



Andrew Palmer, of Northville, joins the tea party.



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## OUR VIEWS

### Library a great asset, especially in grim times

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

Want to know just how important an asset a library can be? Check this out: In 2008, patrons at the Canton Public Library checked out nearly 1.8 million items, and the number is expected to top two million this year, making it the busiest single-branch library in the state. And with approximately 270,600 unique titles and 307,300 total materials, you can find almost any book, DVD, CD, or periodical you might be looking for.

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

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

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

The Canton Public Library has become an indispensable asset in these grim economic times, too, with everything from computer classes and income tax return preparation seminars to job search materials being used as workers fight to find new jobs or retrain themselves to get ready for new ones.

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

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



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Canton Library, one of the most used facilities in the township, has earned many accolades and recently added a number of new computers, which have become one of the biggest draws to the library. Here Eva Davis, the library's director, helps Genevieve Merenda with an Internet search.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

Asked at the Summit on the Park: Do you plan on going on vacation this year?



"Yes, we're going to Naples, Florida because my in-laws live there. It's a nice place to visit and the price is right."

Chrissy Billimoria, 36, Canton



"Yes, we're going to South Carolina because it's beautiful and we like it there. We get a place that's on the water and the kids like to go boating and fishing."

Maria Falcone, 41, Canton



"No, there's no money. Last year was the first year we didn't go up to Grayling for a white Christmas. The economic times are harsh on family events."

Tom Messing, 40, Ypsilanti



"We already have and will again. We went on a cruise to the southern Caribbean, and we'll be going to Shanty Creek and Boyne Mountain."

Jean Jaske, 74, Canton

## LETTERS

### Check out American autos

This note is in response to the woman in last Thursday's paper regarding her comments on the quality of domestic automobiles and her quest for a minivan. While the U.S. auto industry may have struggled in the past on quality, there are huge indications that those times have definitely changed. Ford Motor Co. products for example are rated higher than ever in JD Powers and have as many or more recommended buys from *Consumer Reports* than the competition. Ford's quality is greater than or equal to Toyota and surpasses Honda. So your thoughts of the past need to be abandoned and you need to look ahead.

As far as your quest for a minivan. Currently, Ford does not offer a minivan in its lineup. The Freestar has been out of production for some time. However our new lineup will include the Transit Connect with a "Family One" option. This vehicle will be available this year with features being added as it progresses. It will have many high tech offerings and will get 22-25 mpg or better. Ford also offers other utility vehicles that you may be interested in. Or how about a full-sized van? Ford's E-Series Wagon received the JD Powers award for overall quality and features. Please stop in at any Ford dealer and check them out.

If you heart is set on the minivan, why not take a look at Chrysler's? It was the first minivan on the market and set the stage for all others. I doubt that Chrysler (or whatever they become) will let that fail. It is way too viable to disappear.

In conclusion, please do the right thing and support your U.S.-based auto industry. Our profits stay here as opposed to the foreign competition. Your community and the jobs of many of your neighbors are depending on you! Please don't let them down.

Jim Drozdowski  
Canton

### Miracle on Beck Road

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

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

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

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

David Wolter  
music teacher emeritus  
Chelsea, Mich.

### 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).

### 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 has hit double-digit inflation and 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

### No troops for Darfur

I am writing to you today to talk about the terrible things happening in Darfur. I am a seventh-grader at Discovery Middle School and we have been studying Darfur, a region in western Sudan. Many unjust things are taking place in Darfur — right now as I am writing this letter. The Sudanese government is hiring the Janjaweed to go out and rape, kidnap, and murder these people. About 1.5 million people have fled Darfur, and thousands have relocated to the neighboring country Chad.

Even though these horrible things are being done, I do not think the United States should get involved. Yes, we can send humanitarian aid to this region of Sudan, but we do not necessarily need to send U.S. troops. If we were to send over troops it would be an error, for there are no lack of disasters in this world and we can't always be the country to fix them. We already have lost thousands of soldiers in Iraq and we do not need anymore lost in Sudan. We also have our economy to think about. We should first get out of this recession, before even thinking of sending away more troops. So before we take action in Darfur we should consider the above.

Alexa Norman  
Canton

### Darfur needs help

Right now I am studying the crisis in Darfur in my seventh-grade current events class. If you don't know what the crisis is, it is basically a genocide. The Sudanese government is killing their own people and we need to help them. The best way we can help would be to sponsor the United Nations and the African Union because, they are already fighting for these innocent people.

The Sudanese government has hired a tribe called the Janjaweed. The Janjaweed, in Arabic is translated to "devil on horseback." They will do the dirty work of killing the men and raping the women and children, in addition to burning their villages with people still in them. They target children because they are the next generation.

If you think this is wrong and agree with me then we need to act now.

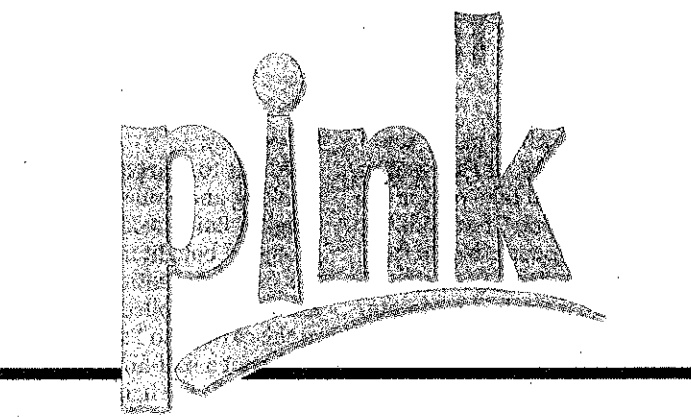
Victoria Massey  
Canton

### Good choice for AG

Bruce Patterson has been my state senator and I am very happy with his commitment to his constituents and the state of Michigan. His experience more than qualifies him for the position of state attorney general and the citizens of Michigan would have an excellent advocate in the AG's office. My family definitely would support him in this endeavor. I am confident that as AG Sen. Patterson would not support laws that invade our privacy or mandate behavior and, hopefully, he could advise our legislature on these issues.

Janet Richards  
Woodhaven





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# Antique hats on display at charity event

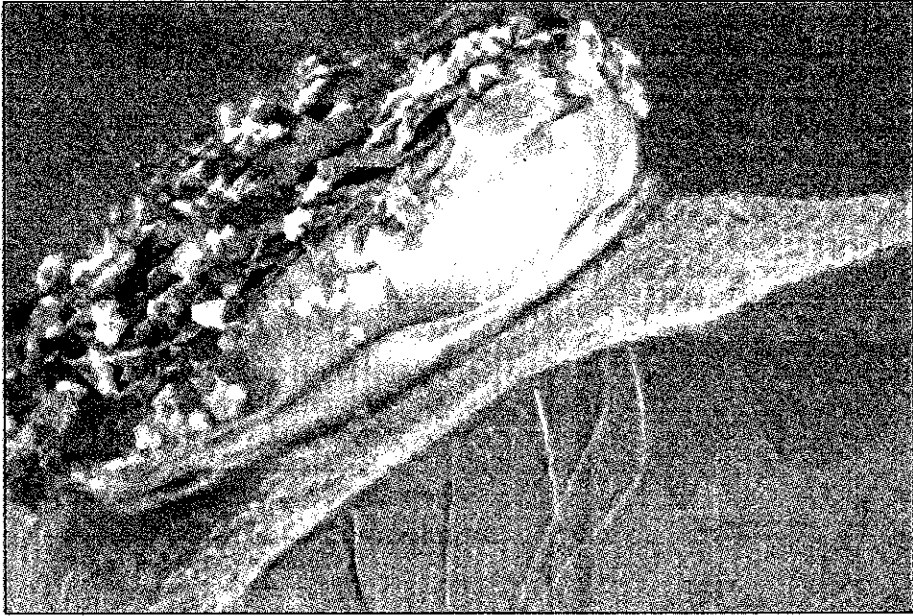
**BIRMINGHAM** — The Detroit Historical Society has graciously loaned out an incredible array of antique hats never before displayed for the public. The Women's Association of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan will present them at its Annual Spring Luncheon on April 30, at Meadow Brook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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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

## MALLS & MAIN STREETS

### SNOW GEAR SALE

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

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### SHOE SWAP

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

### EARTH DAY EXPO

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

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# I-275 pathway to benefit from federal stimulus money

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

## I-275 PATHWAY CLEAN-UPS

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

What you will need: Bring brooms, rakes, shovels, pruners, tree-loppers, or any kind of hand tool pick to up litter, trim trees and cut back brush. Power tools are not permitted.

Water and a light snack will be available. In case of rain, the clean-ups will be pushed back to Sunday. For more information call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or visit the Friends of the I-275 Pathway on Yahoo! groups or Facebook.

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

The I-275 trail runs through or near some of the most populated communities in

southeast Michigan, including Novi, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville Township, Canton Township and Monroe. Many sections are badly in need of repair, with some frequently under water and impassable to bicyclists, in-line skaters, joggers and walkers. Vegetation encroaches on the path and there is garbage strewn along

the pathway.

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

"The biggest problem is the overgrown vegetation that can

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

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

miles a day.

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

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



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

## Canton grad Scero keys MU victory

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cornerstone falls to 6-23 and 3-7.

**MADONNA 7-0, AQUINAS 4-8:** On Friday, host Aquinas College (21-7, 9-1) handed the Crusaders (33-7, 11-1) their first WHAC setback as pitcher Whitney Hudson threw a three-hitter to salvage a split in the nightcap.

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

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

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

## GAME WRAPS

### 'Cat netters win

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

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

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

### Crusaders split with Siena Heights

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jack Cross (1-3) got the win in relief for the Saints, allowing just one walk on no hits and two strikeouts in 2 2/3 innings.

MU is now 28-5 overall and 7-3 in the WHAC (tied with Indiana Tech).

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

### Haeger signs recruit

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

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

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

## Strong effort, wrong result

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

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

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

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



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

Please see **WHALERS, B3**

## Salem graduate Langham named NJCAA All-American

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RENA LAVERTY

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





## Stepping up

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



## Net success

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



## One shining moment

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

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Wildcats football parents meeting

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

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

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

For more information, visit [www.plymouthwildcats.com](http://www.plymouthwildcats.com).

### Plymouth football skills camp

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

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

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

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

For more information, visit [www.plymouthwildcats.com](http://www.plymouthwildcats.com) or call (734) 582-5696.

### Plymouth baseball clinic

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

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

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

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

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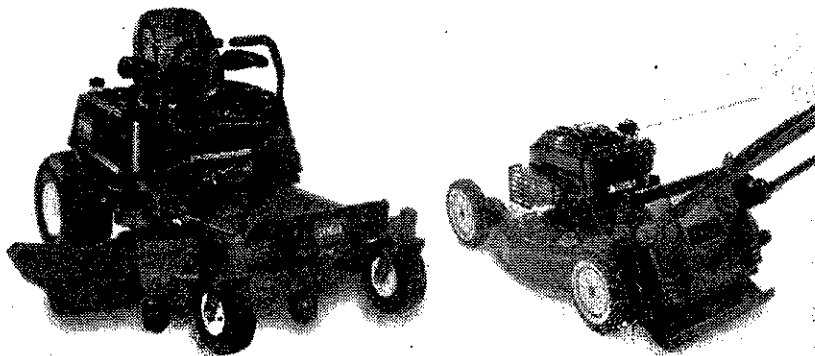
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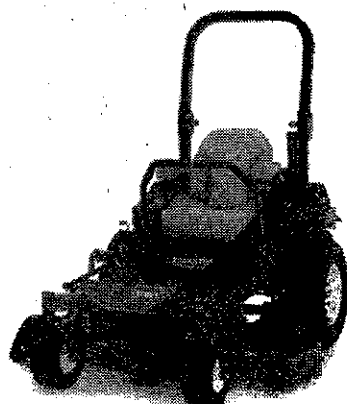
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# MHSAA needs Student Advisory volunteers

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, contact Andy Frushour at the MHSAA - 517-332-5046 - or [afrushour@mhssaa.com](mailto:afrushour@mhssaa.com).

# WHALERS

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

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

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

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

The Whalers' penalty-kill unit was outstanding, blanking the Spitfires on their five man-advantage opportunities.

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

Windsor's Andrew Engelage turned away 32 Whaler shots.

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

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

Brampton and Belleville will meet in the Eastern Conference finals.

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

**Seguin lauded**

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

Advertorial

TEE TIME *Your local golf guide*

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

By David Graham

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

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

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

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

As I walked the course up and down the hills, I had flashbacks to great Masters' moments. Jack's charge and victory in 1986, Scott Hoch's missed 2 foot putt on #10 in 1989, Greg Norman's collapse against Nick Faldo. They say the tournament doesn't start until the back 9 on Sunday. The front 9 is incredible. The back 9 is even more spectacular starting with an unbelievable tee ball down the hill on #10, a 495 yard par 4. Next up, Amen Corner starting with #11, a 505 yard par 4 with a pond fronting the green (how about Larry Mize pitching in to steal the green jacket from Greg Norman in 1987). Next #12, a short 3 par of 155 yards that is devilish due to the swirling Georgia winds. Next up, #13, a 505 yard par 5 that challenges the players to get home in two for a shot at an eagle (remember Curtis Strange dumping his approach into Rae's Creek fronting the green leading to Bernhard Langer winning the Green Jacket in 1985). Let's jump ahead to #16 where Tiger created the greatest impromptu commercial for Nike when he pitched his second shot from the swale left of the green to the ridge on the green and watched as it trickled ever so slowly down the hill and with its last turn, Swoosh logo perfectly face up, falls into the hole. Wow. I watched several patrons re-enacting that shot (without club or ball) with friends for their own Kodak moment.

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

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

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

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

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# St. Michael adds cupolas in traditional style

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

When Rt. Rev. Michael Barna came to lead St. Michael the Archangel Russian Orthodox Church in 1975 he promised himself that one day traditional onion-shaped domes or cupolas would find their rightful place atop the building in Redford.

Many more years went by until the parish started a campaign two years ago to raise \$90,000 for the remaining four cupola. On Thursday, April 2, Barna's dream was realized as the architectural accents were blessed and raised to the roof where they form a cross that can be seen from the sky. Christ is finally surrounded by the four smaller cupola symbolizing the evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John just in time for Pascha, the Russian Orthodox Church's Easter.

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

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

The symbols and traditions are

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

## RELIGION CALENDAR

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

### Book signing

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

### Bethany west singles

• Saturday, April 18, Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. at Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry. Bethany provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

### Historic Polish church tour

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

### Divine Mercy Sunday

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

### All-you-can-eat pancakes

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

### Healing ministry

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

### Holy Land pilgrimage

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

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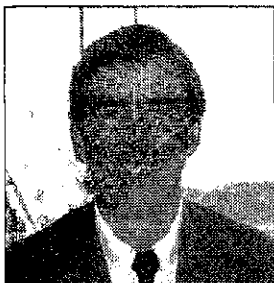
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**WALTER E. SCHMIDT**  
Age 95, Of Farmington Hills, MI, 4-8-09. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

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



**THE HON. DAVID F. "DICK" BRECK**

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

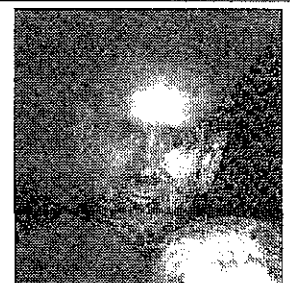


**MARVIN J. CRIGER**

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

### EARL E. HARRINGTON

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



**MARLIN "MARV" E. REID, III**

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



**BENNETT W. ROOT, SR.**

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



**JEANETTE ANN WINES**

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


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Trinity food pantry

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

Open house

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

Apologetics for beginners

The Mass: Christ's Once for All Sacrifice is the topic as nationally-acclaimed apologist and author, Gary Michuta, continues his series "Sharing Made Simple: Apologetics for Beginners" 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish school, at 1441 Hubbard and Plymouth Rd., between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext 200, or see www.livoniastmichael.org. Michuta's presentation focuses on the reasons that

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

Rummage sale

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

Mom to mom sale

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

Shared Hope presentation

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

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

Landscape project

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

Clothing bank

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

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### Ribbon cutting

My Mobile Store will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon, Tuesday, April 28. The store is located at 4051 Canton Center Road, on the southeast corner of Geddes and Canton Center in the same strip mall as Snap Fitness, Fantastic Sam's and Edward Jones. Everyone is invited to the event.

### IKEA goes green

In honor of Earth Day, IKEA Canton will give away 1,000 ready-to-plant blue spruce seedlings on April 22. They're perfect for children to plant, nurture and watch grow. The seedlings will be free, one per person, while supplies last. "We've been giving away blue spruce seedlings on Earth Day since we opened in Michigan. Our customers look forward to planting them in the spring and watching them grow," says Kelly Frieze, store manager. "At IKEA, we have a passion for the responsible use of our precious resources and it shows in the way we operate everyday."

For information about IKEA, and about working at IKEA, please go to [www.IKEA-USA.com](http://www.IKEA-USA.com).

### Banking for youngsters

Telcom Credit Union recently launched a new program for young credit union members called Telcom FUSE. The pro-

gram includes a Telcom FUSE Reward savings account for children of all ages, a FUSE checking account, debit card, and FUSE Visa credit card for members from 16 to 23 years old, and a FUSE Scholarship Program for high school seniors. "We strongly believe in building our future through attracting and retaining younger members," said Tom Reagan, Telcom Credit Union president and CEO. "Our new Telcom FUSE program helps our younger members manage their finances and stay in touch with their money." Telcom launched their FUSE program in January, and has opened more than 450 FUSE checking accounts, and roughly 60 FUSE Visa credit cards. The campaign featured cash incentives for opening new accounts, and all new FUSE members were entered in a drawing to win one of two new Dell laptop computers. Telcom is headquartered in Novi, but has a branch in Canton at 44300 Warren Road. For more information, call (248) 596-4467 or visit [www.telcomcu.com](http://www.telcomcu.com).

### Pet waste advice

In recognition of Earth Day, the Canton-based Premier Pet Care Services encourages dog owners to help keep our earth clean. Dog waste, if left on the ground or disposed of improperly becomes a health risk and an environmental contaminant. Storm water runoff

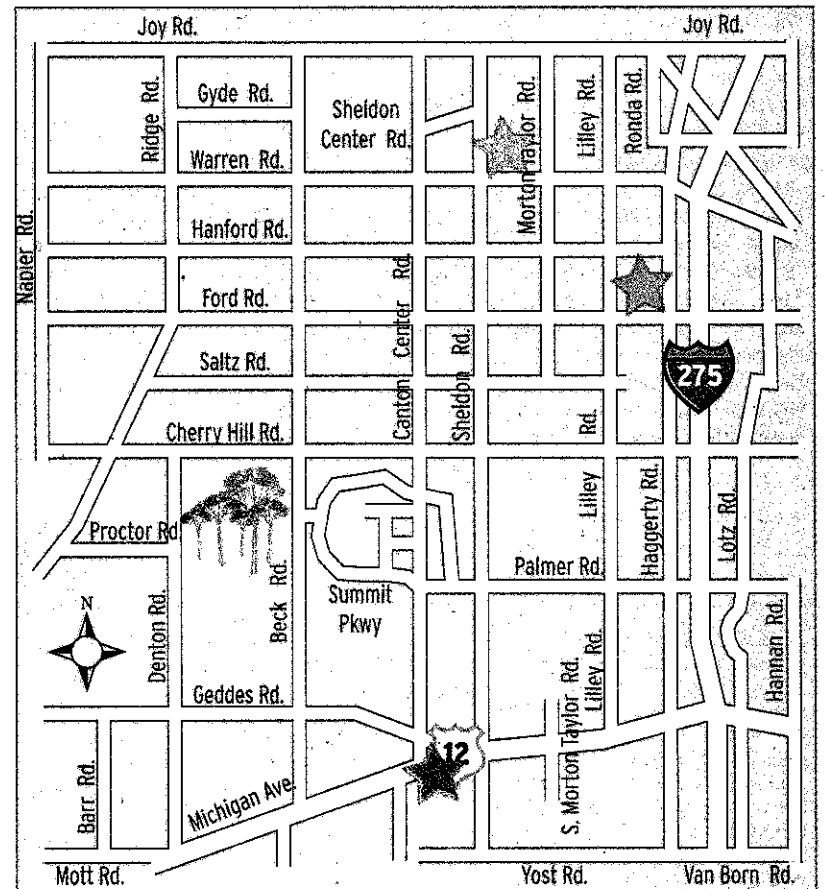
from melting snow and rain can wash the waste into storm drains carrying it untreated into ponds, rivers, lakes, and streams. Runoff can find its way into the Rouge River watershed and from there into our Great Lakes.

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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

## Longtime Canton business leads customers down the 'green' path

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

Donna Napolitano: Mechanical Energy Systems (MES) focuses on applications that will reduce customers' energy loads and utility bills. Improved energy systems increase home comfort and lower bills that means money can be reinvested back into the family, improving all around quality of living standards. MES installs, and services up to 98 percent energy efficient heating and cooling products. We also specialize in Solar Hot Water systems that can reduce up to 70 percent of household water heating costs and Hybrid Space Heating further reducing 40 percent of space heating costs.

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MES holds free public workshops once a month assisting individuals to find their "Green Path."

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

Donna Napolitano: MES is unique because we take the time to evaluate our customer's energy problems through an energy analysis and recommend upgrades for them based on their budget. We are also the only solar company that has been in business for 24 years in Southeastern Michigan. All our systems are



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Donna Napolitano, who owns Mechanical Energy Systems with her husband Joe, and Dave Congdon display a hot water tank used for solar heated water systems. Behind Dave is a solar heat collector.

### MECHANICAL ENERGY SYSTEMS

**Address:** 8130 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187  
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**Your hometown:** Canton  
**Business opened when?:** 1984  
**Number of employees:** 8  
**Your business specialty:** Energy efficient applications of heating and cooling.  
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time proven technology, come with lengthy warranties, and qualify for tax credits. MES uses and demonstrates everything in our showroom open to the public.

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

Donna Napolitano: After six years of solar experience here in Michigan, Mechanical Energy Systems decided to

open their own door after most solar companies shut theirs due to the removal of tax credits and cheaper fuel in the 1980s. We bought those companies customer list and kept on servicing customers who would have been orphaned. This has built a strong base and much of our business is from satisfied return customers.

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

Donna Napolitano: We located the business in Canton because Canton is home and where we have always worked. **Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Donna Napolitano: Our customers say it best: Gary of Farmington Hills put in a solar hot air system in the month of February. It was so warm in his house his kids were running around in shorts asking dad to turn down the heat. Dad kept telling them to relax and enjoy it because it was free.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### Road Rally

Leadership's 3rd annual Rally4Canton road rally will take place at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, April 25 (starting location is Heritage Park). Cost of the event is \$35 per person, and sponsorships also available. The fund-raiser is not a race -- brain power wins this one. All proceeds will benefit First Step, Open Door Ministry and Leadership Canton. Prior registration is necessary. For more information or to register, visit <http://roadrally.cantonchamber.com> or contact Deb Zevalink at (734) 397-5188.

### Computer course

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering an "Intro to MS Excel-Part 1" course presented by Canton Computers from 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, April 29 at the Chamber office located at 45525 Hanford Road in Canton. This is one of many computer training courses that have been scheduled throughout 2009. These classes are open to Chamber members and to the public.

"The Chamber is proud to offer educational programs to our Chamber Members, business owners, employees, and residents of Canton,"

said Dianne Cojei, Chamber president. "We have seen quite a good turn out at these training sessions. The classes we offer are high-quality courses that we feel will help to enrich the Canton business community."

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for Chamber Members and \$40 for non-members. Class size is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. To register, contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

All 2009 seminars and computer training courses are being sponsored by Showroom of Elegance and Waltonwoods of Canton.

### Staff appreciation luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, April 22, at 11:45 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 1900 N. Haggerty Road in Canton. The cost for this event is \$20 per person and includes lunch, beverages, dessert and door prizes.

The luncheon is being sponsored by National City. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, April 17.

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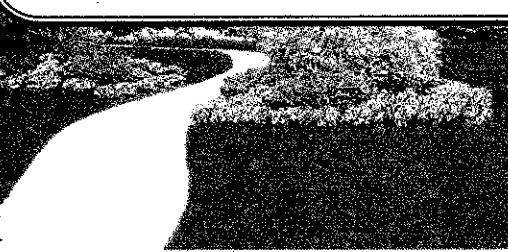
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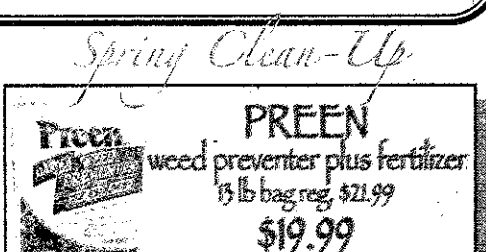
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## Open for business

The Canton Chamber of Commerce helped Edward Jones host a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening on March 20. In addition to Edward Jones staff, the event was attended by Canton Township officials, Chamber members and local residents. The financial planner is located at 4061 Canton Center Road in the strip mall at Geddes and Canton Center roads (on the south east corner). For more information, visit [www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com).



# FILTER

## Students, Art Deco Society team for exhibit

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Rebecca Binno Savage hoped to attract a younger audience for the annual Detroit Area Art Deco Society's Michigan Modernism Exposition when she invited Oakland Community College stu-



Savage

dents to submit work for a photo display.

"I'm hoping those students will bring in friends to see it and to see the (Modernism) show itself. To me it's something unique to see 20th century

design all in one space and one time," said Binno Savage, a Society member. "We have a total 34 photos. They will be up during the whole show, not just for the preview party."

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

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

### COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

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

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

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

"It surpassed our expectations," she said.

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

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

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

"This will be our ninth year.

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



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

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**Art is in Market:** New location in Laurel Park Place, 37642 Six Mile Road, Livonia, <http://artismarket.blogspot.com>.

**Art Leaders Gallery:** Exhibition and sale commemorating the 105th birthday of Dr. Seuss, through April 31, 33030 Northwestern Hwy., West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262, [www.artleaders.com](http://www.artleaders.com).

**Birmingham Art Festival:** May 9-10, Shain Park.

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

**Cary Gallery:** 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, (248) 651-3656, [www.svasara.com](http://www.svasara.com).

**Crop Gallery:** CPop's farewell exhibit, "It's All About @," opens 6 p.m. May 2; "It's Humble 2 Be Good," featuring winners of @POPfor2nity 2008, through May 1, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9901, [wcpop.com](http://wcpop.com).

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

**Fine Art at the Village:** May 16-17, Village of Rochester Hills, 104 N. Adams Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 689-8734, [www.fineartatthevillage.com](http://www.fineartatthevillage.com).

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

**Janice Cherach Gallery:** "Glass Reunion '09," glass works by students from College for Creative Studies and featured artist Janet Keiman, through May 7, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 432-5579, [www.jccdet.org](http://www.jccdet.org).

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

**Lemberg Gallery:** Lynne Avadenka: Then and Now, through April 18, 2009 23241 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, [www.lemberggallery.com](http://www.lemberggallery.com).

**Lotus Arts Gallery:** Kathleen Graf, May 1-27, 995 West Ann Arbor (near), Plymouth (888) 889-4ART, [www.lotusarts-gallery.com](http://www.lotusarts-gallery.com).

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

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

**Point Creek Center for the Arts:** "Rochester Community Schools Art Exhibit," April 22-May 9, reception, 6-8 p.m. April 23; Downtown Rochester Spring Gallery Stroll, 6-9 p.m. April 24; "Amy Sacksteder: Still," April 24-June 13, reception 6-9 p.m. April 24; Gallery Talk 2 p.m. April 25, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, [www.pccar.org](http://www.pccar.org).

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

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

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

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

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**Susanne Hilberry Gallery:** Anne Lise Coste, April 25-May 30, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, [www.susannehilberrygal.com](http://www.susannehilberrygal.com).

**Visual Arts Association of Livonia:** Spring Show, May 1, Livonia City Hall, (734) 838-1204, [www.vaal.org](http://www.vaal.org).



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The Paisley Fogg is one of five bands Jammin' to End Famine at a benefit concert for Kids Against Hunger 6:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, April 24, at the Livonia Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven Mile and Eight Mile. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door or in advance from Tom Birchler at [tbirchler@twmi.rr.com](mailto:tbirchler@twmi.rr.com) or (248) 722-1820. Here the band is pictured at last year's Dream Cruise.

## AUDITIONS

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

**Shockwave Dance Team:** 3:30 p.m. April 20, The Palace of Auburn Hills, dancers must be at least 10 years of age and will perform at each Detroit Shock home game and other related functions of the 2008 WNBA Champions, e-mail [rjgirard@palacenet.com](mailto:rjgirard@palacenet.com).

## BENEFITS

**Detroit Golf Club:** Dinner dance, 6 p.m. April 17, \$60, supervised party for teens and children in nearby room, \$15, benefits Palmer Woods Association and Creative Arts Collective Music in the Schools, (313) 891-2514, [www.palmerwoods.org](http://www.palmerwoods.org).

**Detroit Opera House:** BravoBravo!, 7:30 p.m. June 15, \$85 by May 1; \$95 after, Jazz Sophisticate attire, [www.bravobravo.org](http://www.bravobravo.org), (313) 961-3500.

**Detroit Athletic Club:** Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Bacchanalia, 6 p.m. May 13, wines, strolling dinner, live auction, \$95-\$175, benefits DSO, 241 Madison Avenue, Detroit, (313) 576-5154 or visit [www.detroitso.org](http://www.detroitso.org).

**Jazz Cafe at Music Hall:** Elaine Stritch and Edward Herrmann in two benefit performances of A.R. (Pete) Gurney's "Ancestral Voices," April 17-18, \$175 includes strolling play-themed supper, Q & A with actors. Benefits Restore The Horse Foundation, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, [www.jazzcafedetroit.com](http://www.jazzcafedetroit.com).

**Livonia Knights of Columbus:** Jammin' to End Famine 2009, 6:30 p.m. April 24, pizza, salad, sweets, cash bar, music of Mark Edwards, The Shawn Riley Band, The Paisley Fogg, British Beat 66 and 2 Dayz Gone, \$20 benefit Kids Against Hunger, 19801 Farmington Road, [www.livoniaknights.com](http://www.livoniaknights.com).

**Meadow Brook Hall:** Promenade of Hope, 6:30 p.m. May 7, \$200 benefit HAVEN, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 322-3703, [www.promenadeofhope.org](http://www.promenadeofhope.org).

**Penn Theatre:** "PENNdemonium" Dinner Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn, 6-11 p.m. May 8, hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and dancing, Meeting House Grand Ballroom, Plymouth, \$75-\$85, (734) 453-0870, [tickets@friendsofthepenn.org](mailto:tickets@friendsofthepenn.org); stop by the Penn Box Office during movie hours or call.

**Meadowbrook Country Club:** A Night to R.E.Member, featuring formal dinner, comedienne Kelly Nieto, DJ Lokey, silent auction, 6 p.m. April 24, benefits Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc., 40941 Eight Mile Road, Northville, \$75-\$100, (248) 478-3242, [www.sweetdreamzzzdet.com](http://www.sweetdreamzzzdet.com).

**St. John's Golf & Conference Center:** Art Dash, May 21, \$275 per couple includes dinner and one dash for your choice of artwork, May 21, benefits Arbor Hospice Foundation, (734) 794-5152, [www.arborhospice.org](http://www.arborhospice.org).

## BOOKS/LITERATURE

**Ann Arbor Book Festival:** May 2-16, (734) 369-3366, [www.aabookfestival.org](http://www.aabookfestival.org).

**Borders:** Peter Leonard, w/Elmore Leonard, signs "Trust Me," 7 p.m. April 16, Borders Birmingham; Linda Solomon reads and signs children's book "Jack & Jill: The Miracle Dog with a Happy Tail to Tell" 2 p.m. April 25, Birmingham; Lee Woodruff, "Perfectly Imperfect: A Life in Progress," 7 p.m., Birmingham, [www.borders.com](http://www.borders.com).

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

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

**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, [trenney@comcast.net](http://trenney@comcast.net).

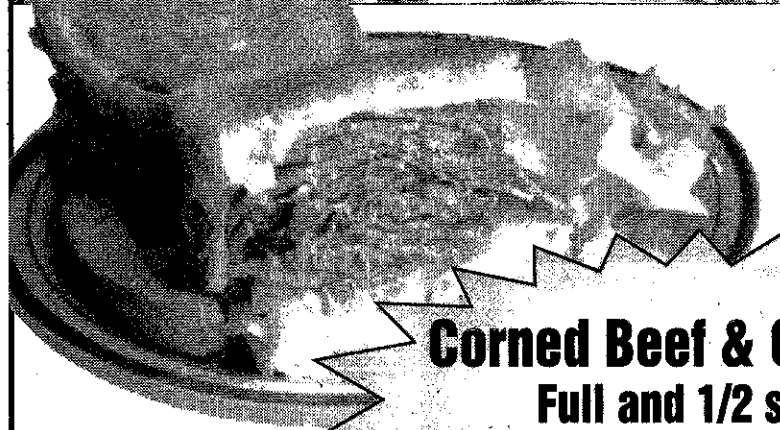
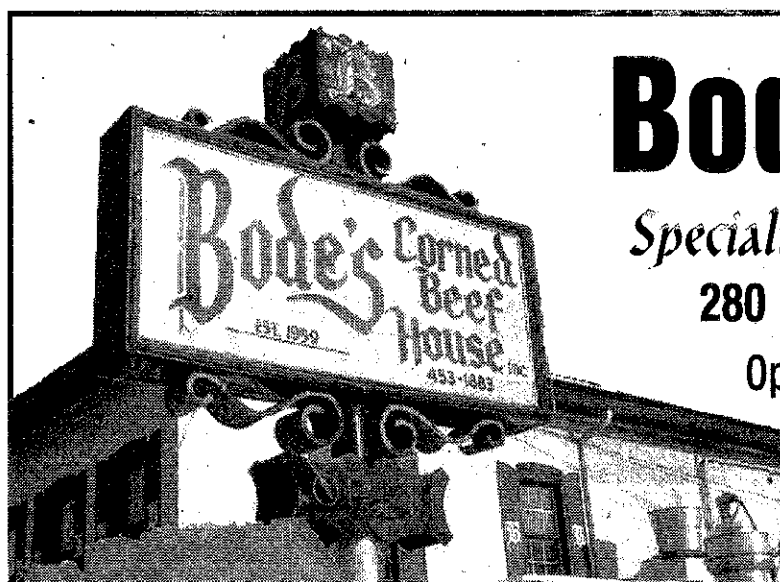
**Seligman Performing Arts Center:** Farmington Community Chorus, "Questionable Songs," May 8-9, Detroit Country Day High School, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, (810) 632-4067, [www.farmingtonchorus.com](http://www.farmingtonchorus.com).

**CLASSICAL/CHAMBER MUSIC**

**Birmingham Temple:** Charlie Gabriel Quartet with Vocalist Joan Bow, May 2, 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338, [www.vivaceseries.org](http://www.vivaceseries.org).

**Chamber Music Society of Detroit:** Pacifica Quartet with Erik Ronmark, saxophone, April 18; Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio with the Miami String Quartet, May 16; Yefim Bronfman, piano, Feb. 13, 2010; 2009-10 series announced: American String Quartet with Lynn Harrell, cello, Sept. 12; Tokyo String Quartet, Oct. 3; Vladimir Feltsman, piano, Nov. 14; James Ehnes, violin with Jon Kimura Parker, piano, Dec. 5; Berlin Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet, Jan. 30, 2010; Shanghai Quartet with Yuja Wang, piano, Feb. 13, 2010; Arnold Steinhardt, violin with Alan Alda, Actor, March 20, 2010; The Celebration of the Bach Chaconne, Steven Isserlis, cello with Dénés Várjon, piano, March 27, 2010; Parker Quartet, May 22, 2010; Emanuel Ax, piano, Feb. 6, 2010; Richard Goode, piano, April 10, 2010; Yuja Wang, piano, May 15, 2010, deadline for subscription renewals, May 1, all concerts 8 p.m. Saturdays, Tickets, \$25-\$75, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070 or visit [www.ComeHearCMSO.org](http://www.ComeHearCMSO.org).

**Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings:** "Schubert and Spice," 3 p.m. April 26, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham; Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, Seligman Center, (248) 559-2095, [www.detroitchamberwinds.org](http://www.detroitchamberwinds.org).



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**First United Methodist Church:** Plymouth Oratorio Society 23rd season concert with Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and Ann Arbor Huron High School A Cappella Choir, 4 p.m. May 3, 4620 N. Territorial Road, (734) 455-8353.

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

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

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

**Max H. Fisher Music Center:** Music of Billy Joel & More by Michael Cavanaugh, April 16-19; Slatkin & Mahler, April 23-25; All Beethoven, April 30-May 2; Pro Musica Society of Detroit presents violinist Jennifer Frautschi, May 8; Barbara Cook with the DSO, May 9; Star Trek Meets Star Wars, A John Williams Adventure, May 14-17; A Musical Collaboration, May 21-23; Beethoven & Tchaikovsky, May 29-31; Season Finale, June 4-6; A Midsummer Night's Dream, June 13; 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).

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

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

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

**CLUBS**

**Bullfrog Bar:** 15414 Telegraph Rd, Redford, (313) 533-4477, [www.bullfrogrocks.com](http://www.bullfrogrocks.com).

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

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

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

**COMEDY**

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

**JW's House of Comedy:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, Inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Jazz Cafe at Music Hall:** Show Up, and Go Up, 9 p.m. third Thursday of every month, open call, free, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, [www.jazzcafedetroit.com](http://www.jazzcafedetroit.com).

**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia:** Mark TheioBold Special Engagement, through April 18; Bobby Miyamoto, April 22-25; Shane Moss, April 29-May 2; Mike Yeneman, 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).

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

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

**The Second City:** "Kwame A River: The Chronicles of Detroit's Hip Hop Mayor," through May 31, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, [www.secondcity.com](http://www.secondcity.com).

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

**CONCERTS**

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

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

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

**The Fillmore:** J Gielis Band, April 24; Lamb of God with God Forbid and As I Lay Dying, May 6; Buckcherry, May 13; Tragically Hip, May 29-30, Rise



**The Pajama Party**

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

Against, June 24, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

**The Fox Theatre:** Flight of the Conchords with Eugene Mirman, April 24; Soul 70's Super Jam featuring The Whispers, The Dramatics, The Stylistics & The Manhattans, April 25; Leonard Cohen, May 9; Il Divo, May 17; Unwiggled & Unplugged: An Evening with Christopher Guest, Michael McKean and Harry Shearer, May 29, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**Freedom Hill:** The Offspring, June 28.

**Rock:** The Von Ericks, April 16.

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

**Magical Bag:** Rocco Deluca and the Burden, April 16; Robyn Hitchcock & The Venus 3, April 17; Soulive, April 25; Noah & The Whale, April 26; Charlie Hunter, May 7; Bruce Int he USA, May 8; Vast, May 15; The Sounds of Seattle Tour, May 30; Neil Innes, June 7; The Cliks, June 23; Leon Russell, June 26; Dr. John, June 27, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, [www.themagicalbag.com](http://www.themagicalbag.com).

**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** Billy Joel / Elton John "Face 2 Face Tour," May 21, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

**Royal Oak Music Theatre:** The Magic 80s Prom w/Square Pegs, April 11; Louis C.K., April 17; TechNow09 Showcase, a benefit for MS Society, April 23; New Found Glory, April 26; Demetri Martin, May 15; Music4Mutts, a benefit for the Michigan Humane Society, May 16; Animal Collective, May 18; Gogol Bordello, June 2; The Derek Trucks Band, June 9; Robin Trower, June 20; The Decemberists, Aug. 11, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272, [www.royaloakmusictheatre.com](http://www.royaloakmusictheatre.com).

**St. Andrew's Hall:** Louis C.K., April 17; Lily Allen with Natalie Portman's Shaved Head, April 13; New Found Glory; April 26; The Sounds, May 6; Animal Collective, May 18; The Derek Trucks Band, June 9; Metric, June 15; Robin Trower, June 20, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

**DANCE**

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

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

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

**University Musical Society:** Compagnie Hedyd Maalem "Rite," 8 p.m. Oct. 15; Compagnie Marie Chouinard, "Orpheus and Eurydice," 8 p.m. April 25, and "Rite of Spring," 2 p.m. April 26, [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org).

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

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

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

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

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### MURDER MYSTERY MEAL

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

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

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### BEST BURGER BLOWOUT

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

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

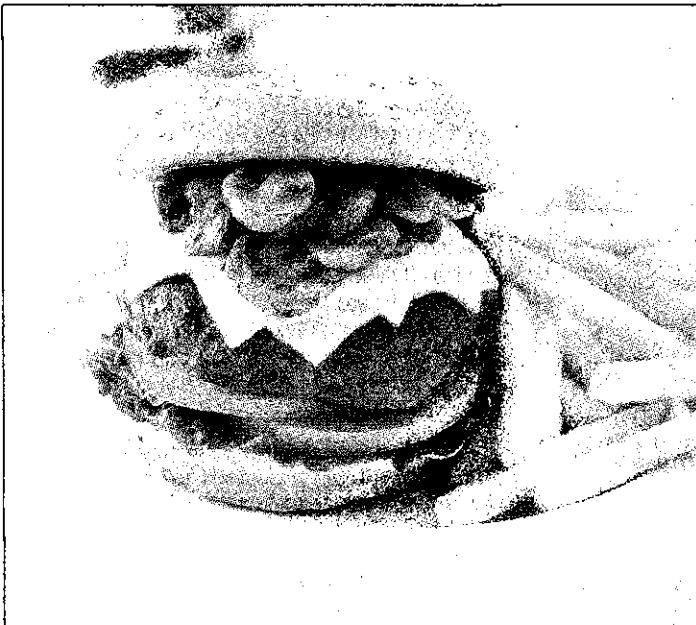
Call (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.leisure.canton-mi](http://www.leisure.canton-mi).

### BBQ RIB COOK OFF

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

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

### CITY BITES



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

More information on the sanctioning body can be found at [www.MBNBBQ.com](http://www.MBNBBQ.com)

Registration information for interested contestants can be found at [www.experiencewo.com](http://www.experiencewo.com)

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

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

### CANTON FARMERS MARKET OPENS

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

New and returning vendors will offer a wide-variety of

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

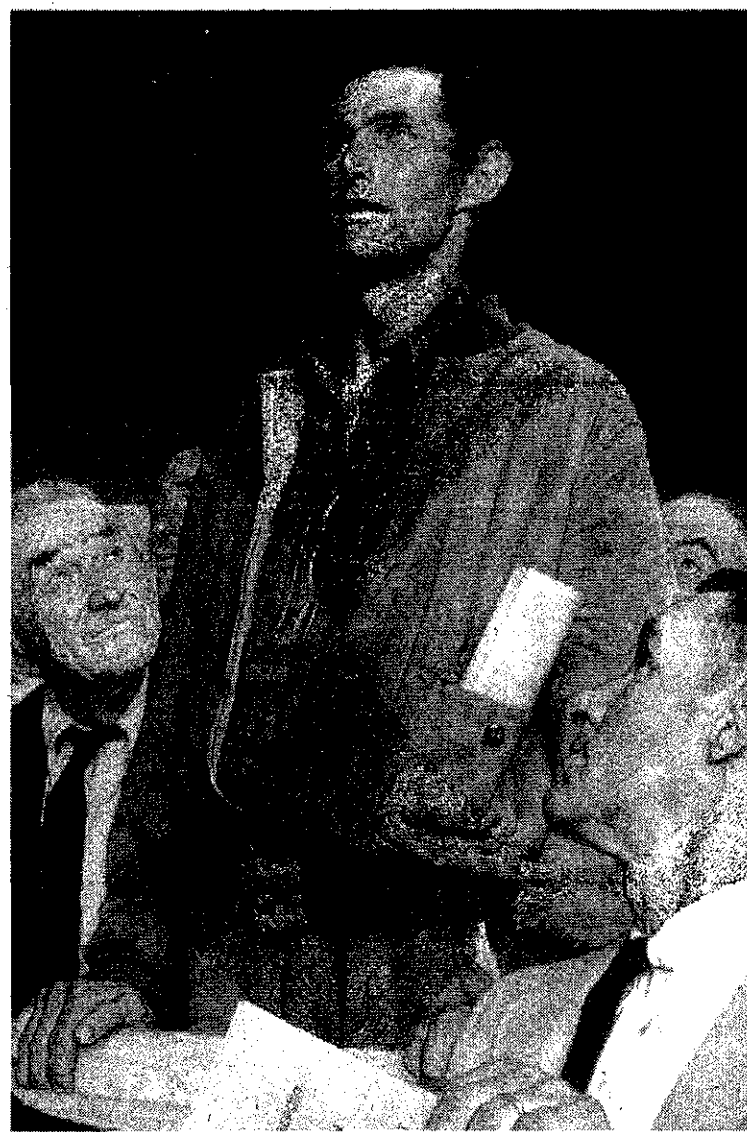
Special activities are planned for the opening including: the Spice Up Your Summer Cook Off Series challenge, featuring the Best Burger Blowout, where all you closet chefs can show off your culinary skills. While at the market, be sure to purchase a Farmers Market tote made from recycled materials, while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

Admission is free.

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

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

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## MSU lawn care pros can help you get growing

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lowering the mowing height for the first mowing will help remove dead tissue and facilitate soil warming which will help the turf get growing faster. Be advised though not to get carried away with this lowering the mowing height recommendation. At most I would drop it 1 inch from your normal mowing height, be careful, we don't want to scalp the turf. For most dropping the height 1/4 inch (usually 1 notch on your mower) will probably suffice to clean up debris on the lawn from the winter and get that turf going. Lowering the height a notch will be especially helpful for turf with snow mold damage. You also might want to consider raking the turf in areas that the turf was really matted down to help stand it up and then mow it off.

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



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

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

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

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

## Energy costs should be weighed

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

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



Robert Meisner

looking but should now have a new section added to their calculations with the suggested title of "Estimated Compliance Costs of Energy and Environmental Design Retrofits." These requirements will, of course, have to be considered in the event of a need to replace any of the major component parts of the condominium and/or association development.

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

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

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

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#### Designation

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

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

because they are much less costly than foreclosures.

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

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

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

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

#### Promotion

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

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

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

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

#### Recognition

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

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

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### HOMES SOLD

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

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4193 Monarch Ave	\$188,000
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Livonia	
30560 Minton St	\$75,000
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Milford	

415 Hickory St	\$250,000
Northville	
17015 Brooklane Blvd	\$400,000
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2030 Austin Dr	\$175,000
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23185 Donnington Ct	\$604,000
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42683 Wimbeldon Way	\$235,000
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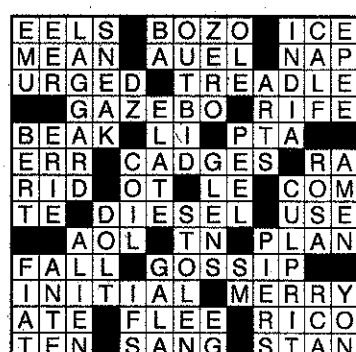
#### ACROSS

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- 2 Toward the stern
- 8 Surf maker
- 12 Exiled Roman poet
- 13 Yucky stuff
- 14 Harm
- 15 Meander
- 16 Tach reading
- 17 Pool table item
- 18 Sherlock creator
- 20 Window parts
- 21 Girders (hyph.)
- 24 Looks mischievous
- 27 Mademoiselle's date
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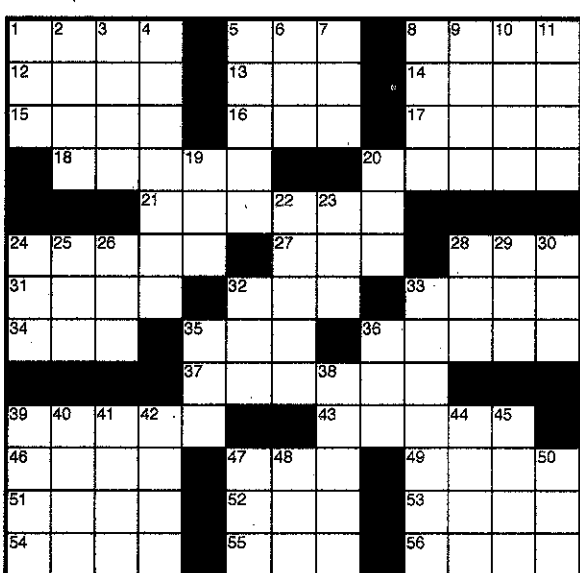
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- 43 Matterhorn echo
- 46 Cowboy gear
- 47 Gigantic bird of myth
- 49 Burnoose wearer
- 51 Aptitude -
- 52 Subzero comment
- 53 Quechua speaker
- 54 Helm position
- 55 Ms. Lupino
- 56 Requirement
- 1 Go over big
- 2 Eager, plus
- 3 Pedro's wine
- 4 Whirling around
- 5 Come to an understanding
- 6 Vain fellow
- 7 Jerry's toon pursuer
- 8 Prefix for "trillion"

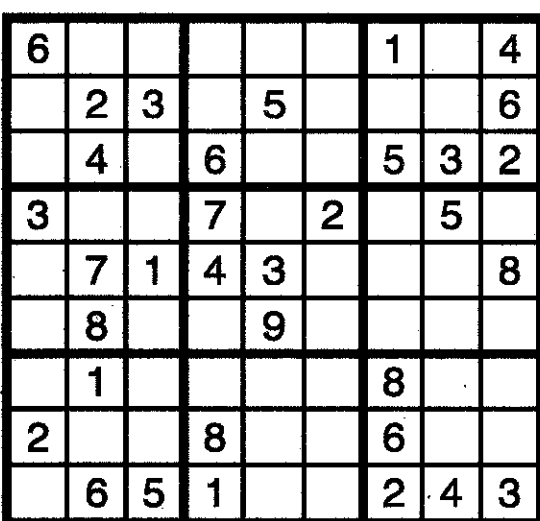
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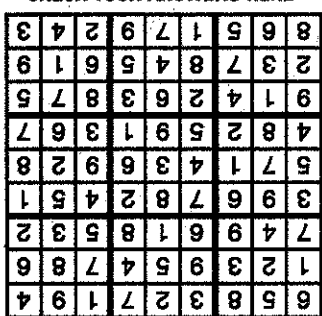
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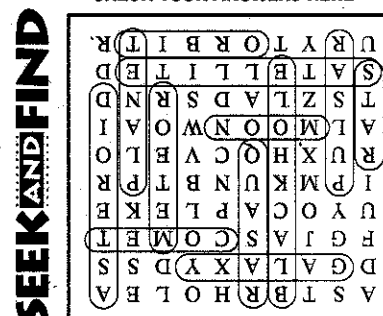
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**GREENTREES ESTATE SALES**  
Fri-Sat, April 17-18 10am-4pm  
629 S. Gainsborough, Royal Oak. S off 11 Mile, N off Lincoln. Furniture, organ, upright Victrola, lots of china & glassware, Revere ware, patio sets, old toys & games, bicycle, linens, tools, much misc. 67 year collection! See [estatesales.net](http://estatesales.net) for photos

**LIVONIA - Huge Estate Sale**  
Apr. 17-18, 9-5pm. 19847 Weyner, N. of 7 Mile, E. of Middlebelt. Entire contents of parents home. every room is packed. Furniture, appliances, Krystonia Collection, lawn equip, hundreds of tools/woodworking tools etc. Also for sale, 1995 Jaguar XJ6

**LIVONIA Multi-family Sale!**  
Apr. 17-18, 9-5pm. 19239 Laurel - W. of Farmington, N. of 7 Mile. Paintings, books, toys, kitchen, x-mas, household items, & much more!

**ORCHARD LAKE - 5165 Virgil Lane.** N. off Commerce, E. of Hiller. Fri-Sat, Apr. 17-18, 10-4pm. Lots of Tools, hardware, some furniture & lots more!

**PLYMOUTH Multi-Family-14843 Greenbriar Ct.** Fri., 9am-4pm, Sat., 9am-12. Household Goods, etc.

**REDFORD - HUGE SALE**  
Sat April 18, 9-5. Something for everyone. Coach purses, records, etc. 9385 Kinloch, W. of Beech Daily, off W. Chicago.

**REDFORD 26029 Student.** 1 blk-N. of 5 Mile, 1 1/2 W. of Beech Daily. April 18-19th, Sat. & Sun., 9am-5pm.

**ROCHESTER HILLS 2886 MIDVALE.** 4/16, 17 & 18. 9 am-5 pm. Off Auburn Rd. 2 Blocks W. of Crooks.

**ROYAL OAK ESTATE SALE - Fri-Sun, Apr. 17-19, 10-4pm.** 132 Curry, N. of 11 Mile, E. of Main. Contemporary furnishings, vintage barware & more!

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**BIRMINGHAM 1875 Winthrop.** off Chesterfield. April 17-18, 9am-5pm. Antiques, clothes, furniture, scooter, X-Box, fabric, pillows, lots of great stuff!

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS ESTATE SALE, 4/17 - 4/18, 9-4.** 6139 Dakota Circle, N. of Maple, off Franklin. Antiques, furniture, rugs, toys, household, etc.

**CANTON Garage Sale - 6182 Willow Creek.** off Ford, btwn Lilley & Morton-Taylor. 4-17, noon-5pm, 4-18, 8am-noon. Household items, toys & tools.

**FARMINGTON HILLS 28495 NEWPORT.** April 17 10-5 & April 18 10-3. Furniture, weight bench, LOTS of STUFF!

**LIVONIA - April 18-19, 9-5pm.** 12772 Stark Rd, btwn Plymouth Rd & Schoolcraft, look for the balloons.

**LIVONIA - HUGE SALE!** 17260 Levan, N. of 6 Mile Rd. April 17-22, 10-5pm. Antiques, collectibles, toys, jewelry, household, postcards, misc.

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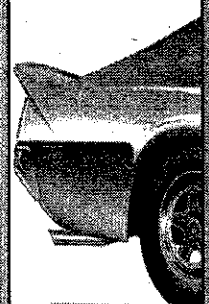


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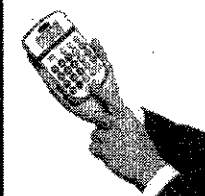
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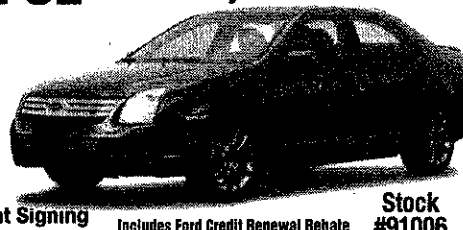
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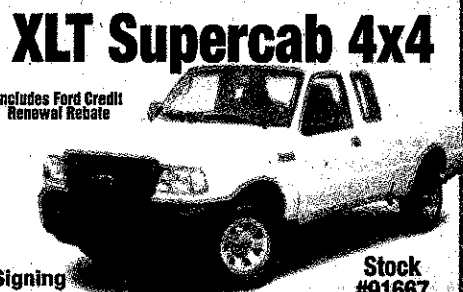
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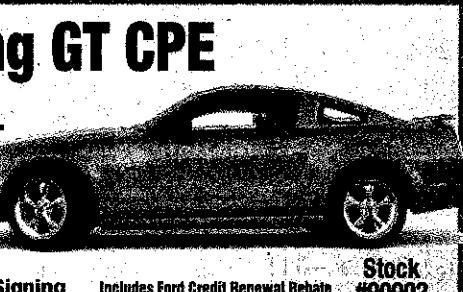
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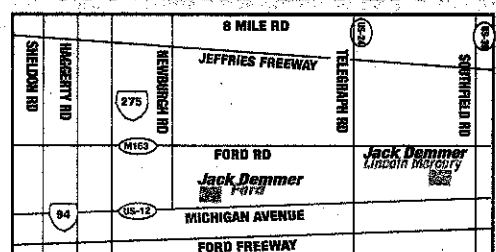
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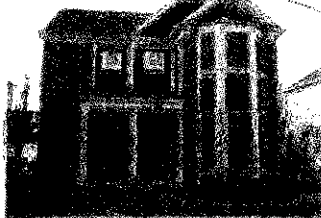


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Great Home To Entertain In Wide open floor plan, GR has soaring ceilings, fireplace & lots of windows. 1st flr mstr suite w/jetted tub. Large kit w/hardwood floors. Prof/fin bsmt.  
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GOURMET GRANITE KITCHEN, WONDERFUL HOME Kitchen w/island & stainless steel appliances. Vaulted master suite w/WIC & luxury tub. 2 story foyer. 2nd floor laundry. Finished bsmt w/granite wet bar. 2605 SF.  
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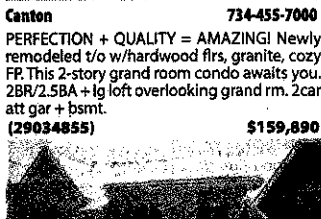
**Canton** 248-437-3800  
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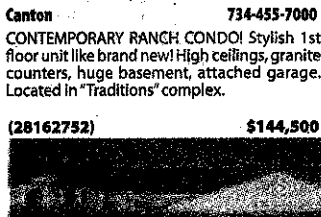
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WELL-MAINTAINED 4 BEDRM COLONIAL! Corner lot w/side garage, 2-story hrdwd foyer, kitchen w/bkfst nook. Fam rm w/FP, formal dining/living rms, fin bsmt. Exterior painted in '08. Priced to sell!  
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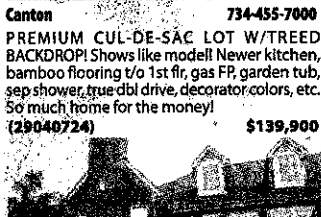
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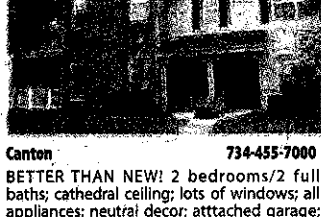
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CONTEMPORARY RANCH CONDO! Stylish 1st floor unit like brand new! High ceilings, granite counters, huge basement, attached garage. Located in "Traditions" complex.  
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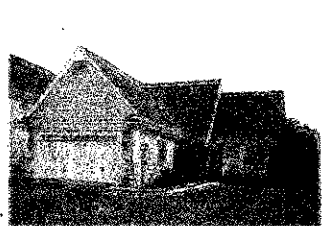
**Canton** 734-455-7000  
PREMIUM CUL-DE-SAC LOT W/TREED BACKDROP! Shows like model! Newer kitchen, bamboo flooring t/o 1st flr, gas FP, garden tub, sep shower, true dol drive, decorator colors, etc. So much home for the money!  
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BETTER THAN NEW! 2 bedrooms/2 full baths; cathedral ceiling; lots of windows; all appliances; neutral decor; attached garage; close to pool.  
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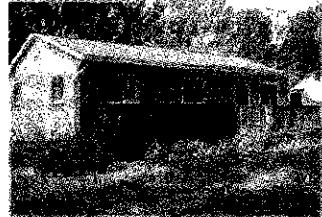
**Canton** 734-455-7000  
Sweet home in Huntwood! Neutral & move-in ready! Fin BSMT w/ corner bar. Mstr BA w/ stone tile. HDWD flrs, crown moulding, ceramic baths, jetted tub, patio.  
(29017348) **\$239,000**



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



**Clarkston** 248-684-1065  
Waterfront. 24 Ft. pontoon included for right offer! Wrap around deck, patio, shed, paver walk to boat dock. Den/library in lower level. Pella windows.  
(29026239) **\$349,000**



**Clarkston** 248-684-1065  
Great Home With Many Updates! New roof & siding, newer windows, well & finished W/O BSMT. Newer decks on front & rear. Enjoy lake access on all sport lake! Must see, ready to move right in!  
(28144672) **\$179,900**



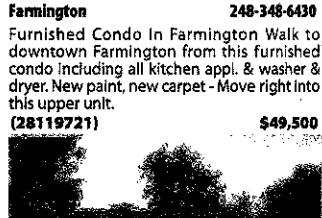
**Clarkston** 248-684-1065  
Charming 80 Sq. Ft. Ranch Newer A/C, furnace, water heater, roof, flooring & kitchen counter, windows 1996. Knotty pine finished basement. Tons of Storage. Just move in!  
(29018590) **\$72,000**



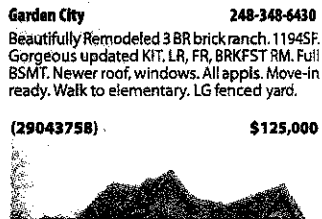
**Clarkston** 734-591-9200  
Clean 3 Bedroom, Two Bathroom Ranch in Crestwood School District. Updts incl full fin BSMT w full BA; Kit updt w/possibility of Breakfast Bar. Upst BA remodeled 08; brick paver patio; lg bk yrd.  
(28078061) **\$134,900**



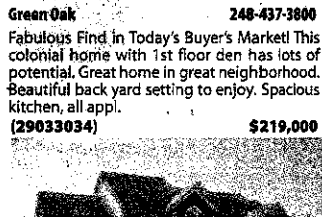
**Clarkston** 248-684-6430  
Furnished Condo In Farmington Walk to downtown Farmington from this furnished condo including all kitchen appl. & washer & dryer. New paint, new carpet - Move right into this upper unit.  
(28119721) **\$49,500**



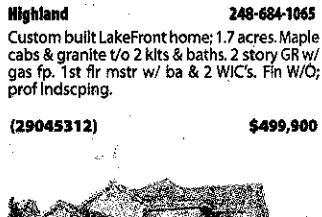
**Clarkston** 248-684-6430  
Beautifully Remodeled 3 BR brick ranch. 1194SF. Gorgeous updated KIT, LR, FR, BRKFST RM. Full BSMT. Newer roof, windows. All appls. Move-in ready. Walk to elementary. LG fenced yard.  
(29043758) **\$125,000**



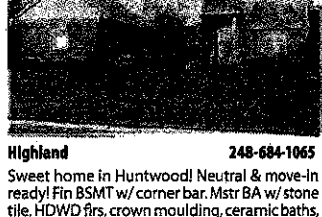
**Clarkston** 248-437-3800  
Fabulous Find in Today's Buyer's Market! This colonial home with 1st floor den has lots of potential. Great home in great neighborhood. Beautiful back yard setting to enjoy. Spacious kitchen, all appls.  
(29033034) **\$219,000**



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



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



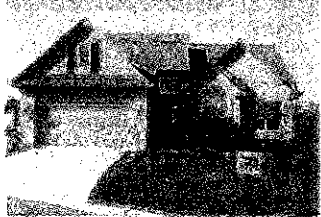
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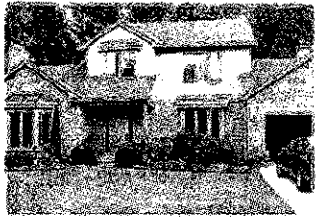
**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Enjoy the 1/2 acre parcel backing to nature preserve! 2-story foyer, HDWD flrs, GR w/ stone FP, vaulted ceiling, MBR w/ WIC. 3-car heated garage.  
(28203761) **\$200,000**



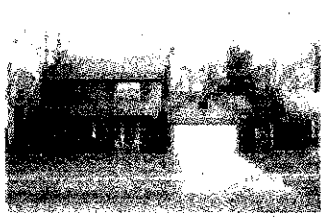
**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Beautifully maintained 2-BR ranch w/ lake access to Spring Lake and all sports Crocheted Lake. 3-car garage & separate heated workshop. Wooded lot.  
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**Highland** 248-851-4100  
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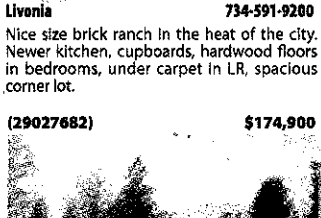
**Highland** 734-591-9200  
Colonial lctd in Mayflower Estates. Grt curb appl & shows like a model hme. New hrdwd flrs in LR & DR. Updtd granite BA'S, kit, Ntrl decor. Fin bsmt. lg grt room w/gas frplce. Bkyd w/bk patio. Mstr BA w/skylight.  
(29019433) **\$249,900**



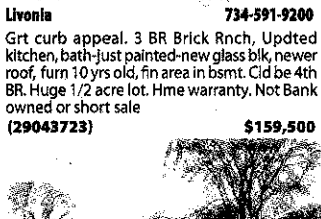
**Highland** 734-284-5400  
PACK YOUR BAGS & COME HOME 3 possible 4 BD, 2.5 BA brick colonial. Natural fireplace in family room w/ door wall to deck & backyard w/ 2 Kol ponds. Fin basement. 2 car attached garage.  
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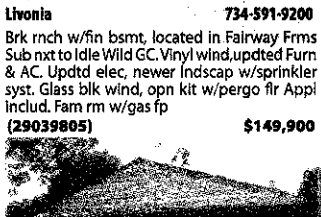
**Highland** 734-591-9200  
Nice size brick ranch in the heat of the city. Newer kitchen, cupboards, hardwood floors in bedrooms, under carpet in LR, spacious corner lot.  
(29027682) **\$174,900**



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



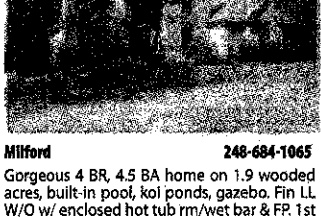
**Highland** 734-591-9200  
Brk mch w/fin bsmt, located in Fairway Frms Sub nrt to Idle Wild GC. Vinyl wind, updted Furn & AC. Updtd elec, newer Indscap w/sprinkler syst. Glass blk wind, opn kit w/pergo flr Appl includ. Fam rm w/gas fp  
(29039805) **\$149,900**



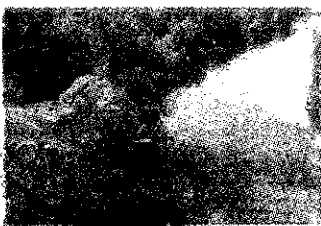
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GREAT 3 BEDROOM HOME Perfect for the 1st time buyer. Updtd kit w/ lots of cabinets. Appl are included. New furnace & hwt in 2003. Lifetime composite deck around above ground pool.  
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(29029411) **\$550,000**



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(29029411) **\$550,000**



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Luxury riverfront condo in downtown Milford across from Central Park! Craftsman style inspired with fin w/o, oak cabs, granite ctops, staircases, 2 furnaces, 2 a/c, daylight BSMT, HDWD flrs, deck.  
(28129939) **\$460,000**



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Home with 3.9 acres. First floor laundry. Unfinished basement. Two car attached garage with side entry. Dining, living and family rooms. Library/study.  
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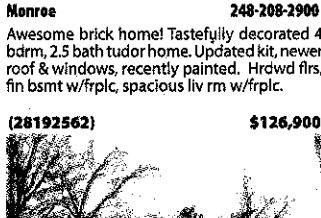
**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Custom 2900 SqFt home on .79 acre lot. Minutes from Village. Granite, wood & ceramic flrs. F. FP, 8 pavers, fresh paint t/o, 3+ heated Gar. Priced to sell fast!  
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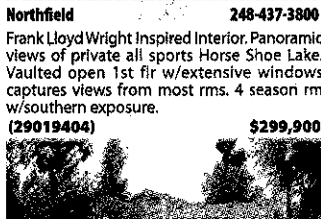
**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Charming 3 BR ranch w/ 1.1 BA. HDWD flrs. New carpet. Neutral decor. Skylight in kit. Part fin bsmt. Patio and fenced yard. Sep. fenced kennel. Shed.  
(29003227) **\$110,000**



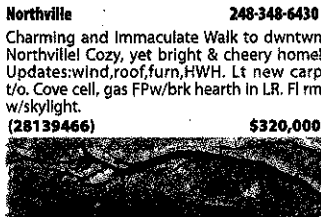
**Milford** 248-208-2900  
Awesome brick home! Tastefully decorated 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath tudor home. Updtd kit, newer in bedrooms, under carpet in LR, spacious corner lot.  
(28192562) **\$126,900**



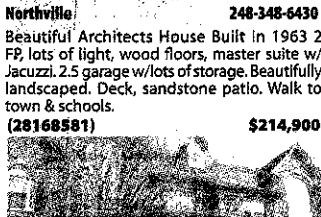
**Milford** 248-437-3800  
Frank Lloyd Wright Inspired Interior. Panoramic views of private all sports Horse Shoe Lake. Vaulted open 1st flr w/extensive windows captures views from most rms. 4 season rm w/southern exposure.  
(29019404) **\$299,900**



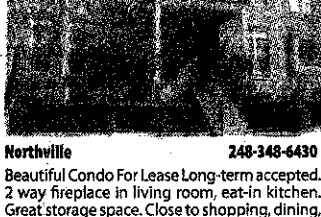
**Milford** 248-437-3800  
Charming and Immaculate Walk to dwtwn Northville! Cozy, yet bright & cheery home! Updates: wind, roof, furn, HWT. Lt new carp t/o. Cove cell, gas FP w/brk hearth in LR. Flr m w/skylight.  
(28159466) **\$320,000**



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



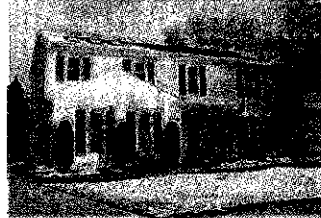
**Milford** 248-348-6430  
Beautiful Condo For Lease Long-term accepted. 2 way fireplace in living room, eat-in kitchen. Great storage space. Close to shopping, dining, expressways.  
(29042961) **\$1,550**



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



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



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



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



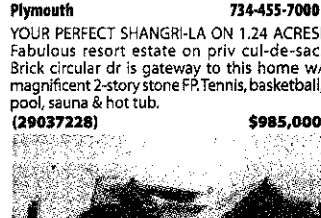
**Novi** 248-348-6430  
In The Heart Of Novi Where Everything Is Walk to the holiday parades, Civic Center, Library, high school, tennis courts & police station. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, LIB, great RM w/FR, newer KIT, LG deck w/hot tub.  
(29015226) **\$284,500**



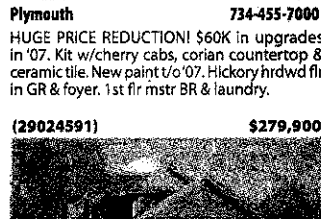
**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Lovely 3 Bedroom Colonial with cherry kitchen, granite island, great room with transom window & gas fireplace, formal dining room, 2nd floor laundry, large basement plumbed for bath.  
(29015355) **\$260,000**



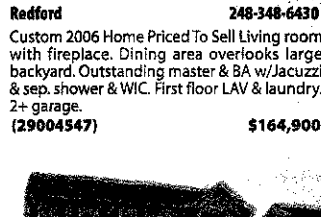
**Novi** 734-455-7000  
YOUR PERFECT SHANGRI-LA ON 1.24 ACRES! Fabulous resort estate on priv cul-de-sac. Brick circular dr is gateway to this home w/ magnificent 2-story stone FR, Tennis, basketball, pool, sauna & hot tub.  
(29037228) **\$985,000**



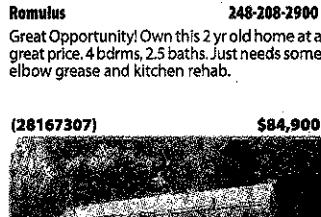
**Novi** 734-455-7000  
HUGE PRICE REDUCTION! \$60K in upgrades in '07. Kit w/cherry cabs, corian countertop & ceramic tile. New paint t/o '07. Hickory hrdwd flr in GR & foyer. 1st flr mstr BR & laundry.  
(29024591) **\$279,900**



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



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(28167307) **\$84,900**



**Novi** 248-208-2900  
16422 Taft Brick Front Ranch With Newer Vinyl Siding. Quiet Starter Home For A First Time Home Buyer Or An Investor. Bank Owned Being Sold As Is.  
(27210874) **\$30,000**



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



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Darling Bungalow! Almost 1 acre, Newly painted, hardwood flrs thru-out. Stained woodwork, new window, new vinyl siding. Plaster walls w/oval archways. Formal dining & living rm.  
(28085463) **\$159,000**



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



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



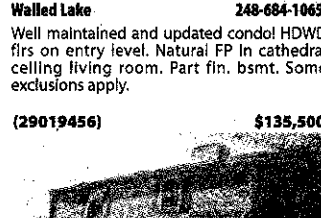
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Contemporary Remodeled Home. Stately brick ranch hm. Brand new carpeting in large living rm w/dining area. Spacious kitchen w/eating area was remodeled 05. Quick Occ.  
(29043249) **\$134,900**



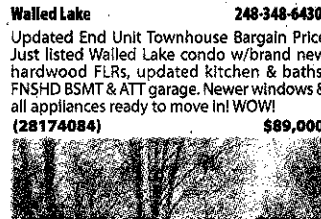
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Cute smaller home on double lot! Lots of upgrades and natural charm. Great for first-time home buyer or investor. Newer roof and windows, front door, furnace, electric and plumbing. A Must See!  
(28170169) **\$99,900**



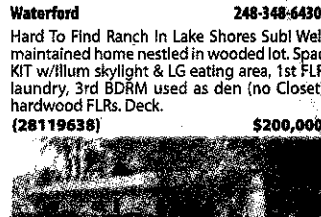
**South Lyon** 248-684-1065  
Well maintained and updated condol HDWD flrs on entry level. Natural FP in cathedral ceiling living room. Part fin. bsmt. Some exclusions apply.  
(29019456) **\$135,500**



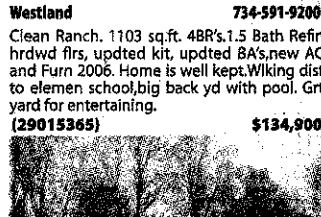
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Updated End Unit Townhouse Bargain Price Just listed Walled Lake condo w/brand new hardwood FLRS, updated kitchen & baths, FNSHD BSMT & ATT garage. Newer windows & all appliances ready to move in! WOW!  
(28174084) **\$89,000**



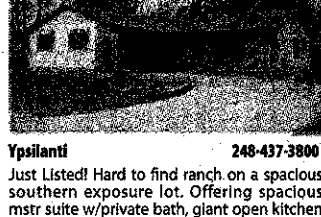
**South Lyon** 248-348-6430  
Hard To Find Ranch In Lake Shores Subl Well maintained home nestled in wooded lot. Spac KIT w/illum skylight & LG eating area, 1st FLR laundry, 3rd BDrm used as den (no closet) hardwood FLRS, Deck.  
(28119638) **\$200,000**



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



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(29041764) **\$148,900**



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