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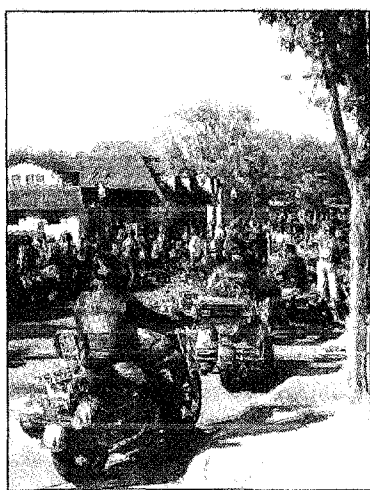
### Riding time

The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off presents the fourth annual "Motorcycle Chili Ride" and the "Indian Motorcycles Chili Ride" to benefit Habitat for Humanity Sunday, Oct. 4.

The rides start at MotorCity Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills, and Dick Scott's Indian Motorcycle Detroit dealership in Canton. Both rides end at the Chili Cook-off in downtown Plymouth.

Registration is at MotorCity Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills 8:30 a.m.; registration at Dick Scott's Indian Motorcycle Detroit in Canton 9 a.m. Escorted rides depart at 10:30 a.m.

For more information call Motor City Harley-Davidson ([www.motorcityharley.com](http://www.motorcityharley.com)), (248) 473-7433, or Dick Scott's Indian Motorcycle Detroit ([www.DickScott.com](http://www.DickScott.com)), (734) 398-5454.



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### Pathway cleanup

Join the Friends of the I-275 Pathway for the first fall trail cleanup day Saturday, Sept. 12, in Canton south of Cherry Hill.

The group will meet between 9 a.m. and noon at the rest area on northbound I-275 north of Michigan Avenue. There is a lot of overgrown vegetation, so bring clippers, pruners, tree-loppers, sickles, or any kind of hand tool to trim trees and cut back brush. Wear work gloves, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and bring a bike to get from your car to the work site.

Water and a light snack will be available. For more information call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or visit the Friends of the I-275 Pathway on Yahoo! groups or Facebook. The I-275 Pathway is a 40-mile multi-use recreational trail that parallels the freeway in Oakland, Wayne and Monroe Counties. The trail runs through or near some of the most populated communities in southeast Michigan.



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Students arrive at Gallimore Elementary School, hopping off buses that for the first time were able to use the new turnaround, completed just before the school year began.

## Learning curve

### Excitement reigns as kids head back to class

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After a summer of fun, Eric Novak noticed it was a little tougher to get his 7-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, out of bed Tuesday morning.

But get up she did, as did some 6,000 other students reporting for the first day of school in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

#### POWERLESS BEGINNING

Mother Nature found a way to wreak havoc on the first day of school for Plymouth-Canton Schools by conjuring up rain storms that caused power outages at five district buildings Tuesday. Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs said power went out at all three high schools - Plymouth, Salem and Canton - and at Pioneer Middle and Isbister Elementary schools. Discovery Elementary School also lost some technology capabilities during the day, he said. "Other than that, we did OK," Jacobs said. "Our schools were pretty well prepared."

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student at Pioneer Middle School.

At Salem High School, 16-year-old Emily Nelson of Plymouth had a big hug for her friend, 16-year-old Michael Rapp of Canton. "I'm glad to be back because I get to see Michael and my other friends," Nelson said.

Rapp, who proclaimed summer 2009 as "the best summer of my life" after traveling to Colorado, also said he was happy to be back.

"I get to see all my friends," Rapp said. "It's always good (to get back to school) in the beginning."

Elizabeth, a Canton resident who's a second-grader at Gallimore Elementary School, had a list of reasons she was happy to be back in school.

"I get a new classroom," she said, "and I get to walk out to recess out of a whole new door, cuz the other one was too far away. And I'll get some new friends."

While 10-year-old Matt Fenech had a good reason for being happy to be back — "I want to learn," said Matt, whose favorite class is gym — his mom said his four-word answer belied his excitement about getting back to class.

"Usually, the last two weeks, the kids are ready to get back to school," said Teri Garrow of Plymouth, who also has a daughter, Megan, who's a junior at Canton High School, and a son, Brendon, a



Second-grade teacher Joy Michelsen hugs former student Suzy Shelton.

## Board OKs water main replacements

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Residents in a four-street radius of Canton Township who are tired of seeing a succession of water main breaks are about to get some relief.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees approved Tuesday spending some \$400,000 to replace some 4,200 feet of pipe in an area mostly south of Ford Road between Sheldon and Lilley.

That area — which includes Aberdeen, Oakview, Brookline and Arlington (which is actually north of Ford Road, just east of Sheldon) — suffered 28 water main breaks between 2000 and 2008, according to a report by the township's Municipal Services Department.

That's a good-sized percentage of the township's total of 165 breaks over the same period. Pipes in that area, according to municipal services director Tim Faas, range in age from 32 to 39 years old.

"Canton is a newer community, but we still have water main infrastructure that's 40 and 50 years old," Faas said. "Some of those water mains are beginning to show signs of age."

The board approved awarding a contract for some \$396,000 to Pamar Enterprises, Inc. Work on the project, Faas said, is likely to start toward the end of the month.

However, he said, technological advances should limit surface disruptions affecting residents. Pamar will use a "trenchless" method in which a device will be inserted through existing pipes and expanded to the breaking point, to be replaced by pre-chlorinated, high-density polyethylene pipe that slides right in behind the breaking device.

"It's pre-chlorinated before it goes into the hole, so it's literally ready for service as soon as you've got it in," Faas said. "Manufacturers say the safe rule of thumb is it takes a day to get water restored, versus the old open cut, which can take three to five days."

Faas said the township had only two options when faced with the deteriorating pipes: Do nothing or fix the problem.

He said doing nothing would likely have meant more frequent water main breaks and the resulting consequences: disruption to residents, sink holes, potential contamination. Plus, it's "unaccounted for" water which has already been paid for, a statistic the township wants to minimize. "Unaccounted for" water happens from such things as fire prevention, hydrant flushing, water main breaks and meter errors.

Last year, Faas said, the township bought 3.1 billion gallons of water, of which only 115 million gallons went unaccounted for, a 3.7-percent figure Faas said was good by industry standard, but one on which the township would like to improve.

"As the system ages, unaccounted for water increases, and we're trying to stay ahead of that in the long term," Faas said. "That's really in everybody's best interests, so the amount of water you pay for is truly the amount you use."

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## District, teachers reach one-year pact

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michigan's dire economic conditions have been a factor in nearly every decision the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education has made lately, so it should come as no surprise they were a factor in union negotiations.

With an eye toward 2010-11, the board and the district's teachers reached agreement last week on a one-year contract that essentially changes very little from the deal that expired earlier this year.

"It's all the board was willing to approve with the financial situation in the state," said Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources.

The contract was ratified by members of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association last week, then approved by board members in a unanimous vote at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

The deal, which dates back to Aug. 31 and runs through Aug. 30, 2010, carries no increase

in pay for the teachers, though it does leave step increases in place for teachers who qualify. Union president Charles Portelli acknowledged the union asked for an increase, though neither he nor Bihun would say how much.

The pact also leaves in place the existing health care plan, though that was one area of contention between the two sides. Union officials said they brought a proposal they say would have cut the district's health care costs; Bihun said the district's consultant disagreed.

"They didn't want to go there," Portelli said. "We settled for no changes in benefits."

Both sides said the one-year deal was all they talked about largely because of the economic struggles of the state. Budget discussions at the state level are focused around cuts in per-pupil spending of anywhere between \$110 and \$600.

"They just said, 'We don't have any money, we're not going to have any money, and that's not going to change,'" Portelli said. "It's what everyone around the state is hearing."

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

### Wildcat bowling

Please join the Plymouth High School Football Boosters for a fun night at the Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton 8:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 12.

Cost is \$20 per adult, which includes two nine-pin no-tap games, shoes, pizza and pop. Alumni are also encouraged to attend to support the Wildcats. There will be a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and raffle with lots of great items.

Contact lgoble64@aol.com if you have questions or have an item to donate.

### Support Mass

Widowed men and women are invited to celebrate Mass together and stay for refreshments and fellowship on Sunday, Sept. 20, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road (just south of Cherry Hill) in Canton.

Please check in by 2:15 p.m., Mass is at 2:30. The event is sponsored by Widowed Friends, a peer group in the AOD. Come meet new friends in a safe, friendly setting.

For more information, call Pat, (734) 459-5508, or Justine, (734) 455-6939.

### BPW meets

The Canton Business & Professional Women host their next meeting 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at Palermo's Restaurant (dinner will be served), 44938 Ford Road, in Canton.

Guest speaker is Frances Heimes-Savickis, Social Security Administration.

Palermo's is located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on the north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center and west of Sheldon.

For more information, contact June Nicholas, (313) 610-2561 or junenicholas@comcast.net

### Mom2Mom sales

The Mothers of Preschoolers at Connection Church in Canton host a Mom2Mom sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, located at 3855 Sheldon (west of I-275, north of Michigan Ave.) in Canton. Admission is \$1.

For more information, e-mail CCMopsMom@gmail.com or call (734) 334-0486.

The Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples host their semi-annual Mom-to-Mom sale Saturday, Sept. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, at Sheldon Road, in Plymouth.

Admission is \$1, cash only,

strollers are welcome after 10 a.m. This is a department store style sale with boys and girls fall and winter clothing, ranging in size from newborn up to size 10 along with toys, baby gear, strollers and maternity clothes.

Contact pcmoms@hotmail.com "target=blank-pcmoms@hotmail.com with any questions.

### Little Lambs

Little Lambs Christian Preschool, which provides a Christ-centered education for 3-, 4-, and young 5-year-olds, is still accepting applications for the 2009/2010 school year. This academic program is licensed and taught by qualified and credentialed teachers with a low student-teacher ratio.

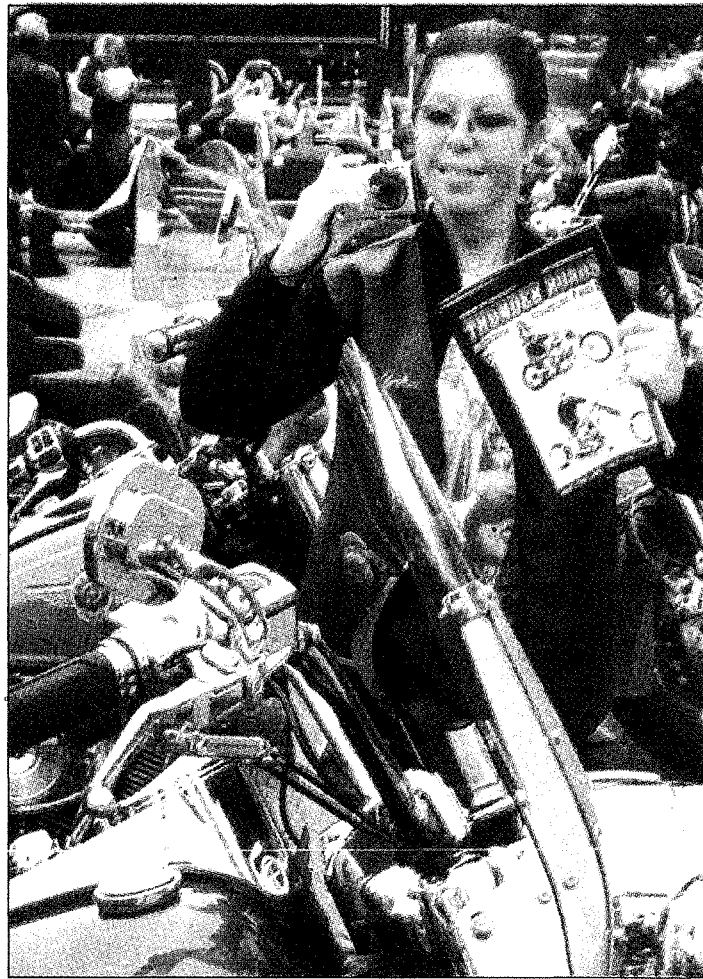
The school is located at 8500 Morton Taylor, just south of Joy, inside Charisma Life Church. For more information, contact Shari Jackson at (734) 414-7792, or visit the school's Web site at www.pbcplymouth.org

### Clothing bank

The Plymouth-Canton Community School Clothing Bank, which provides clothing to needy families in the community, is now open for the school year.

The Clothing Bank is now taking donations of clean, gently used clothing and new undergarments. Hours of operation are 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday.

To make an appointment, call (734) 416-6179.



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### Hog heaven

Heather 'Lil Red' Ritchie, of Canton, takes a photo of the over 1,500 Harley Davidson motorcycles that were a part of the Inaugural Michigan State H.O.G. (Harley Davidson Owners) Rally in Lansing recently. Ritchie is the Livonia/Taylor areas representative for Thunder Roads motorcycle magazine. Motor City Harley, of Farmington Hills has one of the largest HOG chapters in Michigan.

### Pet a Pet

PET-A-PET Inc. is looking for enthusiastic, friendly pets

and their owners to visit facilities one hour a month. Pets must be up to date with vaccinations, proof required.

Visits to Heartland-Canton on the second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; call Pat Glinkski, (313) 278-4428. Visits to Heartland-Plymouth on the fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; call Lyn Ehrman, (734) 455-4885.

### Get Acquainted

Zonta International is celebrating its 90th birthday this year. Zonta Clubs from the Tri-County area will be in the new food court of Laurel Park Place Mall, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, to share information about the organization. Learn about scholarships and projects that may of interest you.

Zonta is an international service club made up of a net-

work of professional women who's mission is to advance the legal, health, economic, educational and political status of women worldwide. Zontians across the world have volunteered their time, money, efforts and talents to support their local and international service projects for the past 90 years.

Join Zontians for a piece of birthday cake and learn about Zonta. Laurel Park Place is at 37700 W. Six Mile at Newburgh in Livonia. For more information, call Sally at (734) 464-3728.

### Art exhibit

An exciting and intensely private collection of 19th century paintings will be on display at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill through Sept. 27. This exhibit will feature over 30 pieces of art collected by Judy and David Johnson, Washtenaw County residents for the past 32 years.

The couple has developed a keen eye and has slowly acquired a collection ranging from unknown artists to well-known American and European painters such as Henry Schouten, a 19th century Belgian painter, Henry Rankin Poor and David Johnson, the latter two prominent American artists.

Presently, they have expanded their tastes to include portraits, Middle-Eastern paintings (Orientalist art), marine and Chinese pieces. The Johnsons' enthusiasm for and interest in farming has also led them to include numerous works featuring landscapes and various animals in their collection. The Johnsons' current collection is comprised equally of 19th century works and 20th century pieces and includes sculptures.

A special wine and cheese reception will be held in the gallery 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, with David and Judy Johnson in attendance to discuss their collection.

Admission to the gallery is free and the public is welcome to view this exhibit at the Gallery@VT: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; during public performances; and by appointment by calling (734) 394-5308.

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# Plymouth gathers for Fall Fest

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Visitors to the Plymouth Community Fall Festival this year can run, literally — or just have the run of area restaurants.

They can cruise the midway for carnival rides, cruise the festival stages for live music and entertainment, or visit Plymouth's version of a dream cruise during the antique and classic car show.

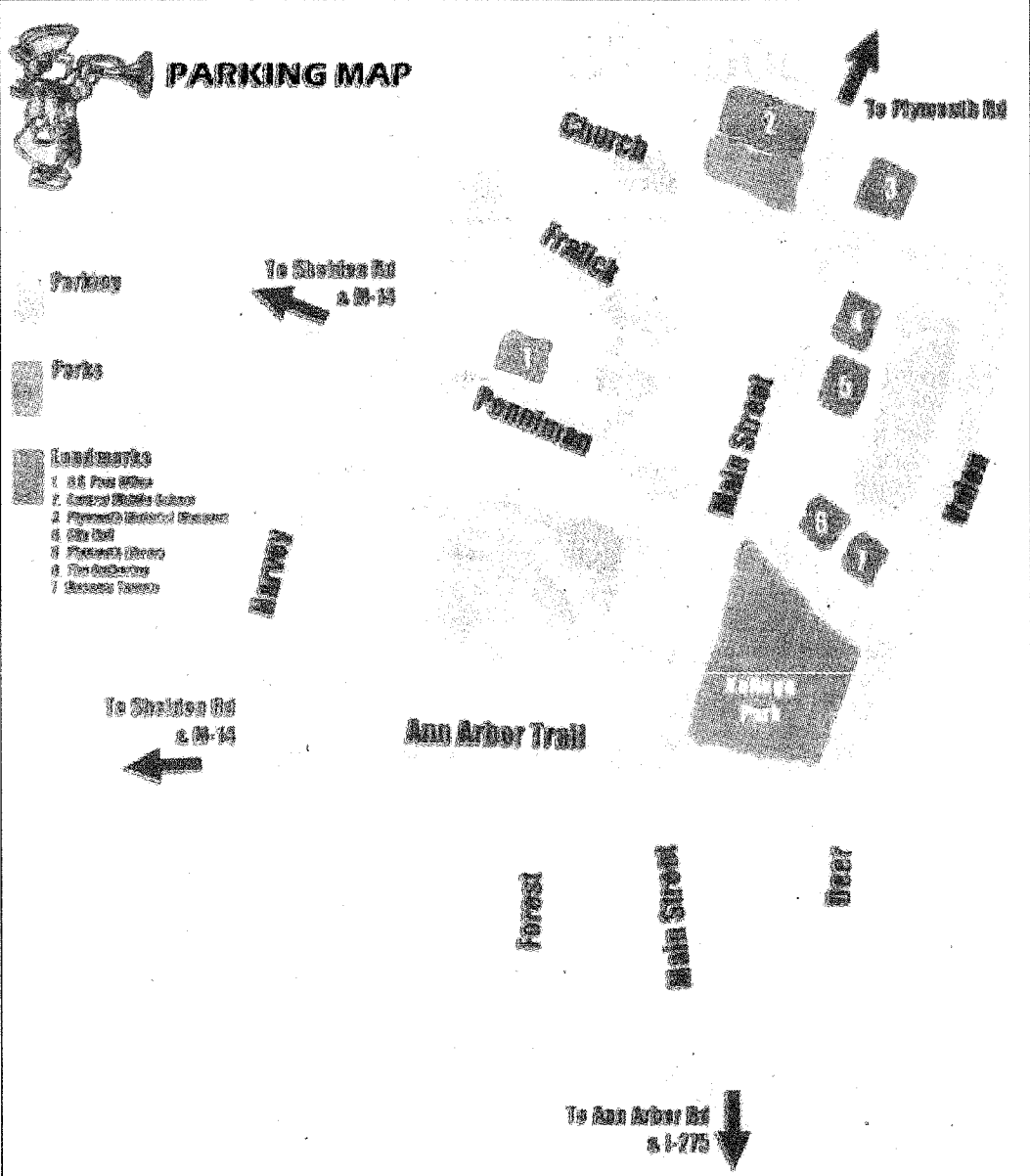
Plus, they can shop for crafts, play bingo, and fill up on pan-cakes, spaghetti, barbecued chicken and more.

Plymouth's 54th annual Fall Festival, which grew out of a community picnic that began in the 1950s, is noon to 11 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13.

The festival is centered around Kellogg Park and downtown Plymouth; Taste Fest, a chance to sample food from more than 20 local restaurants, is at Station 885 in Old Village.

Major Fall Festival events include:

- Carnival rides, which will be open during most festival hours along Ann Arbor Trail off of Main Street and on Main Street from Ann Arbor Trail to Wing. Tickets are four for \$5; rides are two to four tickets each. Ride wristbands will be available Sunday, Sept. 13, for \$25 each.
- The craft show, noon to dusk Friday, 9 a.m. to dusk Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. It'll be on Union Street between Ann Arbor Trail and Roe.
- Bingo Night, sponsored by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters, 6-10 p.m. Friday at The Gathering, on Penniman next to the Penn Theatre. Bingo card packets to play all evening will be \$25; individual cards will be \$1.
- Taste Fest, 6-8 p.m. Friday at Station 885, 885 Starkweather in Old Village. The \$15 admission buys visitors a chance to sample food from many area restaurants. Taste Fest will be followed by a party with live music by the Wiley Coyote Band. Taste Fest tickets are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540, or on Friday at the Fall Festival ticket booth, Main and Penniman, or at the gate. A shuttle bus will take festival goers between Taste Fest and downtown.
- Live music, dance and pom-pom performances and a pet



show on the Fresh Food Market Stage in Kellogg Park, sponsored by Busch's, throughout the festival.

- The car show, featuring classics and antiques from 1979 and earlier, on Saturday and on Sunday, Sept. 13. Cars will be displayed on Penniman and on Main.
- The Kiwanis pancake breakfast, 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday at The Gathering. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door; children ages 6-12 are \$3, and children 5 and under are free. To order advance tickets, call Jim Grutza at (734) 216-2858. Tickets can also be purchased during the festival at the festival ticket booth.
- A spaghetti dinner, 4-8 p.m. Saturday in the northeast corner of Kellogg Park. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$9 at the door, \$4 for children 12 and under. Children under 2 are free. Advance tickets available at International Minute Press, 1058

- S. Main, Plymouth.
- The Trish Donnelly-Runnion Memorial five-kilometer run, which raises money for breast cancer awareness and for the cross-country program at Salem High School. The main event is 8 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13; there is also a one-mile run and a one-mile walk. The entry fee is \$22. For details, visit the festival Web site, [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com), and click on the "5K Run" link.
- The Rotary Club of Plymouth's annual chicken barbecue, the longest-lasting Fall Festival event. It's 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until dinners are sold out) at Kellogg Park, with a takeout location at West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon Road. Dinners are \$10 each if purchased in advance, \$12 at the barbecue. Ticket booths will be at Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street and at Penniman and Main. Advance tickets are available at Horton

Plumbing, 1382 W. Main, Plymouth.

The Party Lot, a nonfestival event, will also be taking place Friday and Saturday in the parking lot behind E.G. Nick's in downtown Plymouth. Live music, food and drink. Radio station WRIF-FM, E.G. Nick's, Budweiser and the Signature Professional Group are sponsoring the event. WRIF will be broadcasting live from E.G. Nick's from 3-7 p.m. Friday. The regular Party Lot hours are 6-11 p.m. Admission to the lot will be \$3; those under 21 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For details on Fall Festival events, visit the festival Web site, [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com).

## Young Marines seek 'a few good kids'

Charles Volker wants a few good kids ages 8 to 18 to help him form a new Young Marine unit in Canton.

Volker, who has the distinction of having served in both the Navy and then the Marines, emphasizes that the Young Marines are not a recruiting tool but rather an organization that allows young girls and boys to get involved in youth service.

They will be accepting applications for the group through Sept. 30, Volker said. Orientation meetings take place at The Summit in Canton Mondays from 5-7:30 p.m., Sept. 14 and Sept. 21; recruit classes start Oct. 4.

The group is limited to the first 25 applicants.

The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral and physical development of its members. We focus on character building, leadership and a healthy, drug-free lifestyle, Volker said.

The young people are separated into age groups and undergo a 26-hour orientation program spread out over several meetings.

The boot camp has the Young Marines learning military history, customs and courtesies, military rank structure, close order

drill and physical fitness.

After boot camp the Marines can learn more skills; many kids stay in the program until they finish high school, Volker said.

Upon graduation the Marines get a uniform and boots, and can work toward ribbon awards in such areas as leadership, community service, swimming, academic excellence, first aid, and drug resistance education. There are further opportunities in National Summer Programs of Adventure, Challenges, Encampments and Schools.

And yes, Volker said, the Young Marines will learn the Marine motto or code: Semper Fidelis, or Semper Fi, Latin for always faithful.

The national Web site for the organization is [TheYoungMarines.org](http://TheYoungMarines.org). There are no Young Marine units in the immediate area, the closest being in Monroe, which is one of the key reasons Volker wants to start a local group.

Volker is the leader for the group; he has been a commandant in the Department of Michigan Marine Corps League. Volker was in the service in World War II and immediately after. Contact him at (734) 981-5059.

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# Heart of the matter

## Veteran returns to school after bout with illness

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The students returning to Plymouth-Canton schools Tuesday morning were all in their places with bright, shiny faces.

At Salem High School, though, the shiniest face didn't belong to any of the youngsters coming back to school. The brightest face may have been the face of the oldest person in the building, Associate Principal Pat Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick, who has been at Salem since the 1970s, was back for his 40th year after a spring spent wondering whether a heart condition that sidelined him earlier this year would allow him to come back to work.

"I'm very happy," said Fitzpatrick. "It's always good to get back."

Especially when you aren't sure you will. Fitzpatrick found out earlier this year he needed a heart transplant and was forced to take a medical leave while he consulted with his doctors about the best course of action.

That course of treatment for now is medication, Fitzpatrick said Tuesday, and he returned to the classroom as the principal of the district's summer school in June.

He was welcomed back full-time on Tuesday.

"Fitz and I go back a long time," said deputy superintendent Ken Jacobs, who joined the district in 1968 and was followed a few years later by Fitzpatrick. "When I heard he was going to be out and what the reason was, it was very distressing."

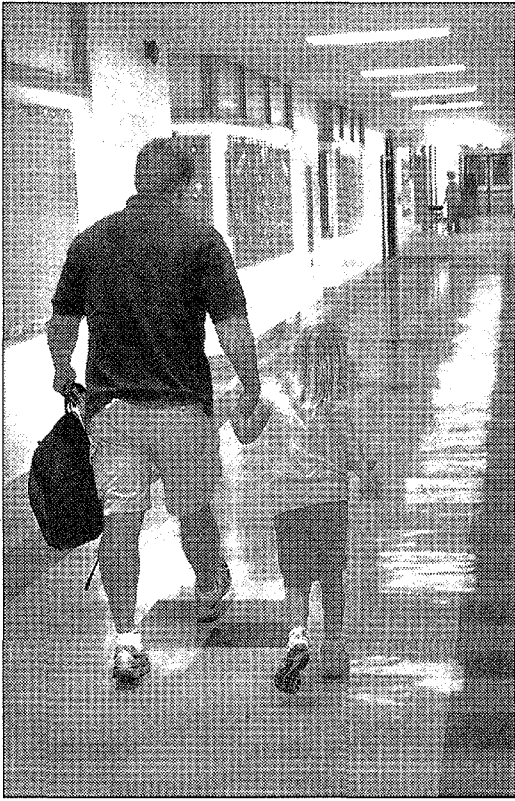
"This has meant a lot to both of us, and I'd hate to see someone go out like that," Jacobs added. "I was certainly hopeful he was going to be back, and it's great to have him back."



First-grade teacher Tricia 'Mrs. J.' Johnson makes sure she knows where her kids need to be for after-school transportation.



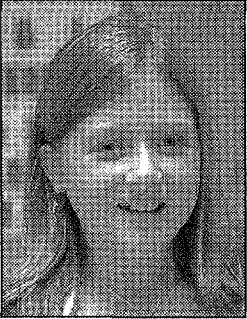
Second-grader Katie Tenerowicz brings a gift for her new teacher, Joy Michelsen.



Eric Novak and daughter Elizabeth arrived bright and early for the first day of school at Gallimore Elementary, where Elizabeth began second grade.

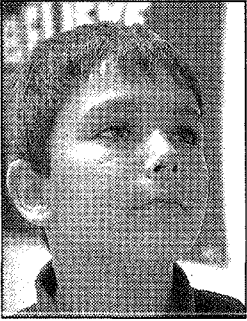
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We asked this question of elementary school students on the first day of school



"We went to Myrtle Beach. We went to amusement parks, Broadway on the Beach and we went to the beach."

— Samantha Hejka, 10  
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"We went to Great Wolfe Lodge in Ohio, and I went go-carting."

— Matt Fenech, 10  
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"We swam to the beach from our boat and we went tubing."

— Emily Ruhno, 6  
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"I had my friends, Billy and Allie, over and played with water bazookas."

— Jacob Willsey, 7  
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"Went to Peru with my husband, Justin, took a trek through the jungle and went to Machu Picchu."

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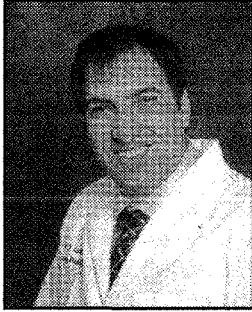
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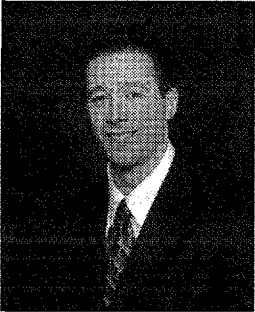
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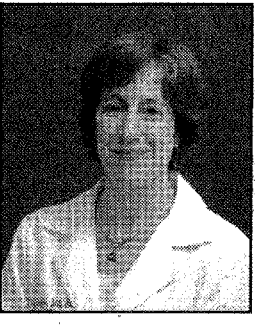
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It is hard to believe that the first decade of the 21st century will soon be only a memory. Just as many people winterize their homes in order to protect them from the effects of a changing climate, we also need to protect our portfolios from the effects of a changing economic climate.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

When most investors purchase an investment, they hold on to it and then sometime in the future decide to sell it in its entirety.

## SELL WINNERS

Typically, the investment that they sell is one that has been underperforming. Although this sounds logical, it is not a good investment strategy. After all, the first thing we learn as investors is to buy low and sell high. That is the exact opposite of what most investors do.

I believe the best way to manage your portfolio is to sell the winners and then turn around and buy something that is underperforming. After all, by selling winners you're selling high. On the other hand, when people sell their losers, they are selling low. Most investors want to sell at the ultimate high and then buy at the ultimate low. Obviously, if feasible, that would be great; however, that's impossible. It is impractical to think you can time the market. You can't and neither can anyone else.

## STRATEGY

The strategy I recommend is rebalancing a portfolio on a regular basis. The key to this is to know the allocations for the various asset classes that make up your portfolio. For example, before you invest you should know what percent of your portfolio is going into emerging markets.

As an example, let's say 5 percent allocation in emerging markets and you rebalance your portfolio every six months. If emerging markets have increased in value and now represent 8 percent of the portfolio, sell 3 percent to bring the allocation back to the 5 percent. Then, the 3 percent of the money would get invested into something that has gone down in value. For example, if your allocation for small cap U.S. was 10 percent and now because of market declines it only represents 7 percent, you know where to invest the additional 3 percent.

There is more to taking care of a portfolio than just occasionally rebalancing. Investors also need to monitor allocations and the performance of the individual investment. The key is to judge apples to apples. For example, when it comes to comparing the performance of an emerging market fund, you should compare it to other emerging market funds, not a large company U.S. fund.

My general rule is that once I am in a fund, if it underperforms other funds in its same category for a two- to three-year period, I make a change. Just because the fund lost money doesn't mean I'm selling it; rather, the key is how it has performed when compared to other similar funds.

## GENERAL RULE

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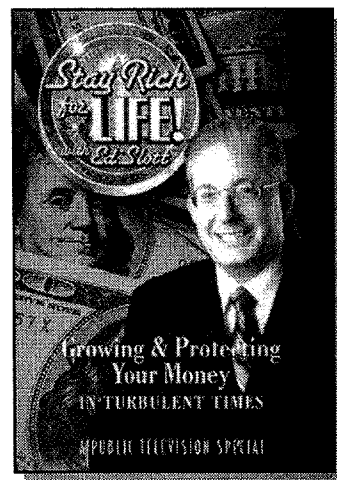
## NEW REALITY

The old days of purchasing an investment and putting it away for 20 years just doesn't work in today's world. We live in a dynamic, ever changing economic climate and it's important that investors accept the reality of the situation.

As we near the end of the year, there is no problem with doing some tax selling. Many people go through their portfolios and sell investments that have lost money in order to deduct the losses from their taxes. Although there is nothing wrong with tax selling, the key is properly maintaining your allocations. In other words, if you've lost money on your small cap U.S. growth fund and you decide to sell it for tax purposes, the key is to turn around and buy another small cap growth fund so that your portfolio is still well-balanced and diversified.

Just as it's important to protect our homes during different seasons, it is also important to make sure that our portfolios are protected so that they can survive the changing economic climate. Good luck!

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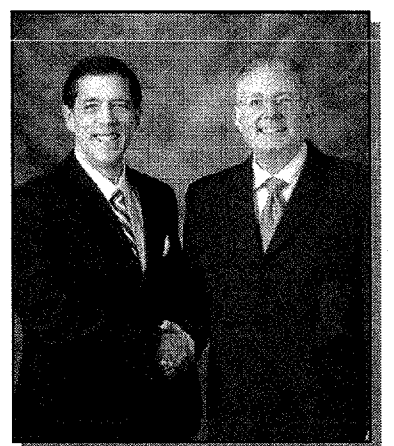
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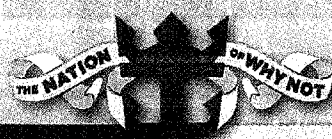
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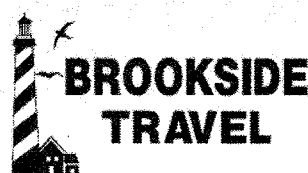
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# Political parlay

## Friends don't let their parties divide them

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michael Siegrist of Canton is a Democrat who ran a campaign for former Plymouth Township candidate Joe Hawver and stumped for current State Rep. Marc Corriveau, a Democrat from Northville.

Eric Bacyinski of Plymouth Township is a devoted Republican who worked for Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox and her husband, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox.

The two may be living proof of the old adage, "Politics makes for strange bedfellows."

"We discuss a lot," said Siegrist, a 26-year-old graduate of Schoolcraft College who is currently studying political science at the University of Michigan. "We're always talking about issues, and various things going on in the political arena."

Bacyinski said the political rivalry doesn't get in the way of the friendship.

"We don't argue about much," he said, smiling. "We disagree, but it's over in a moment."

Siegrist and Bacyinski first met as juniors in high school back in 2002, the product of "one of those lunchroom meetings." They became closer friends and got "more connective" with each other once high school ended.

Though their political parties are opposite, the two are taking a similar path up the

political ladder. In addition to working for both Laura and Mike Cox, Bacyinski was elected to the Plymouth District Library in 2006, then chosen the board's vice-chair earlier this year.

Siegrist, meanwhile, was elected to the Canton Public Library Board in 2008. Like Bacyinski, he was chosen vice-chair earlier this year.

Both men said they chose the library board as a means of giving back to the community.

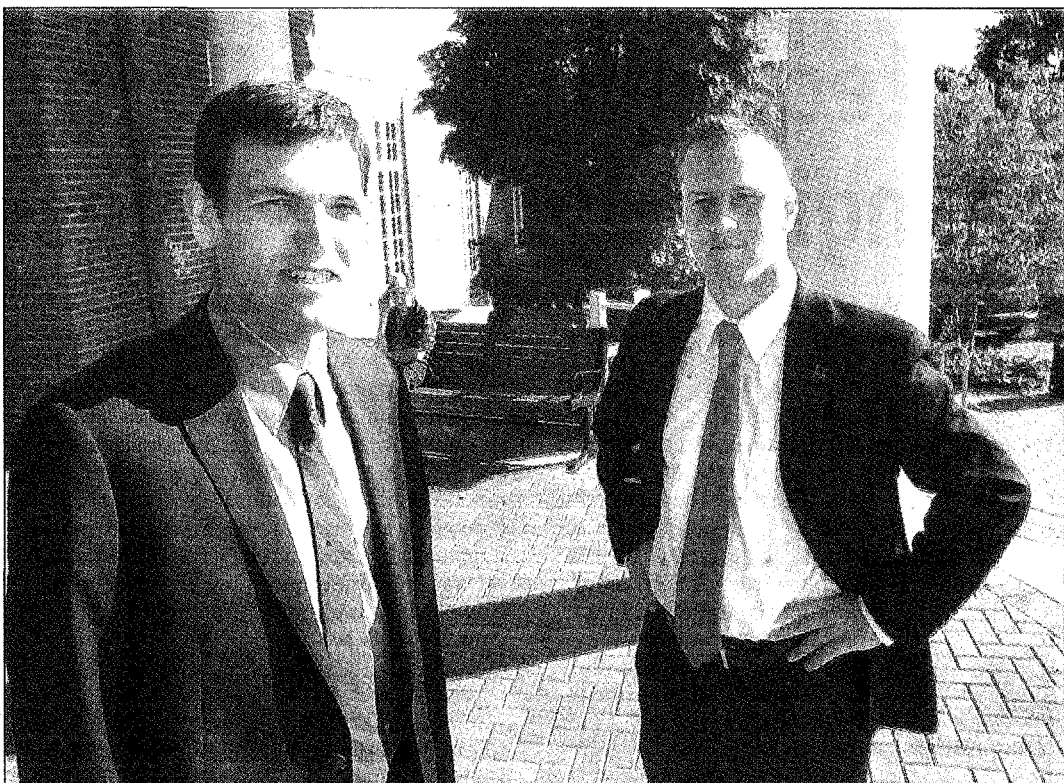
"Through my family's activity, I saw the importance of non-profit and public institutions," said Siegrist, the son of Dave and Linda Siegrist of Canton. "The library promotes people increasing their knowledge base. It helps people better themselves."

Bacyinski, who has a 5-year-old daughter, Brooke, said the library was something he "had a connection with as a kid."

"I thought it was the way I could give the most back," said Bacyinski, who grew up in Plymouth. "I came up here 2-3 times a week as a kid."

Both men know the value of a public library, particularly in tough economic times when libraries are counted on as people look for ways to expand their skills, seek help hunting for jobs and search for cheaper ways to entertain themselves.

Both the Canton Public Library, with its \$5.5 million budget, and the Plymouth District Library, which operates on a budget of some



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Friends Michael Siegrist, a Democrat from Canton, and Republican Eric Bacyinski of Plymouth Township don't let political differences get in the way of their friendship.

\$4-plus million, have seen increases in such activities.

Having young men who understand those principles on their boards is a benefit to the libraries, staffers say.

"(Bacyinski) makes himself aware of the issues, he was a library user before he got on the board," said Pat Thomas, director of the Plymouth District Library. "When he ran, I thought he would bring a youthful perspective. He may be young, but what he brings to the table is a mature perspective."

Both admit to a certain naivete about the boards to which they've been elected. There have been things that have caught them by surprise, none more so than the amount of public involvement in the libraries.

"The involvement of the patrons of the library, and their commitment to the library, surprised me,"

Siegrist said. "We get a lot of people blogging on the library's Web site."

Bacyinski once interned for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, a political beginning Siegrist said "inspired" him to seek - and receive - an internship with U.S. Rep. John Dingell.

"It's something I had yet to consider, but he put the first foot forward and that inspired me to do the same," Siegrist said. "We were young guys interested in things others weren't at that age."

Now politics is something both men are watching closely. Bacyinski is a candidate for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, while Siegrist - without naming a possible seat he'd seek - said higher office is something he'd consider.

"I didn't run for library board as a way to launch a political career," Siegrist said. "On the other hand, I do plan

on being involved in the community at the leadership level. I thought library board would be a good place to start."

The friends know that, given their respective political affiliations, a Bacyinski-Siegrist race could erupt for a future political seat.

But the prospect doesn't bother them.

"I think somewhere down the line, given our interests, running for the same office could happen," said Bacyinski. "I think we know each other well enough and respect each other enough that it wouldn't get in the way of the friendship."

"If I do decide to move beyond the library board, and we were going for the same office," said Siegrist, "I couldn't think of a better guy to do battle with."

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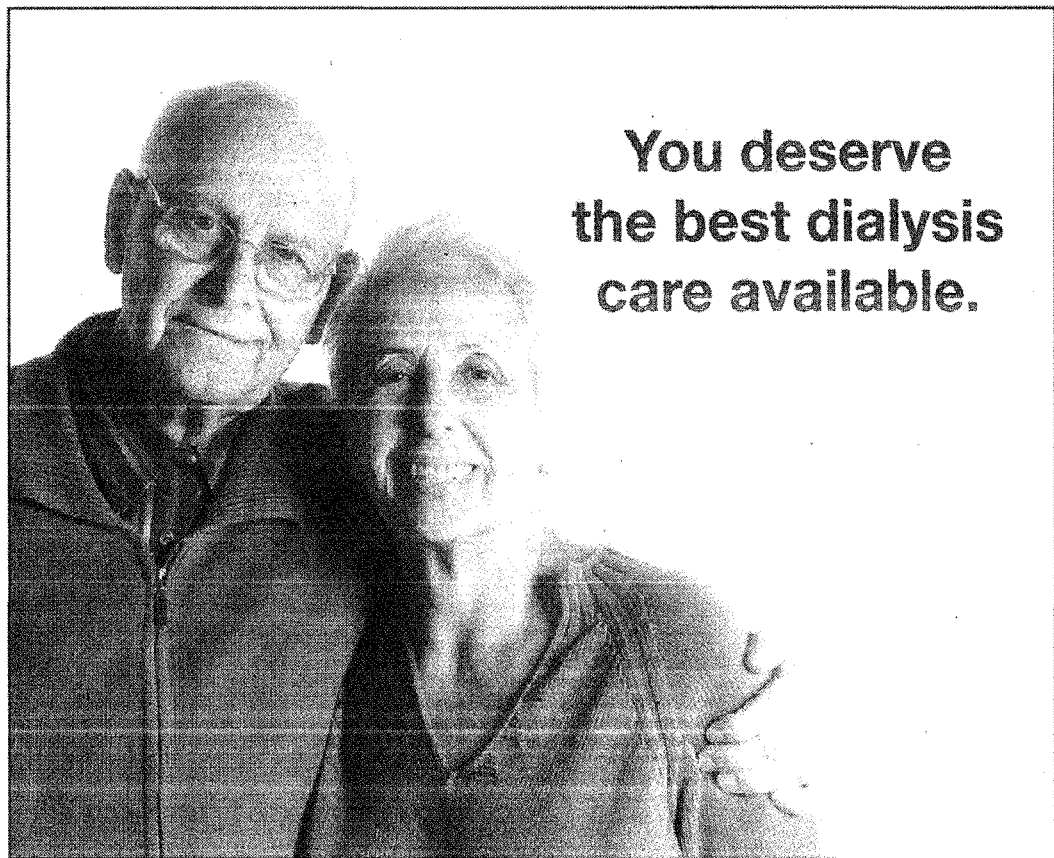
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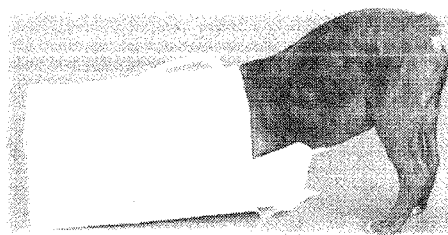


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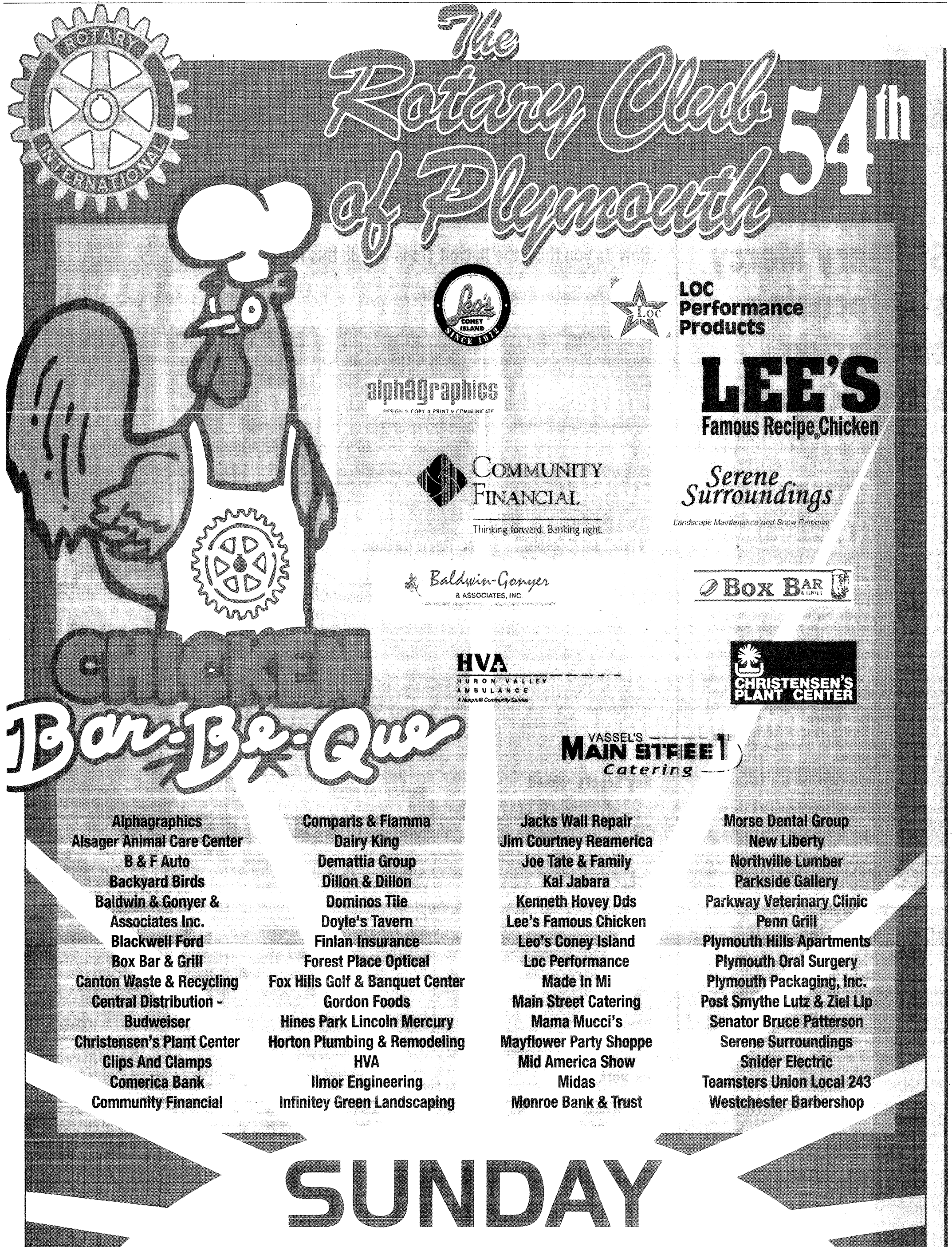
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## OUR VIEWS

### St. Mary Mercy still focusing on mission after 50 years

One of northwest Wayne County's major institutions — St. Mary Mercy Hospital — is celebrating its 50th anniversary with events planned for this month and next.

We congratulate St. Mary Mercy on the service it has provided all these years to Livonia and neighboring communities, including Plymouth, Northville, Farmington Hills, Redford, Westland and Garden City, from where 75 percent of its patients come.

St. Mary Hospital was built in 1959 on Five Mile Road between Newburgh and Levan when the area was mostly farmland. It opened with 170 beds, 99 physicians and 300 employees.

From those humble beginnings, the hospital has nearly doubled in size to 304 beds. Renamed St. Mary Mercy Hospital in 2000, today it operates a cancer center, heart and vascular center and inpatient rehabilitation center. Its services include surgery, emergency angioplasty, oncology/radiation, birthing, women's health, behavioral medicine, 24-hour emergency care and community health education.

It employs 1,700 full- and part-time people, including 413 Livonia residents, making it one of the city's largest employers.

It has been honored for clinical quality and patient safety throughout the last decade and was named one of the top 100 large community hospitals by Thomson Healthcare for the past three years.

As part of a larger system now — Saint Joseph Mercy Health — St. Mary Mercy is stronger, poised for the challenges of the years to come and able to make an even bigger difference in health care, not only for the immediate area, but beyond.

St. Mary Mercy is able to tap into national programs with its affiliation with Trinity Health, the third-largest Catholic Health System in the United States.

In July 2010, through an affiliation with the University of Toledo College of Medicine, it will begin graduate medical education residency programs in internal medicine and family medicine.

Despite its growth, St. Mary Mercy has held fast to its Catholic mission to "be the hands and feet of Jesus," as former president Sister Mary Modesta Piwowar put it, by reaching out to the community, maintaining high standards and providing quality care with the goal of restoring good health.

In addition to providing health care, the hospital has contributed to the communities it serves, sponsoring events and, when possible, buying supplies from local businesses.

Three events are planned — a 5K Run/Walk for Cancer and Community Open House on Sept. 13 and a black-tie gala on Oct. 9.

We encourage residents to attend the events and offer St. Mary Mercy their own congratulations for the difference it has made in their lives and in their communities.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

• In response to the story, "Food bank flourishes while fixing faults":  
patforcanton wrote:

"Clemstornado - I have been watching your posts with interest for years. All the Canton Trustees are supportive of this group and continue to monitor the progress to ensure they can continue to do their good work in a safe manner aiding area families in need.

Please shoot me an e-mail at [patforcanton@yahoo.com](mailto:patforcanton@yahoo.com) - if you want or need clarification on the true chronological events. The press did bring the issues to the surface - which is why we need them to continue doing their job. Pat Williams Canton Township Trustee.

## CANTON OBSERVER



Brad Kadrach  
Community  
Editor

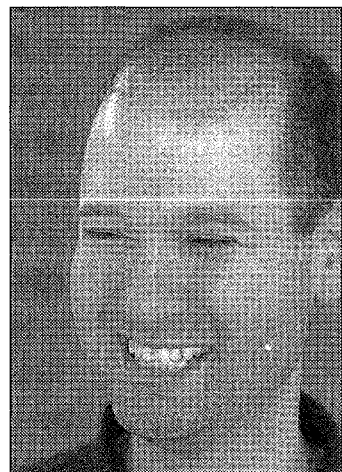
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## COMMUNITY VOICE

### How do you think the Detroit Lions will do this football season?

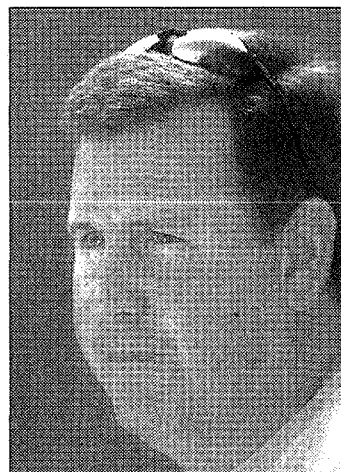
We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



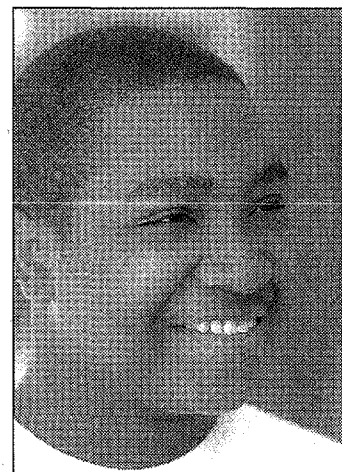
"4 (wins) and 12 (losses)."  
Brad Sietz  
Canton



"Bad. They're the Lions. They always do bad."  
Parker Adams  
Canton



"They'll be lucky to win three games."  
Bruce Fette  
Canton



"Terrible. They need a better defense."  
Donald Lamar  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Boy Scouts robbed

It is a shame that once again a group acting as a positive role model is set up as a target.

Boy Scout Troop 735 of Canton (sponsored by UAW Local 735) was robbed last week. The thieves got away with much cooking equipment, a wagon and a trampoline all totaling more than \$2,000. Most of the items taken were labeled as property of Troop 735, so be on the lookout for any signs that may help.

We can only hope that the ones responsible are stopped so that other troops and organizations that are trying to better the community do not have to go through a similar ordeal.

If you have any information regarding this, please contact the Canton Police Department:

Patricia A. Rosiek  
Troop 735 Committee chairman

### No work done

At the onset of the this summer's Lilley Road construction project, the westbound Ford Road left-turn lane was barricaded so you couldn't turn on to southbound Lilley Road from westbound Ford, the eastbound Ford Road right-turn lane was barricaded so you couldn't turn on to southbound Lilley Road from eastbound Ford, and southbound Lilley Road at Ford Road was barricaded so you couldn't travel on southbound Lilley Road.

The Ford Road and Lilley Road intersection was barricaded for several weeks as the Lilley Road construction began. Lilley was essentially blocked off from Ford Road to Palmer Road for the construction on Lilley. After several weeks, the barricades at the intersection of Ford and Lilley roads were removed, but there was no work done on Lilley to improve the surface at the Ford Road intersection!

I normally drive on Lilley at the Ford intersection almost every day to get to and from work. Now that Lilley has been resurfaced from Palmer to Cherry Hill, it is real smooth and a pleasure to drive. On the other hand, on Lilley between Cherry Hill and Ford, especially at Ford, the drive is still bumpy and not such a pleasure to drive.

My question is why wasn't Lilley Road, at the intersection of Ford Road, resurfaced when they had the intersection blocked off several weeks for the construction to be done? Isn't this what we pay our taxes for?

Roger Skulsky  
Canton

### New beginning

In response to the article dated Aug. 30, 2009, titled "Canton Township board OKs ethics policy critics call 'toothless':

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Web: [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) E-mail: [bkadrach@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrach@hometownlife.com). Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com). Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

est in Canton Township are now on the "independent panel to investigate ethics complaints". In the event anyone would like to communicate with any or all of us directly we can be reached by e-mail at the following addresses.

John Anthony ([janthony@canton-mi.org](mailto:janthony@canton-mi.org))  
Syed Taj ([staj@canton-mi.org](mailto:staj@canton-mi.org))  
Pat Williams ([pwilliams@canton-mi.org](mailto:pwilliams@canton-mi.org))

Canton Township trustees

### Salvation Army thanks

We write this letter to say thanks to the *Plymouth* and *Canton Observers* for their tremendous support of The Salvation Army in its service to the community. Over the past several months, the *Observer* papers have shared word of comings and goings and upcoming events — for this we are grateful.

As the economy has taken its toll, the *Observer* has reported on downsizing within its very own ranks. Despite this, the *Observer* continues to be a strong local voice in our community.

We are blessed to be part of a community that has such a strong local paper and dedicated staff. I trust that we never take it for granted.

To the staff at the *Plymouth* and *Canton Observers* — thank you for your dedication to continued reporting of local news and promoting positive service to our community. We are better for having you in our community.

Cpts. Dan and Jolene Hull  
pastors and commanding officers  
Laurie Aren  
director, Family and Community Ministries  
Teresa Moriarty  
Volunteers coordinator

### Tea'd off

I am very disappointed with the *Plymouth Observer* publication. As a matter of fact, I am (tea'd) off. There have been three tea parties in our area (Plymouth, Northville and Canton) and not one word was printed in the *Plymouth Observer* concerning these meetings.

Your paper is not an honest, unbiased publication. You are picking and choosing what information we can read. There seems to be no place left for the conservative point of view.

I am canceling my subscription to the *Observer* and this is one good reason you are losing subscribers. I am sure I won't see this letter in your newspaper.

This is a sad thing to say in a free country.

B.A. McGurk  
Plymouth



### Meet the teen author

NORTHVILLE — Teen author Taylor, a junior at Salem High School in Canton, will be signing copies of her second novel Allison Investigates at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at Barnes & Noble booksellers, 17111 Haggerty, Northville.

Her new book follows Allison and her three closest friends as they journey to solve the mystery of a neighbor's stolen car. Taylor visited police stations and car dealerships to research her new novel. The book is billed as a fast-paced adventure that takes Allison and her friends from their teens to young adulthood in the most memorable summer of their lives.

This novel follows Taylor's debut, The Crossing, which has sold several thousand copies and tells the story of a 12-year-old Mexican girl's struggles to escape poverty and cross the border into the United States. The Crossing, has been well received by schools across the country. She has given several presentations to both children and adults on the importance of literacy and the process of writing and publishing a book, everywhere from the Plymouth Rotary to schools in Plano, Texas, and Orlando, Fla.

Taylor is the daughter of Larry and Monica Joseph of Canton.

### Write on

PLYMOUTH — If you're looking for a place to read your new written work or simply seek the company and support of other writers, head to the Plymouth Coffee Bean the third Thursday of the month.

A Gathering of Writers will meet at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, at the coffeehouse, 884 Penniman, under the direction of Ann Horvath and Lisa Rye. The group offers monthly features, special guests and an open mic.

E-mail questions to Horvath at poet-anne40@aol.com

### More writers

NORTHVILLE — The Deadwood Writer's group will offer a fun and informative workshop at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty, Northville. Writers from all walks of life are welcome. For questions call (248) 348-0696

### Best foot forward

LIVONIA — Two stores, Parisian and Von Maur, at Laurel Park Place in Livonia offer shoe events this month.

Sole Sister's Shoe Breakfast & Shopping Morning runs 8-10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 19 at Parisian. See the latest trends in footwear for this fall's fashions and enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast, private shopping and more. Reservations required. Call the store at (734) 953-7500.

Shoppers can view the new collection of fall merchandise in the women's shoes and handbag department, Sept. 19-26 at Von Maur. Spend at least \$150 and receive a free reusable shopping tote while supplies last.

September 19 - September 26 - Please visit our Women's Shoes and Handbag Departments to see our new collection of fall merchandise. Receive a free reusable shopping tote with a purchase of \$150.00 or more, while supplies last. (734) 432-6949

Laurel Park Place is located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia.

### Kitchen workshops

CANTON — Learn to plan and install your own kitchen in two separate workshops this month at Ikea, located on Ford Road, west of I-275 in Canton. (734) 981-6300

Learn about kitchen installation, 11 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 19. Plan your dream kitchen 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 23.

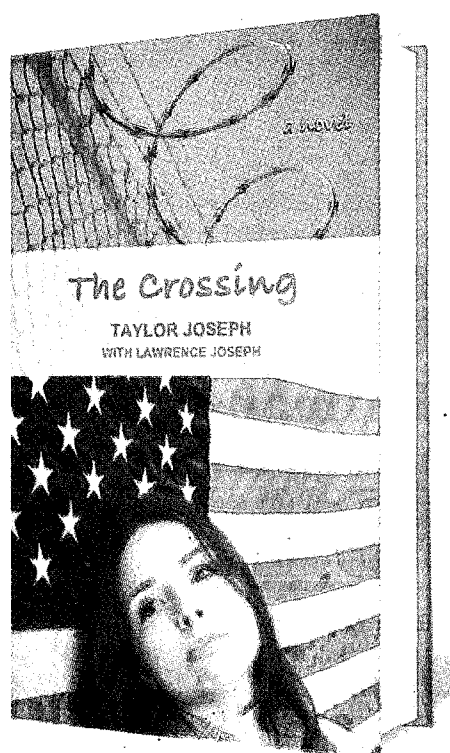
Sign up by e-mailing to k026@memo.IKEA.com

### Car show

FARMINGTON — The Cruis'n the Grand Car Show continues at 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 21, at Village Commons, on Grand River Avenue, east of Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington. The



Teen author Taylor Joseph will be signing copies of her new book at Barnes & Noble in Northville Township



monthly Saturday "Cruise-In" runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Village Commons.

For more information call Harvey Ettinger at (248-) 76-7487.

### Save at Westland Center shops

WESTLAND — Through Sept. 20, receive \$10 every time you spend \$50 or more at Aeropostale by using the Aero Insider card, available at the store. At Lenscrafters, The Big Family Sale offers free lenses to anyone 17 or younger with a frame purchase, and \$100 off eyeglasses and Rx Sun for everyone else.

Bring used, working electronics to Radio Shack and trade them in for their value on a RadioShack Gift Card. Eligible products include MP3 players, mobile phones, GPS receivers, games and gaming systems, digital cameras and camcorders.

Through Sept. 30, Wow Smile Express is offering 10 percent off teeth whitening. Brilliant Diamonds is paying cash for gold and diamonds during its Splash of Cash promotion going on now. Westland Center is located at 35000 Warren Road. Call (734) 421-9980 or visit www.westlandcenter.com.

### Parisian's Goodwill Sale

LIVONIA — Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia is will host its semi-annual Goodwill Sale Sept. 16-29. Conducted by The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. and Goodwill Industries, the event invites customers to donate clean, gently used clothing and home textiles. In exchange for every item, customers receive one coupon for 20 percent off apparel, cosmetics, fragrances and home merchandise.

The Goodwill Sale generates millions of pounds of clothing donations, sold in more than 2,300 Goodwill stores. Revenue funds job training, employment placement and other community programs for people who need it most in local communities. Participating metro Detroit Parisian stores also are located at Village of Rochester Hills and The Mall at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township. Visit [www.millionactsofgoodwill.com](http://www.millionactsofgoodwill.com) for information, coupons and enter-to-wins.

### Get creative

PLYMOUTH — Now's the time to reserve your place in the 2009 Scarecrows in the Park. Groups, businesses and families decorate a scarecrow, Sept. 25-27 in Kellogg Park for a \$35 fee. The art will be on display from Sept. 28-Nov. 2. The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is taking reservations at (734) 453-1540.

### Plymouth hosts Ladies Night Out

PLYMOUTH — Grab the girls and head to downtown Plymouth for Ladies Night Out, 5-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Dozens of shops, salons, restaurants and cafes will offer prizes, pampering, samples, sales, refreshments and other special treats, including a rose for every lady while supplies last. The event is organized by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. Participating shops include Basket Kreations, Creatopia, Dearborn Jewelers, Home Sweet Home, Michigan Made and More, Sunny J's, TranquiliTea and many, many more. Visit [www.plymouthchamber.org](http://www.plymouthchamber.org) for a complete list of participants, or call (734) 453-1540.

### American Sewing Expo is sew cool

NOVI — Haberman Fabrics of Royal Oak is among sponsors of the American Sewing Expo, Sept. 25-27 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The event features workshops, demonstrations, fashion shows, contests, live competitions, make-and-take projects and plenty of shopping for the sewer. Whether you make quilts or couture, you'll find supplies and inspiration.

Among highlights are The Reconstruction Zone hosted by the ThreadBanger Duo and classes by Connie Crawford, author of fashion sewing textbooks and founder of Fashion Patterns by Coni. Don't leave without sewing a bear for the Kuddles for Kids program. Kits cost \$12, and bears go to local police officers to distribute to children in crisis. Visit [www.americansewingexpo.com](http://www.americansewingexpo.com).

### Neiman Marcus fashion tonight

TROY — Neiman Marcus will celebrate style tonight during Fashion's Night Out, 6-8:30 p.m. The event features food tasting and signature cocktail sampling sponsored by Town Tavern, Mon Jin Lau, Goodnite Cracie, Dale and Thomas Popcorn and Cupcake Station. Purchase an exclusive Fashion's Night Out T-shirt and 40 percent of proceeds will benefit the National September 11 Memorial and Museum. Movie-extra talent search sponsored by Real Style. Call (248) 816-3413 or visit the store at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

### Celebrity Fashion Show

REDFORD - The Redford Suburban League presents the 36th annual Celebrity Fashion Show Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The annual show will feature fashions by "The New" Dress Barn in Farmington and Men's Wearhouse in Novi. They will be modeled by celebrities, and commentators will be Doris Biscoe and Rich Fisher. Tickets for the show are \$45 per person. A boutique, featuring quality crafter and vendors opens at 9 a.m. followed by a noon luncheon, fashion show, entertainment and raffle.

Proceeds will benefit Burger School for Students With Autism in Garden City. The school serves students from western Wayne County. For tickets call (734) 981-6003

— Correspondent Wensdy Von Buskirk contributed to this listing ([wensdy@hotmail.com](mailto:wensdy@hotmail.com)).



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## An Invitation to Junior High-Ministry Orientation

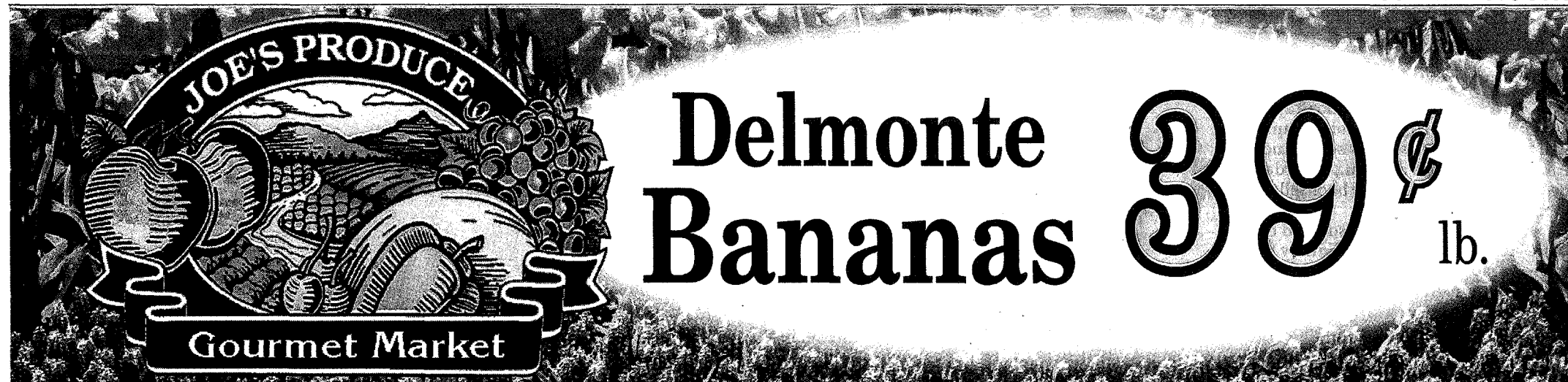
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Northville offers community parents of junior high children an opportunity to provide Christian religious instruction and service opportunities for their children. Saint Paul's provides this faith forming and nurturing ministry called Junior High Confirmation. This ministry is a partnership ministry with parents of Junior High children. It is a two-year process of classroom, worship, Sunday school, retreats and fellowship activities.

Parents and their Junior High 7th and 8th grade children are invited to an orientation and registration for Junior High Confirmation on Wednesday evening, September 16th at 6:00 pm at the Saint Paul's Church Parish Hall.

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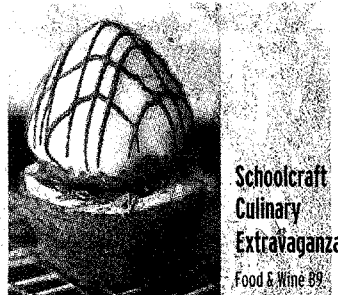
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# HOMETOWN LIFE



## Donnelly-Runnion race helps keep breast cancer victim's memory alive

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A dozen years haven't softened the loss still felt by family and friends of Trish Donnelly-Runnion. On the other hand, the resolve to keep doing something in her memory takes deeper root.

The popular, energetic Canton woman died in January 1997 from breast cancer at the terribly young age of 28.

But loved ones don't want to forget her and also want to help others now or in the future ward off the tragic disease.

On Sunday morning, the 13th annual Trish Donnelly-Runnion Memorial Road Race will take place in conjunction with the Plymouth Fall Festival.

"It's important to our family, it's important to my parents (Mike and Carol), it was hard for them to lose somebody at her age," said Trish's older brother, Pat Donnelly of Canton. "For myself and my sisters that are still alive, it's kind of unbelievable to us that someone her age could pass away from breast cancer."

"She was a runner, she was healthy. And given her age ...."

### BLINDSIDED

Pat Donnelly, a 1981 Salem grad, choked back his emotions but realizes even now that talking about the painful past is important because of how it might help people in the future.

Besides helping raise money for breast cancer awareness



The smile on her face in this photograph says it all: Trish Donnelly-Runnion loved running.

programs at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, proceeds will go toward providing \$1,500 scholarships to a pair of Salem cross country athletes.

"The scholarship portion, giving the money to kids at the high school," he noted, "that's always a pretty neat thing to do, too."

The deadly disease seemingly came out of nowhere to blindside the goal-oriented young woman and dim what looked to be a very bright future.

While at Salem during the

'80s, Trish Donnelly was an accomplished varsity runner herself both in cross country and track.

Trish earned a scholarship to run at a community college before going on to pursue a degree in education. She eventually taught in Caro and Brighton — as well as student teaching at West Middle School in Plymouth.

However, in November 1993, the then-25-year-old found out there was a lump. That news

Please see **TRISH, B2**

### ABOUT THE RACE

**What:** 2009 Trish Donnelly-Runnion Memorial Road Race.

**When:** Sunday, Sept. 13.

**Where:** A 3.1-mile run begins at 8:15 a.m. in Plymouth, from Farmer Street at Theodore with the finish area on Central Middle School's track. There also will be a 1-mile fun run and 1-mile walk.

**Why:** To help raise money for awareness programs at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital to fight breast cancer, the disease that claimed the life of Salem High School alum Trish Donnelly-Runnion in 1997.

**Also:** Money also will be earmarked for two scholarships, to be presented to Salem cross country runners. Trish also was a runner.

**Registration:** Between 7-8 a.m. Sunday at Plymouth Cultural Center.

For more information, call (734) 495-9512, (248) 474-3511 or go to [www](http://www).

## Late goal salvages tie for Wildcats

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two KLAA-South rivals met Tuesday night for each team's division opener, and each side left the field with a tie and a disappointed coach.

Plymouth and host Livonia Churchill battled to a 1-1 draw, thanks to a late goal by Wildcats' junior midfielder Joe Klonowski. But both Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich and his Churchill counterpart, Reid Friedrichs, were upset afterwards — for entirely different reasons.

Neschich wasn't happy with a foul called against his team with 31:30 to go that led to a Churchill penalty kick, a chance made good on by Chargers' senior defender

Adam Bedell.

"It was a terrible call, he (official) just gave it to him," said Neschich, whose team is 2-3-1 overall and 0-0-1 in the South. "They hand-balled it first down to our guy (inside the box) and it hit his hand and they called it against us."

Meanwhile, Friedrichs did not sugarcoat his assessment of how his team competed as a unit over the 80-minute tilt.

"It looked like they were passing the ball around with their friends," Friedrichs said. "They looked disorganized, they didn't look like they were a team out there."

"We had a lot of hard-working people but it was one person here, one person there. There was no

movement outside the ball."

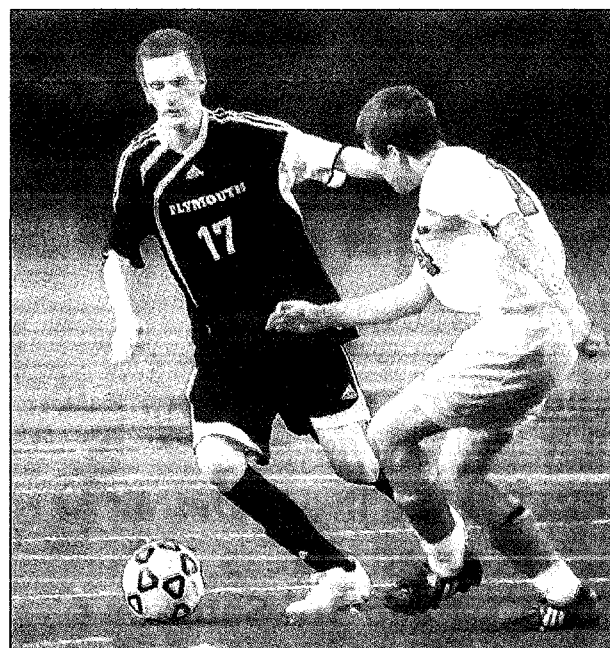
The penalty kick call came following a scrum in front of Plymouth junior goalkeeper Kyle Brindza, triggered by one of Bedell's patented long throw-ins from the sidelines.

Bedell scored on a low, hard shot inside the left post.

The Wildcats didn't fold their tent after the unfortunate turn of events and evened the score with about 15 minutes remaining.

Senior defender Dan Jasewicz fed a pass through the middle that Klonowski collected and then followed up with a tailing shot into the top left corner behind Churchill junior goalkeeper Christian Adams.

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Going after a 50-50 ball during Tuesday night varsity boys soccer action are Plymouth's Joe Klonowski (No. 17) and Livonia Churchill's Jacob Kobylarz.

## SIDELINES

### Alumni soccer at PCEP

The Salem and Canton annual Men's Soccer Alumni Game is slated for 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. The contest will follow the annual Salem-Canton varsity boys soccer contest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and will be played at the varsity soccer stadium.

All alumni players from any year are invited to attend.

Salem players can contact coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846 and Canton players can contact coach George Tomasso at (734) 812-2290.

### Motor City Giants

Tryouts for the Motor City Giants 9U competitive travel baseball team will take place beginning 2-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday on the baseball fields located behind UAW Local 735, at 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton (just west of Beck Road).

Further tryouts will be 2-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20.

The Giants participate in the KVBSA league and several tournaments with the basic objective to allow players the opportunity to improve skills, gain confidence and have fun.

For more information, call coach Eric Justice at (734) 846-5418 or e-mail him at [madyreag@wowway.com](mailto:madyreag@wowway.com).

### Call in those scores

Each result on the high school varsity level is critical for every team in its season-long drive toward achieving its goals. Thus, the *Observer Newspapers* is your primary source to read about these lofty achievements and the sports staff is here to provide the most thorough information dealing with those events.

In order for this to happen, coaches and statisticians are asked to call Plymouth/Canton Sports Editor Tim Smith at (313) 222-2637 or e-mail him at [tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com) with scores, individual highlights and comments regarding the latest activity — win or lose, home or away. Results will be compiled and appear in the upcoming edition of the *Plymouth/Canton Observer*.

### O&E men's golf

The *Observer & Eccentric Men's Open* golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20, at Livonia's Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

Entry fee for the 36-hole medal play event is \$95 (cart not included). Maximum handicap is 20 and you must have a current U.S. Golf Association index to participate.

Entries, open to the first 120 who sign up, close at noon Thursday, Sept. 17. (Entry forms should be sent with a check or money order payable to T.J.W., Inc.)

Pairings and starting times will be available after noon Friday, Sept. 18, by calling (248) 476-4493.

Celebrating after scoring Saturday for the Plymouth Whalers is forward Myles McCauley (No. 13), who put the puck past Windsor defenseman Mitch Dunning (No. 51) and goalie Michael Nishi.



RENA LAVERTY

## Windsor holds off pesky Whalers

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Compuware Arena fans, at least those who showed up to watch Saturday afternoon's preseason game instead of college football, were treated to a spirited, back-and-forth tilt between the Plymouth Whalers and Windsor.

But the reigning Ontario Hockey League champion Spitfires earned a 5-3 victory with defenseman Cam Fowler and center Richard Panik each scoring twice and assisting on another.

Goals early and late in periods took the steam out of the Whalers, however.

"I thought we played all right," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci. "We were bad the first two periods and played really well in the third. We weren't gritty enough and they scored some questionable goals."

For the Whalers, linemates Austin Mattson and Myles McCauley combined for two of the goals (1 goal, 1 assist each) and defenseman Leo Jenner collected two assists.

"Both of those guys had good games and they had a lot of chances," Vellucci said. "They could have had a couple more."

As usual, the Compuware crowd watched

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Sunday marks the 13th annual race to honor the memory of Trish Donnelly-Runnion, a varsity cross country and track and field athlete at Salem High School during the 1980s.

## TRISH

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didn't stop her from marrying Larry Runnion in December 1994 or continuing doing the things she always loved to do. "She knew about the lump in her breast," wrote Pat Donnelly in a recent letter to businesses about Sunday's event. "But (she) thought nothing of it because she was young and in great physical shape." When her cancer worsened, Trish bravely went on with "business as usual" for as long as she could. She kept teaching. "Trish was a dedicated teacher to all of her students and taught them never to give up hope," her brother said.

**SOMETHING SPECIAL** After the disease finally claimed her, the Donnelly family didn't need much prodding to establish a nonprofit foundation and hold an annual race "to do something special in her memory." One of the catalysts was Trish's Salem coach, Tom Williams. "He was the originator of the race," Pat Donnelly said. "It was his idea." Since its inception, that

race has generated more than \$40,000 to programs at St. Joseph and about \$30,000 in scholarships to Salem student-athletes. Sunday's program again will be highlighted by the 5K (3.1-mile) run, although there will also be a one-mile run/walk. According to Pat Donnelly, the family hopes the turnout improves from recent years when about 200 runners participated. Reasons for fewer numbers include changing the date and place of the race several times in recent years and dealing with high-profile events such as the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. "It's probably the passage of time," Pat said. "But there's more of those type of events now, that drag people away." "We really began as mostly friends of my sister's (from Salem). And as people move away things change. So I think that's part of it." Donnelly is optimistic that attendance will improve now that the event is aligned with the Plymouth Fall Festival. "I'm confident, people in the city of Plymouth have been great to work with," he added. "We're looking forward to having another race."

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## PREP GRID PICKS

**Week 3**  
**Friday, Sept. 11**  
 Farmington Harrison (2-0, 1-0) at Southfield, (2-0, 2-0), 5:30 p.m.  
 Livonia Churchill (1-1, 0-0) at Westland John Glenn (2-0, 0-0), 7 p.m.  
 Wayne (2-0, 0-0) at Livonia Franklin (1-1, 0-0), 7 p.m.  
 Livonia Stevenson (0-2, 0-0) at Plymouth Salem (0-2, 0-0), 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth Canton (2-0, 0-0) at Plymouth (2-0, 0-0), 7 p.m.  
 Redford Union (0-2, 0-0) at Garden City (0-2, 0-0), 7 p.m.  
 Redford Thurston (1-1, 0-0) at Dearborn Heights Crestwood (1-1, 0-0), 7 p.m.  
 Auburn Hills Avondale (2-0, 1-0) at North Farmington (1-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.  
 Rochester Adams (1-1, 1-0) at Farmington (1-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.  
 Harper Woods (2-0, 1-0) at Livonia Clarenceville (0-2, 0-1), 7 p.m.  
 Lutheran Westland (0-2, 0-1) at Sterling Hts. Parkway Christian (1-1, 0-0), 7 p.m.  
**Last week**  
**Overall**

Brad Emons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
Southfield	Southfield	Southfield	Harrison
Glenn	Glenn	Churchill	Glenn
Franklin	Franklin	Wayne	Franklin
Stevenson	Stevenson	Salem	Stevenson
Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Union	Union	Union	Union
Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Avondale	Avondale	North Farmington	Avondale
Adams	Adams	Adams	Adams
Harper Woods	Harper Woods	Harper Woods	Clarenceville
Parkway	Parkway	Parkway	Parkway
<b>9-7 (.563)</b>	<b>11-5 (.688)</b>	<b>10-6 (.625)</b>	<b>11-5 (.688)</b>
<b>19-11 (.633)</b>	<b>20-10 (.667)</b>	<b>18-12 (.600)</b>	<b>22-8 (.733)</b>

# Chiefs mercy Zebras in KLAA opener

Canton blitzed visiting Wayne Memorial Tuesday, scoring eight first-half goals to mercy the Zebras 8-0 in the KLAA South Division opener for both teams. The Chiefs (4-1-2, 1-0) were paced by sophomore forwards Shean Krolicki and Mitch Posuniak and freshman midfielder Daniel Ovesea, who each scored two goals. Dividing the shutout were Kai

**BOYS SOCCER**  
 Walther and Brandon Laabs. Wayne Memorial dropped to 0-4 and 0-1 so far this season. **Eagles earn tie** After playing a scoreless first half Tuesday, Lutheran High Westland (1-1-1, 0-1-1) and host Plymouth Christian Academy (2-1-1, 1-1-1) each

managed a goal during the second half in this Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division overtime matchup. Lutheran Westland senior Gage Flanery opened the scoring at the 40:30 mark of the second half after taking a nifty pass from junior Kent Krzyske. Twenty minutes later, PCA tied the game up on a goal

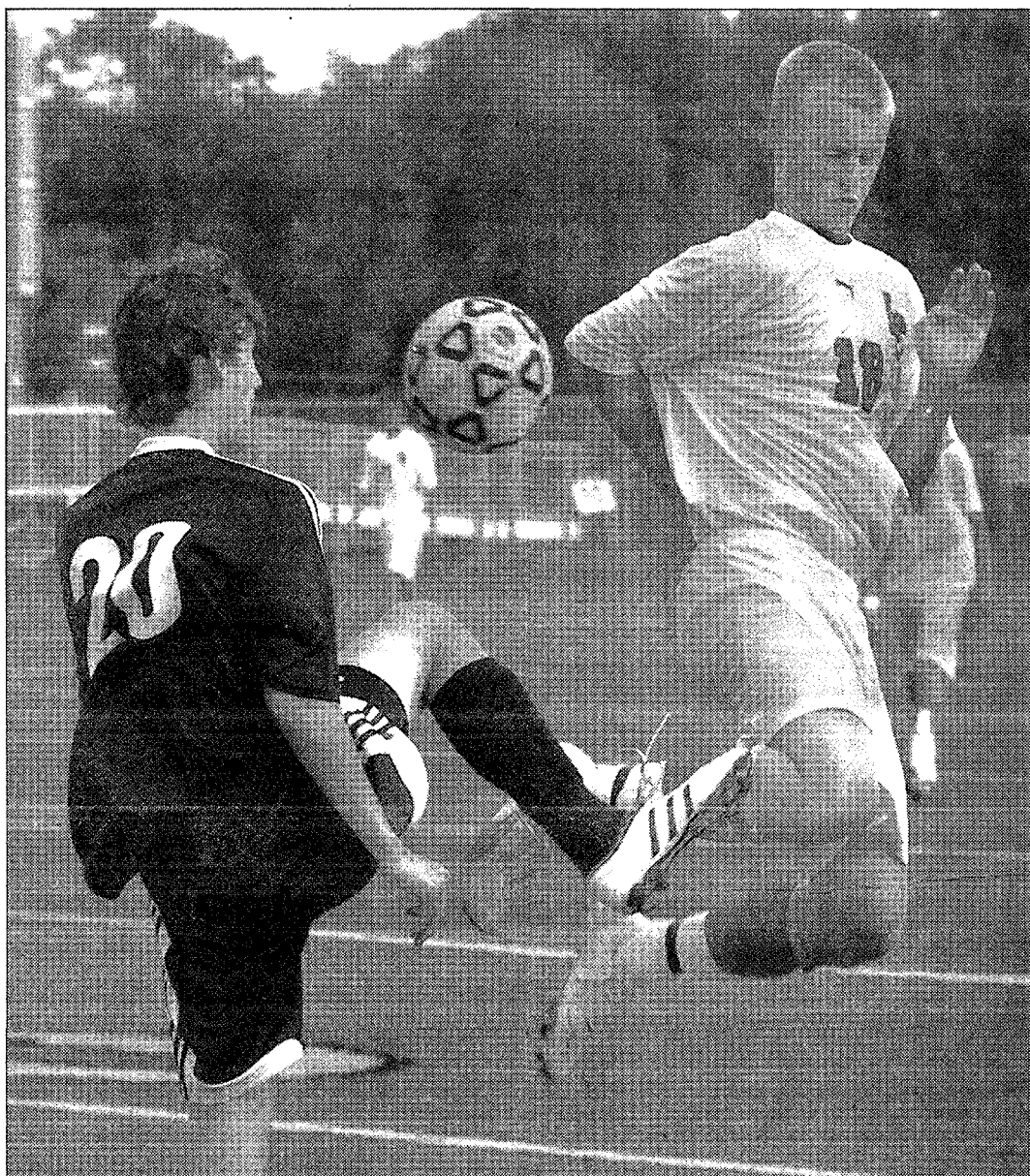
by freshman Dan Ross off an assist from senior Blair Robinson. Starting the play with a long throw-in was junior Travis DeKruyter. Nick Andrzejewski and Jake Fairbairn split duties between the pipes for Lutheran Westland. There was no scoring in a pair of 10-minute extra OT sessions.

## WILDCATS

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"It was a perfect shot," Neschich said. "It was a perfect upper corner shot." From where Friedrichs was standing, it wasn't so perfect. But he didn't blame Adams, who had just made a diving stop on a rebound to keep his team in front.

**TROUBLE FINISHING** The Chargers, now 5-0-1 overall, could have had a bigger lead by that point had they finished around Brindza when chances were available, Friedrichs said. "We had two breakaways one way (in the first half) and two breakaways the other way (second half)," the coach added. Churchill's trouble around



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Action intensifies as Plymouth's Michael Ambrose (No. 20) and Livonia Churchill's Tyler Varney go head-to-head Tuesday night.

the goal had a lot to do with Brindza. The goalie jumped high to catch shots, scrambled out to cut off rushes and was properly positioned to block in-close tries like a blast from senior forward Max Washko with about five minutes left. "Just with how athletic he is back there he's just a solid goalie," Neschich said. "He had a strong effort tonight." Neschich also liked the way

the defense of junior Steve Jahn, senior Sam Maccani and sophomore Mike Ambrose supported Brindza. "Our D played strong tonight," he said. "... And (senior) Vinh Nguyen played a great center-mid for us, controlling it. "And of course Joey (Klonowski) with the goal and (junior) Nick Russ played strong up top for us as well as (junior) Ian Griffiths."

Neschich said the way his team performed Tuesday reinforces his original assessment that the Wildcats will be a tough bunch in the KLAA-South. "I knew we were going to be right up there," he said. "We've had a few losses this year but we've played really good. We need some of the breaks going our way."

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## McGinnis leads MU spikers to tourney sweep

Mary McGinnis earned MVP honors with a total of 70 total kills in four matches as the Madonna University women's volleyball team completed a four-match sweep Saturday in the Embry-Riddle (Fla.) University Labor Day Classic at the ICI Homes Center in Daytona Beach. McGinnis, named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week, finished with 21 kills as MU, ranked No. 12 in the NAIA National poll, scored a 25-22, 16-25, 25-18, 25-18 win over the host Eagles. Junior outside hitter Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) added 10 kills and 11 digs, while sophomore outside hitter Katie Czarnecki also recorded 10 kills as MU improved to 8-0 overall. Both Katie Altman (six kills, seven block assists) and setter Inta Grinvalds (49 assist-to-kills) joined McGinnis on the All-Tournament team. Jordan Holcomb and Abby Hall led Embry-Riddle (7-1) with 17 and 16 kills, respectively. Earlier in the day, Dempsey

**COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
 contributed 11 kills and McGinnis added 10 in a 25-12, 15-15, 25-17 victory over winless Lindsey Wilson College (Ky.), which slipped to 0-6 overall. Grinvalds contributed 33 assists and 10 digs, while redshirt sophomore libero Amanda Koszela added 15 digs. After stopping Northwestern Ohio in five games in Friday's tourney opener, the Crusaders dumped winless Faulkner (Ala.) in three straight, 25-16, 25-13, 25-6, as Altman and McGinnis led the way with 12 and 11 kills, respectively. Koszela finished with 15 digs, while Grinvalds handed out 33 assists. After two weekends on the road, the Crusaders return home this weekend to host the annual Julie Martin Memorial Classic at the MU Activities Center. MU opens play at 3 p.m. Friday against Spring Arbor College.

**Lady Ocelots stand 7-3**  
 Schoolcraft College faced some of the toughest NJCAA Division II teams in the nation over the weekend, while participating in the Owens (Ohio) Community College Tournament. On Friday, Schoolcraft opened play with a 25-17, 25-17, 25-8 victory Lakeland (Ohio). But in the second match of the day, Schoolcraft fell to Vincennes (Ind.) University by scores of 25-19, 19-25, 16-25 and 15-25. On Saturday, Schoolcraft managed to defeat Kalamazoo Valley CC in five games, while falling to both Owens and Kishwaukee (Ill.) College in four games each. "Overall, I felt we played pretty well," said Schoolcraft coach Rich Lamb, whose team is 7-3 overall. "Owens is ranked No. 17 in the nation, KVCC is No. 19 and Kishwaukee is No. 11. To be playing with those established programs shows that our team is making progress."

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WHALERS

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uber-talented center Tyler Seguin play keepaway with stickhandling, skating and the ability to make seeing-eye passes onto the tape of teammates.

Seguin, however, was held off the scoresheet largely because of some big stops by Windsor goaltender Michael Nishi.

"He's an exceptional player," said Vellucci about Seguin, a highly touted prospect and one of several who will attend high school at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park this season. "All those special players make the puck follow them and he sees the ice very well, he made some great passes where he wasn't even looking at the guy."

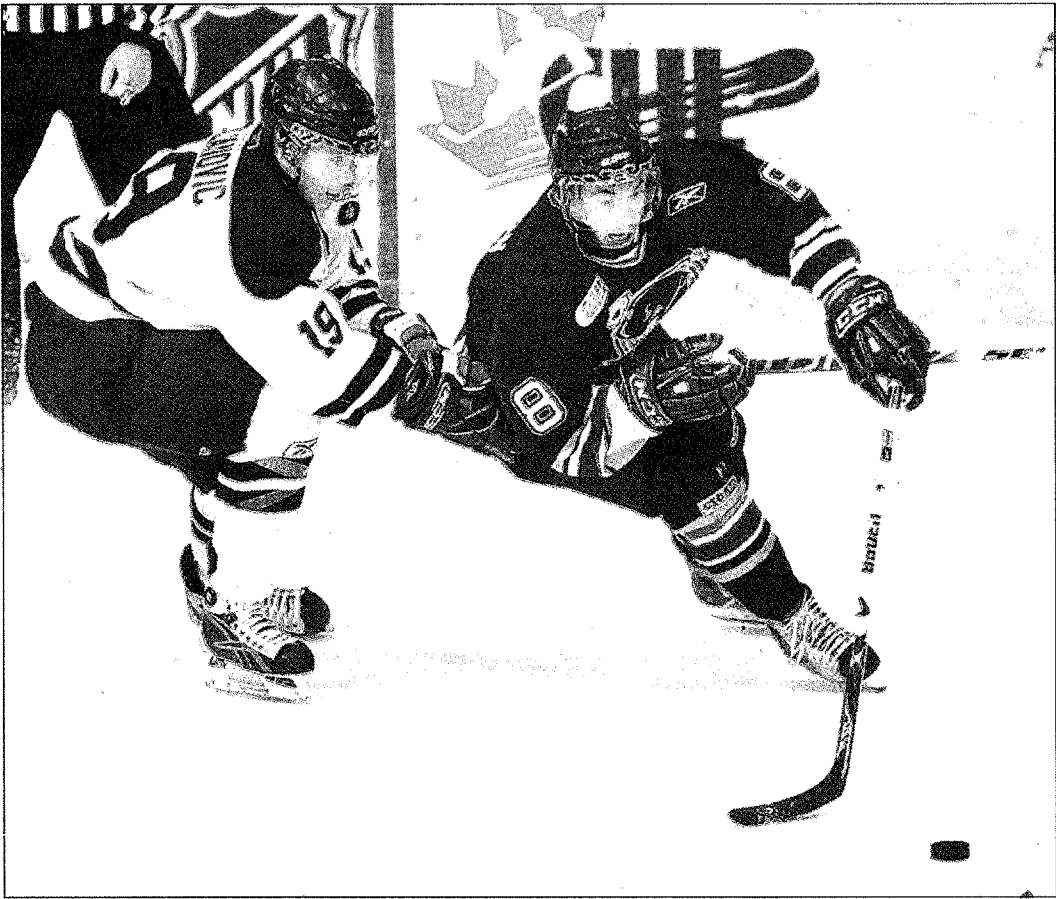
GOOD START

Plymouth (1-1-0) got on the board first on a power play marker just 3:34 into the game. Mattson, parked in front of Nishi, slammed home a centering feed from McCauley.

That goal held up for most of the period thanks to some composed play from goaltender Scott Wedgewood (Plymouth regular Matt Hackett and several other Whalers are gearing up for NHL camps).

But Windsor center Michael Whaley scored a power play goal with just 36 seconds to go in the first stanza. Stationed off to the right side of the goal, he lifted a rebound over the prone Wedgewood.

Windsor then scored the tie-breaker during the first minute of the second period, while on a 5-on-3 manpower advantage. Panik's weak shot along the goal line banked in off the



RENA LAVERTY

Going after a loose puck during Saturday's preseason OHL game at Compuware Arena are Plymouth Whalers forward Austin Mattson of Livonia and Windsor's Steven Trojanovic.

left skate of Wedgewood (35 saves), to Vellucci's chagrin.

Getting that goal back about 10 minutes later was Plymouth's Tyler J. Brown.

Starting the play was Jenner, with winger Ryan Hayes backhanding a shot that the Windsor goalie couldn't corral.

Brown, a left winger from Westland, poked the rebound behind Nishi (31 saves).

**BACK IN FRONT**

Windsor's netminder did have the answers during a Plymouth power play during the final three minutes of the second, and the Spitfires

regained the lead at 19:36 when Saverio Posa scored.

The Spits opened up a 4-2 margin just 1:14 into the third when winger Austin Watson snapped a shot into the twine.

Again, Plymouth battled back with McCauley roofing a pass from Mattson to make it a 4-3 game.

Plymouth forwards Tyler G. Brown, Garrett Meurs and Seguin all had chances for the equalizer turned aside by Nishi down the stretch and an empty netter by Justin Shugg finished off the scoring for the day.

Although not happy with the loss, Vellucci did like a lot of

what he saw. He emphasized that early preseason games are important for reasons beyond the final score.

"We learn about the younger guys, see what they can do," Vellucci noted. "And then, with the younger guys we want to make sure they learn the system."

"So there's a lot of teaching going on early on, trying to make sure they understand what kind of game we're trying to play."

Plymouth will two road games against London this weekend to wrap up the preseason.

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Motor City Metal Jackets to feature Plymouth's Bourgon

Hockeytown USA has a new team to cheer for in the Motor City Metal Jackets.

The Metal Jackets — a team featuring defenseman Mike Bourgon of Plymouth — will invade the Yack Arena in Wyandotte for its 2009-2010 season, beginning September 26th at 7:30 p.m. for its home opener against the Traverse City North Stars.

The team, comprised of superior, student athletes, 20 years old and younger, is

the latest addition to the 19-team North American Hockey League (NAHL) — the highest level of amateur hockey in the United States.

Formerly known as the Machine, the Metal Jackets were purchased earlier this year by Tokyo Japan-based Hanroku Company, a group headed by Kenji Yamada, a hockey player, fan and enthusiast who has represented Japan's hockey program in various capacities at the

International level.

"The Motor City Metal Jackets will provide its fans with an opportunity to see a high-quality, affordable brand of hockey while watching the sport's stars of tomorrow," said Yamada. "Our team is extremely family focused."

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gram and professional ranks.

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### Bowling for gridders

Please join the Plymouth High School Football Boosters for a fun night at the Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton, 8:30 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Sept. 12. The evening is a fund-raiser for Plymouth Wildcats football, and cost is \$20 per adult (including two nine-pin tap games, shoes, pizza and pop).

Alumni are also encouraged to attend to support the Wildcats.

There also will be a 50/50 raffle, plus a silent auction and raffle with lots of items. Please contact lgoble64@aol.com if you have questions or have an item to donate.

### Arctic Edge shavings

Arctic Edge on Michigan Avenue in Canton is hosting a "Learn To Skate" program Saturdays from Sept. 26 through Nov. 14 with sessions from 10-10:45 a.m. and from 11-11:45 a.m. Each class is 30 minutes with 15 minutes of full ice practice time.

Cost is \$100 per skater per eight-

week session. For more information, contact Learn to Skate director Theresa McKendry at learnatoskat-earticedge@yahoo.com.

### Krueger golf outing

Salem High School Wrestling Boosters are hosting the first annual Ron Krueger Memorial Golf Outing on Sunday, Sept. 13 at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth.

There will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m..

The cost for a four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, dinner, open bar, contests and prizes is \$100 per golfer.

There also will be a comprehensive lesson clinic available (\$100 including open bar and dinner) while a dinner-only option is \$50.

For information about sponsorship and advertising opportunities or for registration information, go to [www.wrestling.salemrocks.com](http://www.wrestling.salemrocks.com) or contact Larry Root at (734) 414-4560. Krueger, who died in November 2008, is remembered for his dedi-

cation and coaching ability, which sparked the Rocks to be a wrestling power from the early 1970s until the '90s.

### Alumni soccer at PCEP

The Salem and Canton annual Men's Soccer Alumni Game is slated for 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. The contest will follow the annual Salem-Canton varsity boys soccer contest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and will be played at the varsity soccer stadium.

All alumni players from any year are invited to attend.

Salem players can contact coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846 and Canton players can contact coach George Tomasso at (734) 812-2290.

### Sunday Night Mixers

Superbowl in Plymouth is hosting a mixed bowling league on Sundays, with action beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13.

League president Chico Rodriguez said he needs couples who are inter-

ested in joining the fun to hurry and sign up. Contact secretary Sandy Carpenter, (734) 637-3363, or Rodriguez, (734) 453-2980; [roseca-ter@comcast.net](mailto:roseca-ter@comcast.net) for more information.

### Cool happenings

Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena continues to be a busy place. Open skating sessions through Nov. 7 will take place from 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays-through-Fridays with the fees as follows: adults, \$5; kids (under age 16) and senior citizens (over 55), \$4. Skate rental is \$2. For more information, contact the Open Skate Line (734) 455-6620 or go to [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us) for up-to-date changes if any.

### Plymouth YMCA offerings

Registration is underway for Plymouth Family YMCA youth sports leagues planned for this fall, including the following:

- Community Co-Ed Soccer: Leagues run from Sept. 14 through

Oct. 24 with the following age brackets — ages 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11. Contests will be Saturdays at Hulsing Elementary. Cost is \$64 per member and \$96 per community member.

- Community Girls Volleyball: Leagues for ages 8-9 and 10-12 run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24. Games are Fridays at New Morning School. Cost is \$71 per member and \$103 per community member.

- Kickers Soccer: This league for players ages 4-5 runs from Sept. 17 through Oct. 22 at Hulsing Elementary with the cost of \$60 per member and \$92 per community member. Players will be placed on teams and receive three weeks of instruction followed by three weeks of games. Jersey is included in the fee.

- Community Basketball League: Registration begins Sept. 14 for leagues for boys and girls in several divisions (between ages 4 and 11). Sessions will be Nov. 2 through Dec. 18 and Jan. 18 through March 19, 2010.

For more information, or to register on-line, go to [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

# TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

## Should golfers with a USGA index post a score from an unrated tee?

By Doug Hendershot

With nearly 900 Golf Courses in Michigan, there is certainly a wide range of USGA golf course ratings to select from. The Golf Association of Michigan has the sole responsibility to rate golf courses throughout the entire State, including the Upper Peninsula and parts of Canada. The GAM Staff, working with golf course management, agree on the number of tees to be rated by the course rating team. The rating team will rate tees for both

Men and Women players. It is important to note, a tee that measures 5800 yards, will have a different USGA Course Rating and Slope for women vs. men from that same yardage.

Men and women playing from the same set of tees will have different

ratings. Because the women's USGA

Course Rating usually will be higher, women receive additional stroke(s) equal to the difference between ratings, with .5 or greater rounded up. This is good reason to determine the proper number of tees needing a rate (more details on this matter later.)

At this time I would like to touch upon situations when a course rating may not be available for a set of tees. This could be a case of a newly constructed set of tees, or tees not rated in the past, simply too long or short and were not available to men or women to play from previously.

The USGA has a very specific set of guidelines to cover posting a score from an unrated set of tees on a Rated Golf Course. Authorized golf associations issue a USGA Course Rating and Slope for the most commonly played sets of tees.

If a USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating from a selected set of tees is not available for the appropriate gender, the player may apply the following procedure on a temporary basis.

- Locate the nearest set of tees for the appropriate gender.
- Determine the yardage difference between the set of tees being played and the rated set of tees.
- Using the table found at [usga.org](http://usga.org), under the Handicapping tab, Section 5, Scores, find the ratings adjustments from unrated tees for Men and Women. Follow the directions found in the Key, next to these tables.

This method may be used if a player plays a combination of tees. The player first determines the total yardage played then applies the

above procedure.

If the Committee in charge of a competition has a set of tees for a competition course, this procedure may be used. This procedure is not a substitute for a formal USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating.

So now that we know how to make the proper adjustments to post from unrated tees, lets not forget that this should only be used on a temporary basis. How do we get this new favorite tee rated, on a permanent basis? The answer to that question is really up to players, and local course management, with the help of the GAM.

GAM receives many requests to rate additional sets of tees. These requests generally come from the Pro, or Superintendent, and can be based on the fact that players show an interest in trying a new look at

their course. This is provided by playing their course at a new yardage, or even the popular combination of tees, using a blend of tees, that have different yardages. These are called combo tees.

GAM rates courses a minimum of every ten years. This is necessary to keep a golf course current with the licensing standards set by the USGA.

Extra sets of tees can be rated at this time, providing that the GAM has the new tees on their schedule. The GAM can also rate new tees and revamped tees at any time providing the request comes from local golf course management and is properly scheduled.

Doug Hendershot is the Director of Course Rating for the Golf Association of Michigan.

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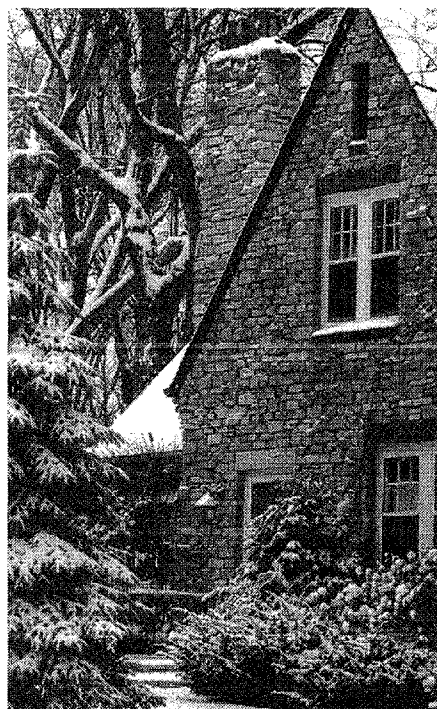
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# Canton Strictly Business

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BUSINESS MILESTONES

## Fitness center aims at women as grand opening approaches

**Observer:** Tell us about your business.

**LOA Fitness:** LOA Fitness for Women is having our Grand Opening on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Women and men are welcome to join us for our ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:30 a.m. with lunch buffet to follow. 2 for 1 specials will be run all day and we will be raffling off a chance to win a free year of personal training! We offer strength and cardio equipment designed for women, world famous classes, childcare, hydromassage, sauna, tanning, personal training & reflexology treatments. We also have a locker room with showers.

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

**LOA Fitness:** We opened our business so we could offer a full service fitness club for ladies only.

**Observer:** Why did you choose Canton?

**LOA Fitness:** We chose Canton because it is our hometown and we wanted to service our community!

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

**LOA Fitness:** Our business is unique because no other ladies gym offers everything we have. We originally started 6 years ago as a small ladies only club with just a circuit. We have now upgraded to include a variety of services and equipment for maximum effectiveness!

**Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit about being a business owner?

**LOA Fitness:** When a contractor says something will take 6 weeks, he really means 6 months!



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The daughter and mom team of Lauri Martineau and Beverly Schwartz have the grand opening for their LOA Fitness for Women Tuesday.

**Observer:** How has the economy affected your business?

**LOA Fitness:** We have split up our pricing so members only pay for what they use, and pricing is as low as \$9.95/month to make it affordable with today's tough budget.

**Observer:** Do you have any advice for other small-business owners?

**LOA Fitness:** Listen to the feedback of your customers. You'd be nothing without them!

**Observer:** What does the future hold for your business?

**LOA Fitness:** We're always adding new classes and services. If we're fortunate to upgrade again in the future, we'd like to add a smoothie bar and a hot tub! We will

### LOA FITNESS FOR WOMEN

- **Business Name:** LOA Fitness for Women
- **Business Address:** 43367 Joy Rd, Canton MI 48187
- **Your Name and position:** Co-owners are Lauri Martineau and Beverly Schwartz
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- **Hours of Operation:** 5 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.
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### CHAMBER CHAT

#### Texas Hold 'Em

Join the Canton Chamber of Commerce at Rose's Restaurant 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sept. 17-19 for a Texas Hold'em event to be held in a private, smoke-free environment. There will be a full-service bar, late-night menu and a midnight pizza buffet in the lounge.

"This is a great way to support the Canton Chamber of Commerce and have fun while doing it" said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on this event, go to [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com) click on forms & flyers and go to Rose's Restaurant Fundraiser and get all the details.

Also on Sept. 15, from 5-9 p.m., you can turn your pasta into \$\$\$ for the Canton Chamber by printing the flier on the Chamber Web site and presenting it to your server at Rose's Restaurant. The Canton Chamber of Commerce will receive 15 percent of net purchases made that evening.

#### Changing paradigms

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts "Changing Your Business Paradigms" with Tom Borg Consulting Development & Training 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Canton Chamber of Commerce office, 45525 Hanford. Cost is \$10.

In this thought provoking workshop you will begin to understand how changing your paradigms can help you create a more successful and profitable business.

RSVP by Sept. 11 by calling (734) 453-4040 or by e-mail at [receptionist@cantonchamber.com](mailto:receptionist@cantonchamber.com)

#### Consumer expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority present the bi-annual Consumer Expo on Thursday,



### Now open

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held recently by Fresenius Medical Services to announce their grand opening. Fresenius Medical Services is located at 6064 N. Sheldon Road in Canton. Attending this event were employees, Canton Township officials, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and local residents.

Sept. 24, at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "The expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services they have to offer."

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and September, and features over 60 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance agents, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public. The Consumer Expo is sponsored by Waltonwood of Carriage Park & Cherry Hill and Xuereb Snow PC.

#### Photo gallery

The Canton Chamber of

Commerce has added a new and exciting feature to the Chamber Web site at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com)

"We now have a Photo Gallery, that covers all of our Chamber Events," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. We have photos from all of our 2009 Ribbon Cuttings as well as our Luncheons, After Hours, Networking Coffees, Auction, Consumer Expos and much more.

The Chamber Web site offers a complete Directory listing of our members by category and/or by company name. We also offer easy access to other Web sites including Shop Canton, Canton Township, Canton DDA, Leisure Services, S.C.O.R.E. and much more. The Chamber Web site offers coupons and discounts for members, residents and visitors. Looking for a place to hold a meeting? Looking for a good place to eat? The Canton chamber Web site has it all... just go to [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com)

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is a member driven organization dedicated to stimulating positive business growth, fostering community leadership and acting as an advocate for the business community. For more information, log onto [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com).

### IKEA networking

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and its partners with the Western Suburban Area Council of Chambers presents a regional networking event 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the IKEA store, 41640 Ford Road, in Canton.

Join 12 suburban Chambers from the western suburbs gathering under the roof of IKEA in Canton to do some serious morning networking. The event will also feature breakfast, a special presentation from the store manager, gift card raffles and shopping IKEA before it opens.

Space is limited to 20 members per Chamber for this event. It will be on a first come, first served basis with payment. If necessary, a waiting list will be started. The cost is \$5 for Chamber members (\$10 for non-members) and must be paid at the time of reservation.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 or e-mail [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org)

### Jimmy Fund

HomeGoods shoppers nationwide will have the opportunity to donate funds for cancer research and care as part of the ninth annual "Be a Hero" pin-up campaign benefiting the Jimmy Fund.

The campaign will run in HomeGoods stores, including the Canton location at 42615 Ford Road, through Sept. 20.

HomeGoods customers who would like to donate can purchase "Be a Hero" cards for \$1 each with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting the Jimmy Fund, which supports cutting-edge research and care at the world-renowned Dana-Farber Cancer

Institute.

"All of us at the Jimmy Fund would like to thank HomeGoods and its generous customers across the country for helping make a big difference in the fight against cancer," said Mike Andrews, former Boston Red Sox second baseman and Jimmy Fund chairman. "New discoveries are happening at a rapid pace, and funding is needed to develop the new treatments and cures that will benefit all facing this disease."

"We are honored to support the Jimmy Fund and the amazing work they are doing in cancer research and care," said Robyn Arvedon, HomeGoods spokesperson. "The 'Be a Hero' campaign, allows us, in partnership with our customers, to raise much needed funds for this very worthy cause."

### Leadership forum

WARM Training Center and Paragon Leadership International are teaming up to launch an innovative one day leadership forum for emerging leaders in environment, energy and sustainability seeking real-life leadership development experience.

The event takes place at Next Energy's Detroit headquarters, 461 Burroughs Thursday, Oct. 15. To register and for more detailed information go to [www.paragon-lead.com/EnE/](http://www.paragon-lead.com/EnE/) or call (877) 264-6200.

Additional topics on the EPPRENTICE Experience™ agenda include expanding an alternative energy business, increasing the recycling efforts throughout cities in Michigan and creating strategies for diversifying manufacturing businesses into alternative forms of energy such as wind.

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Youngsters play on new equipment at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Livonia.

## Grant buys new playground equipment for Lutheran school

Students at St. Paul Lutheran School started the new semester with a new play structure on the school playground.

The school, located in Livonia, received a \$10,000 grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Southeastern Michigan and used the money to buy the new playground piece for students, church members and the greater community.

"The new structure is a true blessing. It will

provide hours of fun filled activities for all," stated Charles Buege, principal at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School was founded in 1872. It moved to its current location, 17810 Farmington Road in 1970.

For more on St. Paul Lutheran Church and School visit [stpaulslivonia.org](http://stpaulslivonia.org). For more on the Ronald McDonald House Charities visit [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org).

## Fall brings renewed focus on faith for many families

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

Summer is almost over and people from Canton to Redford are back into their school routines and flocking back to services and religious education at places of worship.

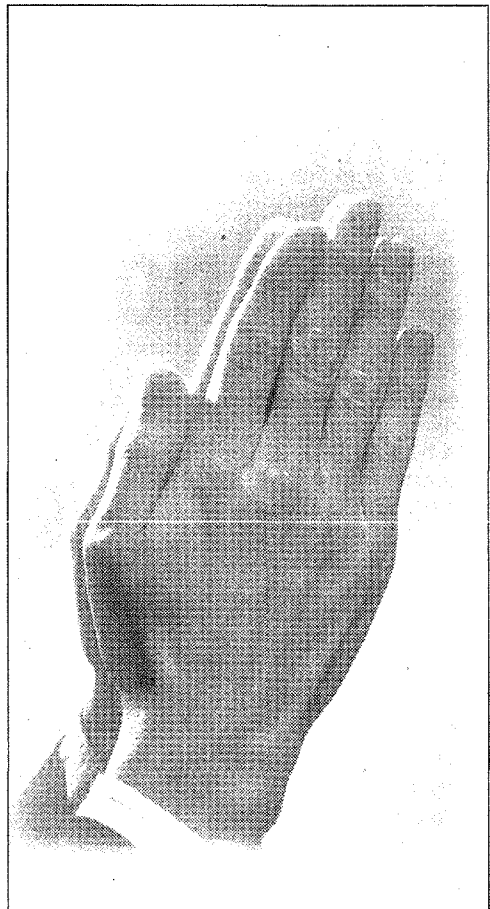
Parents also are encouraged to take an active role in their children's religious education.

"There's an upswing in attendance, especially in September and October, when people are getting back in their fall routine to start the school year with an inspirational push to know they're a part of something bigger than themselves," according to the Rev. Jeff Nelson of Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

"Families think: 'We can use some help to raise these kids.' They want to be with people who might give some advice."

The number of children in worship is up and Nelson is expecting an increase in families. Sunday school begins Sept. 20. Instruction of younger children should focus on developing a "meaningful and loving relationship with an adult that isn't their parent," he said. "It's an adult who says they are a valued member of the community, worthy of love and attention. It builds the lifelong relationships with other adults."

Over time, some places of worship are finding religious education is getting shoved aside when parents juggle calendars filled with sports and other extracurricular activities in cyclones of hectic lifestyles.



class meets on Sunday mornings between church services at 9:45-10:45 a.m. beginning Sunday, Sept. 20. Last year, religious education participation was up slightly.

"Our purpose is to try strengthen them in the word of God," Steinbrenner said. "It's what the Holy Spirit gives them through the word of Christ. The healthiest part is that God is serving us through his word. It's vital to be where the word is."

Across town at The Hindu Temple of Canton religious education classes begin 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13.

"We teach values, like respecting parents, grandparents and teachers; behavior and doing services in the community," said Sures Shah, temple administrator.

Religious education at The Hindu Temple has grown from about 45 children 10 years ago, Shah said, to 130 children last year. This year he expects 150 children.

Each child must have at least one parent present at the temple in another room hearing lectures and learning about upcoming events. A new facility is planned at the same site and will allow for more classes and social areas.

At Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, Elissa Berg, director of education, said religious instruction during the last 10 years has become more interactive with parents.

"We ask parents to be a part of it much more than we used to and it's high energy," Berg said. "We're really trying to motivate the kids, as well as teach them. I think they (adults) come back in the fall, because it's the beginning of a new cycle-especially if they have kids."

Many children, Berg said, "have less experience with extended family and less people to learn from. Part of it is people are leaving Detroit for other opportunities. I strongly believe the participation of parents and family makes a huge difference in our success by reinforcing what we teach."

Children who attend services better understand what they are learning in class. "It's a living energy," she said. "It's not just theory."

Whether a teacher or a parent says it, the message is the same: "The sacrament of Eucharist is the heart and center," Haley said. "The sacraments are those things that give us the graces to live the Christian life in a world that is counter-cultural to Christian living."

Grace is the inner life of God that is given to his followers, "so we can live out our relationship with God and others in this life," she added.

"To prepare for sacraments we have to be formed in faith so we know what we are doing," Haley said.

Faith formation, or religious education, outside of preparation for the sacraments, is to help teach the Catholic faith.

There's usually an increase in attendance during services and for religious education in September, according to the Rev. Eric Steinbrenner, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Teen Bible Class and a separate adult

love and attention. It builds the lifelong relationships with other adults."

Over time, some places of worship are finding religious education is getting shoved aside when parents juggle calendars filled with sports and other extracurricular activities in cyclones of hectic lifestyles.

Some parents are opting to home school religious education. That's been a growing phenomenon at St. Colette Roman Catholic Church in Livonia, said Betty Haley, director of religious education.

"At one time religious education took priority over sports and school activities," Haley said. "Today, school activities and sports take precedence over religious education."

To accommodate the changes, registration at St. Colette extends a longer time while parents wait to secure their children's other schedules.



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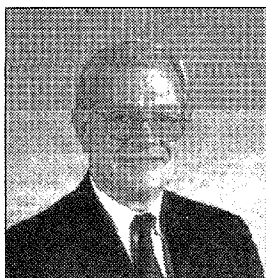
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**RITCHIE LAVERN JENKINS BROWN**

Age 43, Sept. 4, 2009. Beloved wife of Danny Brown. Proud mother of Melinda Miller, Brianna Nicole, Tyler Scott and Hannah Renee LaFollette and Faith Marie Grace Brown. Step mother of D.J. Brown and Amber Brown. Grandmother of Nina and Kaya. Loving daughter of Trent and Wilma Jenkins. Visitation was held Wed. at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck). A funeral service will be on Thurs 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment Riverside Cemetery. To share a memory, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

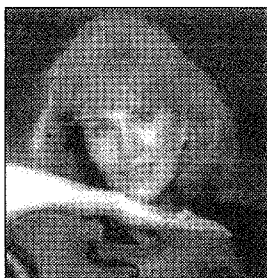
**JOSEPH H. HUDSON**

September 8, 2009, Age 94 beloved husband of Lorraine. Dear father of Rodney (Ruth) Susan Griffin, Alan (Lisa) and Peggy, Grandfather of Jeremy, Shannon, Roxane, Adam, Nathan and Natalie. Service Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel) 36100 Five Mile Road (One Mile West of Farmington Rd) Friday 1:00PM. Visitation was held Wednesday 3-9PM and Thursday 1-9PM.



DAVID N. AHLGREN

Age 69, of 26 Williams Street, Russell, Pa. died Friday afternoon, September 4, 2009 at his home after an extended illness. He was born March 7, 1940 in Warren, Pa. to the late Norman and Dorothy Sederburg Ahlgren. Upon graduation from Warren High School in 1958 he went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Penn State University in 1962. Dave is a former resident of both Pittsburgh, PA and Plymouth, MI where he worked for the Bayer Corporation as the Director of Automotive Sales. He retired from Bayer after 32 years of service. While working for Bayer, he was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and Society of Plastic Engineers. David is most known for his love of his family and 15 grandchildren. He was a major fan and longtime season ticket holder with the Penn State Football team. He as an avid golfer playing in the Buick open for 4 years with the Professional Golfers Association. David was also a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Conewango Valley Country Club, Shakespeare Club, and the Conewango Clippers Barbershop Chorus. David enjoyed camping, painting, gardening, world travel and working outdoors. He is survived by his wife, Karen Jewell Ahlgren whom he married December 4, 1964 in Erie, PA, 4 children - Timothy Ahlgren, his wife Lisa and their 5 children of Canton, MI, William Ahlgren, his wife Rebecca, and their 2 children of Cranberry Twp. PA, Carrie Reynolds, her husband Dave, and their 4 children of Grove City, PA, Susan Mugerdichian, her husband, Marty, and their 4 children of Adrian, MI, 5 sisters - Audrey and Ken Hart of Dunedin, FL, Betty Carlson of Warren, PA, June Ellington of Lakewood, NY, Sharon and Roger Pike of Erie, PA, Judith Turner of Randolph, NY, and 1 brother - Richard and Sally Ahlgren of Alexandria, VA, as well as several nieces and nephews. A funeral and committal service was conducted on Monday at 10:00 AM at Grace United Methodist Church with Rev. Kevin Haley, Pastor, officiating. Those wishing to place memorials may do so through Hospice of Warren City or the Warren County Unit of the American Cancer Society, both located at 2 Crescent Park, Warren, PA 16365

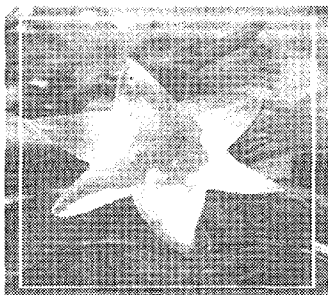


MARY MARGARET STOLBERG

September 5, 2009, at age 53. Beloved sister of Ann Brigid, Barbara & Donald Howard Stolberg. Also survived by her Father Donald William Stolberg, her aunts, Julia Brigid Howard and Ann Howard O'Hare, and numerous Loving cousins and friends. Preceded in death by her mother, Mary Julia Howard Stolberg. "Life is a song; God's love is the music." Mary Margaret was a very talented Violinist who throughout her life was a member of the Stolberg String Quartet, and performed with the Savannah Symphony, Grand Rapids Symphony, Detroit Symphony, Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony, and Michigan Opera Theatre. She was a Loving and caring Suzuki Violin Teacher, who taught at the Steppingstone School for Gifted Education and the International School in Farmington Hills. Mary Margaret was also a creative and hard working designer, who worked in her mother's Firm "Village Designs" until it closed in 2007. Mary Margaret was a Life-Long Member of the Detroit Federation of Musicians and Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Funeral Services previously held through the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, (248) 474-5200. Memorial tributes in Mary Margaret's memory strongly suggested to the American Cancer Society. [heeney-sundquist.com](http://heeney-sundquist.com)

### RYAN M. WHITMAN

Sept 6, 2009, Age 22. Beloved son of Kathy (Kim) Mitchell and Donald D. Whitman. Brother of Philip Whitman of Denver, CO. Grandson of Dan & Gemma Niewoit and Donald R. Whitman. Memorial Services were held on Wednesday at Praise Baptist Church of Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at: [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)



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## Class planned for prospective Jewish converts at Hillel School

The Michigan Rabbinical Assembly is registering adults who are considering the Jewish religion, for a Conservative Community Conversion Class, "Choosing Judaism."

The in-depth, 24-week course will offer an introduction to Judaism, Torah, and the Hebrew language, especially with regard to Jewish prayer, in a supportive, welcoming environment.

"Choosing Judaism" will meet on Monday nights from 7-9 p.m. starting Sept. 14, at

Hillel Day School, 32200 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. Tuition for the 2009-2010 course is \$350 per person or \$500 for a couple registering together, and a \$50 materials fee.

To sign up for this year's class or for more information, call Rabbi Steven Rubenstein of Congregation Beth Ahm, who is the current President of the Michigan Rabbinical Assembly, at (248) 851-6880, Ext. 17, or e-mail him at [ravsteven@cbahm.org](mailto:ravsteven@cbahm.org).

## Learn about Catholic Mass in series at St. Michael the Archangel

The Mass in S-L-O-W M-O-T-I-O-N, a new three-part series at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, is designed to help both Catholics and non-Catholics understand what goes on during Mass. The series will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Sept. 23 with an introduction and outline of the history of the Mass by Sharon Williams, pastoral

associate. Associate Pastor, Father Raymond Arwady, will explain and demonstrate the Liturgy of the Mass, using the actual vestments, vessels, and sacred books to illustrate his explanations, on Sept. 30.

On Oct. 14, noted Catholic apologist and author, Gary Michuta, will detail the Sacrifice of the Mass, its

meaning, both historically and theologically within the Church.

The series is open to all. The church is located at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman. For more information, call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

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## SEPT. 10-16

## Guest speaker

Michael Franzese, a former Mafia boss and now a born-again follower of Jesus Christ, will speak at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m., Sept. 13, at Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton. (734) 397-1777

## Hog and corn roast

6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11, Plymouth First United Methodist, 45201 North Territorial, Plymouth. Pork, chicken, roast corn, homemade pies, musical entertainment, storytelling and games. (734) 453-5280

## Mom-to-mom

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, west of I-275, north of Michigan Ave., in Canton. Presented by Mothers of Preschoolers. Admission \$1. For more information e-mail to [CCMopsMom@gmail.com](mailto:CCMopsMom@gmail.com).

## Marriage series

Classes run 6:30-8 p.m., Sundays, beginning Sept. 13 through Oct. 4, at Way of Life Christian Church, 9401 General Drive, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information call (734) 340-5551

## MOMS meeting

7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia. The group, which meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, focuses on devotions, topics pertaining to moms of school-age

children, and Christian socializing. The book "Raising Great Kids" by Cloud and Townsend is the theme this year. For more information call Susan at (248) 478-3643.

## Picnic

Join Newburg United Methodist Church in celebrating its 175th anniversary at 11:15 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 13, at its "All Church and Community Picnic. The event will include lunch and family activities. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail. (734) 422-0149

## Pomegranate Guild

The organization, which studies and creates Judaic needlework, kicks off its 2009-2010 season at 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. The group is organizing a Hanukkah table display and also working on community projects such as teddy bears for children and butterfly pieces for a Texas exhibition. The group meets the second Sunday of the month. For more information call Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337.

## Registration deadline

Sign up by Sept. 12 for the survey course, "The Great Adventure," that will meet room at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard. The class will focus on the 14 narrative books of the Bible, relating the relevance of each to its place and importance within the timeline of salvation history. It's an extension of the summer Bible study, "A Quick Journey Through the Bible" and will be taught by St. Michael's Pastoral Associate, Sharon Williams. The cost is \$44.95 per student and is payable at the time of registration. (734) 261-1455

## Women's Bible studies

Women of the Word Bible Studies meets 9:15 a.m. or 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 15 at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton. Five courses of study will be offered: Precept Ministries - Matthew Part 1, mornings and evenings; Precept Ministries - Revelation Part

1, mornings; Beth Moore - Believing God, mornings; Beth Moore - Wising Up, Wherever Life Happens, mornings; Jennifer Rothschild - Me, Myself, and Lies, evenings. Register at [www.women.cbcoj.org](http://www.women.cbcoj.org) or call Lee Anne Young at (734) 455-0022, Ext. 144.

## Interfaith Journey classes

The series starts Sunday, Sept. 13 at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills. Classes meet at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. and will be grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all. The program complements the mission of UUCF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. For more information on classes or to register visit [www.uufarmington.org/uucf/re.htm](http://www.uufarmington.org/uucf/re.htm), call Jennifer Teed at (248) 478-7272 or e-mail to [dre@uufarmington.org](mailto:dre@uufarmington.org).

## SEPT. 17-23

## Breakfast meeting

Bethany, a group for separated, divorced and singles, meets 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 19 at Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, next to Tim Horton's, in Garden City. For more information call Kathy M. at (734) 513-9479.

## LobsterFest fund-raiser

St. John's Episcopal Church, in Plymouth, will sell fresh, whole Maine lobsters from 4-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at the church, 574 South Sheldon. Lobsters weigh approximately 1.25 pounds and cost \$15 each. All lobsters must be ordered and paid for by Monday, Sept. 14. Download an order form from [www.stjohnsplymouth.org](http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org). Place an order in person at the church 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. (734-453) 0190 Ext. 10

## Mass and fellowship

2:15 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20, at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, just south of Cherry Hill,

Canton. Aimed at widowed men and women. Includes refreshments and social time. Arrive by 2:15 p.m. Mass begins promptly at 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a peer support group in the Detroit Metro area. Come and meet new friends in a safe, friendly setting. For information call Pat at (734) 459-5508 or Justine at (734) 455-6939.

## ENDOW

Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, part of the ENDOW series, will run Monday, Sept. 21-Nov. 9, at St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road. ENDOW is a women's study group designed to help women discover their God-given dignity and femininity through the richness and authenticity of Catholic teaching. A second series, On The Christian Meaning of Suffering, runs Thursdays, Sept. 24-Nov. 12. Both series run 7-9 p.m. Register at [www.endowonline.com](http://www.endowonline.com). A \$60 registration fee is required for materials. For more information call Michelle Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or e-mail to [mtschi@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:mtschi@sbcbglobal.net).

## Prayer series

For married and engaged couples, 7-9 p.m., Sept. 18-Oct. 30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial at Beck, in Plymouth. Experience how you can safely and peacefully pray together as a couple in ways that will dramatically enhance and strengthen your faith, marriage and family. Childcare will be available. Registration and a donation of \$55 per couple is requested. For more information call (734) 254-0766 or visit [www.coupleprayer.org](http://www.coupleprayer.org)

## Reconciliation

David J. Conrad will present a two-part series on the sacrament of confession, 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 23-30 in Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Refreshments; free admission. RSVP to (734) 425-5950.

## SEPT. 24-30

## Bible study

Traditional Bible Study starts 7 p.m.,

Thursday, Sept. 24, in the school library at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. The weekly Thursday session will focus on the Gospel of St. Matthew. The classes will be taught by noted Catholic apologist and author, Gary Michuta. Preregistration is not required. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207.

## Health fair

9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 26, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. Includes free bone density screening, free body fat analysis, cholesterol screening on site for \$12 per person with on site counseling regarding results, free blood pressure screening, massage therapy and other services. Call (734) 427-8743 for more information.

## Men's Ministry

Canton Christian Fellowship and Mighty Men Ministry presents its annual men's prayer breakfast, 9 a.m., Sept. 26, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton. Tickets are \$20. Register online at [www.cantonce.org](http://www.cantonce.org) or call (734) 404-2480.

## Movie

See "Fireproof" at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. The screening is free and it's followed by six weeks of free classes on Fireproofing Your Marriage, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 30 - Nov. 4. Free Bible classes are available for children of all ages during the class. Call (734) 427-8743 for more information.

## Grief recovery

Six-week series begins 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power, Farmington. Grief Recovery deals with loneliness and other issues related to the loss of a spouse. Members of Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Detroit Metro area, will facilitate. \$20 fee covers all materials. For information or to register call Gail at (248) 477-5438.

## OCT. 1-7

## Life Fair 2009

Pro-life pioneer and Pro-Life Action League founder and National Director, Joseph M. Scheidler, will give the keynote address at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4, at this program of pro-life activities at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, at Plymouth Road, Livonia. The fair, which will include exhibits and displays, begins with Mass at noon. An opportunity to participate in the Annual Life Chain will occur at 2:30 p.m., along Plymouth Road in front of the church, followed by Scheidler's remarks. The Fair is free. Refreshments and a children's story time will be available. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207

## OCT. 8-14

## Blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia; Call for appointments at (734) 425-8115.

## ONGOING

## AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

## Classes/study

Antioch Preschool, an academic program complemented by Christian education, is enrolling 3- and 4-year-old children for the 2009-2010 school year. A new toddler class is offered Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Extended stay enrichment for 3's and 4's is offered Wednesdays - children bring their lunch and enjoy literacy activities until 3 p.m. Antioch Lutheran Church is located at 13 Mile and Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. For information contact Sharon Detter, preschool director, at (248) 626-7906, Ext. 28, or e-mail to [antiochpreschool@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:antiochpreschool@sbcbglobal.net)

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# Classical music alive and well in new season

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

Classical music has a bright future if two local orchestras have anything to say about it. The governing organizations of the Livonia and Plymouth Canton symphonies continue to work hard to combat the effects of an economic downturn and graying of the audience by instituting changes.

Now in its 64th season, the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras are introducing afternoon concerts to appeal to senior citizens and families. The Livonia Symphony Orchestra made the move to offer earlier programming a couple of years ago. Both realize that they must expand their audiences in order to exist.

While the LSO remains at Clarenceville High School on Saturday afternoons for nearly the entire season, the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras encourage classical music lovers to "Follow the Music" to a variety of venues, from The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton to First Methodist Church in Plymouth for concerts on Sunday afternoons and Saturday evenings at the new time of 7:30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m.

"We've grown to have more of a regional presence,"

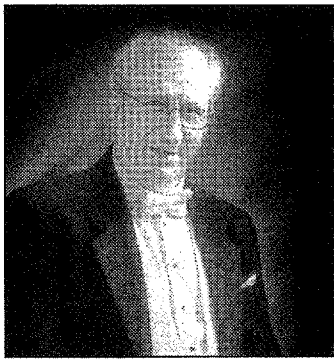
Executive Director Beth Stewart said. "We're adding more professional musicians, grew the budget. Now everyone is paid, so that raises the level. We've gone to a fully professional orchestra."

## RICH HISTORY

"The Plymouth Symphony has a long wonderful history to be around since 1945. When the symphony started, they played some concerts outside in a barn and what's true then as today is we're really fortunate to live in an area rich with classical musicians. Because of our location to the University of Michigan and Wayne State University, there are a lot of great classically trained musicians to choose from," Stewart added.

The PSCO's Celebration Youth Orchestra entices musicians to develop a love for classical music early on. Contemporary classical music lovers are drawn by the compositions featured on each program. Music director/conductor Nan Washburn programs one on each concert.

"Nan loves to program contemporary (music) by living composers and that's an orchestra builder," Stewart said. "They can play Bach and Beethoven just about anywhere. The thing that is special



FILE PHOTO

New this year is the Livonia Symphony Spotlight Series at Greenmead (Historical Park). It's an evening to get to know the conductor, Volodymyr Shesiuk. He'll discuss his time with the Bolshoi Theater during a reception and lecture on Oct. 1.

is to play music by a living composer and usually we have them with us."

Innovative programming costs money, yet neither orchestra has cut the number of concerts it offers this season despite the lack of grants from the state of Michigan and a decline in business and corporate support. The orchestra budget is \$280,000 for 2009-10, almost \$100,000 less than two years ago.

"We're facing challenges," Stewart said. "To try to save



Conductor Nan Washburn and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will pay tribute to Hollywood and Abraham Lincoln during the upcoming concert season.

money, we moved our offices to the Plymouth Community Arts Council. We're helping to share equipment and expenses and looking to do fund-raising together, programs. The arts council is renovating the building next door and we plan to have studios for musicians to give lessons. The orchestra and youth orchestra are in second year of rehearsing there."

## LSO SUPPORTERS

The LSO is extremely grateful for the support of the community. Funding from Livonia Town Hall, Livonia Community Foundation, Livonia Anniversary Committee and Livonia Arts Commission has made it possible to roll back prices on the annual golf outing fund-raiser to \$89.

"It's the \$25 to \$100 donations," said Rose Kachnowski,

LSO president. "It's usually the people who can't afford it, give what they can to keep the symphony going."

The LSO budget remains steady at \$100,000. Instead of cost-cutting measures, the board has voted to spend money on marketing its 37th season.

"We're hooking up with WRCJ(-FM 90.9), advertising each of the five concerts with ticket giveaways," Kachnowski said. "We're adding new events. After each concert, we're partnering with Fleming's Steakhouse for afterglows. Also new this year, we're starting the Spotlight Series at Greenmead (Historical Park). It's an evening to get to know the conductor, Volodymyr Shesiuk. He'll discuss his time with the Bolshoi Theater during a reception and lecture on Oct. 1. Our season opener is a

pops concert, Oct. 17, the second a Christmas theme with Bunny Sanford's dancers. The third is Anthony Bonamici, a Livonia native coming back from Russia, the fourth violinist Anton Shelepov, and the fifth at Ward Church is a requiem with Madonna University Chorale under Dave Wagner, and the Ward choir. Nov. 20, is an American celebration fund-raiser.

"We're trying to do a lot for the community by keeping the interest there. We hope to try to make things affordable. We gave out tickets last year, primarily to people who have never seen the orchestra. People can call our 24-hour line, for people who have lost their jobs. It's our way of giving back to the community."

For more information, call the LSO at (734) 421-1111.

## Livonia Symphony 2009-10 season

Concerts held 4 p.m. Saturday, at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, (between Seven and Eight Mile roads), Livonia, except April 17 program at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Tickets \$17 adults, \$5 for children/students. Season subscription is \$70. Group rates available. Call (734) 421-1111. Afterglows at Fleming's Steakhouse and Wine Bar (6-7 p.m.), 17400 Haggerty, after concerts 1, 3, 4, 5. Cost \$10. Advance reservations required.

**Oct. 17 – Wait a Minute – Don't Tell Me**  
Season opens with pops concert featuring themes from popular entertainment and animation shows.

**Nov. 20 – Celebrate America**  
Celebrate America is the major fund-raiser 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at Laurel Manor. Evening includes silent auction with items made in the U.S., 7 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. concert. Tickets \$65 before Oct. 15, \$70 afterward.

**Dec. 5 – Sounds of the Season**  
Holiday concert includes return performance of

Nutcracker excerpts by the Bunny Sanford dancers and favorite carols by Clarenceville High School Choraliers.

**Jan. 23 – Romantic**  
Guest pianist Anthony Bonamici returns from Russia to perform Schumann's Piano Concerto. Bonamici is originally from Livonia.

**March 6 – Classical Color Schemes**  
Anton Shelepov is guest soloist for Brahms' Violin Concerto. Also featured is Dvorak's Symphony No. 9.

**April 17 – Season Finale**  
Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem, Opus 45 sung by Madonna University Chorale and Ward Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, under the direction of David Wagner with Carole Halmekangus on organ. New this year is the Spotlight Series, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, and April 8, at Greenmead Historical Park. Tickets \$30, includes appetizers and wine. For reservations, call (734) 421-1111 or mail check to the LSO, Spotlight Series, 37637 Five Mile, PMB 398, Livonia, MI 48154.

## Plymouth Canton 2009-10 season

Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras presents "Follow the Music! 2009-2010 Season." For tickets, call (734) 451-2112 or online at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org).

**Sept. 12 – Beethoven & Blue Jeans**  
7:30 p.m. in The Village Theater – Canton. Program features Beethoven favorites along with "denim-inspired" American treasures by Ferde Grofe and Gwyneth Walker.

**Oct. 11 – Sunday Serenade**  
2 p.m. at St. John's Chapel. Program features Dvorak's "String Serenade."

**Nov. 21 – Chasing Lincoln**  
7:30 p.m. in The Village Theater – Canton. Celebrate the great American music traditions with favorites by Aaron Copeland (Lincoln Portrait), the Michigan premiere of Joseph Schwantner's "Chasing Light" and favorites by George Gershwin, Duke Ellington and John Knowles Paine.

### Dec. 17 – Home for the Holidays

6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Penn Theatre, downtown Plymouth. Yuletide pops concerts at the historic Penn Theatre.

**Jan. 24 – Brahms Sunday Serenade**  
2 p.m. in First Methodist Church, Plymouth. A diverse selection of chamber ensemble pieces that are small in instrumental size and mighty in artistic impact.

**March 13 – Tchaikovsky Spectacular!**  
7:30 p.m. in The Village Theatre – Canton. Program features the Celebration Youth Symphony and Tchaikovsky's monumental fifth symphony.

**April 16 – Hooray for Hollywood**  
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Contact: (313) 832-8540 or visit [www.detroitartistsmarket.org](http://www.detroitartistsmarket.org)  
**Eastern Michigan University**  
Time/Date: Elements of Photography and Coping with the Unknown, through Oct. 2  
Location: Photography in the University Art Gallery, 900 Oakwood on EMU's Ypsilanti campus; Coping in the Ford Gallery, in Ford Hall, north of Cross Street at Normal Street on EMU campus  
Details: Photography exhibit features work

**Farmington Hills City Gallery**  
Time/Date: "Studies of Place and Views of Space" through Sept. 25  
Location: Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
Details: Works by Rachel Reynolds and Robert Zahorsky  
Contact: (248) 473-1856  
**Holocaust Memorial Center**  
Time/Dates: Through October, "Portraits of Zinkov," an exhibit of compelling paintings by Alan Zola Schulman  
Location: 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills  
Details: The portraits in this eight-week

**Livonia City Hall**  
Time/Dates: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Sept. 30  
Location: On Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road, in Livonia  
Details: The Livonia Artist Club exhibits paintings, colored pencil, collage, pastels and photography of approximately 25 artists; the club meets at 7 p.m., the third Monday of the month at the Civic Center Library in Livonia  
Contact: For more information call Doree Dziobak at (734) 416-1774  
**Lotus Arts Gallery**  
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## Afternoon delight

### Schoolcraft Culinary Extravaganza 2009: Food, wine event benefits scholarship

Schoolcraft College Foundation will host a celebration of food and wine 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, in the VisTaTech Center at the Livonia campus, Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

The extravaganza brings together students, food professionals and the southeast Michigan community. The event provides patrons with samples of some of the finest culinary delicacies from the most notable restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors in the metropolitan area.

The event benefits the Culinary Arts Program and Schoolcraft College students by providing scholarships and grants.

Thousands of students have earned a degree, learned the skills for a rewarding career or received preparation to transfer to a four-year university with help from foundation scholarships.

Scholarships, especially in these difficult economic times, are often the difference that makes education a reality, said Craig Bowles, chair of this year's event and secretary of the Schoolcraft College Foundation.



FILE PHOTO

Murdic and Tina Coleman of Southfield check out the many bread creations made by Jeff Greenwald during a previous Schoolcraft College Foundation's Culinary Extravaganza.

As a special treat, a silent auction featuring sports, entertainment, restaurant and travel packages is planned throughout the afternoon.

Tickets for the food and wine event are \$50 (\$20 is a charitable contribution).

Raffle tickets also help the fund-raising efforts and are available for online purchase at \$5 each or three for \$10.

The drawing will be held at Culinary Extravaganza. Ticket purchasers don't have to be present to win.

Prizes are: \$1,000, first place; \$500, second place; \$250 for third and fourth places; and dinner for two at American Harvest for fifth, sixth and seventh places.

Call (734) 462-4518 to order tickets or go to [www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation).



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Sumptuous desserts will be on the menu at the 2009 Culinary Extravaganza. John Santieu of Garden City tries one of the many dessert vendors' samples at a past extravaganza.

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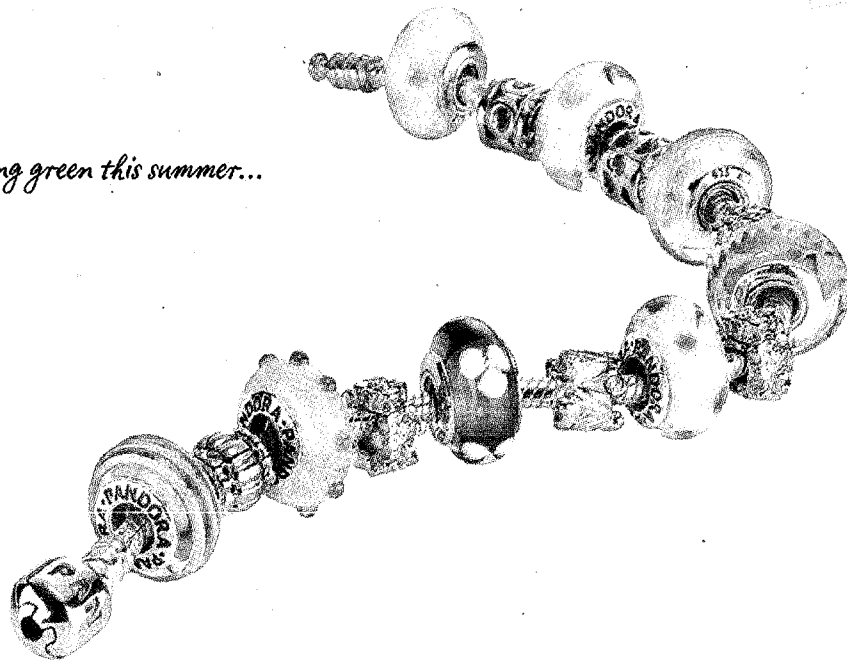


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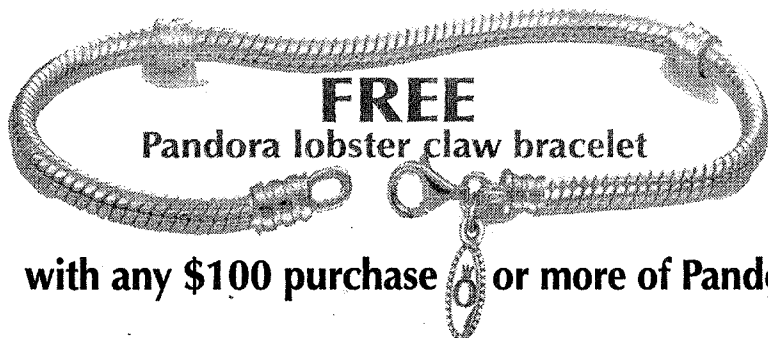
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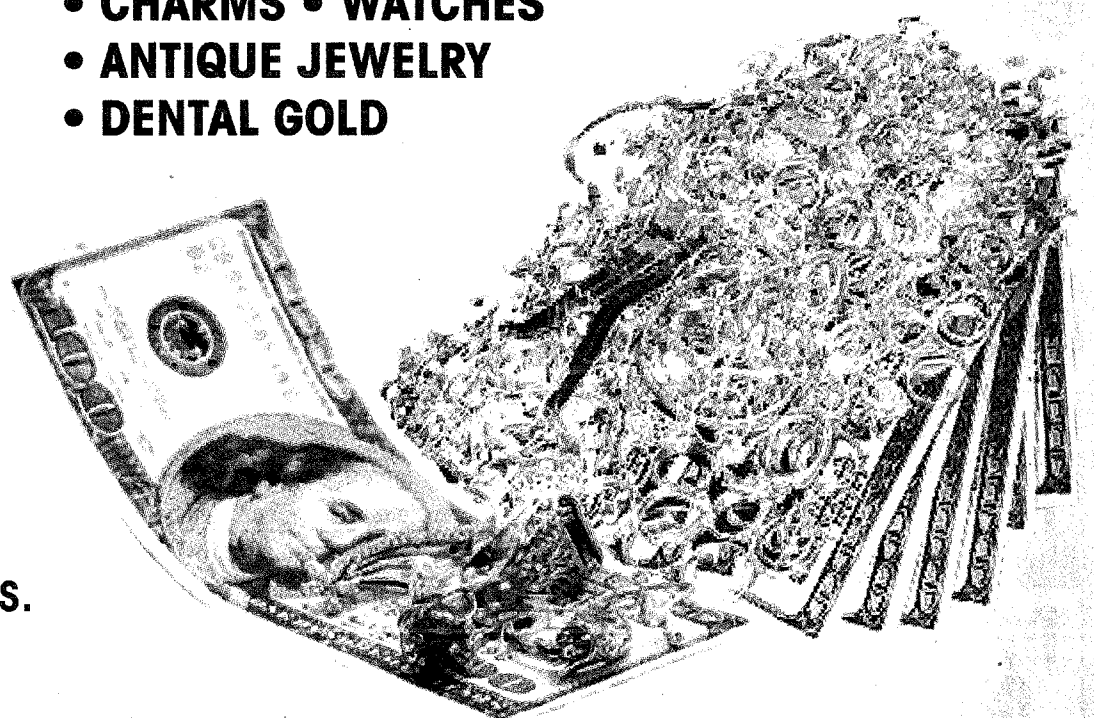
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# Painting pro takes to the screen to teach skills

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Tom Sweeney's been in the painting business some 23 years, and says business is good.

"I have a lot of repeat customers," said Sweeney, who lives with his family in Plymouth Township. "They're happy with my work so they keep calling me."

About 10 years ago, the owner of Sweeney Painting got the idea for a video on painting properly. "It was actually before DVDs became popular," said Sweeney, current president of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.

He ended up with three DVDs, "Paint Like a Pro" (\$16.95), "Drywall Repairs" (\$11.95) and "Easy Wallpaper Removal" (\$11.95). Those watching the DVDs can go to a menu and watch the section they need, although Sweeney noted watching the entirety is a great way to learn.

Subjects like painting preparation are divided into such subsections as caulking. "I show you what you need to know about caulking," said Sweeney, who appears in the DVDs.

"I'm showing my technique. I hired a professional film crew." He did writing and outlining, and hired out the filming and editing from professionals with that expertise.

Filming took over a year, and was delayed when one woman developed breast cancer. She's doing better.

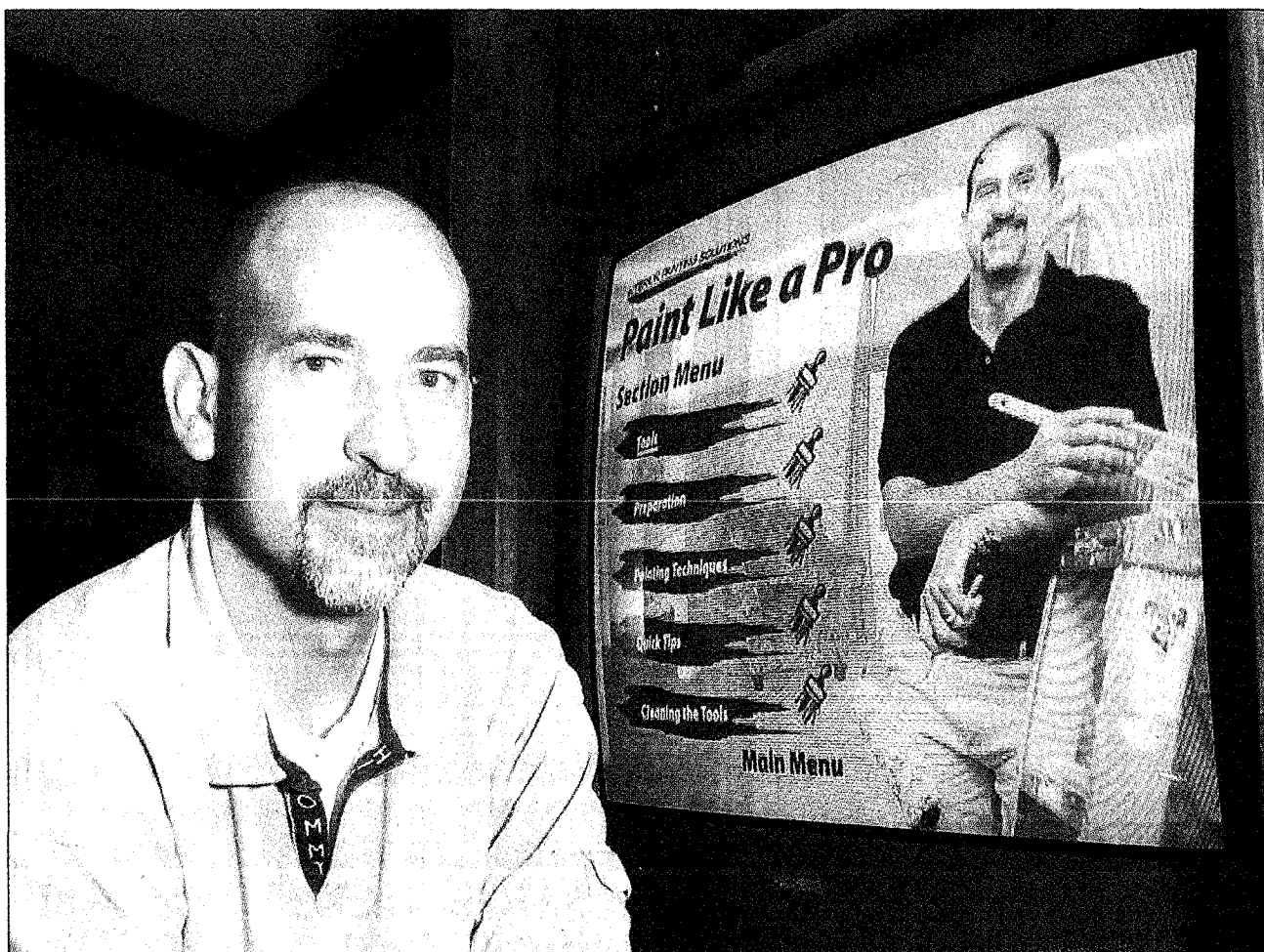
Information on Sweeney's project is online at [www.thepaintingguru.com](http://www.thepaintingguru.com), where DVDs can be ordered through Amazon.

Sweeney doesn't push the DVDs on his regular customers, but has used YouTube for marketing. He hasn't done his big Internet marketing push yet. His favorite section is the credits where viewers meet his family in a comedic skit.

He'd bought a foreclosed home for investment purposes in the winter. "I saw a good opportunity to do it this past winter," and that kept him busy.

The DVDs are in several area Teknicolors store locations in Farmington Hills, Redford, Birmingham and Pontiac. Sweeney didn't get any Michigan film tax credits for his project. "I actually filmed this before they had that," he said of the state initiative.

Sweeney had done some procrastinating on the DVD project, and got some family help getting off the



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Tom Sweeney's video can teach you how to paint like a pro.

fence as he talked about his plans. His brother said, "Year, right, sure you are." That kind of spurred me to doing it."

He's pleased with business that comes through word of mouth, but is getting fewer calls for home interior work. He continues to do exteriors. "They still want to protect their investment and keep their outside nice."

He's been getting some calls to "spice up" properties for sale, including a lot of wallpaper removal. Sweeney worked on one condo that had been on the market over a year, taking out wallpaper from all rooms and painting them.

"That condo sold within a month," he said, adding the wallpaper could have been a turn-off and the buyers may have not wanted to do their own painting.

For do-it-yourselfers, he finds the biggest mistakes include not

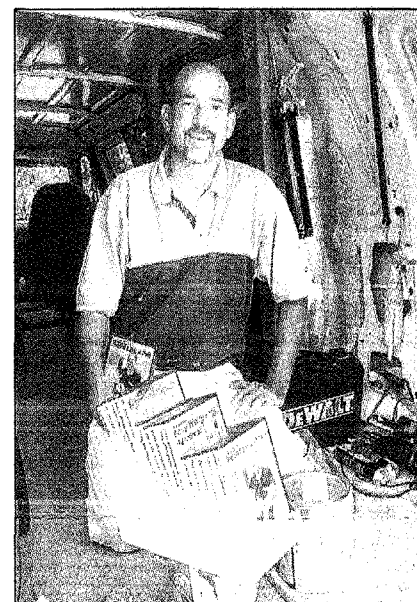
buying quality equipment like the right brushes and roller cover. "That makes a huge difference."

Premium paints are better as they cover more square feet per gallon, he said. You may run out of paint before the work's done if you buy an inferior brand.

The importance of a nice tape job is critical, Sweeney said. Just because the tape is blue or is labeled painters tape does not mean it will give you professional results. That's covered extensively in his painting DVD.

Many people do their own interiors, but exteriors can be a challenge, especially for those not comfortable on ladders. He recommends hiring a pro if that's your situation. "That's the best way to go."

Sweeney Painting can be reached at (734) 679-6300 or [tom@thepaintingguru.com](mailto:tom@thepaintingguru.com).



Tom Sweeney has a new video out that can teach you how to paint like a pro. Others in the series address drywall and wallpaper.

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### Homebuyers

A Homebuyer Seminar will be held 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 and 26, at Keller Williams, Farmington Hills Market Center, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100 - southeastern corner of 12 Mile and Halsted. RSVP: (248) 893-1550.

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### BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present an overview of the Michigan Uniform Energy Code (MUEC) on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services, LLC will present the training including comparison of the four compliance strategies, an explanation of the various methods of demonstrating compliance, a discussion of construction related changes, a description of the different foundation insulation systems, a comparison of insulation materials, and a view of the Sample Cost Scenarios of the different methods.

Registration fees are \$55 for Green Built™ Council members, \$75 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$95 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present training on Compliance With The Michigan Uniform Energy Code (MUEC) on Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 8 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services LLC will present this advanced course to

address the documentation that is necessary for compliance. Topics include the building science behind energy efficiency, advanced framing and air infiltration techniques that decrease insulation costs, construction related documents required by building departments, how to perform take-offs and calculate U-values, the Energy Star™ Thermal Bypass Inspection Checklist, and the next step to Green Built™ Certification.

Registration fees are \$90 for Green Built™ Council members, \$105 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a Negotiating Skills seminar at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Thursday, Sept. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate (CG) series of the National Association of Home Builders and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Graduate Master Builder (GMB) designations.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will present methods and strategies to negotiate with customers, employees, subcontractors, suppliers and government officials. Participants will gain confidence in these skills through role-playing following lectures and exercises.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

## HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of June 1-5, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Beverly Hills</b>	
17400 Birwood Ave	\$177,000
1011 Bennaville Ave	\$450,000
1171 E Lincoln St	\$150,000
895 Harmon St	\$323,000
1860 Humphrey Ave	\$71,000
<b>Bloomfield Township</b>	
2764 Indian Mound Rd	\$525,000
6835 N Adams Rd	\$159,000
120 N Williamsbury Rd	\$300,000
4467 Stony River Dr	\$340,000
4627 Timber Ridge Dr	\$200,000
<b>Clarkston</b>	
6228 Cheshire Park Dr	\$55,000

6232 Cheshire Park Dr	\$55,000
6236 Cheshire Park Dr	\$55,000
6244 Cheshire Park Dr	\$55,000
6248 Cheshire Park Dr	\$55,000
9231 Kier Rd	\$220,000
5032 Rockaway Ln	\$500,000
9532 Westwood Cir	\$210,000
<b>Commerce Township</b>	
9491 Boncrest St	\$80,000
3097 Massena St	\$85,000
2302 Wixom Rd	\$149,000
<b>Farmington</b>	
31959 Lee Ln	\$147,000
<b>Farmington Hills</b>	
29221 Aranel St	\$152,000
29656 Middlebelt Rd	\$53,000
29676 Middlebelt Rd	\$101,000
31722 Nottingwood St	\$138,000
28315 S Skye Dr	\$100,000
<b>Franklin</b>	
31220 Lucerne Dr	\$375,000
<b>Lake Orion</b>	
3255 Northfield Ct	\$30,000

1457 Ridgeview Cir	\$265,000
<b>Northville</b>	
49035 Nine Mile Rd	\$131,000
21728 Woodside Ct	\$221,000
<b>Novi</b>	
45150 Bartlett Dr	\$315,000
44700 Ford Way Dr	\$223,000
42335 Park Ridge Rd	\$150,000
41520 Tamara St	\$139,000
41856 Yeats Dr	\$195,000
<b>Oxford</b>	
148 Kintyre Dr	\$126,000
109 Rivercrest Ct	\$35,000
3273 Stacey Cir	\$139,000
<b>Rochester</b>	
1423 Kentfield Dr	\$348,000
<b>Rochester Hills</b>	
1967 Fairfield Dr	\$180,000
915 Ravenhill Rd	\$290,000
880 South Blvd W	\$125,000
<b>South Lyon</b>	
26080 Daria Cir E	\$80,000
27600 N Dixboro Rd	\$165,000

25625 Napier Rd	\$150,000
714 Westhills Dr	\$225,000
<b>Southfield</b>	
20290 Winchester St	\$55,000
<b>Troy</b>	
3123 Camden Dr	\$140,000
2445 Claymont Dr	\$260,000
1352 Milverton Dr	\$130,000
2042 Milverton Dr	\$35,000
<b>Waterford</b>	
945 Meadowlark Dr	\$160,000
1119 Meadowview Dr	\$125,000
4265 Meyers Rd	\$325,000
5680 Windstar Cir	\$195,000
<b>West Bloomfield</b>	
2251 Bloomfield Woods Ct	\$180,000
7425 Finnegan Dr	\$250,000
6310 Mission Dr	\$225,000
5781 Springwater Ln	\$235,000
<b>White Lake</b>	
11041 Beryl Dr	\$85,000

# President may need removal

**Q:** I am a member of a condominium board who is perplexed with our new president. She has gained control of the association and thinks that she has more power than anyone else. She has fired our CPA and is unhappy with our property manager because she says they are too expensive. She has been rude to both of them and I am afraid we are going to lose other vendors. What can I do?

**A:** This appears to be a typical situation where someone has been promoted to the level of

incompetency and/or thrust with power that they cannot handle. The board acts as a whole through a majority vote and no one person has the authority to take action

without the approval of the Board of Directors. The fact that she has apparently alienated the CPA and/or property manager is apparently a precursor for coming attractions. This will, no doubt, bring havoc to your association. You should convene the board and put the issue on the agenda for discussion by the board confronting the president with your concerns. You may also wish to have the attorney for the association involved in that process. The board may have to remove her as president.

**Q:** My real estate agent has told me that I don't need an attorney to review the purchase agreement because it is a form issued by the local Board of Realtors. Is that a good idea?

**A:** No, each purchase agreement should be reviewed by a knowledgeable real estate lawyer before it is signed or made subject to the purchaser's attorney's review before it becomes binding. You need a new agent who is more honest in regard to your rights being protected as opposed to garnering a quick but uninformed purchase.

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

## HOMES SOLD-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 26-29, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Canton</b>	
6498 Carlton Rd	\$186,000
4196 Coronet Ave	\$160,000
49747 Courtyard Ln	\$213,000
242 Dunhill Way St	\$235,000
4152 Forest Bridge Dr	\$120,000
7446 Haverhill Ln	\$265,000
1468 Millbrook Rd	\$73,000
50455 Monroe St	\$97,000
8452 New Haven Way	\$270,000
1285 W Crystal Cir	\$180,000
46984 Woodlong Dr	\$289,000
<b>Garden City</b>	
237 Henry Ruff Rd	\$104,000
6905 Lathers St	\$40,000
<b>Livonia</b>	
35963 Ann Arbor Trl	\$123,000
29407 Robrich Trl	\$32,000
17429 Brookview Dr	\$180,000
38784 Donald St	\$153,000
14942 Fairway St	\$159,000
9261 Florida St	\$119,000
18637 Giltman St	\$70,000
9948 Hambleton Ln	\$120,000
36257 Hammer St	\$70,000
15700 Harrison St	\$150,000
29663 Nottingham Cir	\$122,000
29611 Oakley St	\$140,000
18577 Renwick St	\$295,000
19593 Stamford Dr	\$190,000
19009 Wayne Rd	\$274,000
16347 Westbrook St	\$208,000
<b>Northville</b>	
18338 Blue Heron Dr W	\$265,000
16144 Jupiter Hills Dr	\$515,000
16247 Linden Ct	\$460,000
39839 Rockcrest Cir	\$112,000
<b>Plymouth</b>	
265 Arthur St	\$303,000
9444 Brookline Ave	\$145,000
9166 Mayflower Dr	\$162,000
<b>Redford</b>	
27231 Five Mile Rd	\$55,000
11357 Lenore	\$109,000
18698 Norborne	\$94,000
<b>Westland</b>	
8114 Donna St	\$78,000
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34227 Frances St	\$104,000
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19 Skippers' oaks  
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22 Originality  
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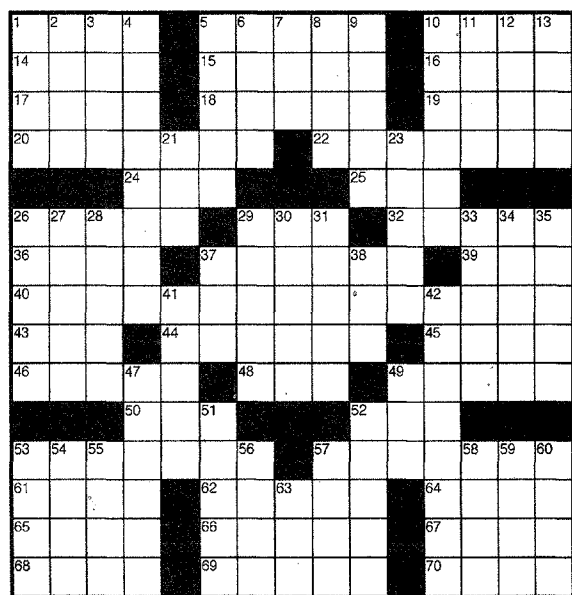
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2 On a cruise  
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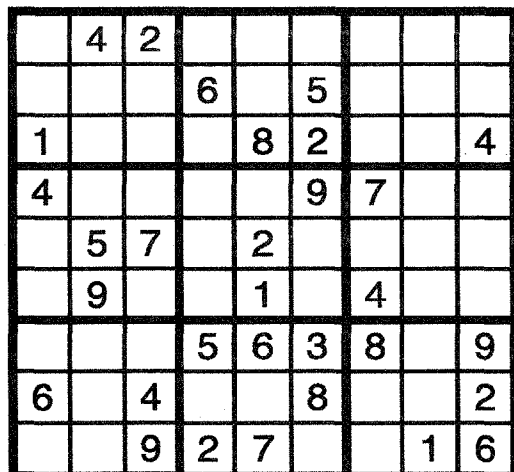


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53 Placid  
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55 Drenches  
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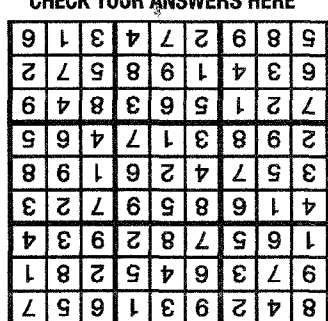
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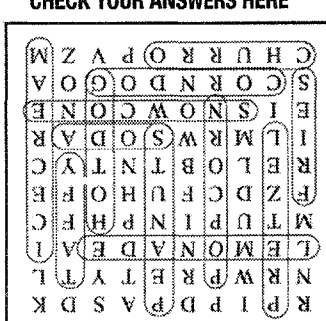
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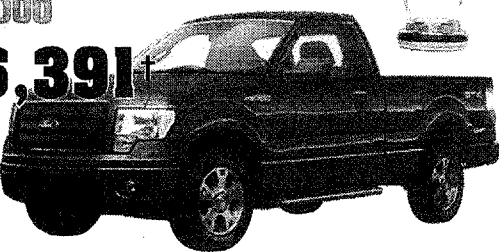
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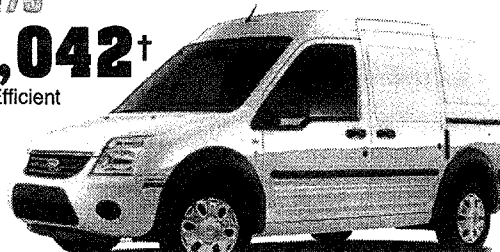
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