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The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts "Pumpkin Palooza," a new Halloween event for kids of all ages, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. The event replaces the popular "Great Pumpkin Caper." The new Palooza event will feature trick-or-treating, games, activities and costume contests. Downtown streets will be closed to provide safety. According to Downtown Development Authority officials, the "Pumpkin Palooza" event was created after a survey conducted on the chamber's two Facebook pages. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

**Worthy of
Merit**

Sixteen Plymouth-Canton students have been named as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition. The students include Austin Beaudoin, Jay Jin, Robert Johnson and Steven Marion of Canton High School; Matthew Bugajski, Brett Jia, Jennifer Liu, Todd Maslyk and Natalie Minor of Plymouth High School; and Rebecca Hershock, Irene Li, Laura Miller, Sahil Rafai, Noah Santer, Peter Su and Scott Su of Salem High School. These students are some of the top 16,000 academic students in the nation and now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for 8,300 scholarships worth more than \$34 million. The students will be notified in the spring if they have earned finalist standing.

Senior safety

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck hosts a senior safety seminar featuring a presentation from the attorney general's office titled "Avoiding Phone and Mail Scams" 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at the Northville Community Senior Center. The event is free of charge and refreshments will be served. The center is located at 303 W. Main in Northville.

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Crime falls in city, township

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

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Crime overall was down in Plymouth and Plymouth Township last year when compared to the year before, with the numbers dropping dramatically in some categories while moving up slightly in others. Violent crime dropped steeply last year in the city of Plymouth, where there were just seven reported incidents, compared to 23 in 2009. In the township, there were 19 reported incidents

of violent crime in 2010, down from 22 the year before. Violent crime is defined as forcible rape, aggravated assault, robbery and murder or non-negligent homicide. Neither the city nor the township had a murder or non-negligent homicide in 2010. The numbers come from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports on crime in the U.S., which are reported by local police departments and compiled by the FBI. The FBI released its 2010

reports Monday. Local chiefs said that while their police forces should be given credit for the drop in crime, there are many variables in play, including the economy, public awareness and the effectiveness of neighboring police departments. "The guys are out there and the guys are proactive, and that makes a difference, but there are a variety of factors" that resulted in the falling numbers, Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox said.

"I don't think there's one thing you can point to that is responsible for the drop in criminal activity," Plymouth Township Chief Tom Tiderington said. But he complimented his patrol and detective bureaus: Efforts that lead to arrests and convictions, Tiderington said, mean those convicted don't have the chance to commit repeat crimes. That was especially true in the category of larceny, he said, which often means thefts from

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Jonathan Thomann, assistant director of bands, watches the rehearsal being led by senior drum major Grace Wine and Scott McAnally, of the band's visual staff.

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The Big Apple beckons

Band has Macy's parade, season to conquer

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

With a new competition program to perfect and a trip to New York for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, members of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band could have been excused for having their focus a bit split. Apparently, considering they swept to victory in their first competition Saturday at Madison Heights Lamphere, focus isn't going to be a problem as the PCEP marchers perform their new show, "Ancient Gardens of Babylon." The show, which staffers and band members started putting together last winter, not long after last season concluded, features the 190-member band providing Plymouth's approach to what the Hanging Gardens of Babylon would look like. "It's one of the seven wonders of the world, and there doesn't seem to be a whole lot of documentation on what they looked like," said director of bands David Armbruster. "The show will have lots of green, lots of



The band puts down their instruments while concentrating on formations.

flowers, pillars and vines. By the end of the show, we'll practically have an entire garden on the field." The new show, which lasts some eight minutes, 15 seconds, features what Armbruster said is "challenging" music, including William Walton's "Belshazzari Feast" and "Blue Silk," music from Cirque du Soleil. The music is challenging, and the marchers are spread "all over the field," Armbruster said. "Some years, we know exactly what theme we want to use

and have to find the music," Armbruster explained. "This year, we knew the music, and then had to develop the theme. It's an extremely challenging show, but that's good, because it's good to keep the kids challenged." The show is larger and louder, with its own challenges. The focus early on has been learning where to be, getting down the steps and the music at the same time.

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**Activist wants
seat on
redrawn county
commission**

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Longtime political activist Shannon Price has become the first candidate to announce his intent to campaign next year for a Wayne County Commission seat in the newly redrawn 10th District that will encompass Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Price, a Republican and constituent relations staffer for Attorney General Bill Schuette, confirmed his intentions Tuesday and cited his broad political background as a former government relations lobbyist and ex-chairman of the GOP's Wayne 11th District Committee. "This is essentially a new district," Price, 40, said, "and we need someone who will know how to get to work right away." Due to population shifts that led to a redrawing of boundaries, Canton will no longer be in the 11th District when 2012 ends. Incumbent Commissioner Kevin McNamara, a Democrat in his fifth year, confirmed Tuesday he will move to another community in his district, which will include Van Buren, Sumpter and Huron townships, Belleville, Romulus, Wayne and the southern portion of Westland.



Price

McNamara said his move will place him in a position to campaign in a more Democratic district, though he has fared well in Canton, and it will allow him to continue his passion for securing money to improve roads in western Wayne County. "There's not a lot left to do in Canton with roads," said McNamara, who also has brought county money to Canton for projects such as a local dog park and splash playgrounds. Price last year narrowly lost his bid for the GOP nomination in the 21st District state House race, though party choice Lori Levi was defeated by Democratic

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incumbent Dian Slavens of Canton.

Price, in a written announcement Tuesday of his candidacy, already touted support from county Commissioner Laura Cox of Livonia and Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy.

Cox lauded Price's "personal and professional experience" and said he "knows how to get things done" due to his involvement in local and state politics.

LaJoy called Price "the kind of legislator we

need in Wayne County" and said Price "would be accountable to the citizens and be very proactive."

Price formerly represented Canton, Northville and Westland in Lansing as a government relations lobbyist. He also was a former partner in a software, marketing and consulting business, and he has worked for Schuette in a Detroit-based office since last October.

Price said he wants to help increase accountability and fiscal responsibility on the county commission. He said his priorities would be pushing to streamline government services through collaborative efforts among communities and counties — one of Gov. Rick Snyder's goals. "I'm on board with

that," Price said.

He also said he would seek a full review of all county departments to ensure efficiency, and he would push for economic growth by supporting airport-related, or aerotropolis, development, along with a county land bank program that touts tax breaks and other efforts to spur new business.

Price said he would push to put the entire county budget online and support a multiyear budgeting process. Saying western Wayne County is essentially "a donor district," he also said he would strive to return more revenue to the 10th District for projects such as roads and parks improvements.

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Local artists exhibit in 'Art in the Capitol'

Officials from the Plymouth Community Arts Council were delighted to lead off the exhibit schedule for Speaker Pro-Tempore John Walsh's Art in the Capitol program.

The program involves a series of rotating art exhibits inside the Capitol building in Lansing that showcase artists from western Wayne County. The chosen arts organizations send original pieces from their own local artists to represent their group. The art is exhibited for about 12 weeks throughout Walsh's Capitol office, which is open to tourists and special visitors. Signage in the common area recognizes the artists and the organization they represent.

Three talented artists were chosen to represent the PCAC in Lansing: Kay Masini, Plymouth artist and member of The Plymouth Community Arts Council Board of Directors; Pam Grossmann, local artist, and instructor for both the children's and adult drop in art classes at The Plymouth Community Arts Council; and Plymouth resident Denise Cassidy, who also serves on PCAC's exhibit committee.

"The Art in the Capitol program was implemented at no cost to the taxpayer, but with many goals in mind," according to Valerie Knol, Legislative Aide to Rep. Walsh. Knol was instrumental in coordinating the pro-



State Rep. John Walsh with Plymouth artists Denise Cassidy and Pam Grossman.

gram from Lansing, and worked on the Plymouth exhibit details together with PCAC program liaison Pat Adams.

"The most important aspect of the program is to bring public recognition to southeast Michigan's art councils, foundations and committees," said Knol. "These non-profit organizations operate with limited resources and dedicated volunteers who manage to provide the communities they serve with amazing variety of quality art programming. From classes and seminars, to exhibits and outreach programs, Representative Walsh feels they are an inspirational example of what can be done on a shoestring budget."

The trio from Plymouth all agreed that having their artwork exhibited in Lansing was truly a privilege.

"I was speechless

when I saw my mixed media piece 'Neighborhood Watch' hanging over (Walsh's) desk," Grossman said. "It's a pen-and-ink drawing of Livonia City Hall with all the American flags flying in front of it, just after 9/11. I superimposed the American flag and eagle over this image in watercolor."

Masini was unable to make the trip to Lansing for the reception, but said she was honored to be one of the artists chosen to lead off this important program.

"As Speaker Pro Tem, Rep. Walsh is one of the few to have an office in the Capitol, so this was a perfect opportunity to both showcase the talents of his constituency, and get some beautiful art up on our walls," said Knol.

Photos from the exhibit can be found on the Plymouth Community Arts Council website www.plymoutharts.com

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Talks start on advanced technology project

Northville and Plymouth Township have begun discussions for a joint economic development project that will make the 500-acre parcel off of Five Mile, Beck Road and M-14 a hub for advanced technology businesses. With support from Wayne County and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the Wayne County Advanced Technology Park will be one of the

most focused and comprehensive technology developments in Southeast Michigan. It will promote research and economic development and provide space and support for industries such as advanced battery manufacturing, biotechnology, nanotechnology and robotics. The two townships are prepared to provide significant support to any company that wishes

to locate its advanced technology operation to this area. The economic development zone would be run jointly by the two governments, creating a business-friendly atmosphere by guaranteeing an expedited and streamlined approval process for site plans and building permits, consistent zoning and building requirements and an assigned experienced staffer for each

project. "Both Plymouth and Northville Township share a common goal of getting these businesses up and running as quickly as possible. We have pledged to provide any help we can to the process whether it involves government permits or not," said Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo. The current parcel covers acreage owned by both townships that is in a prime location for business.

Thanks to the close proximity to freeway access, Detroit, Wayne County Airport, Willow Run Airport and Ann Arbor, both shipping and commuting would be made simple. For those disinclined to commuting, the two townships have been recognized as prime places to live, work and play, putting the Park in the middle of some of the most desirable real estate in Michigan. "Creating this world-class technology park is an important step that will help create jobs and promote long-term economic growth where every level of government will play a critical role in the state's economic revival," added Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reame. The Wayne County Advanced Technology Park, already being

championed by Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, Rep. Kurt Heise and Sen. Patrick Colbeck, will be a major regional economic development initiative and would have substantial regional impact. It will be the first overall project to attract advanced technology businesses to transform the local economy. Heise said Wednesday the bills to sell the property were voted out of House committee unanimously that morning. Heise said the bills will move to the House floor ideally by the end of September. "The good news is it's moving forward," Heise said Wednesday.

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vehicles. Larceny reports in the township went from 344 in 2009 to 283 last year.

Both Cox and Tidering-ton also pointed to greater public awareness of the need to take precautions, such as locking the doors of vehicles and homes to deny easy opportunities to would-be criminals.

"When you start doing that simple of a task, people move on," Cox said. "Most of the time they're not going to break a window."

Reports of aggravated assaults in the city dropped from 18 in 2009 to just two last year, while reported burglaries fell from 29 to 22. Reports of forcible rape went up from just one in 2009 to three last year. Burglary and forcible rape reports in the township dropped

in 2010, but reports of aggravated assault were up slightly, from 10 to 12.

Both communities also saw a significant drop in the number of reported larcenies and the number of reported property crimes, which would include vandalism.

"There's not an acceptable level," Tiderington said. "We'd like to see zeros across the board."

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Crime in Plymouth 2009 and 2010

	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Property Crimes	Burglary	Larceny	Vehicle Theft	Arson
2009	1	4	18	197	29	152	16	3
2010	3	2	2	171	22	134	15	3

SOURCE: FBI, as reported by local agency

Crime in Plymouth Township 2009 and 2010

	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Property Crimes	Burglary	Larceny	Vehicle Theft	Arson
2009	3	9	10	445	77	344	24	2
2010	2	5	12	363	53	283	27	1

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Woman hopes to find lost engagement ring

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton police hope to help a 30-year-old Plymouth woman who has been distraught since she lost her \$5,000 engagement ring in late July inside the Marshalls department store on Ford Road.

Canton Detective Tim Wright has released a store surveillance photo that shows a person of interest who police believe may have picked up the ring.

Anyone who recognizes the woman or who has information about the lost ring is encouraged to call Wright at (734) 394-5426. The woman was accompanied by a young boy.

The ring's owner, who preferred that her name not be used, has been married four years, and she wore her engagement ring along with her wedding band.

However, she said the engagement ring accidentally slipped off her finger while she was in a store checkout line shortly before 6 p.m. July 27.

"She's crushed by losing it," Wright said. "Her hope is that the ring is returned."

A store surveillance video showed another shopper who appeared to have picked up the ring, Wright said.



Canton Police have released this photo of a woman they're calling a "person of interest" who may have picked up an engagement ring that slipped off the finger of a Plymouth woman at the Canton Marshalls store.

The owner said she noticed as she was leaving the store that she didn't have the ring. She went back inside and asked people who denied seeing it or finding it.

She eventually placed an advertisement on Craigslist, and she said she received a phone call from one woman who seemed to know about the incident and indicated she had the ring. However, the call ended abruptly, as though someone else cut her off.

The ring's owner placed several ads on Craigslist, pleading for the ring's return. One ad indicated



A Plymouth woman lost this engagement ring at the Canton Marshalls store and is hoping someone can identify it and help her find it.

she was willing to pay an

undisclosed reward for it. The ring's owner has heard nothing more from the caller.

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CRIME WATCH

Home invasion

Nothing was reported stolen Sept. 14 after what appeared to be a home invasion attempt in Plymouth Township.

The incident took place at a house on Old Pond Circle, south of Five Mile and east of Northville Road. According to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, an automatic opener was apparently used to open the door to the attached garage, but the house door inside the garage remained secure.

The remote opener had been taken the previous night, or earlier that day, from an unlocked car parked in the driveway, the complainant told police. She had gone out to the car about 9 a.m., she told police, to find some of the items inside had been disturbed.

Purse stolen

A woman who stopped at a township gas station earlier this month to put air in one of the tires on her vehicle later found that her purse, and its contents, had been stolen, police said.

The incident was reported Sept. 17; the complainant told police she stopped at the Speedway station, on Sheldon Road near Five Mile, on Sept. 2 to put air in a tire on the driver's side of her Jeep Liberty. While she was crouched at the tire, she suspects, someone reached through an open window of the Liberty and grabbed her purse from the front seat.

The woman later discovered the purse missing, she said, along with the cash, checks and credit cards in it. She canceled her accounts, she said, but later was told that two of her checks had been used at a Livonia department store.

Vandalism

A window on a 2010 Dodge Caravan was smashed late Sunday or early Monday as the car sat outside a house on Katherine Court, south of Ann Arbor Road and west of Beck, in the township.

The victim discovered the vandalism just after 7 a.m. Monday, a police report said; the car had been parked in the driveway since 10 p.m. Sunday.

Nothing was reported missing from the Caravan, and police could find no rock, ball or other object that may have been used to break the window.

— By Matt Jachman

Fire runs

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Sept. 14-20:

- Tuesday, Sept. 20 — Rescue runs on Main, on Ann Arbor Road, at Ann Arbor Road and Southworth, on Northville Road and on Ann Arbor Trail.

- Monday, Sept. 19 — Rescue runs on Brownell, on Newporte, on Sheridan, on southbound I-275 north of Five Mile, on Halyard, on Woodland Court, on Keel, on Main, on General Drive, on Beck, on Haggerty and on Starkweather.

- Sunday, Sept. 18 — Rescue runs on General Drive, on Sheldon, on Main, on Russell, at Deer and Maple, on Shadywood, on Haggerty, on Franklin, on Wilson, on Burroughs, on westbound M-14 east of Sheldon and on Newport.

- Saturday, Sept. 17 — Rescue runs on Northville, on Arthur, on Plymouth Road, on Ann Arbor Trail, at Ann Arbor Trail and Main, on Grant, on Bradner and on Harding.



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"It's definitely different," said senior drum major Grace Wine, in her fourth year with the band. "We're learning a lot, and we've gotten a lot done. The music is more complicated, more complex, and it connects more with the audience."

All the while looms the November trip to New York for the Macy's parade. Plymouth-Canton officials found out last year they were the only Michigan band selected to take part in the parade. The excitement hasn't waned, but it has given way to thoughtful preparation.

The Macy's show will be quite different from the competitive show PCEP marchers are used to. They'll obviously be far more confined on the streets of New York, and the parade show will only last about 75 seconds.

Armbruster is confident his charges will have no problem getting ready.

"Macy's is a different type of crowd than we're used to," Armbruster said of the tunes his band will play, which will include holiday-esque music.

"We'll play stuff from the Grinch, Dr. Seuss. The music is very achievable, and it's very entertaining."

Wine said band members are "focusing on the (competitive) show" right now, but they're all excited about the chance to climb onto the national stage at the Macy's parade.

"We'll focus on Macy's soon ... That show is going to be quick and easy compared to the rest of what we do," Wine



Flutist Sam Madden provides some of the music for a Tuesday rehearsal of the band's show, 'Ancient Gardens of Babylon.'

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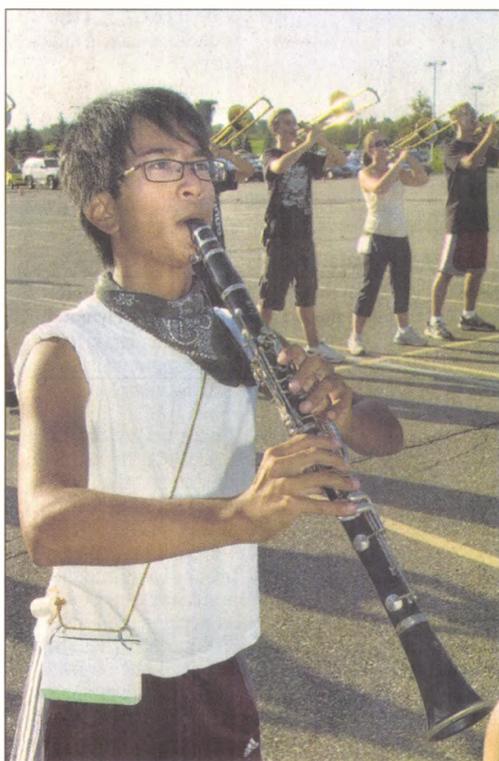
said. "It's going to be really fun. It's going to be a good experience to go to New York, and we'll get to be in front of a larger crowd who doesn't know a lot about marching bands."

For now, though, the focus is on competition. Change has happened. Assistant director of bands Sheldon Frazier left for a "good job" in Georgia, Armbruster said, and has been replaced by Jonathan Thomann, who came over from Novi High School and "is fitting in very well" with the band.

The senior class has graduated and a new freshman class is in place, meaning the kids needed to come together a little as school started. But Armbruster said that process never takes long.

"Once these kids get into a routine, it's a well-oiled machine," Armbruster said. "It practically runs itself."

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Brian Quintos plays clarinet.

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DINING WITH DOCTORS

Date/Time: Thursday, Oct. 13, 11:45 a.m.

Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host a distinguished panel of doctors from the Dearborn Surgery Center. The event will include a Health Expo with free blood pressure, sugar, cholesterol and eye testing, free, catered lunch at 12:45 p.m., and then a 1 p.m. panel discussion with doctors. Limited seating.

Contact: Call 453-1234, Ext. 236 for reservations.

PENCIL EXHIBIT

Date/Time: Through Sept. 29, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Location: Lotus Arts Gallery, 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth

Details: During the month of September, Lotus Arts Gallery will be hosting "Michigan Colored Pencil 2011," a juried colored pencil exhibition sponsored by the Colored Pencil Society of America District Chapter #104, featuring 100-percent colored pencil works or art produced by Michigan artists. Opening reception is set for 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, featuring complimentary snacks and beverages as well as conversations with the artists.

Contact: Call (734) 453-5400 for more information.

POM CLINIC

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct.

1, 9-11:30 a.m.

Location: Canton High School cafeteria

Details: The Canton Chieftes host a pom clinic where participants will learn pom pon techniques and a short dance routine. Participants perform at the varsity football game Oct. 14. Links to a clinic flyer and registration can be found at cantonchieftes.com

DAR MEETS

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 23, noon

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth

Details: The Daughters of the American Revolution meet for a noon sandwich luncheon, with the program titled "Our Future," featuring State Sen. Patrick Colbeck. Members are asked to wear red, white and blue and bring a bell. Also bring white socks (men's 9-12 & 13-15), crossword puzzle and word search books, playing cards, men's boxers or T-shirts for veterans.

Contact: For further information call (248) 349-4827.

GOODFELLOW VOLUNTEERS

Date/Time: Oct. 19 and Nov. 17, 7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library Waldorf Room, 223 S. Main

Details: The Plymouth Goodfellows are looking for volunteers for their annual newspaper sale day (Dec. 3) and for other duties. The group is an all volunteer organization that works from September-January. Our goal is to make sure there are no Plymouth children without a Christmas.

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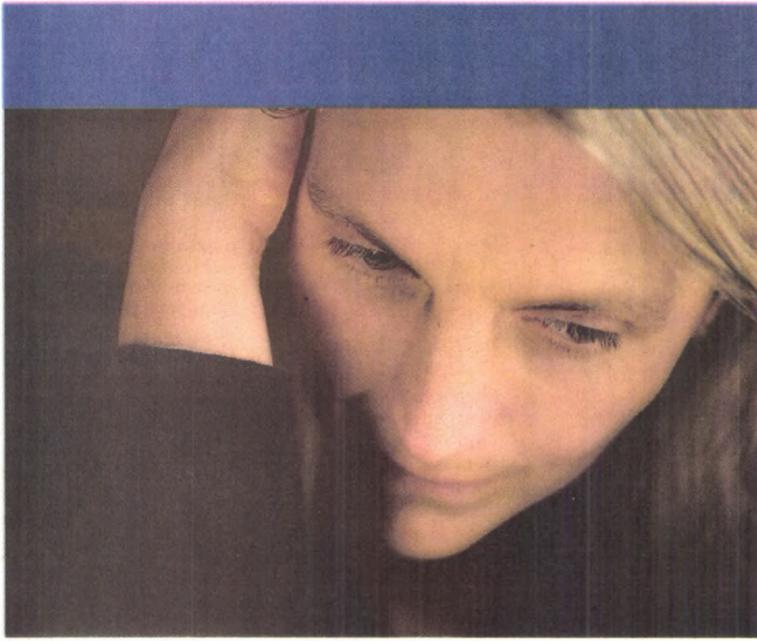
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ACLU alleges boy, 13, was forced to take alcohol breath test

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday on behalf of a 13-year-old boy who the ACLU says was forced by the Livonia police to submit to a breath test even though they did not have a warrant authorizing the procedure.

The lawsuit claims two Livonia police officers violated the 13-year-old's Fourth Amendment right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures.

The lawsuit said the incident occurred in June. The 13-year-old student attended a school-sponsored picnic in Rotary Park, celebrating his class's graduation from Discovery Middle School in Canton.

Deputy Chief Curtis Caid of the Livonia Police Department said the department was looking into the complaint.

Accused of drinking

The ACLU's complaint alleges that the following chain of events took place:

The student and his friends went into the woods for a short walk on a hiking trail for about 30 minutes. When they returned, they were accused of drinking by the assistant principal who had followed them into the woods and found an empty liquor bottle on the ground.

The students told the assistant principal that they were not drinking and that the bottle did not belong to them. The assistant principal called the police.

Police questioned the teens. When the teens denied that they were drinking, one officer accused the boys of lying and said a second officer was going to arrive to administer a breathalyzer test.

The second officer arrived and instructed the boys on the breathalyzer machine.

ACLU: Test done without consent

The ACLU said police forced the boys to take a breath test without their consent.

The 13-year-old "felt embarrassed and violated because he had done nothing wrong but was being publicly shamed and forced to prove his innocence by blowing into a machine at the insistence of the police," according to the complaint.

The ACLU said police and the school did not notify the parents of the accusations nor did police attempt to obtain a warrant. The teens each registered a blood-alcohol level of 0.00 percent, proving that they had not been drinking.

The ACLU said police had no evidence that he had broken the law.

"Federal and state courts have ruled over and over again that if a teen is not driving, the police need a search warrant to administer a breath test," said Dan Korobkin, ACLU of Michigan staff attorney, in a prepared statement.

"The Fourth Amendment's warrant requirement is designed to prevent exactly what happened in this case. When

there is no evidence that a child has done anything wrong, he should never be subjected to this degrading and embarrassing procedure in front of his teachers and peers."

As a result of this incident, the ACLU's client fears more scrutiny in future police encounters because his name is now included in at least one police database.

"My son has always been taught to respect his educators and law enforcement," said Tina Barbee, the mother of the teen challenging the illegal search, in a prepared statement. "In June, he was taught a very different lesson — educators and police make mistakes. Although a wrong was done, I truly believe it can be made right. My son is standing up for his constitutional rights so that what happened to him doesn't have to happen to anyone else."

Caid said the Livonia Police Department had no record of a mother or parent filing a complaint about what was alleged in the lawsuit. Caid had just received information about the complaint Wednesday morning.

"We are looking into it," Caid said. "Other than that, it is pending litigation, and we won't comment on it at this time."

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials weren't talking about the issue Tuesday.

"We don't comment on pending litigation," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations.

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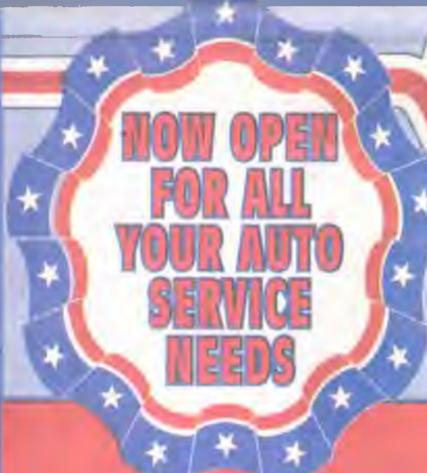
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Hosted by Canton Leisure Services, this free program features several stations set up for an afternoon of music and art along the trail between Sheldon and Lilley Roads. Participants are encouraged to stroll these picturesque trails and enjoy live demonstrations and



The second Sound Garden event will feature musical stations along the Lower Rouge trail.

performances provided by several local artists and musicians, includ-

ing: open-air artists from D&M Art Studio, Raku pottery artists, guitarists,

a dulcimer player, saxophonist, and more. Participants may even

be inspired to take home one of the finished works of art that are for sale to the public. While on the trails, participants are being encouraged to check out several chain-saw art pieces that have found a permanent home at this popular outdoor destination.

"Here's a chance for nature and music-lovers to combine two of their interests into one special event," said Jennifer Provenzano, Recreation Specialist. "These scenic trails provide a beautiful backdrop for everyone to enjoy memorable music and inspiring art on which promises to be a delightful afternoon."

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The Lower Rouge Trail offers over four miles of compacted crushed stone paths that meander along the Lower Rouge River providing access to scenic foliage and abundant wildlife. Parking for this event can be found at the Lower Rouge Trailhead, located on Michigan Avenue at Morton Taylor Road.

For more information about this free Sound Garden event or the Lower Rouge Trail, visit Cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

School block party celebrates play

Officials at the Goddard School in Canton believe the basis for healthy learning is providing all children with active, playful lifestyles enriched with good nutrition.

To help spread that word, Goddard School hosts "The Goddard School Block Party" Sept. 19-24, giving children and families a chance to engage in a variety of fitness, nutrition and playful learning activities based on the core curriculum and enrichment programs that are an integral part of the learning program offered at the school.

To gear up for the big celebrations, Carl Pittner, owner of The Goddard School located in Canton,

offered five tips for parents to help their children develop healthy learning habits:

- Encourage play. Playing alone and with others not only builds brain development, it also helps children develop social skills and a sense of ethics.
 - Play together. In addition to their ABCs and 123s, preschool children are learning and developing life skills that will shape who they grow into as adults.
 - Get adequate sleep and proper nutrition.
 - Continue year-long education.
 - Turn off the screens.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics urges

parents to avoid television and other electronic media for children 2 and younger, Pittner pointed out.

"Play is the natural way to learn. It helps children learn to solve problems, promotes flexibility and motivation, teaches regulation of emotions and builds resilience and confidence," said Sue Adair, director of education at GSI. "It is also essential to the development of the child's brain, forming the basis of healthy cognitive function and mastery of the child's physical world."

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Former prison chaplain speaks to Hope group

Former prison chaplain, Dr. Drew Warren Tomberlin Jr. will be the guest speaker when Hope 4 Healing Hearts Inc. meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Kirk of Our Savior Church in Westland.

The youngest of two children born to Jeanne and Drew Tomberlin, Tomberlin grew up an "Army brat." Born in Alabama, he lived in Orleans, France, Georgia and California before his father retired from the Army in 1970. The family settled in Columbus, Ga., where Tomberlin graduated from high school and college. He taught school for two years before entering Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. He graduated from Columbia Seminary in 1987 with a mas-

ter of divinity degree and received his doctor of ministry degree from Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio, in 2010.

An ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Tomberlin has 24 years' experience, 14 years in chaplaincy and 10 years in parish ministry. He deployed for Desert Shield/Desert Storm as a Navy chaplain serving with Marines and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for ministering to wounded Marines and Sailors on the battlefield.

Tomberlin has also served as a chaplain with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the Department of Veterans Affairs. His years of parish ministry include pastorates

in Georgia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio, Iowa and Michigan.

Founded by Bonnie Hilberer, Hope 4 Healing Hearts Inc. of Westland, a grief support for adults that have an incarcerated loved one. More than 75 persons have been helped to heal their broken hearts and raise their heads high — as they have dealt with the legal system and the embarrassment of having a loved one in prison. They have each found support through one another and a variety of speakers ranging from attorneys and directors from Prison Fellowship to the Salvation Army's State of Michigan Chaplain.

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, Inc. offers education, financial information, emotional and spiritual guidance.

"We also allow for the opportunity for families to heal from the embarrassment, pain and guilt through discussion in a non-threatening, non-judgmental environment," said Hilberer. "We are non-profit and our meetings are open to anyone. If you would like to attend, please know that you are under no pressure to tell your story — you are welcome to just sit in and observe."

Hope 4 Healing Hearts meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Kirk of our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. There is no fee, however, donations are appreciated. For more information, contact Hilberer at (734) 646-2237, bonnie@hope4healing.com or online at www.hope4healinghearts.com.



Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, president of Madonna University, and Dr. Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, sign pennants in honor of an articulation agreement between the two institutions.

Madonna, Schoolcraft sign credit-transfer agreement

Madonna University and Schoolcraft College, both based in Livonia, have signed an articulation agreement that helps students easily transfer credits from an associate degree into one of six bachelor's degree programs.

"We see this as a win-win situation. The students at Schoolcraft can rest assured their credits will easily transfer and Madonna University can be confident we will admit well-prepared students," said Mike Quattro, director of admissions at Madonna.

Madonna University typically accepts a maximum of 74 credits from community colleges. Through this agreement with Schoolcraft, more credits can be transferred — in some cases as many as 90.

"Students transferring to Madonna will find a number of scholarship opportunities available. Advisors and instructors are ready to set up a plan

of study and will work closely with them to prepare them for a particular career field," said Michael Kenney, vice president for planning and enrollment management at Madonna.

The agreement applies to the following programs:

- Schoolcraft's associate degree in fire technology transfers to Madonna's bachelor's degree in emergency management.

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- Schoolcraft's associ-

ate degree in criminal justice and homeland security transfers to Madonna's bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

- Schoolcraft's associate degrees in business, marketing and applied management, and small business for entrepreneurs transfer to Madonna's bachelor's degree in business administration.

At Madonna, students also may earn minors or certificates in related areas of study. Other benefits include lower tuition for master's degree programs for Madonna alumni.

"We have designed this articulation agreement with the students' needs in mind," Kenney said. "Students are able to take advantage of earning both an associate degree and a bachelor's degree at two highly regarded institutions. While they are earning their associate degree, they don't have to worry that certain credits won't be accepted. We have that all worked out for them."

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Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on or after September 14, 2011. Bid documents may be mailed for a charge of \$10.00.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

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CROP Walk helps pantry

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

People from churches throughout the Plymouth and Canton Township area will unite on Sunday, Oct. 2, to raise money to combat hunger around the world—and at home.

That's the date of the Plymouth Canton area's 2011 CROP Hunger Walk, an annual event that raises money for the anti-poverty efforts of the Church World Service. The walk—there are actually two, a four-mile route and a two-mile route—begins at 2 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township.

Locally, the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps benefits from the money raised in the walk, taking a 25-percent share to help stock its emergency food pantry, which serves about 120 families a month. CROP

stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.

In a time when food donations are down and the number of families seeking help of all kinds has more than tripled in the last four years, the CROP Walk's donation is a welcome boost.

"We are so grateful, because our food pantry is in bad shape, so this is very good for us," said Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries at the Plymouth Corps.

The Plymouth Corps uses a variety of sources to stock its food pantry, said Aren, including some money from its annual red kettle campaign, grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and its own food drives.

But donations have been falling recently, she said, and Plymouth Corps officials believe donors are opt-

ing instead to assist family members in need or help out through their own churches.

At the same time, requests for all types of services are increasing, Aren said. When she started the job four years ago, she said, the Plymouth Corps was assisting about 45 families a month. Now, it assists about 180 families a month, she said. "The numbers have just skyrocketed," Aren said.

The Plymouth Corps' mobile canteen will be stationed on the walk's route on Oct. 2 to provide refreshments to walkers.

St. John's Episcopal Church is at 574 South Sheldon, south of Ann Arbor Trail. Walk registration at the church begins at 1:30 p.m. on walk day, and the walk starts at 2 p.m. Walkers can also register at www.cropwalkonline.org.

Man gets prison for cemetery embezzlements

An Oklahoma man has been sentenced to up to 20 years in prison and must pay \$48 million in restitution for embezzling from 28 Michigan cemeteries, including United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

The sentence came after Clayton R. Smart, 71, of Okmulgee, Okla., pleaded guilty as charged to 39 felony counts filed by the Michigan Attorney General's office in 2007. An investigation revealed that Smart had embezzled up to \$70 million in cemetery trust funds, according to the charges filed against Smart.

Under the terms of a multi-jurisdictional plea agreement, Judge Kevin Robbins of Detroit's 36th District Court sentenced Smart to the following, which will be served concurrently:

- Four to 20 years for one count of racketeering;
- Four to 10 years for 10

counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee over \$20,000;

- Two to five years for 28 counts of failing to trust or escrow funeral or cemetery or pre-paid contract funds.

Robbins also ordered Smart to pay the affected cemetery trusts \$48.6 million in restitution. The order, which has the force of a civil judgment, may be enforced by Midwest Memorial Group, the buyer of 26 of the 28 cemeteries, and the Michigan Cemetery Commissioner.

Approximately \$20 million in restitution has already been recovered from Smart by the court-appointed conservator for the affected cemeteries, the Attorney General's Office and Midwest Memorial Group.

Under the terms of the agreement, Smart will be given credit for time served since March 23, 2011, the

date he went into federal custody. Smart will serve his Michigan sentence concurrent with an additional five-year sentence for a federal conviction for tax evasion. If Smart completes his federal sentence prior to the four-year minimum in his Michigan sentence, he will return to Michigan to complete the unexpired term in the Michigan corrections system.

In addition to United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth, the affected cemeteries include:

- Mount Hope Memorial Gardens, 17840 Middlebelt, Livonia.
- Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.
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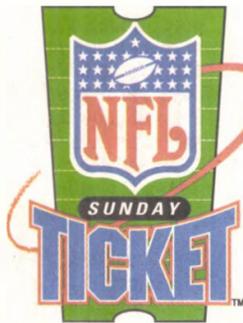
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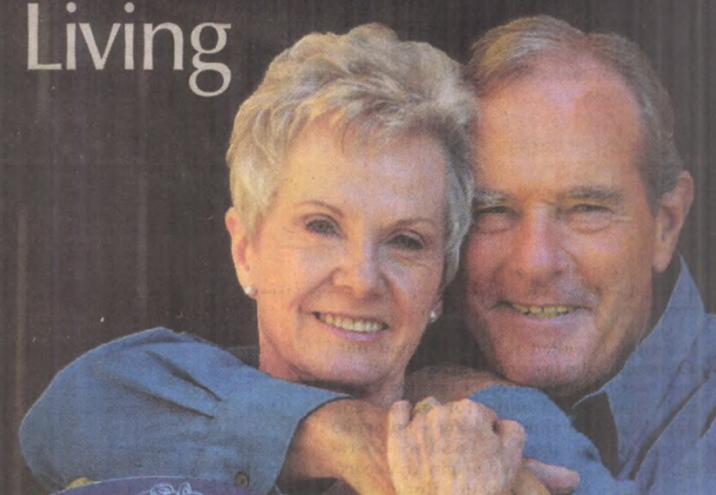
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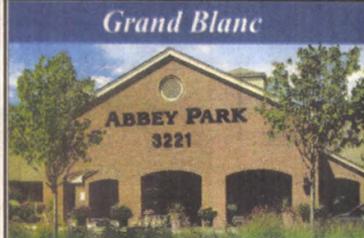
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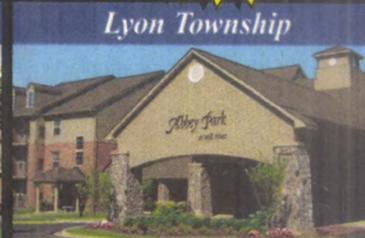
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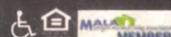
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This group of former Pan Am employees, gathered last week at Canton's Mexican Fiesta, is looking forward to the debut of the ABC series based on their former employer.

Pan Am part of the path to new career

By M.B. Dillon
Guest Columnist

When I graduated from college with a journalism degree, I lacked the ambition to go on to grad school at the University of Michigan. Instead, wanting to see the world, I applied to in-flight magazines, trying to land a writing job.

No luck. I learned some airlines entertained passengers with piano players in the upper-level cocktail lounges of their jumbo jets. I applied and was rejected.

Plan C panned out. I was hired as a flight attendant for Pan Am in 1979. Pan Am was not my first choice but, looking back, it was a blessing. I liked the fact that employees were required to speak a foreign language, and enjoyed working with people who had an affinity and appreciation for other cultures. A favorite colleague was Paula Fader, a Redford Township girl like me. It was a thrill to meet many of the pilots, veterans of World War II and heroes in my eyes.

After six weeks of training in Honolulu, Hawaii, that included one complimentary trip to a salon for a beauty makeover, I was stationed in Los Angeles. My roommate — Susan Moon of Monterey, Calif. — convinced me we should live on the ocean. We found a one-bedroom in Manhattan Beach we could barely afford.

As Pan Am peons, we traveled to such glamorous spots as Guyana, where we were warned not to venture outside — not even to run laps around the hotel — and American Samoa, where large tuna-factory workers walked to work in crisp, white uniforms and bare feet.

During my second flight, to Samoa, the purser walked up and calmly said, "Take off your hose. We lost an engine, and if we make an emergency landing and you slide down the chute, your hose could melt into your legs." We landed safely in Pago Pago.

It is hard to believe looking back, but Pan Am made an executive decision: It told the passengers very little until crew members were tucked away for the night in one of the few island hotels. When we returned to the airport after the engine repair the next morning, 480 very angry, hungry passengers were awaking from their slumber — having taken any food or blankets they could find from the airplane and spending the night outdoors on the tarmac.

A couple of months later on a flight to Costa Rica, our Boeing 747 lost two of its four engines and we were stranded in San Jose a few days before Christmas. The crew was finally released from stand-by duty Dec. 24, and with Irish luck I made it home on multiple flights to Detroit, just in time for Christmas.

We flew to Panama, Guatemala, Mexico, Brazil, Hawaii, Japan (a 14-hour haul) and, if we were lucky, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti and

Hong Kong, where senior flight attendants said, "You can't afford to shop here!" Shopkeepers doted on us, locking out other customers as they dazzled us with silks and satin at unreal prices.

New Zealanders are very friendly; and for me, a highlight was working a flight to Auckland with Paula and being invited by new friends to ride horseback on a black sand beach. A postcard come to life.

I wanted to get a "real job" in journalism soon, so I transferred from Manhattan Beach to Manhattan, N.Y., so I could fly to other places and call it a career after year two. I caught glimpses of Africa, India, Saudi Arabia and Europe. One night, I was fortunate enough to sit in the cockpit for 20 minutes. What I beheld was not the northern lights, but it may as well have been, such was the beauty.

Working for the airlines was nothing like people thought. Most flights were fully loaded with 500 Indians, 500 Australians or 500 Japanese, always a good share of them unhappy babies, or smokers, and so hungry, thirsty and needy that the job could be exhausting and, at times, maddening.

For me, the best times always involved writing and using my benefits to travel with my family. In Hawaii, we shared a beach with Jim Nabors, a.k.a. Gomer Pyle. Along the way I was lucky enough to meet and interview Muhammad Ali, George "Sparky" Anderson and Detroit's own Frank Tanana, all of whom were much nicer than Jack Lord of *Hawaii-Five-O* fame, who once scolded me because Pan Am didn't furnish fresh pillows.

On my off-days, trying to break into journalism, I never made it past the lobby of the *Los Angeles Times* or the *New York Times*. However, the *Torance Daily Breeze* and New York's Associated Press paid me for several news, travel and sports stories, which paved the way for that real job at the *Observer & Eccentric*.

The more I traveled, the more I learned about fascinating places in the world. Sadly, I realized that even if I flew the rest of my days, I would never scratch the surface of those destinations. I still have dreams about sneaking on to the plane, trying to work my old job. It becomes a nightmare when I discover the flight attendants have new uniforms and it's obvious I'm a has-been. I guess that means I liked it.

I truly hope the new TV show does the people of Pan Am justice. Many, unlike me during my short-lived career, have real stories. They suffered the loss of friends who died in the horrific crash in Tenerife, yet kept flying. And many risked their lives evacuating thousands of Vietnamese in military planes with no seats.

Coffee, tea or me? Hardly.

Marybeth Dillon-Butler is a Livonia resident. She is married and the mother of two school-age children. Now working as a constituent service representative for Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, Dillon-Butler spent 17 years as a reporter for the *Observer & Eccentric*.

Taking flight



Pan Am family looks forward to show's debut

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Local folks who used to work for Pan Am are excited ABC-TV decided to create a new television show about the airline and the people who worked for it.

They even understand the Hollywood mindset, knowing ABC is pushing it as a series featuring passion, adventure and espionage.

They're just hoping the network doesn't overdo it. For the employees, Pan Am back then (the series is set in 1963) was the ultimate in luxury, the most prestigious airline in the world known for premium customer service.

"Those were the glory days of Pan Am," said Judy Sommariva of Plymouth Township, who worked for the airline from 1965 through the late 1970s. "Every day was exciting. Not only because you were going to exciting places, but the people you worked with were from all over the world."

Sommariva was excited to get together last week with several of her Pan Am brethren, many of whom she started with in the airline's reservations department in Detroit. They gathered at Mexican Fiesta in Canton to reminisce about what they all agreed had been a great place to work.

Sommariva started out in reservations and then succumbed to a recruiter's sales pitch to start flying, which she did in July 1965. After training, she was based in places like Detroit, San Francisco and Chicago. She flew trans-Pacific flights and got to see places like Australia, Japan and Hong Kong.

To a 22-year-old girl from Detroit, it was an exciting life.

"I did it on a whim," Sommariva said. "The more I thought about it ... it was more prestigious back then. It was like being a model."

Like most flight attendants, Sommariva has her share of stories, including some clean enough to share. She remembers a stewardess named Maria, who hailed from Holland. One particular flight required someone who spoke Spanish, and Maria volunteered. Sommariva remembers a passenger suddenly running frantically up the aisle during the safety instructions.

"I asked him what was wrong," Sommariva recalled. "He said, 'She's telling us we're about to crash!'"

The same stewardess was carrying a half-dozen long-stemmed glasses of orange juice in the cabin when she stumbled and spilled them into the lap of a first-class passenger. Sommariva helped the man dry his pants, and the rest of the flight was uneventful.

Sometime later, working the coach section, Maria locked eyes with a male passenger she thought she recognized. Sommariva said the two looked at each other, and at the same time yelled, "Orange juice!"

Those stories may be tame compared to what ABC executives are marketing in the previews to the show, but Sommariva thought enough of them to Tweet them to the director.

"I thought they'd make great stories," Sommariva said. "But I never heard anything back." Kari Bricker of Westland



For Judy Sommariva of Plymouth Township (back left), being a stewardess for Pan Am was "like being a model."



Judy Sommariva (center) of Plymouth Township, who flew with Pan Am from July 1965 through the late 1970s, said she's looking forward to the ABC show. "It's like that old song ... thanks for the memories," she said.

worked for Pan Am for more than 24 years until it closed in 1991. A passenger service representative in Detroit, she said she met the airline's final flight, from Miami to Detroit, at the gate.

She said her job was to get the passengers off the plane, then deliver the news to the crew: Pan Am had closed.

"I had to tell them they were unemployed," she remembered. "They left Miami with jobs, and by the time they landed in Detroit, they were unemployed."

It's one of the few bad memories the group had. That's why they're hoping the show doesn't simply sensationalize everything. Carol Dave of Farmington Hills worked the ticket counter in downtown Detroit and said she's looking forward simply to seeing the Pan Am logo in the show. She's one of the ones hoping Hollywood doesn't take too many liberties.

"We all had an enduring friendship ... we had a real camaraderie," Dave said. "It wasn't like that, but what else sells? We remember how it really was."

The show will surely have its share of racy scenes and, while this group said it wasn't like that all the time, Sommariva acknowledges there was some racy behavior among the passengers — "We thought we'd have to throw a blanket over some people" — and even the crew, though that was limited mostly to hotel rooms.

"There were definitely some doors opening and closing," Sommariva said with a laugh. "That probably makes for good TV." Members of the group are definitely looking forward to the show's premiere.

"It's like that old song," she said. "Thanks for the memories."

PLYMOUTH CHAMBER CHAT



Rockin' Plymouth

Music Plus rocked Plymouth at the store's recent grand opening. The store, located at 445 Harvey, specializes in accessories, lessons, repairs, string instruments and band instrument rentals. They were previously located on South Main near Ann Arbor Road. The band that cut the ribbon consisted of owner Dan Merski on the lead scissors, employees, friends and Chamber Ambassadors. Learn more about Music Plus at www.musicplusmi.com.

Downtown crawl

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, in a joint effort with the Friends of the Penn, sponsors the sixth annual PENN-Taste-Tic Downtown Plymouth Restaurant Crawl 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28.

"Crawlers" can walk around downtown Plymouth enjoying delicious samples and treats from many of their favorite Plymouth restaurants and sweet shops. This year's participants include the Box Bar, Cellar 849, Compari's, Ironwood Grill, Jimmy John's, Nico & Vali Italian Eatery, Panera, Perfectly Sweet/Boule and Yogurt Palooza. Attendees will get a chance to vote for their favorite taste and restaurant.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at the chamber (850 W. Ann Arbor Trail) and Sun & Snow (388 Main St.) in downtown Plymouth. Adult tickets are \$20 each, and children 10 and younger are \$15.

For more information on the Crawl, call (734) 453-1540.

Purtan emcees auction

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce announced this year's annual auction gala, the "Groovy '70s Funky Disco Ball," will feature Dick Purtan as the emcee.

Chamber officials are rounding up auction items and looking for sponsors for the event that attracts over 400 attendees. If you are interested in donating items or sponsoring contact Wes Graff at (734) 453-1540 or wes@plymouthmich.org.

The auction takes place Friday, Nov. 4 from 6-11 p.m. at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Chamber breakfast

In business we all need to gain understanding of where our economy is headed. Join the Plymouth Community

Chamber of Commerce as Sarah Webster, the Business and Automotive Editor for the Detroit Free Press, shares her insight on the turbulent and slowly recovering U.S. and Michigan economies.

Webster is the keynote speaker at the chamber's "Good Morning Plymouth Community" breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the Courthouse Grill on Plymouth Road near Haggerty.

Webster will address the current state of the economy, where the automotive industry is headed and projections for the future of the local and national economy. She will talk frankly about where she sees bright spots in the future, if recession fears are justified and her thoughts about turning around the Michigan economy.

Cost is \$12. To RSVP, respond no later than Sept. 26 to teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

Business workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a business workshop, "The Future of Websites," 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

In today's world you can be a small business, but online have a presence as big as any business in your market. Learn what you need to know to make your website grab people's attention and be useful to your customers in the future. This session is designed to keep you ahead of the curve and plan for the future. The workshop will be presented by veteran web designer Brett Wilson, owner of CREATIVIBE.

There is no charge to attend this event, but we can only seat 25 people. To RSVP for this event contact the chamber at (734) 453-1540 or teri@plymouthmich.org

PLYMOUTH BUSINESS BRIEFS

New director

The JB Ashtin Group, Inc., has announced that Lori J. Bainbridge is the new director of the company's client services department.

Bainbridge brings 25 years of experience as a brand navigator and health care communications specialist with an extensive background in global pharmaceutical marketing and scientific publishing. She is based in Philadelphia.

Bainbridge comes to JB Ashtin from nitrogen (formerly Dorland Global), in Philadelphia, where she was director of operations in that company's Medical and Scientific Affairs division.

While at nitrogen, Bainbridge successfully identified strategic direction and designed tactics to meet commercial and clinical objectives for such companies as Baxter, Pfizer, and Roche.

"Lori has an outstanding working knowledge of both the strategic and tactical ends of the medical communications industry," said Joan Bradley, president and CEO of JB Ashtin. "She possesses strong business development skills and has the ability to communicate thoughtfully with executives, global affiliates, world-class thought leaders, the clients' corporate sales forces, and project support teams. Lori's proven track record guarantees that our clients will continue to receive the highest standards of client service. She will help maintain steady growth of our business and ensure the longevity of existing and future client accounts."

JB Ashtin, a certified woman-owned business, is a premier full-service scientific agency that develops compelling, compliant, and engaging health care communication solutions. For more information about JB Ashtin, visit www.jbashtin.com.



Robert R. Jones (left) of Robert R. Jones Homes and Immediate Past Chairman of the National Association of Home Builders, Michael Stoskopf of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and Carole Jones of Robert R. Jones Homes.

Top executive

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, has been named New Executive Officer of the Year for 2010 by the Executive Officers Council of the National Association of Home Builders.

The award nomination was submitted by BIA's 2011 President, Adorno Piccini of Walbridge in Detroit.

"I strongly believe Michael brings an outstanding level of creativity, innovation, experience, insight and energy to the position. I was fortunate to be involved in the decision to bring him on board just three years ago and have worked closely with him ever since. Hiring Michael as our Executive Officer has proven to be an excellent decision," said Adorno.

The New Executive Officer award is named after a former executive officer, David Lloyd, and is presented to an executive officer of one of NAHB's local or state home builders associations, who has served no more than three years (by December 31 of the award year) in an association management position and is judged to have made major contributions to the profession during this time period.

Use Q&A sites to answer tech questions

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Last week a concerned Tech Savvy reader e-mailed me with a computer printing question so specific I had no idea how to begin troubleshooting the issue.

As I exchanged e-mails it became more apparent the reader had tried everything and my inability to fix the issue was just as troubling as the hangup itself.

The problem is, with so many different computer models, printer models, operating systems and system configurations, it is nearly impossible for even the workers at Apple's Genius Bar to answer every question.

There are a number of economical ways to solve tricky and specific computer issues from the comfort of your desk chair:

• **Yahoo Answers:** An open forum where any Internet user can ask any question on any topic. Be careful of snarky answers though. Some Yahoo users like to be sarcastic from time to time.

• **Quora:** A social networking site dedicated to collecting and organizing questions and answers on any topic (not just computer troubleshooting questions). Think of it as the Wikipedia of question-and-answer sites. And speaking of Wikipedia, depending on how notable your computer problem is, you might find the answer on the well-known online encyclopedia.

• **Twitter:** Over the past few years, Twitter has slowly become a very respected question-and-answer site. You can tweet your specific ques-



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

Similarly, you can plug your question into the web giant's search bar and see what comes up. Your question may help lead you to a blog, message board, or a website where someone else has previously asked similar questions.

• **FAQ sections:** If it is a website you are having trouble with — for instance if you can't print coupons from an online retailer — check the FAQ section. Websites typically have a link to their FAQ page in the global footer (at the bottom of every page).

If none of those sites answer your computer, printing, networking or general hardware questions, try visiting the manufacturers sites. I frequently visit MAC.com and HP.com for information on my computer hardware and software.

If none of the above options works, you can also have a trusted computer user log in remotely to your computer to help solve your technical issues.

Previously, I used crossloop.com to allow a trusted friend access to my desktop. My friend logged on to my computer using my unique IP address. Once he had access to my machine, my files, folders and even my home screen appeared on his screen

and he was able to fix my computer sound card in a matter of minutes.

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Generally speaking, the professionals at Crossloop are much better at answering tech questions than your local tech columnist.

• **Tech Notebook:** Having trouble sending large e-mails with multimedia, or large presentations to colleagues? Sign up for Yousendit.com, a free site that allows you to send large files for free. Users receive a confirmation e-mail when the file is received.

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OUR VIEWS

Good solution Parking deal for business project worth reaching

It's not perfect, but the compromise reached between the City of Plymouth and developers of a long-empty lot in the heart of downtown Plymouth was one worth reaching.

Under the agreement, the Plymouth City Commission gave developers Ed Dombrowski and Omar Hamdan up to four years to make a \$160,000 payment in lieu of parking, which will allow them to put up the 789 Building, at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main, without on-site parking.

Without the waiver, the project would be required by ordinance to have 16 parking spaces. The immediate question, of course, would be where? The secondary question is this: Would you rather have that eyesore finally developed after years of neglect and standing, ugly and empty?

The City Commission's resolution directed City Attorney Robert Marzano to negotiate a contract for the payment (the initial agreement wanted the money up front), stipulating a 6-percent interest rate and calling for the first installment to be made in one year or upon the issuance of an occupancy certificate for the building, whichever comes first. The commission will have a final vote on the completed contract.

Originally envisioned as a three-story building with a below-grade first level, Hamdan and Dombrowski altered the plans, putting the first floor at ground level and cutting the building to two stories, after some Planning Commission members and people who run downtown businesses complained the building would be too big and that its tenants would overburden available downtown parking.

Some of their fears are relevant, especially when you consider two of the larger buildings haven't been burning successes — the Mayflower Center still isn't full, and it was built a decade ago, and the building on the site of the former Mason property stands dormant and empty.

The project is the first to be granted the payment-in-lieu-of-parking waiver since the ordinance that makes that available was adopted about five years ago. The payment will go into the city's parking fund, where it is to be used to meet parking needs. If you're going to have the ordinance, you ought to use it.

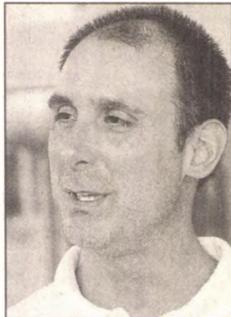
Commissioner Ed Hingelberg defended the project, saying he trusts the Planning Commission, which ultimately approved site plans after several meetings and months of wrangling with developers. His point — "It's going to be an improvement over what's been there many, many years" — is a tough one with which to find fault.

Mayor Dan Dwyer pointed out the solution isn't perfect, but said "it works for the developer ... I think it works for the city." We think he's right.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite fall-time activity in Plymouth?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"Plymouth? I guess the chili cookoff is pretty good. The Fall Festival is pretty good, too. I didn't make it this year, though."

Kirby Crow
Plymouth



"We have lots of cool stuff going on. The DIA (speaker) series is good, as usual."

Katie Page
PDL librarian
Northville



"Going to the pottery place, the Creatopia. They (children) like to make ornaments and get them ready for Christmas."

Stacy Wenderski
Livonia



"Visiting the Plymouth Historical Museum, of course. We have an exhibition on the Civil War that goes until Oct. 23."

Liz Kerstens
director, Plymouth
Historical Museum
Plymouth

LETTERS

Impressed by Colbeck

I read with great interest the recent update from Sen. Colbeck that was in your paper. As a person who has voted for members of both political parties, I was impressed with Sen. Colbeck's hard work and progress on his seven keys in such a short time in office. I appreciate the fact that he used plain talk rather than typical government-speak.

In these difficult times, business as usual needs to be challenged. As citizens, we need to hear good solid debate and all sides of an issue in order to be informed voters.

After all, not only are politicians spending OUR money, but can anyone think of anything that can so dramatically impact more areas of our lives than the government?

Barry Ziemba
Livonia

AYP mandate ridiculous

Adequate Yearly Progress testing and proficiency requirements are ridiculous.

A mandate for 100 percent proficiency by 2014 contradicts reality. There is no such thing as perfection! And standardized tests might provide a reflection of already known demographic data, too late to have any value.

Punishment as the solution is reflective of turn-of-the-century management behaviors for unskilled manual labor. Punishment for failure to exceed these ridiculous "standards" will just make matters worse — the cheating in Atlanta schools is a prime example.

Continued reliance on these broadly proven failures to "reform" schools and provide account-

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ability hint at the unwillingness of those who hold the purse strings to embrace strategies that work. Fear of change or upsetting the applecart is no doubt the root of this unwillingness.

We could make progress if real change were embraced. Change such as:

- Curriculum development and implementation at the building level.
- Curriculum and assessment of learning progress focused on an individual student's strengths.
- Older students teaching younger students.
- End the use of the Carnegie Unit (aka seat time) for earning credit.
- Incorporate the community, including parents, in the school through meaningful project-based learning and internships.
- Provide honest alternative paths to teacher certification.
- Capital and operating fund-

ing distributed equally for each student.

Blaming special-needs children and absences is acceptance of the status quo, excuses to mask the reality of our failure. What to do and how to do it is known. Ignorance and fear stand in the way.

And children pay the price.

Chuck Fellows
South Lyon

Holding us hostage

Given that there will always be greedy people, the controversy over the New International Trade Crossing Bridge highlights one of the major flaws in our governmental system.

Virtually everyone in the Metro Detroit area wants the city to get back on its feet and grow once again. Assuming that happens, we will need a second span across the Detroit River. Yet one guy — the fellow who owns the Ambassador Bridge — is able to hold all of us hostage by, as John Gallagher of the Free Press writes, "donating hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign cash to Michigan legislators and filing lawsuits in both (U.S. and Canada) in an effort to stop the process."

Why is one rich guy able to circumvent the needs of the larger community? It won't be the first time this has happened in Detroit. Remember what happened when the people's mass transit system was scuttled by GM and various other car-related companies, which didn't want the competition? We are struggling with the results of that debacle to this very day.

Joy Kind
Livonia

GUEST COLUMN

Physical pain not the only kind that hurts

By **Gloria Danna Brooks**
Guest Columnist

As children, many of us are reminded that "sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me." While it's true that physical pain can leave us miserable and scarred, emotional and spiritual pain can be just as damaging.

New brain scanning technologies allow scientists and doctors to analyze the brain during physically and emotionally painful events. Results are beginning to explain why those experiencing emotional distress describe their pain as an "awful headache," "ongoing stomach pain" or "heartbreak."

Brain scan studies from the University of California-Los Angeles and the University of Michigan both reveal that we process emotional pain similar to physical pain. Thus, the brain does not distinguish between physical and emotional pain.

Yet, many people fail to recognize emotional and spiritu-

al pain. In my line of work, it is common for end-of-life patients to experience physical pain, as well as emotional and spiritual pain. Physical pain is often easier to detect and treat than emotional and spiritual pain, but each are equally important.

Physical pain can be exacerbated by emotional or spiritual pain, and the inability to manage physical pain may be the result of emotional or spiritual distress. This September, during National Pain Awareness Month, I encourage those experiencing any kind of pain to seek help, and urge others to be vigilant for signs of physical, emotional and spiritual pain.

Those experiencing emotional or spiritual distress often exhibit anger, agitation, guilt, helplessness, confusion, change in appetite, fatigue, depression, isolation or fear. For many, emotional and spiritual pain can be the cause of, or result in legal or financial problems and relationship difficulties.

Specifically, in end-of-life patients we look for restlessness, denial, refusal to take pain medication, power struggles with caregivers, statements about "not wanting to be a burden" or "not wanting to live like this," and symbolic language suggesting

distress or unresolved concerns.

Like physical pain, emotional and spiritual pain can be treated. When pain is identified, physical pain symptoms can be treated to allow patients and families to focus on their relationships. Volunteers, spiritual care coordinators and social workers offer their assistance, with activities, such as meditation, prayer, music therapy, massage therapy, pet therapy and art therapy, which can help reduce despair and distress.

We need to begin by understanding and accepting that emotional and spiritual pain is real and can hurt just as much as physical pain. Overlooking or ignoring signs of emotional and spiritual distress do nothing to improve quality of life or patient care. Name-calling may not break a bone, but it leaves a scar no different than sticks and stones.

Gloria Danna Brooks is president and CEO of Arbor Hospice, an organization committed to providing quality, compassionate care for those experiencing life-limiting illnesses. Arbor Hospice serves communities in several counties, including Wayne, and has an office in Plymouth.

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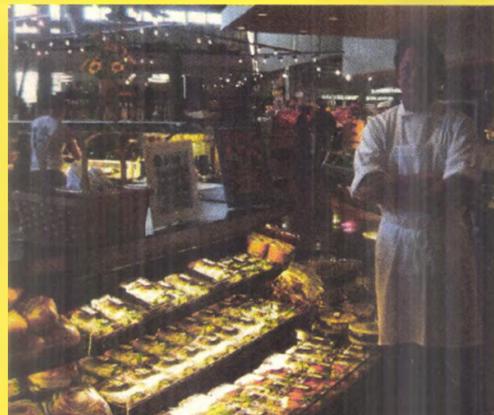
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VOLLEYBALL

Rocks fall to 'Stangs

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

A couple times Tuesday night, Salem's varsity girls volleyball team gave visiting Northville fits.

There was a run of heavy serves by senior Kara Hewett in the first game, with four aces among a six-point surge that brought the Rocks into a 21-21 tie with the Mustangs.

Other times, never-say-die hustle by libero Katie Vincent, among others, helped Salem stay close — particularly in the first and third games of the KLAA Central Division matchup.

Unfortunately, Northville's more-experienced squad had too much of an arsenal. The Mustangs earned a 3-0 triumph, with wins of 25-22, 25-14 and 25-21.

"This year it's kind of been like that," Salem head coach Amanda Nies said. "We get close and then we just kind of fall apart at the end."

"We're hoping to get over that hump because the morale right now is really low."

Growing pains

Salem (6-9, 0-4) is "working through some struggles," she said. "Kara Hewett is my only starter from last year. So they're working on playing together, basic positioning. Just kind of looking for that go-to player."

Without one, there isn't anybody to take over when games are tight, she lamented.

Hewett is close to being such a player. She tallied six kills and five aces,

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Intensity etched on his face, Plymouth's Aaron Zhang smacks the tennis ball during a recent match.

Passionate and humble

Plymouth's All-State netter keeps his rivals on their toes

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Aaron Zhang serves it up and eats up the competition with a mix of blinding power, creativity and on-court savvy.

The Plymouth High School senior, 17, who became the Wildcats' first-ever varsity boys tennis All-State player in 2010, is among the best because he tirelessly works at the sport he loves to play.

"Most people don't think of tennis as a very tough sport," Zhang said. "But it's surprisingly more difficult than maybe soccer or football. There's a lot of training, there's a lot of detail you need to do."

"Getting your stroke right, moving right, timing the ball perfectly, hitting different spins, that's what makes tennis difficult."

Ever since childhood — he started hitting tennis balls with his dad (John Zhang) when just 7 years old — Aaron's had a stronger interest in tennis than other games he played, including soccer and basketball.

THE ZHANG FILE

Who: Aaron Zhang, 17-year-old senior at Plymouth High School. He is in his fourth season on the Wildcats' varsity boys tennis team, and was an All-State selection in 2010. He is team captain.

Off the court: Zhang is a member of the National Honor Society. He holds a 3.8 grade point average.

Family: His parents are John Zhang and Sharon Liu of Canton.

College plans: He would like to play tennis at the collegiate level.

"You need to be calm, you need to be cool, you need to be humble," said Zhang, about why he quickly connected with tennis. "All those things I learned from tennis, and I just thought 'This is something that I can really enjoy for the rest of my life.'"

That passion hasn't waned a decade later, a span featuring countless hours training and competing (including in the United States Tennis Association and four years with the Plymouth

varsity).

Sometimes, however, the body lets him know it's time for a bit of a rest. Over the past summer, Zhang twisted a knee, which curtailed his efforts to gear up for his senior season.

He's the best

Finally, he is on the mend and on a roll. A victory last week over a Westland John Glenn opponent gave him a 3-0 record so far this year.

Despite having to wear a brace on his left knee, which slightly hinders lateral movement, he drilled shots over the net that showed his game is still as strong as ever.

"Today, I felt much better," said Zhang, following the John Glenn match. "I've been training more with the team, hitting more with our singles players to help them get better. So, they actually trained me a little bit more."

Zhang's humble nature is one reason he is a favorite with everybody on the team. Another is how

Please see ZHANG, B2

Kiely shines

Canton alum Jordan Kiely of Plymouth Saturday earned a spot on the Michigan/adidas Invitational



All-Tournament Team. Kiely led the University of Toledo with 12 kills, 11 digs and a career-best three blocks in the Rockets 3-2 win over Xavier.

Kiely also tallied six kills and a weekend-high .238 hitting mark in UT's 3-1 loss to No. 18 Michigan.

Soccer teams prevail

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hosted two varsity boys soccer games Tuesday, with Salem and Canton each earning victories.

The Rocks defeated state-ranked Northville 3-1, scoring three unanswered goals late in the second half after the Mustangs scored first.

After Chris Palushaj got Northville on the board midway through the second half, Salem netted the equalizer when Blake Townes finished a play started by Jake Pascarella. Minutes later, Chris Dierker scored on a throw-in that deflected into the Northville cage and Pascarella scored again, after fielding a feed from Dierker.

The victory upped Salem's record to 4-5-3 overall and 3-2-0 in the KLAA Central Division.

Meanwhile, Canton blanked Livonia Franklin 6-0 following an emotional pre-game tribute to the late father of Chiefs' head coach George Tomasso. Earlier this year, George Tomasso, Sr. died. The elder Tomasso was an avid fan of Canton soccer.

For Canton (11-1-1 overall, 5-0-0), winners for the ninth game in a row, senior Mitch Posuniak scored twice with one goal each by Ryan Kilgore, Bryan Ren, Dan Ovesea and Griffin Parks. Senior Steven Murphy and junior Ian Wingate divided goal-keeping duties.

After Posuniak scored the first goal of the game, from Shean Krolicki, both players ran over to the sidelines and saluted the Tomasso family.

Bowling info meetings

PCEP bowlers and their parents have some meetings on the horizon.

On Saturday, at 10 a.m., pre-registration and parent-child meetings for the Canton, Plymouth and Salem bowling programs are set for Super Bowl (Ford Road).

After that will be tryouts (for all three schools), Monday, Nov. 14, Tuesday, Nov. 15 and Wednesday, Nov. 16. Those sessions (mandatory), run from 3-to-5 p.m., also at Super Bowl.

Those with questions should direct the to the following coaches: Plymouth, Tammy Thompson, (734) 612-6522; Canton, Karl Brubaker, (734) 664-7132; Salem, Kathie Hahn, (734) 775-7303.

Parents also can visit pcsbowling.webs.com.

Kim lifts 'Cats to 3-1 win

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Even when not on top of their game as a team, the speed and offensive creativity of Plymouth junior forward Do-Hyung "DK" Kim continues to give the Wildcats varsity boys soccer team a spark.

That was again the case Tuesday as Kim scored the tie-breaking goal late in the first half and set up a penalty kick that helped Plymouth finish off host Westland John Glenn by a 3-1 score.

"He got in behind them and they had to take him out or he was going to be right at the six (yard-line) with the ball," said Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, about Kim's play that led to the penalty-kick goal by Matheo Segovia-Plate with just 9:38 remaining in the KLAA South Division tilt. "The goalie (senior Austin Valentine) was holding the line. He (Kim) created a couple real nice opportunities today."

Neschich was glad he did, because he didn't think it was one of the year's better overall efforts.

"We didn't take care of busi-

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Battling for a 50/50 ball Tuesday afternoon are Westland John Glenn's Akshay Kommana (No. 3) and Plymouth's Viet Nguyen (No. 10).

OHL PREVIEW

Whalers will hit, score

FOR STARTERS

What: Plymouth Whalers home opener for 2011-12 season.

When: 7 p.m. Saturday against Erie at Compuware Arena.

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Newcomers: J.T. Miller, Andy Bathgate, Mitchell Dempsey, Matthew Mistele.

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By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Some of the big names projected to be on the Plymouth Whalers' 2011-12 team are still trying to make positive impressions on National Hockey League clubs during prospect and training camps.

For the time being, high-flying forwards Stefan Noesen (33 goals), Rickard Rakell (20 goals) and Garrett Meurs — who might form Plymouth's No. 1 line — are away from Compuware Arena.

So are top goalies Scott Wedgewood and Matt Mahalak, not to mention defenseman and Farmington Hills native Austin Levi. Or newcomer J.T. Miller, a forward drafted 15th overall this summer by the New York Rangers.

You get the picture.

Ready to start

But for longtime Whalers coach and General Manager Mike Vellucci, opening the regular season this week without a



The 2011-12 Plymouth Whalers have a healthy Tom Wilson, shown here in one of the 28 games he played last season.

handful of regulars is the price for success.

"That's the way it is," Vellucci said before last Thursday's practice at Compuware. "They go to camp and hopefully they stay as long as they can and impress the NHL team. But when they get back, they get right back to work."

"If you can survive the first three to five games until everybody returns, that will be a good thing."

One of the players who returned last Thursday, as the Whalers look to make it 21 consecutive seasons in the OHL playoffs, was Howell defenseman and team captain Beau Schmitz.

"It was a great experience," Schmitz said. "All the guys were great, the coaches were great. It was just a real good time."

The 5-10 blueliner is eager to

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Week 5	Wright	Smith	O'Meara	Emons
Friday, Sept. 23				
Salem (1-3, 0-2) at Northville (4-0, 2-0), 7 p.m.	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville
Garden City (4-0, 2-0) at Thurston (3-1, 2-0), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Garden City	Thurston	Thurston
Redford Union (0-4, 0-2) at Annapolis (1-3, 0-2), 7 p.m.	Annapolis	Annapolis	Annapolis	Annapolis
Livonia Franklin (2-2, 1-1) at Plymouth (4-0, 2-0), 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Wayne (0-4, 0-2) at Livonia Churchill (2-2, 0-2), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
South Lyon (2-2, 1-1) at Livonia Stevenson (2-2, 1-1), 7 p.m.	Stevenson	Stevenson	South Lyon	South Lyon
John Glenn (2-2, 1-1) at Canton (4-0, 2-0), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Harrison (4-0, 3-0) at Southfield-Lathrup (0-4, 0-3), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
North Farmington (2-2, 2-2) at Ferndale (1-3, 1-2), 7 p.m.	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington
Oak Park (2-2, 1-2) at Farmington (3-1, 2-1), 7 p.m.	Oak Park	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Saturday, Sept. 24				
Luth. Westland (1-3, 0-2) at South. Christian (0-4, 0-2), 1 p.m.	Luth. Westland	Luth. Westland	South. Christian	Luth. Westland
Clarenceville (2-2) at Ann Arbor Richard (3-1), 1:30 p.m.	Richard	Richard	Richard	Richard
Last week	12-1	10-3	12-1	12-1
Overall	44-12	36-20	45-11	49-7

Chiefs runaway victors

The Canton football juggernaut made its latest stop Friday night at Wayne Memorial and the unbeaten Chiefs took care of business with a 47-14 KLAA South Division victory.

Ryan Jones rushed for a team-high 137 yards on seven carries, including touchdown runs of 12 and 79 yards.

Canton (4-0, 2-0) had a total of 399 yards total offense including 305 on the ground.

The Chiefs led only 21-6 at halftime before putting it away with 20 third-quarter points.

Kevin Buford opened the scoring on a 3-yard TD run, but Wayne quarterback Dean Caldwell answered with 11:06 to go in the second period on a 4-yard run.

Canton then scored the next 40 points — Kendall Scott (10-yard run); Malcolm Hollingsworth (25- and 7-yard runs); Jones (12- and 79-yard runs); and Kyle Adams (10-yard run).

Wayne's second TD came with 56 seconds left in the game on Stefan Perkins' 24-yard run followed by backup quarterback Torrey Cooper's 2-pointer.

Wayne (0-4, 0-2) had 240 yards, including 229 on the ground as Devin Korzetki led with 80 yards on 18 carries.

Caldwell, who went down with a shoulder injury in the third quarter, was only 2-of-9 for 11 yards and one interception. Cooper was 0-for-3 in his abbreviated stint.

NOVI 42, SALEM 0: Novi's defense was consistent in swamping Salem's offense, which never got on the scoreboard Friday night as the Wildcats cruised to a 42-0 win.

The 'Cats (2-2, 2-0 KLAA Central) racked up 428 yards of offense primarily behind 20-for-25 work from senior quarterback Derek Ince (322 yards, four touchdowns).

Salem (1-3, 0-2 Central) mustered just 120 yards of offense, mainly on 7-for-22 work from junior Jeremy Lewis (114 yards, one interception). Salem senior Marcus Houston had three catches for 102 yards.

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the captain volunteers to help teammates such as freshman No. 2 singles hitter Charlie Hou adjust to the prep game.

Of course, having talent doesn't hurt.

"He hits laser shots forehand, he can just crush winners from anywhere on the court," said his coach with the Wildcats, Tom Kimball. "He's serving well into the 100-miles-per-hour range."

"Again, it looks effortless and the second serve comes in nearly as dead-ly. So he's tough."

Practice makes perfect

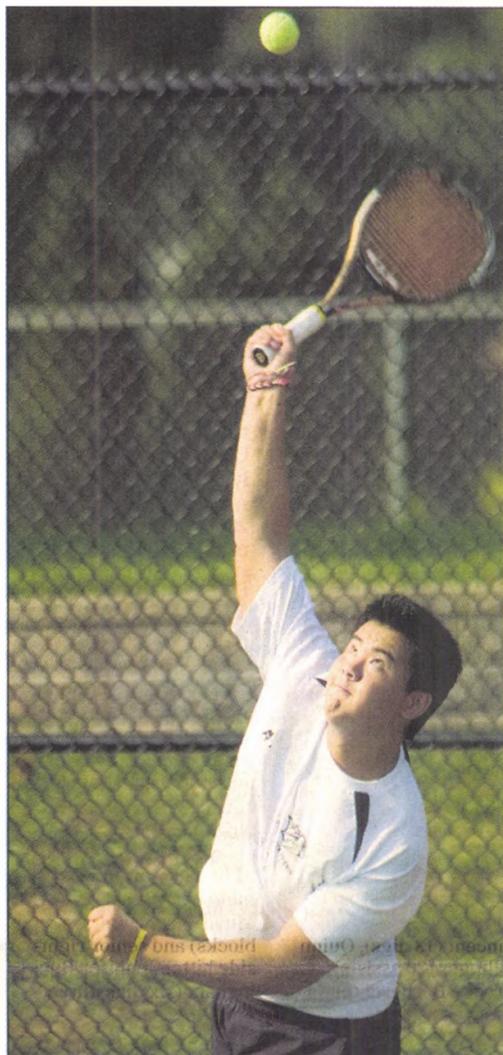
Kimball then talked about how athletes don't just happen by accident.

"He's got natural talent, but he paid his dues," Kimball stressed. "He spent hours and hours and hours with his dad, with instructors, playing in matches and tournaments."

"When you put in that level of work you start to see it pay off. It's kind of cool. Clearly, Aaron's the best player that's played at Plymouth High School."

Even coaches can't help but be fans.

"He adds a new level of excitement to the team, to just be able to watch someone with that level of talent go out there and play," Kimball said. "And to see what a high level of tennis looks like. And he's a great leader. He's captain, he's down to earth. He'll work with the younger players on anything from skills and



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Plymouth senior Aaron Zhang reaches up to return a Westland John Glenn player's serve. Zhang earned All-State status after his junior season.

strategy and strokes and technique to the mental game. We're lucky to have Aaron."

According to Zhang, being recognized as an All-State player was an unexpected honor.

"I never really thought this would happen

because we have such a strong region," he noted.

Variety show

But his penchant for practice and perfection definitely paid off.

Zhang worked on consistently hitting a variety of shots "so if I wanted to

I can hit any shot I'd like. I can hit a high ball that's very soft, that just kind of drops in there. I can hit it hard as I can and get it to go really fast."

And he can be a master of the change of pace.

"There's times when I can chip it and like let it drop barely over the net and hope the other guy can't get to the ball," Aaron added. "Mixing it up, that's one of my strengths. When I play, I try not to give them the same shot. Because if I do, they'll just be waiting there."

Kimball's seen that scenario many times since Zhang joined the Plymouth varsity as a freshman in 2008.

"He can come in, disguise, and suddenly there's a drop shot that just dribbles over the net," the coach emphasized. "Now the opponent is just helpless, because they know he has every shot in the book and is unpredictable."

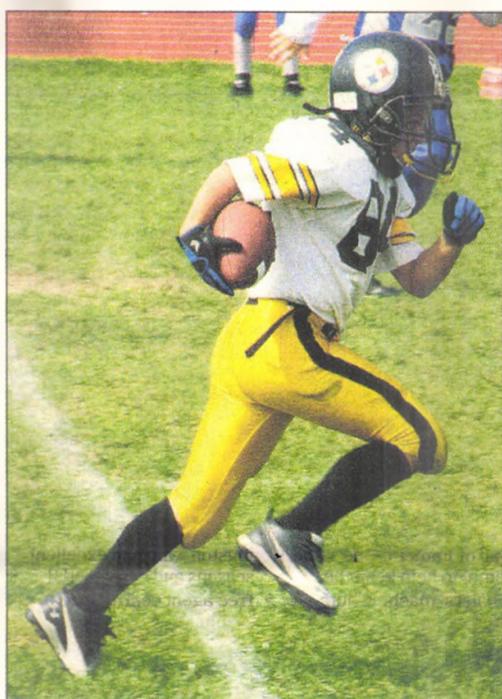
Also hard to predict is where Zhang will wind up for college, although he has his sights on playing tennis at the collegiate level.

But his main objective is to finish high school as strongly as possible (he has a 3.8 grade point average) and go from there. That doesn't surprise his coach.

"He's a big-picture kind of guy," Kimball said. "He's looking at academics. High-level academics (are) in the cards for him."

The big picture probably will have a little bit of room for Zhang's favorite sport. "It's my life, it's everything I do."

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ED WRIGHT PHOTO
Plymouth-Canton Steelers freshman player Ben Bennett returned a scoop-and-score fumble 45 yards during the first half of his team's 37-6 victory over Ypsilanti Lincoln Saturday afternoon.

Steelers knock Railsplitters off tracks

The Lincoln Railsplitters were relieved to see the Plymouth-Canton Steelers roll out of town Saturday afternoon.

The Steelers continued their winning ways, sweeping the 'Splitters in a trio of Western Wayne Junior Football League Contests.

Paced by the strong play of Cameron Stella, Malcolm Jones and Alex Nicholson, the varsity Steelers steamrolled their hosts, 38-19. Jake Stephan also added a short touchdown run.

Defensively, the winners were sparked by Cameron Shaughnessy, Shane McCausland, Chris Bennett and Connor Savage. Tyler Laurentius and Jake Meadows picked off passes while Ben Phillips recovered a fumble.

The junior varsity improved to 3-0 with a 62-0 thumping of the Railsplitters. Eight different players scored, including Jacob Miller, who hauled

in a TD pass from Ryan Young on the game's first play from scrimmage. Dylan Stackhouse hit paydirt twice, thanks to strong blocking from Spencer Zwarka and Matt Poet, among others.

Defensively, Joey Ahearn, Calvin Vos and Andrew Neal played key roles in limiting Lincoln to just one first down.

The freshmen Steelers won 37-6 as Ben Bennett returned a fumble 45 yards for a TD and Seth Troszak booted three extra points. Charlie Shreve scored a pair of TD's for the victors.

The Steelers' junior-freshmen unit received stellar efforts from Luke Janack (40- and 50-yard TD runs); and Luke Fisher, Mikey Wolter and Barrett Barker, all of whom contributed strong blocking. Defensively, Nate "Pain Train" Cain, Jonathan Simpson, Spencer Vos and Dylan Desantis played well.

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ness like we needed to," Neschich said. "Give John Glenn credit. They came out here and worked hard, hung around and really made it rough on us."

As for Kim, he did a spinarama inside the John Glenn 18-yard box and then sprinted toward Valentine, driving a shot just outside the left post — even as he was being brought down by the defense.

On the ensuing penalty kick, Valentine (10 saves) had no chance as Segovia-Plate smoked the ball to the top-right corner.

But John Glenn head coach Brian Tomlinson praised the way Valentine battled against the Wildcats.

"Our goalie is all heart, he's so tough," Tomlinson said. "This is his first year of playing goalie, so he's worked really hard to learn the position."

"He's so good, everybody on our team is so proud of him."

Tomlinson, whose team dropped to 6-5 overall and 1-4 in the KLAA South, credited his squad for going all out for the full 80 minutes despite not testing Plymouth senior goalkeeper Rene Mejia very often.

"Their defense was good, but we weren't making the type of runs that we need to," Tomlinson said. "We weren't making the right combination plays. We reverted back to a constant dump-and-run type soccer, which isn't going to work against a good defense like Plymouth."

The Wildcats, who improved to 5-6-2 overall and 3-2 in the KLAA South,

got on the board about 10 minutes into the contest when sophomore midfielder Viet Nguyen scored an unassisted marker.

But John Glenn kept working and tied the match midway through the first half.

Madalin Pop finished a perfect crossing feed from Alex Isaevski and beat Mejia.

"He (Pop) made a good run and finished it off with good technique," Tomlinson said.

Kim stepped up as usual, however, to put Plymouth back up 2-1 at the 29-minute mark.

Segovia-Plate's restart from about 30 yards out was headed in by Kim, stationed about 10 yards in front of Valentine on the left side of the box.

Early in the second half came John Glenn's best chance to tie things up again. Isaevski, who was a standout for the Rock-

ets, flicked a long free kick in the direction of Bobby Mason. The subsequent header bounced off the crossbar.

A diving save by Valentine against junior forward Chandler Olah followed moments later.

Aggressive defense by sophomore Vikas Kanneganti short-circuited a potentially dangerous rush with 18 minutes left.

Justin Bean took a pass from Isaevski and tried to cut in toward Mejia, but Kanneganti's sliding tackle stopped that attempt.

"He played very strong out in the back, getting the ball up to the attack from the outside defender's spot," Neschich said.

Then about 10 minutes later, Plymouth's penalty kick goal ended John Glenn's hopes of netting the equalizer.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Dropping the (foot)ball

The "3rd Annual Football Drop" will take place at halftime of the Friday, Oct. 21 varsity game between Canton and Salem. The tosser of the football that lands closest to the cen-

ter of the field will win \$500. Second place will earn \$100.

Proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Those who are interested may purchase a football "number" at the

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park stadium prior to each varsity football game, or they may contact Sue Heinzmann at the PCS Athletic office in Salem High School or at: susanne.heinzmann@pcssmail.net.

There will only be 250 footballs, sold at

\$10 each. Please make checks payable to The American Cancer Society.

Meanwhile, there will be the auctioning off of a seat to ride in the helicopter for the football drop. Bidding starts at \$20. E-mail Heinzmann if interested.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

HARTLAND 7 CANTON 2

Sept. 20 at Hartland

No. 1 singles: Grant Comly (H) defeated Rohan Vaishnav, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Ben Johnson (H) def. Alan Halim, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Julian Cafmeyer (H) def. George Zhou, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Cory Lewandowski (H) def. Kirk Wang, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 singles: Cameron Sloan-Derek Andreen (H) def. Josh Wendel-Steve Price, 7-5, 6-1; No. 2: Travis Michalak-James Dodge (C) def. Andy Cabush-

Adam Deburies, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; No. 3: Sarav Shah-Mitchell Trost (C) def. Dennis Gess-Nathan Retich, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5; No. 4: Maverick Tessier-Steven Knudson (H) def. Andrew Wade-Lucas Underwood, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; No. 5: Kyle Classen-Michael Holden (H) def. Paul Lou-Craig Lou, 6-2, 6-2; No. 6 (exh.): Noah Lindlbauer-Chandler Larimore (C) def. Cas Distelrath-Ehan Haughie, 6-2, 7-5.

Canton's dual match record: 4-2-0 overall.

'Cats top Chiefs, still undefeated

Two unbeaten girls golf teams from The Park met up Friday and something had to give for one of them.

It turned out that host Plymouth came away unscathed, with a 165-194 victory at Fox Hills Golf Club.

"We knew that this was going to be a tough match for us," Plymouth head coach Chris Moore said. "Both teams were undefeated and this was a good stand to see where we each stand. Nine hole dual matches are very challenging for the kids."

Leading the way for Plymouth (4-0 in the KLA South Division) were co-medalists Kelsey Murphy and Sarah Thompson, with

rounds of 38 strokes each.

Sydney Murphy tallied a 42, followed by Danielle Allen (47), Kayla Whatley (48) and Lindsay Dean (50).

For the Chiefs (4-1), the top performer was Kelsey McDougall with a 45. Paige Osler finished with a score of 47.

Rounding out the scorecard for Canton were Rachel Pisanò (50), Kaylie Cobb (52), Chloe Luyet (53) and Kayla Lago-la (56).

Regardless of how the campus rivalry match-ups turn out, the girls said it is fun for the girls.

"I think the best part of playing against a cross campus rival," he noted, "is watching the girls

come down the fairway and all four of them are talking and having a good time since they all know each other."

The Wildcats and Chiefs won't need to wait long for a rematch, playing Thursday at Hilltop.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 193 SALEM 225

Sept. 20 at Fox Hills G.C.
Stevenson scorers: Becca Bubenheimer, 44 (medalist); Mary Peltz, 46; Sarah King, 51; Laura Shureh, 52; Maddie Omietanski, 53; Rachel Schuit, 59.

Salem scorers: Gabby LeBlance, 53; Christine Li and Kalaya Thomas, 56 each; Amanda Bennett, 60; Katie Vena, 61; Kahlree Kozan, 66.
Dual match records: Stevenson, 3-4 overall, 3-4 KLA Central Division; Salem, 0-7 overall, 0-7 KLA Central.

'Cats boys harriers outrun Rockets

Plymouth's younger varsity boys cross country runners helped their team picked up a 25-33 win on Tuesday against Westland John Glenn.

The Wildcats improved to 2-0 in the KLA South Division with their victory.

John Glenn's Ruben Maya was the medalist, however, finishing in 17-minutes, 55 seconds. Top Plymouth finishers were Jimmy Maciag (18:08) and Max Rogowski (18:20).

"It was a good meet for some of our younger guys to get a chance to run varsity," Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said. "Daniel Ahearn had a great race (18:56, eighth overall)."

Other Wildcats in the top-12 were Jonny Dalton (5th, 18:45), Evan Johnson (7th, 18:54), Caton Hacker (9th, 19:02) and Garrett Neumann (11th, 19:18).

For the Rockets Jason Suarez (4th, 18:32) and Jewell Jones (6th, 18:50) had solid showings.

Rocks solid at invite

Salem's varsity boys cross country team placed third out of 12 schools at Saturday's Warren DeLaSalle Invitational.

Leading the Rocks on the rolling terrain of Stony Creek Oakgrove was junior Steve McEvilly, who finished third overall.

Junior Riley Doxtad-

er placed 11th with other Salem scorers including Jeremy Drouillard, Donovan Drouillard and Evan Bruyere.

In the reserve race, eight of the top-18 were Salem runners. Finishing 3-4-5 were freshman Lewis Campbell, freshman Mason Mills and freshman Noah Engerer.

"Thirty athletes ran season bests," Salem head coach Steve Aspinall said. "We will look to continue dropping time over the next couple of weeks as we run dual meets against Northville, Stevenson and Novi, who are three of the best teams in the (KLA)."

Tough day for Salem girls

Meanwhile, Salem's girls harriers did not fare as well, placing ninth out of 12 teams at Friday's Michigan State University Spartan Invitational at Forest Akers Golf Course in East Lansing.

The Rocks tallied 322 points, far behind Dearborn Divine Child (129), Troy (248) and Forest Hills Eastern (264).

Top Salem runners were Adrianna Beltran (50th, 20:10), Anya Cho (57th, 20:12), Emily Bizon (61st, 20:19), Autumn Burin (72nd, 20:21) and Shannon Flynn (82nd, 20:31).

Chiefs 25th at MSU

Also at the MSU Spartan Invite, Canton's var-

sity boys squad finished 25th despite some outstanding individual performances.

Mitch Clinton placed 73rd with a personal record of 16:44. Miles Felton's 17:03 earned him 108th overall, but it was his best time of the season.

Other Chiefs of note included Billy Toth, whose 17:26 (148th) was a personal record and the seventh fastest time ever recorded by a Canton freshman.

Another runner with a personal record was Andrew Stephens (151st, 17:27) while Bradon Conley's mark of 17:42 was 176th best.

PCA makes strides

At the Nike Invitational in Holly on Saturday, Plymouth Christian Academy sophomore Terra Crown took sixth with a time of 21:14 while freshman Megan McHugh came in 36th (25:39).

On the boys side, Ethan Levack medaled with a time of 18:44, good for 26th overall.

Meanwhile, the season began Sept. 1, with the first meet hosted on PCA grounds in 20 years.

"We had a great time and all went smoothly," said Eagles head coach Jennifer Lemieux. "Hopefully, we will have more (home) meets next year."

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start the regular season, which begins with games Wednesday at Owen Sound and 7 p.m. Saturday at Compuware against Erie.

"Everyone's practically a veteran on the team and that's going to help out," he said. "Last year's team was great and I think it's just going to carry over."

"We got a few new guys that are great guys and I think they're going to fit in. So I think it's going to be a good season."

Plymouth lost forwards Tyler Brown, James Livingston and Robbie Czarnak, who were average players in 2010-11 and are now in NHL camps.

Also gone is forward Jamie Devane from the team that finished third in the OHL West Division with 78 points.

But Vellucci is pumped up about getting Miller and recent trade acquisition Andy Bathgate (yes, the grandson of the NHL Hall of Famer of the same name) to help keep the Whalers' machine humming along.

"We're expecting him (Miller) to contribute offensively quite a bit," Vellucci said. "He's a tough kid, he skates very good and he's got a phenomenal shot."

"And Andy Bathgate was a good, solid 25-goal scorer last year (with Belleville) and we expect him to have more this year. He's got high skill, which will definitely help us on the power play."

Vellucci said he has enough offensive depth to roll two power-play units — not to mention having nine or 10 players in the 20-goal club.

"We're going to be bigger in size and I think we're going to be more skilled and score more goals than last year," he said. "That was the big question for our team last year, were you going to score enough goals."

"I think we have the depth this year. We're not going to just rely on one or two guys to be our leading scorers."

Healthy Wilson helps

One of the players who will probably see plenty of time on the power play and light the lamp is 6-4 forward Tom Wilson, a student at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Wilson played only 28 games last season, due to a wrist injury. Provided he's healthy, he will add another dimension to the squad.

"He's big, solid, hits hard, a tough kid," the coach said. "We really missed him last year at the end of the year when he was injured and I think he's going to be a first-round NHL pick this year if he can continue to progress."

Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi (20 goals), another forward with offensive upside, could also push the envelope. On Thursday, Aleardi said he is bigger, stronger and motivated to become a prolific goal scorer this season.

"I'm shooting for 50, we'll see. That's a big num-



RENA LAVERTY

Plymouth Whalers Mitchell Heard (from left), Beau Schmitz, Colin MacDonald and Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills) congratulate each other after Schmitz scored a goal during a recent preseason game. The OHL team hopes for many such celebrations during the 2011-12 campaign.

ber, obviously," Aleardi said. "Only premier hockey players get that in this league like Tyler Toffoli (Ottawa) and Christian Thomas (Oshawa) last year."

"That's my goal, but I'll be happy with anything that I get and help the team out."

Aleardi also is looking forward the path taken last season by Brown and Livingston, who had excellent seasons and earned NHL free-agent contracts as a result.

According to Vellucci, he likes having players with such lofty benchmarks.

"If he can do that (50 goals), that would be awesome," he said. "I'd love to see it. ... He's got the talent."

Plymouth's offense also will be bolstered by returning center Mitchell Heard, a 20-goal scorer last winter.

Impressive rookies

Adding to Plymouth's depth up front are rookies Mitchell Dempsey, Matthew Misteles and Danny Vanderwiel, who should get extra playing time over the first few games.

"All three of those guys have impressed," Vellucci said. "We're very excited about them. They're all big with great offensive upside. Already, in two weeks, they've showed improvement."

Schmitz is "the heart and soul" of the team and the defense, but the Whalers probably also will have Levi back on the blue line along with Curtis Crombeen — both now with NHL teams.

All three players have wicked slap shots

from the point, but also are physical and smart under pressure.

Four other defensemen are returning, including Dario Trutmann (another player with a big shot), Colin MacDonald, Nick Malysa and Dylan MacDonald.

"Trutmann has a good shot and will be more active in the offense now that he's familiar with the league," Vellucci said. "We're going to practice more with getting our defense up in the rush."

Backstopping it all will be New Jersey Devils draft pick Scott Wedgewood (2.99, 28-18-1, .908 save percentage) and capable backup Matt Mahalap (in Carolina's camp).

"It's going to be a healthy competition between the two," Vellucci said. "You can never have enough good goalies."

Vellucci likes the way his 2011-12 roster is shaping up, even if several key pieces of the puzzle haven't returned to Compuware yet.

"Obviously we're confident in our team," he said. "Now we've just got to get the right chemistry and play together as a team, make sure we're focused, and we'll see where it goes."

"Making sure we have a good start is the key."

PATTERSON WHALERS: Announced they had traded 17-year-old rookie goalie Jake Patterson to London in exchange for 17-year-old goaltender Darien Ekblad, plus three draft choices in the 2012 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection.

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providing a spark.

Other Rocks with decent evenings included Vincent (13 digs), Quinn Finlinger (20 assists), Brooke Berberet (eight kills), Breanne Beaver (six kills) and Nancy Krutty (seven digs).

"Katie (Vincent) runs our defense," Nies said. "Right now, she's what's keeping us alive in any game defensively."

Leading the Mustangs (15-3-4, 3-1) with 15 assists, along with seven blocks and seven digs was junior setter Rebecca Martin.

"She's absolutely taking control of everything that's happening on the floor right now," Northville head coach Amanda Yaklin said. "She's a major piece of why we have some continuity out there. She was even

pushing through being ill today."

Also strong for the Mustangs was sophomore outside hitter Simone Abbott (nine kills), senior middle blocker Michelle Mueller (six kills, seven blocks) and senior right-side hitter Jennifer Buckingham (six digs, three aces).

"We've got a lot of experience with our seniors and returning juniors, and it's very well-complemented with some athletic, young (sophomores)," Yaklin said. "We're putting the pieces together right now."

PCA SPIKERS WIN: Plymouth Christian Academy (11-3-2) swept host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 3-0 — winning 25-15, 25-12, 25-23. Top performers for the Eagles were Jennifer Malcolm (18 assists), Kristin Malcolm (14 kills), Sarah Howard (nine kills), Jessica Rich (eight digs) and Amy Zinn (seven digs).

SKYLINE INVITE: On Saturday, Plymouth posted a 6-0 record to capture

the Ann Arbor Skyline Invitational.

After three pool play wins, the Wildcats wrapped up the championship with victories in the quarterfinals against South Lyon East (25-16, 25-5), semifinals against Grosse Pointe South (25-19, 25-18) and finals against Northville (25-13, 25-18).

"Every single girl on the team had key contributions throughout the day to help us go undefeated," said Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody, adding that the win over the Mustangs should help her team (18-4 overall) gear up for district.

"We drew Northville in the first round of districts, so the finals match had a little bit more meaning attached to it than just a tourney win," she noted.

Plymouth leaders included the following: Emilee Beyer, 20 aces, 24 kills, 27 digs; Jessica Scott, 95 assists, 19 digs; Lindsey Stemberger (36 digs), Olivia Beyer, 21 kills, eight blocks; Madelyn Betts, 39 kills, six aces; Rachael Hille, 20 kills, eight aces and Shayla Smalls, 23 assists.

Taylor Rieckhoff (six aces) and Kyra Neumann (five digs) also helped the cause.

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Location: Nardin Park Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile,

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Details: Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan celebrates its 25th anniversary with a \$25 per person plated dinner, speaker and awards. Dr. Wesley Brun is the guest speaker. RSVP by Sept. 19 via

phone, mail or Paypal
Contact: (248) 474-4701 or visit www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com
BIBLE STUDY
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday beginning Sept. 20
Location: St. Michael the Archangel School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The sessions are open to all, regardless of faith or parish affiliation
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or www.livoniastmichael.org

p.m., Oct. 15. Space rental is \$25. \$5 per table or bring your own table. Spots are limited to three crafters per category and one vendor per product
Contact: (734) 464-0990 or e-mail rpooffice@around-detroit.biz

11, and free for children under 3. Buy tickets in advance at the church or at the door the day of the event
Contact: (734) 427-3660
WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25
Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: Mass with social time and refreshments afterward. Check-in starts at 2:15 p.m.
Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

Oct. 1-15

FAMILY FUN FEST
Time/Date: Noon to 9 p.m. Oct. 2
Location: St. Dunstan, 1515 Belton, two blocks west of Inkster, two blocks south of Ford Road, Garden City
Details: Gordo the magician, Legend the band, dancing, 50/50 and other raffles. Bingo starts at 1 p.m. Chicken dinners and other refreshments will be available. Big Money Raffle at 8 p.m.
Contact: (734) 425-6720

GRIEF RECOVERY
Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. beginning Sunday, Sept. 25
Location: Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power Road, Farmington
Details: "Living with Loss" is a 16-week series dealing with loneliness and other issues related to the loss of a spouse. Facilitated by trained peer members. Cost is \$20
Contact: Gail at 248-477-5438

JOURNEY THROUGH PROPHECY
Time/Date: 7 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. Friday-Wednesday, Sept. 30-Oct. 15
Location: Metropolitan Junior Academy Gymnasium, 15585 Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: The book of Revelation will be explained. These illustrated presentations aim to make Bible prophecy clear and easy to understand. Learn why many who have attended these seminars have said they learned more about the Bible in a few weeks than they had previously
Contact: (734) 420-3131

PRAY FOR NATION
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25
Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: The special service will include prayer for the nation
Contact: (248) 766-5977

RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: Pre-sale is 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29; sale is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 1
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: Admission for pre-sale is \$2. Admission free Friday-Saturday. Saturday everything is half price
Contact: (734) 422-0149

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City
Details: Dinner and silent auction. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$3.50 for children, 3-

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Contact: Priscilla at (734) 591-7879

SINGER/SPEAKER
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4
Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 West 6 Mile, Livonia
Details: The church and Stephen Ministry will present an evening of music and inspiration with Renee' Merna, a singer and inspirational speaker
Contact: (734) 812-8698

WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/Date: 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12
Location: Cor Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: Social time followed by dinner. \$12 fee includes buffet, tax and gratuity. Cards and games follow dinner. No drop-ins will be allowed. RSVP by Oct. 5
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BOSSMANN, LAWRENCE K.

Age 79 of Farmington, died September 19, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, www.thayer-rock.com

FEINGOLD, IRENE LILLIAN

Age 89 of Hollywood, Florida and formerly of Teaneck, NJ. Beloved wife of the late Hugo, devoted mother of David Feingold and Beth Grossman, mother-in-law of Sandra, loving grandmother of Jacob Feingold, Fahren Feingold and Jeffrey Grossman and dear sister of Rhoda Seligson. Graveside service will take place at Beth El Cemetery, 735 Forest Avenue, Paramus, NJ Monday at 1 P.M.

HRIGORA (KOSS), EVELYN M.

Passed away peacefully on September 17th, 2011 at the age of 90. Born in Detroit, MI Evelyn graduated from Denby High School, married the former Carl Hrigora and worked at Par-Screw Products as an officer and accountant while residing in Detroit. Active in VFW, Cootiettes and volunteering at VA hospitals, Evelyn traveled the state doing charity and volunteer work. She held several high positions within these organizations through the many years she was involved. Upon retiring in 1983 they moved to Brighton and Evelyn quickly became active in the community. She joined several of the local Senior Centers and was a daily face and voice at the Brighton Senior Center for decades. Their home on Woodland Lake was thoroughly enjoyed through the years. A smiling and out-going person Evelyn enjoyed a good laugh and was great company, creating many warm friendships. Many miles were traveled within the state and outside while she was on senior or family trips. Evelyn visited AZ for many winters visiting with her daughter's family. Volunteer work for the Senior Center, St Patrick church, and local community was still dear to her heart. For several years Evelyn worked part time for the UAW at their local office and then 'retired' for good. Evelyn is survived by her children Mike (Nancy) of Howell and Mary Lynn (Rob) of Valley Village, CA along with five grandchildren Jason (Chrissy), Jarret (Carrie), Derek, Jessica (Mike) and Aaron. Evelyn also boasted of 3 great-grand children Maegan, Joseph and Kyle. A Memorial Mass, in Evelyn's honor will occur on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 10:30 AM at St Patrick's Catholic Church, 711 Rickett Rd in Brighton. A greeting and celebration of life will be held prior to the mass at 10 AM, followed by a friends and family reception after the service. Memorial contributions in Evelyn Hrigora's name may be made to: The Brighton Senior Center 850 Spencer Rd. Brighton, MI 48116.

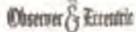


NIEMAN, FRED P.

Age 85, September 16, 2011. Beloved husband of Lucille. Loving father of Rick (Cindy) and Kathy Nieman. Dear grandfather of Matthew and Molly. Brother of Helen (Chuck) Scott. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday, September 25th, from 2 PM until Memorial Service at 3 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Yankee Air Museum. Please share a memory at www.rgrharris.com.

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10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School
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Rev. Mary E. Biedron
Senior Minister

Sample good food, fine wine and more at Schoolcraft event

Enjoy an afternoon of good food, delicious pastries and fine wine — all for a good cause. The Schoolcraft College Foundation presents the annual Culinary Extravaganza, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. The event allows guests to sample a variety of fine food, wine, beverages and desserts in one afternoon, while at the same time support student scholarships. Proceeds from the event provide scholarships and grants for students. Individual tickets are \$50 each and available at the college or online www.schoolcraft.edu (go to foundation).

"Proceeds raised from the extravaganza directly support student scholarships and our culinary arts program. Your support for one afternoon can change many lives," said Kristina Mayer, an officer of the foundation Board of Governors and chairwoman of this year's culinary event. Mayer is vice president and branch manager of Bank of Ann Arbor's Plymouth Township office.

In addition to food and wine, eventgoers can participate in a silent auction and raffle, along with a wine-tasting seminar by Lee Hershey and wholesome

healthy foods demonstration by master chef Jeff Gabriel. In addition to food, attendees can bid on a variety of gifts cards and baskets, including a VIP wine-tasting at Chateau Chantal, a weekend stay at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham or sports and entertainment packages.

Highlight of this year's raffle is a Hearts on Fire Diamond necklace from Orin Jewelers in Garden City and Northville valued at \$3,400. Other raffle prizes include \$500 cash, \$250 cash (two winners) and dinner for two at the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft (three winners).

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. In addition, each ticket has value even if you don't win a prize. Patrons can redeem the ticket for discounts at the American Harvest, Steve & Rocky's in Novi and the Ironwood Grill in Plymouth. Raffle tickets are available at the college.

Featured

Food and beverage vendors include Sive Restaurant at St. John's Inn in Plymouth Township, Toasted Oak Grill and Market in Novi and Old World



Culinary guests can expect to sample a variety of fine food, wine, beverages and desserts in one afternoon, while at the same time support student scholarships.

Olive Press in Plymouth.

Also featured at the event will be 2-Unique Caterers & Event Planners!, Royal Oak; 360 Vodka/McCormick Distilling Co., Fraser; AHD Vintners, Warren; American Harvest at Schoolcraft College, Livonia; Armitage Catering/ Finnish Banquet & Conference Center, Farmington Hills; Banfi, Commerce; Black Star Farms, Suttons Bay; Cadillac Coffee Co., Madison Heights; Cana Wines, West Bloom-

field; Caterer One LLC, Livonia; Cinco Lagos, Milford; Coffee Express Co., Plymouth; Compari's on the Park/Mama Mucci's Pasta, Plymouth; Cupcake Station, Plymouth; Dream Cakes LLC, Commerce Township; Elite Catering Co., Livonia; Forest Grill, Birmingham; Galaxy Wine Distributors, Livonia; Henry's Food Court at Schoolcraft College, Livonia; International & American Cuisine, Livonia; Joe's Produce Gourmet Mar-

ket & Catering, Livonia; Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center, Livonia; MGM Grand Detroit, Detroit; Midwest Wine Exchange LLC, Novi; Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council, Lansing; Mitchell's Fish Market, Livonia; No. VI Chophouse, Novi; Piadina Mia, Rochester Hills; Prestige Wine Imports/Schmitt Sohne, Milford; Schoolcraft College-Culinary Arts Baking & Pastry, Livonia; Steve & Rocky's, Novi; The Henry Ford, Dearborn; Vine2Wine Custom Winery of Northville; Vintner's Canton Winery, Canton; Walnut Creek Country Club, South Lyon; West Side Beer Distributing, Romulus; Woodberry Wines LLC, Troy; and Zumba Mexican Grille, Birmingham

This year's event marks two special anniversaries — the 20th year of the food and wine event and the college's 50th. Throughout its 50-year history, more than 300,000 individuals have been educated at Schoolcraft College.

A limited number of spots are still available for restaurants wishing to participate. Contact Marjorie Lynch at (734) 462-4518 or via e-mail at mlynch@schoolcraft.edu.

Art

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Through Sept. 24; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m.

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Works by the late Russell Keeter, a teacher at the Center for Creative Studies for 27 years, and several of his former students

Contact: (248) 344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday in September

Location: 744 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Details: Works by internationally acclaimed photographer, Allen Brooks, are on display

Contact: (734) 416-4278

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday, through Sept. 25

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Art by Michael Griffin

Contact: (734) 394-5300

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Location: New Five Village Shopping Center, 37653 5 Mile, Livonia

Details: Artisans and crafters are needed for the 2nd Annual VAAL Holiday Shoppe; accepting applications now



Serieux kicks off the Motown Beats series of concerts, Sept. 24 at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre in Farmington Hills.

Contact: (734) 424 1566

Comedy

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre

complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Nick DiPaolo, Sept. 16-17; Mike Malone with Ricarlo Flanagan and Jeff Scheen, Sept. 21-24; Justin Leon with Joe Zim-

merman and Bill Bushart, Sept. 28-Oct. 1

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Auggie Smith, Sept. 22-24; Gary Gulman, Sept. 29-Oct. 1; The Amazing Johnathan, Oct. 3; Reno Collier, Oct. 6-8; John Heffron, Oct. 13-15; Bobby Collins, Oct. 20-22; Tim Giather, Oct. 27-29

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

Dance

MOON DUSTERS

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30

p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the 30s, 40s and 50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

Family

BAKERS KEYBOARD LOUNGE

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays

Details: Jazz for Kids Program

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily through October

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward,

Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free.

Contact: (248) 541-5717

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: All seats \$3

Coming up: "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2," 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 23-24, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28; "Winnie the Pooh," 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 1-2

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 23 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 24

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: "National Velvet," tickets \$4

Coming up: Second Annual Classic Animation Festival, "Family Animation Rarities Festival," 8 p.m. Sept. 30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 1, all seats \$5

Contact: (313) 537-2560

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WHERE: Marquis Theater
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TIME: 8:00 p.m.

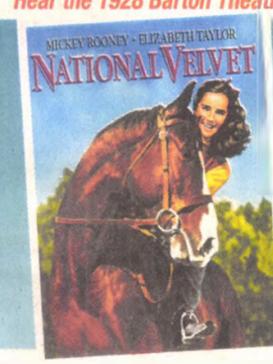
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Museums

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Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday
Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit
Details: Heidelberg 25 through Nov. 27; Dance Theatre of Harlem, through Dec. 31 Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free

Contact: (313) 494-5800

CRANBROOK

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday
Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or shine.

Contact: (313) 494-5800

Contact: (248) 645-3200 for house tours; <http://science.cranbrook.edu>

KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16-Dec. 18

Location: In the heart of the University of Michigan campus, 434 S. State, Ann Arbor

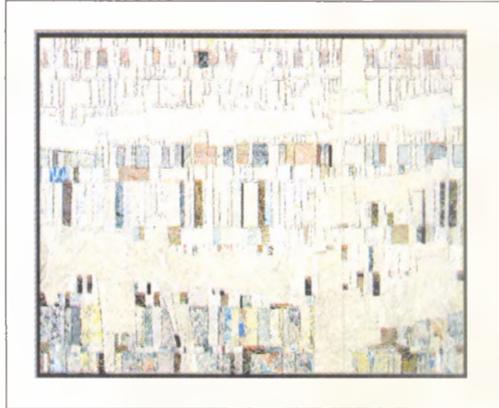
Details: "Karanis Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" will explore the story of a site excavation initiated by U of M in the 1920s and 1930s. It will illuminate the historical records of a single village community, located 80 kilometers southwest of Cairo in the Egyptian countryside, during Egypt's Graeco-Roman period
Contact: (734) 764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: Through Oct. 23
Location: 155 S. Main, just north of downtown Plymouth

Details: Rediscovering the Civil War
Contact: (734) 455-8940

Plymouth artist



Dennis Guastella of Plymouth will display his work, "Glacial Shift," through Oct. 15 at The Detroit Artists Market, 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit. He's one of eight artists whose works make up the exhibit "Personal Visions." Guastella, who earned a bachelor of fine arts degree at Wayne State University and a master of fine arts degree at Eastern Michigan University says this about Glacial Shift: "The formality of figure and ground fluctuates from shifting planes to a more stabilized grid background. The shallow space references the picture plane. Sections of peeled paint are adhered to board and using a dry brush technique, color and texture are accentuated."

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Mavis Staples, Sept. 23; Red Horse, Sept.

24; Patrizio, Sept. 26; Match by Match & Hannah Winkler, Sept. 27; Asleep at the Wheel, Sept. 28; Fleet Foxes with The Walkmen, Sept.

29; The RFD Boys, Sept. 30
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

MOTOWN BEAT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 24
Location: Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Serieux will perform. The group played the role of "The Temptations" in the film, "Marvin - My Brother - The Marvin Gaye Story"; tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for students and seniors

Coming up: Three Men and a Tenor, Oct. 28-29; Holiday Brass by The Detroit Chamber Winds, Dec. 13; "From Broadway to Hollywood with the MOT," Jan. 14, 2012; Blackthorn, March 9-10, 2012

Contact: <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or (248) 473-1848

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Pierce Pettis and Bill Mallonee, Sept. 23; Claudia Nygaard with Jeff Scott, Sept. 24; Joshua Davis, Sept. 25; Tim Grimm and Mark Dvorak, Sept. 30; Tumble-downTown, Oct. 1

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 464-6302; www.trinityhouse.org

Theater

ANDIAMO NOVI THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday, through Oct. 9

Location: 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi

Details: "Beehive: The 60s Musical Sensation," is a high energy revue that traces the coming of age of women's music through popular hits of girl groups and solo artists in the 1960s. Tickets range from \$15-\$20

Contact: Theater box office at (248) 348-4448 or Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 24-25

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "The Music Man" tells the story of a traveling salesman who tries to con the residents of a small town into buying instruments and uniforms for a musical band. Tickets are \$18; senior citizens, students and youth pay \$16

Contact: www.spotlight-playersmi.org

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BETWEEN THE BREAD

Chef's secrets to building the perfect sandwich

Chef Bobby Flay knows a thing or two about creating flavorful sandwich recipes made with real, simple ingredients. Now he's letting others in on his secrets as he teams up with Hellmann's® and Best Foods® to help America build the perfect sandwich.

"Everyone has an opinion about how to make the perfect sandwich, from the must-have ingredients to the highly personal sandwich architecture," said Flay. "No matter the sandwich recipe, I always use Hellmann's® mayonnaise to bring out the best in my sandwich, plus I have to cut the bread diagonally to make it just right. That's my idea of a perfect sandwich."

Here are some of Flay's tips on how he adds his personal touch to sandwiches:

- Thick, crusty breads like ciabatta are great for sandwiches to help complement softer ingredients like tomatoes and cheese.
- Bring a crunch to your sandwich with vegetables like sliced cucumber or fennel. Not only do they add a fresh taste, they won't wilt when they come in contact with condiments.
- Add bright colors to the sandwich with parsley leaves, finely diced red onions, or green, yellow and red peppers.
- Don't be afraid to experiment with new flavors. Jazz up your sandwich with a little cranberry relish, chopped, toasted nuts, lemon-basil or even a little thousand island coleslaw — the sky's the limit.

Here are some of Bobby's savory sandwich creations. Visit www.facebook.com/Hellmanns to share how you build the perfect sandwich and enter the Hellmann's® Build Your Perfect Sandwich Sweepstakes for a chance to win great prizes.

Turkey Cuban

Serves: 2
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 4 minutes

- ¼ cup Hellmann's or Best Foods Dijonnaise Creamy Dijon Mustard
- 2 tablespoons leftover cranberry relish
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 slices good quality Italian bread
- 8 thin slices Swiss cheese
- 4 thin slices cooked ham
- 6 slices leftover cooked turkey
- 8 dill pickle slices
- 4 tablespoons Hellmann's or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise
- Whisk mustard with cranberry relish in small bowl; season with salt and pepper.

Arrange bread on flat surface, then evenly spread with mustard mixture. Evenly top 2 of the bread slices with 2 slices cheese, ham, turkey, remaining cheese and pickles. Top with remaining bread, mustard-side down.

Spread 1 tablespoon mayonnaise on top of each sandwich and cook in medium skillet over medium heat or in panini press, mayonnaise-side down.

Arrange brick* on sandwiches in skillet and cook 2 minutes or until the bottoms are golden brown. Remove brick, then evenly spread tops of sandwiches with remaining 2 tablespoons mayonnaise; turn over. Arrange brick on sandwiches and cook an additional 2 minutes or until bottoms are golden brown and cheese is melted. Cut in half and serve warm.

*Wrap brick in heavy-duty aluminum foil to use as a press.



Turkey Cuban



Turkey Reuben with Thousand Island Coleslaw

Chicken Muffuletta with Spicy Olive Relish Mayonnaise

Serves: 8
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes

- Roasted red peppers (from a jar), drained
- ½ or 1 jalapeño chile, chopped (depending on how spicy you like)
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- ½ cup Hellmann's or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- ¾ cup prepared olive relish
- ¼ cup coarsely chopped fresh flat leaf parsley
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 16 ¼-inch slices provolone cheese
- 1 large round loaf of bread, sliced in half crosswise
- Aluminum foil
- 2 bricks or a cast iron pan and a few heavy cans

Combine red peppers, jalapeño, garlic, mayonnaise and vinegar in a food processor and process until smooth. Scrape the mixture into a medium bowl and fold in the olive relish and parsley. Set aside.

Heat the grill to high or the grill pan over high heat.

Brush chicken breasts with oil on both sides and sprinkle with salt and pepper, if desired. Grill for 4 to 5 minutes per side until golden brown and just cooked through. Remove from the grill, let rest 5 minutes then slice into ¼-inch slices on the bias.

Spread some of mayonnaise mixture on the bottom half of the bread, add half of the cheese, half of the chicken and repeat with the remaining ingredients (mayonnaise mixture, cheese and chicken in that order).

Spread the cut-side of the top of the loaf with more mayonnaise mixture and place, mayonnaise-side down, on chicken. Wrap tightly in foil, place on baking sheet and place bricks or a heavy cast iron pan on top. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour (to allow the flavors to meld) or overnight.

Turkey Reuben with Thousand Island Coleslaw

Serves: 4
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes

- ½ cup Hellmann's or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise, divided
- ¼ cup finely chopped dill pickle
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 2 cups coleslaw mix
- 8 slices rye bread
- 8 slices Swiss cheese
- 1 pound sliced cooked turkey
- Combine ¼ cup mayonnaise, pickle, ketchup, vinegar and mustard with wire whisk in medium bowl. Season, if desired, with salt and pepper. Stir in coleslaw mix; set aside.

Top 4 bread slices with cheese, turkey, coleslaw mixture, then remaining bread slice. Evenly spread outside of sandwiches with remaining ¼ cup mayonnaise. Cook sandwiches, in batches, in 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat, turning once, 8 minutes or until golden brown.

— Courtesy Family Features

Handle mold, mildew with caution, BBB and EPA urge

Many homeowners are looking for remedies for dealing with the aftermath of the devastating floods that have hit so many homes around the country. While a little part of the water damage picture, mold can be an ever growing, pesky problem that, if not taken care of quickly, can last forever. Better Business Bureau, along with the Environmental Protection Agency are advising homeowners to be proactive when it comes to dealing with mold and mildew.

When looking to eradicate mold, homeowners may choose to either tackle the problem on their own or consult the expertise of a contractor. Either way, BBB advises that, it's important for homeowners to do their research. According to the EPA's Mold Guide, the many types of mold may begin growing indoors when mold spores land on surfaces that are wet. Mold can grow on any kind of wood, paper, carpet, and food.

"In 2010, BBB received nearly 30,000 inquires nationally on mold and mildew eradicators," said Patrick Bennett, BBB director of Community Relations. "As mold can ultimately destroy anything that it lands on, it's important to act smart and fast."

While homeowners should always avoid handling and touching mold without wearing proper gloves, there are also many other things to keep in mind. BBB and the EPA advise homeowners to consider the following:

- Know your risks and side effects. There are many health risks associated with mold and mold growth. Many may experience an allergic reaction and other respiratory complaints when mold is present in the home.



- Be proactive. The EPA attests that there is no practical way to eliminate all molds and mold spores in the indoor environment. The way to control indoor mold growth is to control moisture. If you notice a leak in your shower faucet or sink, repair it immediately to avoid the ideal habitat for mold. Clean and dry any wet or damp surfaces within 24-48 hours to prevent mold growth. Vent all bathrooms, kitchens and other moisture-generating sources to reduce indoor humidity and prevent mold growth.

"A damp or wet basement can provide a breeding ground for molds that can gradually destroy the things they grow on, however you can prevent damage, save money and avoid potential health problems by controlling the moisture," said Jeff Schleuning, president of EverDry Waterproofing in Sterling Heights. "If you clean the mold but don't fix the water or moisture problem, then most likely the mold will come back."

- Choose wisely when picking a contractor. Some mold erad-

icators can be imposters. It's important to check a business' BBB Business Review at www.bbb.org before selecting a contractor. Ask for referrals from friends and family members and check with at least three contractors before deciding on one. Make sure the contractor has experience cleaning up mold. Check references and ask the contractor to follow the recommendations in EPA's Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings, or other guidelines from professional or government organizations.

Avoid lawyer conflict of interest

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We got bad advice from our attorney about not starting a lawsuit against the developer and now we are faced with thousands of dollars of special assessments. Some of the co-owners do not seem to care and would rather pay the assessment than to pursue the developer and, perhaps, the attorney. What do you think?

A: The association should get an independent opinion from an attorney not involved in representing the

association.

It is not uncommon that people are apathetic, naive or, frankly, stupid in regard to their legal rights,

particularly if they are concerned about paying attorney fees and assessments. Yet they allow the culpable parties off of the hook and end up paying more than they should have to. While litigation is to be avoided unless absolutely necessary, sometimes it is the only reasonable way of resolving a dispute and getting to an equitable resolution. Board members have a fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of the association and, if they are culpable for ill-conceived decisions, they should be removed and/or pursued in court.

Q: I have read that some associations have really gone to great lengths to determine whose dog poop is violating the restrictions. Do you have any information about that?

A: In a recent newspaper article out of Toronto, it was reported that a service being offered to U.S. Condominium Associations provides identification to delinquent owners who do not pick up after their dog. PooPrints is a dog identification service that maintains a private dog DNA data base for each property, so that any dog poop found on the property can be matched with the culprit. Dog owners are required to register their pets with management, pay the registration fee and provide their dogs DNA sample by way of a cheek swab. When management finds poop on the property, a sample is sent of the lab in Tennessee to identify the offending dog from the Condo's dog data base. The cost of the lab analysis is charged to the owner of the unit in which the dog resides. PooPrints also provides a unique pet identification tag for each dog to wear on its collar so that it is easy for management to confirm if the dog has been registered. If that is a reasonable approach to the dog problem, it is left to your Board and the Association's lawyer to decide.

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. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit rbmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 13-17, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
206 Alexandria Ct	\$390,000
41629 Bedford Dr	\$44,000
3960 Berkeley Ave	\$70,000
45733 Bryn Mawr Rd	\$215,000
50595 Coolidge St	\$241,000
1303 E Crystal Cir	\$195,000
1630 E Lakeview Ln	\$140,000
7559 Embassy Dr	\$165,000
48919 Greenwich Cir	\$285,000
41690 Metaline Dr	\$200,000
6821 Pittsford St	\$150,000
47633 River Woods Dr	\$245,000
3537 Shepherd Ln	\$167,000
42398 Trent Dr	\$170,000
47475 Warren Rd	\$42,000
41464 White Tail Ln	\$82,000
968 Whittier Dr	\$157,000
42556 Woodbridge Dr	\$143,000
169 Woodward Rd	\$337,000

GARDEN CITY	
6408 Dillon St	\$63,000
272 Ross St	\$77,000
28725 Rosslyn Ave	\$47,000
32116 Rush St	\$77,000
27811 Warren Rd	\$58,000
LIVONIA	
31801 Balmoral Ct	\$260,000
11325 Blackburn St	\$160,000
11848 Brewster St	\$110,000
15506 Doris St	\$59,000
20203 Edgewood Ave	\$300,000
20118 Farmington Rd	\$35,000
15045 Houghton St	\$105,000
15615 Loveland St	\$60,000
18061 Mayfield St	\$141,000
10005 Melrose St	\$125,000
31442 Merrivood Park Dr	\$85,000
37360 Munger St	\$149,000
15189 Norman St	\$130,000
20305 Parker St	\$85,000
16956 Pollyanna St	\$150,000
33576 S Hampshire St	\$175,000
36317 St Andrews Dr	\$67,000
17258 Stamwich St	\$136,000
27550 Terrence St	\$139,000
11215 W Clements Cir	\$100,000
16110 Woodring Ct	\$245,000
NORTHVILLE	

18285 Blue Heron Pointe Dr	\$257,000
16109 Brook Trout Ln	\$125,000
40465 Coachwood Cir	\$375,000
39754 Dun Rovin Dr	\$259,000
48668 Freestone Dr	\$110,000
41011 Knightsford Rd	\$223,000
44674 Larchwood Dr	\$488,000
16801 Lyonhurst Cir	\$225,000
16322 Mulberry Way	\$20,000
16329 Mulberry Way	\$20,000
16533 Mulberry Way	\$20,000
45945 Northview	\$363,000
49128 Rainbow Ln S	\$287,000
675 Randolph St	\$40,000
50495 Rose Ter	\$615,000
204 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$230,000
17135 Stonebrook Dr	\$500,000
PLYMOUTH	
44546 Marc Trl	\$158,000
8830 Morrison Ave	\$90,000
51202 Plymouth Lake Dr	\$478,000
801 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$600,000
12415 Woodgate Dr	\$84,000
REDFORD	
11388 Arnold	\$50,000
10034 Brady	\$63,000
12279 Columbia	\$40,000
13478 Farley	\$23,000

9049 Grayfield	\$50,000
9952 Hazelton	\$51,000
9115 Hemingway	\$46,000
16900 Lexington	\$85,000
10030 Virgil	\$50,000
8898 Woodbine	\$25,000
8922 Woodbine	\$38,000
9705 Woodbine	\$50,000
20089 Woodworth	\$29,000
WESTLAND	
7443 Affeldt St	\$40,000
2035 Alanson St	\$20,000
37454 Beechwood St	\$25,000
6810 Deerhurst Dr	\$85,000
36731 Dover Dr	\$140,000
32655 Grand Traverse St	\$14,000
37744 Marquette St	\$139,000
37775 Marquette St	\$168,000
7724 Melvin Ave	\$53,000
32226 Merritt Dr	\$80,000
1224 N Hanlon St	\$85,000
616 N Linville St	\$25,000
7107 N Wayne Rd	\$175,000
28332 Powers St	\$29,000
7716 Ritz Ave	\$75,000
1502 Shoemaker Dr	\$29,000
31039 Somerset St	\$55,000
7370 Woodview St	\$21,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 6-11, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
16016 Amherst Ave	\$235,000
16980 Beechwood Ave	\$185,000
17350 Kirkshire Ave	\$110,000
32730 Pierce St	\$139,000
BIRMINGHAM	
2200 Avon Ln	\$238,000
1748 Banbury St	\$115,000
1324 Bird Ave	\$68,000
1339 E 14 Mile Rd	\$192,000
1616 E Maple Rd	\$83,000
1300 Edgewood Rd	\$265,000
347 Greenwood St	\$749,000
587 Greenwood St	\$240,000
539 Henley St	\$390,000
1884 Humphrey Ave	\$160,000
481 Pleasant St	\$520,000
1351 Ruffner Ave	\$73,000
1495 Shipman Blvd	\$178,000
1384 Villa Rd	\$195,000
1610 Webster St	\$385,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
3830 Brookside Dr	\$325,000
931 Lone Pine Rd	\$510,000
554 Bennington Dr	\$375,000
628 Bennington Dr	\$530,000
7456 E Greenwich Dr	\$185,000

130 E Hickory Grove Rd	\$62,000
2480 Loch Creek Way	\$272,000
1054 Park Place Ct	\$280,000
2743 S Woodward Ave #a-1	\$53,000
990 Stratford Pl	\$328,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
651 Ardmoor Dr	\$458,000
1230 E Square Lake Rd	\$135,000
1805 E Tahquamenon Ct	\$285,000
1141 Fox Chase Rd	\$250,000
635 Half Moon Rd	\$750,000
1750 Heron Ridge Dr	\$860,000
1829 Hickory Bark Ln	\$200,000
1974 Klingensmith Rd	\$52,000
1337 Knollcrest Cir	\$220,000
1624 Lochridge Rd	\$777,000
2929 Meadowood Ln	\$1,275,000
895 N Pemberton Rd	\$160,000
535 N Williamsbury Rd	\$648,000
3255 Pebble Ln	\$173,000
7460 Pinehurst Cir	\$185,000
4130 Pomona Colony St	\$557,000
1647 Trading Post Ln	\$310,000
385 Yarmouth Rd	\$538,000
880 N Cranbrook Rd	\$360,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
5204 Bridge Trl E	\$215,000
5016 Elkin St	\$150,000
4772 Ravinewood Dr	\$160,000
4980 S Duck Lake Rd	\$215,000
2588 Trillium Hills Dr	\$195,000
1500 Woodcrest Ln	\$300,000
FARMINGTON	
33666 Alta Loma Dr	\$68,000
34957 Oakland St	\$190,000
21554 Riverwalk Ct	\$195,000

32329 Valley View Cir	\$131,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28113 Briar Hill Dr	\$96,000
36900 Carla Ct	\$215,000
21675 Cass St	\$150,000
24581 Creekside Dr	\$165,000
37132 Fox Chase	\$200,000
28051 Grand River Ave	\$470,000
32449 Hearthstone Rd	\$161,000
21732 Jacksonville St	\$121,000
22121 Lancrest Ct	\$149,000
35162 Meadow Ln	\$119,000
23956 Noble Dr	\$85,000
29320 Regents Pointe	\$107,000
22220 River Ridge Trl	\$130,000
30739 Shiawassee Rd #40	\$15,000
32249 Tall Timber Dr	\$223,000
21470 Whittington St	\$40,000
MILFORD	
559 E Summit St	\$58,000
534 East St	\$90,000
3301 Morrow Ln	\$320,000
2453 North St	\$92,000
793 Promontory Dr	\$105,000
NOWI	
24140 Brentwood Ct	\$305,000
45562 Emerald Forest Dr	\$260,000
43001 Emerson Way	\$183,000
24251 Hampton Hill St	\$140,000
22444 Haverdale St	\$308,000
40527 Lenox Park Dr	\$249,000
22826 Mondavi Dr	\$421,000
24532 Olde Orchard St	\$42,000
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GARDEN CITY: Sat Sept 24, 9-5pm

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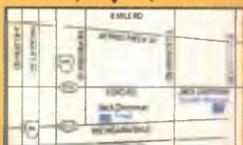
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