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Angie Regiani, shown here leading a jazz dance class, is one of five instructors at Planetdance in Canton.

Planetdance is culmination of a dream for local dancer

STAFF WRITER

There was never much doubt in Jeni Toby's mind what she wanted to do when she grew up. Ever since she was 12, Toby had dreamed about owning her own dance studio. About a year ago, she decided it was time to take a chance, to spread her wings and fly, as she puts it. And she opened Planetdance in

After graduating from John Glenn High School in 1995, Toby, a Westland resident, did come to a crossroads of sorts. Having danced since she was a young child, Toby had some aspirations of becoming a professional dancer. But the dream of a studio was also never far from her mind.

"It was either go out to Los Angeles and try to make it as a professional dancer, or open

my own studio. There's a million people with the same idea of going out to L.A., just like there's a million people who want to open their own studio," said Toby, 28. "I guess for me it was a matter of timing. It was time for me to spread my wings and fly. I figured if I didn't try I would have asked 'what if' the rest of my life. So I did it."

Located on Lilley, just south of Joy, Planetdance has grown over the course of the last year. Toby said about 100 dancers currently use the studio, and she is in the midst of fall registration.

Getting started wasn't easy, however. Toby said she brought a number of dancers with her from another studio in Garden City, and they went door to door, delivering fliers to residents in the area, letting them know

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Jeni Tobi of Westland opened Planetdance in Canton about a year ago.

Canton, Salem fail to gain AYP

BY TONY BRUSCATO

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park special education students failed to meet minimum benchmarks on the standardized MEAP tests, resulting in two of the three high schools failing to reach Adequate Yearly Progress in the latest report card from the state

"All three high schools are in the same situation, with the special education student population failing to meet standards in math," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education. "In addition, the Canton High School special education subgroup didn't meet the standard for language arts."

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Property blight lands business owner jail time

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

A Canton business owner will go back to court Aug. 30 to hear the terms of his probation and start serving a 30-day jail sentence after being found guilty of violating township ordinances. His jail sentence was delayed after he collapsed at 35th District Court last week.

Robert McCausland, who owns Mac Auto Service at 1981 N. Lotz Road in Canton with his brother, Daniel McCausland, was supposed to start serving 30 days in jail on Aug. 17, but collapsed at the court and was transported for medical treatment before he could be taken to jail.

The probation department recommended that McCausland pay fines and serve non-reporting probation for two years because of violations on his property, but McCausland rejected the recommendation and asked for the equivalent jail time, according to District Court Judge Michael Gerou.

"I want to make it very clear that Mr. McCausland chose jail time. He insisted on it," said Gerou.

Following a three-day trial, a six-member

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Resident backlash stops 'Toyotaville' ad campaign

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Negative public reaction to the filming of Toyota commercials has killed plans to shoot the car company's latest advertisements in Canton's Cherry Hill

"In the 17 years I've been in office, there have been very few times that I have been personally disappointed in a group of residents and this is one of them," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

The Japanese automaker had planned to shoot its "Toyotaville" advertisements in the village. In the ads, a Toyota would be parked in every driveway, while a couple drives into the neighborhood and says, "I think we're going to like this place." Cherry Hill Village was chosen for its quaint and clean appearance, according to location scout Warren Martin, who approached Yack about shooting the commercial in Canton. Martin said he cannot comment further after the Monday decision to seek another location for the shoot.

MEETING WITH OWNERS

Two weeks ago, shortly after Martin had confirmed with Toyota's production company, Strader Productions in Nashville, Tenn., that the shoot would occur in Cherry Hill Village, he said he w able to meet with about 75 percent of the homeowners Strader hoped would participate in the commer-

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Chalk it up

Kaitlynn Murphy, 8, was one of many children and adults who participated in the first Chalk It Up Festival at Heritage Park on Saturday, which was a collaborative effort between Canton Leisure Services and D & M Art Studios of Canton. Participants created chalk art along the walkways surrounding the park's pond. The event also featured a number of strolling entertainers. Murphy called her work 'The Lake.'

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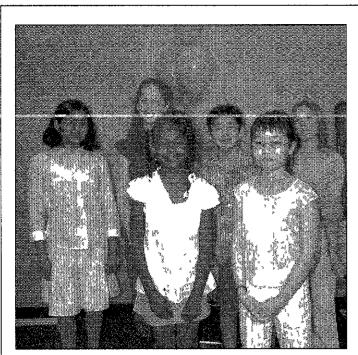
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AROUND CANTON



Essay winners

The Friends of the Canton Public Library announced the winners of summer writing 2005 essay contest during the Aug. 20 Patron Celebration Day festivities at the library. The winners were (back row from left) Namita Patel, Molly Tessier, Bryant Chen, Tessa Garrison, and (front row from left) Kaitlyn Moore, and Jennifer Liu. Chen and Moore won in the third-fifth grade category on the topic 'Why I Love the Canton Public Library.' Tessler and Liu won the sixth-eighth grade category, writing on 'How the Canton Public Library Has Helped Me in School and in Life.' And Garrison and Patel won the ninth-12th grade category, writing on the theme, 'How the Canton Public Library Has Helped Me Grow as an Individual.' Each winner received a \$100 cash prize and will have a READ poster created and displayed in the library.

Musician honored

Amber Kilgore, a percussionist from Canton, has been selected to participate in the 2005 Henry Mancini Summer Education Program. Kilgore holds a bachelor of music degree in percussion performance from Michigan State University (2000) and a master of music degree from Indiana University (2002), where she is also in the progress of earning her doctorate of music degree in percussion performance. She is currently a member of the Louisville Orchestra and Fort Wayne Philharmonic, and assistant principal timpani of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic.

The Henry Mancini Institute (HMI) has selected its 84 participants for its 2005 Summer Education Program after auditioning hundreds of musicians worldwide. Those selected studied and performed with some of today's finest music masters during the four-week intensive program. Participants received a full scholarship that includes tuition, room and board at the UCLA Campus.

A call to artists

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Entry deadline is Aug. 29, with the show slated to run October 6 - 31. The display will be located at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. For more information about entering the exhibition, please call Jennifer Tobin at (734)) 394-

Extended hours

Alex's Family Dining restaurant, which specializes in Greek, Italian and American dishes, is now open 24 hours Thursday through Saturday. The restaurant is located at 42400 Ford Road in Canton. For more information call Alex's at (734) 981-6877.

'Mom 2 Mom' sale

Tri-City Christian Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) in Canton is having a Mom 2 Mom sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10. Moms have rented tables where they sell children's gently used clothes, maternity clothes, toys and miscellaneous items their families have outgrown. Tri-City is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just North of Michigan Avenue. There is a \$1 admission. For more information, call Pam at (734) 397-0819.

Caccamo to host coffee hour

Canton Township trustee Todd Caccamo will host a coffee hour at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Brand New Day Espresso Cafe, 42480 Cherry Hill. He will be speaking to residents about a number of township issues, including politics and coming events. For information, call Caccamo at (734) 981-6303.

Reading tutors

The Community Literacy Council is looking for volunteer tutors in western Wayne County to teach adults to read.

No educational background is necessary, and the council will provide training and materials, then match tutors with students in their area. The next training session begins 5-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26 at the Starkweather Center in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 416-4906.

Plymouth reunion

The reunion committee is organizing a 30-year reunion for Canton and Salem graduates of the Class of 1975.

The reunion is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Renaissance Ballroom at the Holiday Inn-Livonia-West. Dinner is at 7 p.m. The \$50 per person cost covers dinner and dancing. A cash bar will be avail-

For graduates planning to be in town Friday night, the group will attend the Salem-Canton football game, followed by the traditional stop at The Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. Tickets at the gate are \$3.

The committee is also planning a memory CD with updated information on classmates. In order to publish the CD, classmates can help by completing questionnaires provided by the committee.

For anyone needing accommodations, a special package has been arranged at the Holiday Inn-Livonia-West. Reservations must be made by Oct. 1 and mention must be made of the Class of 1975 reunion.

For information on the CD, the reunion and for reservations, email PCEP1975@aol.com



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An incorrect name appeared in the "Rocks at a glance" graphic that was published on page B5 in Sunday's Observer. Tyler Root's name should have been listed instead of Kyle Root.

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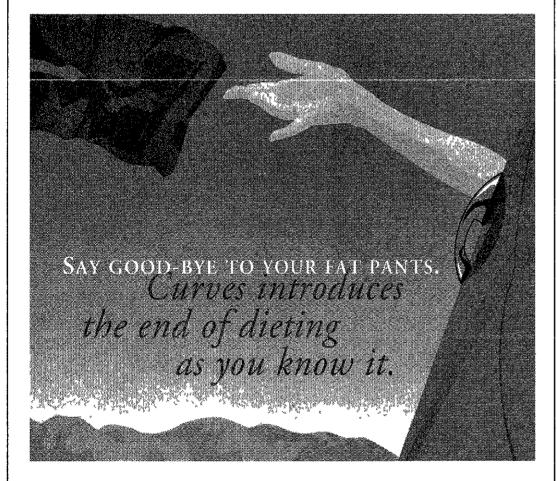
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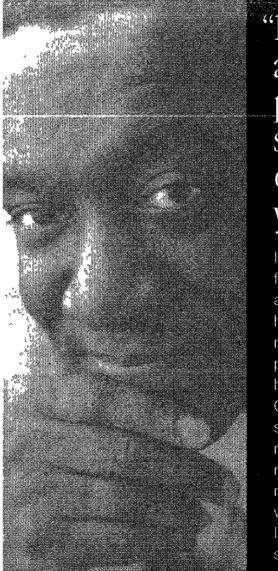
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PLANETDANCE

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about the new studio. Toby attributes the studio's success to the fact that she brings in renowned dance instructors from all over the country, and that there is a certain spirit at the studio, some-

thing her dancers echò. Molly Howard, 16, of Canton, is one of the studio's top dancers, and has done well in national competitions. Howard has danced at many studios, but thinks Planetdance is the best because

of the atmosphere. "We have people come in from all over, like L.A. and other places. It's a good learning experience for us," said Howard, who hopes to some day dance professionally.

Sandy Meyerhoff, whose 8year-old daughter, Katie, dances at the studio, said it was the spirit factor that attracted them to Planetdance. Katie had been at a rival studio and competed against Toby's dancers. Both mother and daughter noticed the exemplary conduct of the Planetdance

"I just remember them cheering for all the competitors," said Sandy Meyerhoff, a

Garden City resident. "Basically all the girls were nice and supportive of all the other dancers. That said a lot to us when we were looking for another studio. It is a much nicer atmosphere here."

For Toby, teaching is a "labor of love." She knows she will never get rich, but the bonding experience with her students more than makes up for it.

"I love dance, and the art of it. When you're on the stage, you are your own person. I see a difference in our kids when they are under the lights. They become themselves.

Planetdance has five levels of age classifications, beginning with mini to 7 years old. Toby says a number of different styles of dance are taught, including jazz, tap, ballet, lyrical, and hip-hop.

Planetdance is located at 7281 N. Lilley in Canton. For more information, call the studio at (734) 414-0641, or visit its Web site at www.planetdancestudio.com.

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Whalers team up with libraries

The Plymouth Whalers and the Canton and Plymouth libraries are teaming up during September and October on a promotion to get more people to sign up for a library card, and in the process get a few bucks of the price of admission to a hockey game.

During September and October, show your library card at the Whaler's ticket office and receive \$2 off the ticket price of home games. It's part of a national library initiative to show that your library card is the most valuable card in your wallet.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month and the libraries are going all out to make sure every member of the community has the opportunity to apply for a library card. Library card sign-up tables will be at the Whaler's pre-season

games; September 3 against Windsor and September 10 vs. Sarnia. Plymouth and Canton residents will have the opportunity to fill out library card applications at the Whalers game and pick up their new cards at their local library.

In addition, all Plymouth-Canton Community School children will be able to sign up for library cards at school in the second year of a collaborative effort between the Canton Public Library, the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Last year, the program met with overwhelming success. More than 2,500 new cards were issued to students from kindergarten through high school. Call the Canton Public Library at (734) 397-0999 or the Plymouth District Library at (734) 453-0750.



From left, Mike Padlo, Jenny Padlo, Cody Trottier, and Jessica Trottier enjoyed some of the food at last year's Village Faire. This year's event is scheduled for Sunday at the Bartlett-Travis House in Cherry Hill Village.

Head back in time to the Village Faire

STAFF WRITER

Anybody wanting to get a taste of what old Canton was like, they may want to visit the township's annual Village Faire, scheduled noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday in Cherry Hill Village.

Co-sponsored by the Canton Lions Club and Canton Township, the event revolves around the historic Bartlett-Travis House, which is on Ridge Road just north of Cherry Hill. There will be many historically themed activities meant to make one reminisce about an earlier, simpler time in the township's

Some of the activities include traditional rope making, oxen driving, woodcarving, hand needlework, antique bikes, and a petting zoo. The Canton Concert Band will play from noon to 2 p.m., and will be followed by a fashion show featuring the styles

Jennifer Eubanks, recreation specialist for Canton, said the event has drawn a good number of residents in its three years.

"We always get a couple hundred people out. It's a nice event. It stays busy all afternoon," she said. "If you want to get a good parking spot, though, people might want to get there earlier in the day."

Eubanks noted that the best

parking will be on the lawn of the Travis-Bartlett House. People can also park around the Village

One of the main attractions of the event is the annual corn roast sponsored by the Canton Lions. It is one of the club's two major fund-raisers. Proceeds are used to fund a home for the disabled, a hearing center, and to provide eyeglasses to the needy in the community, according to Lion President Charlie Mott. He said the corn roast will feature hot dogs, ice cream, sno-cones, watermelon, popcorn, soda pop,

and of course corn on the cobb. Mott said the event is always a good time.

"There's a lot to do. You can walk around and see a lot of demonstrations, like wood carving and of hand-cracked wheat," he said.

Eubanks said the event is intended to showcase the Travis-Bartlett House, a historical home that houses and number of community historical artifacts, and is rented out for events such as showers. She also said it the Village Faire is a great family event, and way to learn about Canton's history.

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Canton's third Hindu temple gets special approval

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Canton's third Hindu temple - and its first Sikh temple received special land use approval from the Canton Planning Commission Monday. If all goes according to plans, the property owner, Gurmukh Singh, will break ground this year.

The temple will be located on Canton Center Road near Geddes, across Canton Center from the location of the township's largest temple, the Swaminaravan Temple. The 8,000-squarefoot building will sit on a 4.25 acre parcel.

Singh said he expects to raise about \$3 million to build the temple, and construction can begin as soon as the temple has moved through the site plan process and he successfully raises the funds.

Canton resident Henry Moore objected to the plan, saying it would increase traffic on Canton Center Road, and that two temples so near each other is "overdoing it."

However, Singh's attorney, Bryan Amann, said most of the traffic will be on Sunday mornings, "when you could shoot a cannon down Canton Center."

Moore also argued that property taxes near the temple will decrease, and added that the temple across the street "hasn't had a positive impact on the neighborhood at all." Amann noted that the tem-

ple is very small for the size of the parcel, and that churches and temples are by definition a

compatible use in residential neighborhoods. He added that Canton Center Road is a primary road, and is designed for heavy traffic.

A neighboring property owner, Dominic Ferraiuolo, wrote to the planning commission to explain that the temple will have a negative impact on his property values.

He said he listed his home on Canton Center for sale, and had received two offers at market value - \$450,000. He plans to use the proceeds from the sale of his home during his retirement.

But when they saw the large parking lot at the temple across the road, "needless to say, both parties withdrew their offers," ĥe said in his letter.

Since then, he's disclosed to potential buyers the fact that there is a temple across the street, and he said ever since. "the response has been, thanks but no thanks."

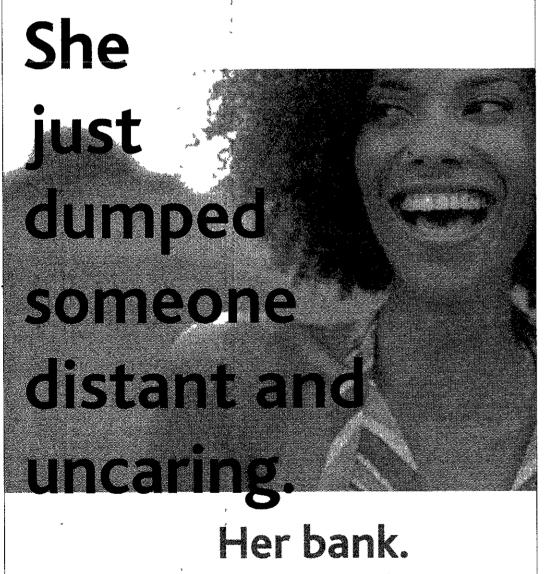
He said he has had a couple of offers for \$350,000, but hasn't been able to get a buyer to make a serious offer, and when he does he'll lose \$100,000.

He said he's worried that yet another temple will further impact his property values.

The temple, however, will be much smaller than the Swaminarayan Temple, according to Singh. He hopes that membership will be between 150 and 200.

Site plans could come before the planning commission in as few as six weeks, Singh said.

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Canton residents will have twice the opportunity to participate in the annual hazardous household waste round-up. In addition to the usual Saturday waste drop-off, which this year is on Sept. 10, some 150 residents will be able to schedule a drop-off on Friday, Sept. 9.

About 1,500 Canton residents participate in the roundup every year, and demand has been so great that the township added the extra day to see if residents prefer a two-day event. The first 150 residents who call Public Works at (734) 394-5150 will be able to schedule drop-off of hazardous waste. Residents who call to schedule a Friday drop-off will be notified by mail of the time they are to arrive at the Canton Public Works building at 4847

Sheldon. They must retain th letter in order to drop off at th site. No exceptions will be made.

The regular Saturday dropoff will be 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and residents will be asked to produce photo identification to prove residency.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected on both Sept. 9 and 10 include, but ar not limited to; fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based and latex paint, paint thinner, turpentine, bug sprays, floor-care products, expired medicine, computers and scanners, dry cleaning solvents, rat poison, household batteries, propane tanks, mercury waste, antifreeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, kerosene, motor oil, and

acids.

Got Game?

Yep, got scores, too.

Canton will be unable to accept commercial waste, construction debris, explosives or ammunition, fire extinguishers, firewood, radioactive material, smoke detectors, and

For more information, contact the Public Works Division

at (734) 394-5150. Year-round disposal, available Canton Waste Recycling (CWR), 42020 Van Born Road, will accept limited items on scheduled Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on scheduled Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Items accepted for drop off at CWR include, batteries. oil, antifreeze, and paint (limited to five one-gallon contain-

CWR's next scheduled recycling date is Aug. 26, 2005.

Finding a new home

Chili fest lands at Washtenaw fairgrounds

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Annette Horn visited her first chili cookoff in 1983, she really enjoyed the atmosphere at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Lodi Township, near Saline.

"I'd never been to one before, and it was so exciting," said Horn, who resides in Plymouth. "Everyone seemed to be having so much fun, and I just wanted to be part of it."

Two years later, Horn and her husband, Ken, began competing in chili cookoff competitions at the Washtenaw County grounds, eventually winning an opportunity to compete at the 1987 world competition in Palmdale, Calif., in the middle of the Mohave Desert.

Horn went on to conceive the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Motorcycle Bike Show, which — until this year called Plymouth's Kellogg Fark home. On Aug 2, Horn proclaimed she was canceling this year's event because of spiraling costs for municipal and

police services in Plymouth. As a result, the future of the event was in doubt — until this

Horn announced the event is back on, this time in the same location as her first chili cookoff visit, the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds.

"I dan't believe I'm having it there," said an elated Horn. "It's unbelievable."

This year's event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1, in conjunction with a Renegade Chili Cookoff, which doesn't follow International Chili Society rules meaning anything goes.

The two chili competitions will be held alongside live entertainment, children's activities, and egg drop competition, antique car show and demolition derby.

"The city of Plymouth was fantastic for the nine years we had if there, the people in the community were great," said Horn "I think we got to a point to where there wasn't room to grow. We just needed a bigger location."

While the event in Plymouth

was free to visitors, it will cost \$8 in advance and \$10 the day of the event to get into this year's activities, with \$20 and \$25 family passes.

Canton Township pursued the event, but lost out to Washtenaw County — at least for this year.

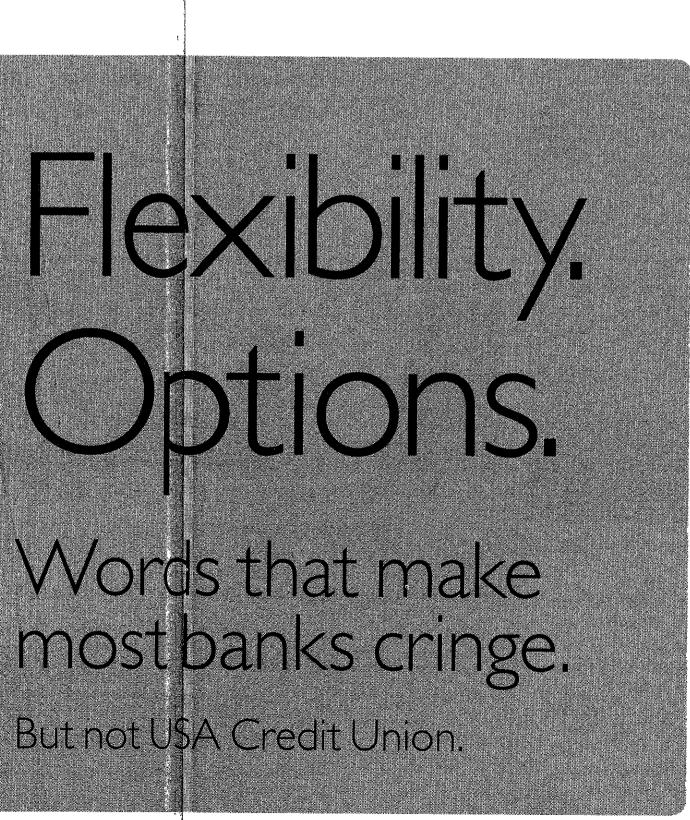
"We've had an interest in having a signature event like that for some time," said Kathleen Salla, downtown and community development coordinator. "The Ford Road corridor has major retail and large parking lots. Our softball complex on Michigan Avenue could accommodate a big event, as well.

"The DDA (Downtown Development Authority) board would certainly be interested if it doesn't work out in Washtenaw County," she said.

Information on this year's event at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds can be obtained at www.salinechilicookoff.org

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jury unanimously found McCausland guilty of violation of township rules against outdoor storage of materials and tools, of not maintaining his property, of storing unlicensed and inoperable cars on the property, and of improper storage of a dumpster on the 14-acre parcel of property.

The five violations were just a portion of the 29 violations on the property, according to Ronald Witthoff, the attorney representing Canton in the case. Township officials will evaluate the remaining violations to determine how to resolve the cases.

The probation division at court recommended that McCausland serve probation for two years, and during that time he would have to be in compliance with all township ordinances. According to the terms of the probation, an ordinance inspector would



have to give McCausland 24 hours written notice before coming on the property, and could not inspect more than once every 30 days.

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McCausland would also have had to pay \$500 for each of the five cases, plus \$250 in court costs to cover the cost of holding a jury trial. Gerou waived the probation oversight fee.

However, McCausland said he was not going to pay the fines, and asked for the equivalent jail time, Gerou said.

Gerou asked McCausland to consult with his attorney, Dennis Shrewsbury, before making such a request.

"He said he had fired his attorney, and he did not want to speak to another," Gerou

Gerou could have ordered up to 90 days in jail for each offense, but ordered a total of 30 days instead, with probation to follow.

Although he did not wish to comment on specifics of his case, Robert McCausland, a Novi resident, said he did not ask for jail time, but asked for the equivalent of jail time.

In nearly every case, the fines are the alternative to jail, and prior to McCausland's case Gerou had never heard of anyone asking for jail time rather than fines. Gerou added that it's extremely rare for a citizen

to request a trial for an ordinance violation case. Most property owners either bring their property into compliance and the case is dismissed, or they pay the fines.

After Gerou imposed the sentence, Shrewsbury, who had been re-retained in the courtroom, requested a medical alert be placed in McCausland's file, Gerou said.

Just minutes after McCausland was ordered to start his sentence, Gerou was informed that an ambulance was at the court, and that McCausland was being transported to a hospital. It is not known what his medical condition was.

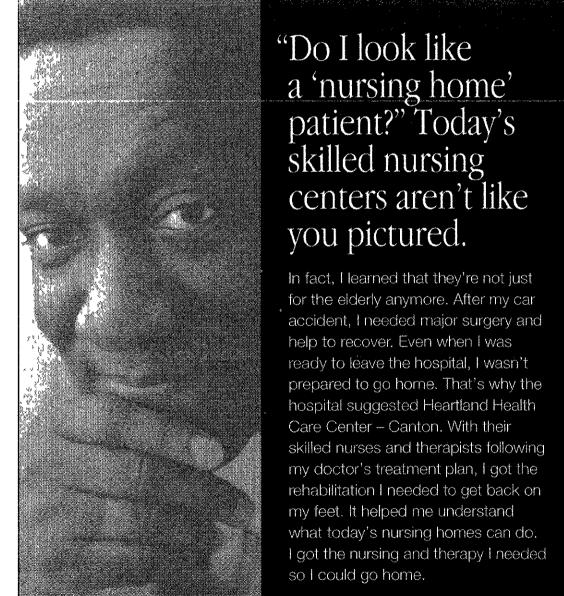
"He's home now, and I hope he's recovering well," Gerou said. He entered an order to allow McCausland to return to court on Aug. 30, receive the terms of his probation and start his jail sentence.

McCausland said he intends to focus on getting on with his life and watching after his

"I just want to continue my life as I'm living it now," he said. "I've been in business for 17 years, and I've never had a problem and I've never had problems with my health."

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cial. At that time, he said all but one homeowner agreed to participate.

Strader Productions has not returned phone calls to the Observer.

Yack was imformed Monday afternoon that the production crew would not be coming to Canton this week to prepare for the shoot, which was to begin next week.

"From what I understand, the ad agency had pulled the plug," he said. "I think they are just concerned about the negative press, and decided that they can go some place else to

The negative publicity came after some Canton residents contacted Yack's office and wrote letters to the Canton Observer editor. Most of the letter writers were Ford Motor Co. employees, and they were opposed to the idea of having a Toyota commercial filmed in their community, Yack said.

"Maybe I'm just old-fashioned. I don't understand the excitement of Toyota in what is traditionally and what will hopefully continue to be Chrysler, Ford and GM country," said Mike Gresock, a Canton resident for 23 years. "Southeast Michigan, rightly or wrongly, was built on the automotive industry. I feel like there should be some loyalty to dance with the one that brought you."

Gresock's father worked for Ford Motor Co., and now his son also works in the automotive industry, even though Gresock himself worked a career unrelated to the industry. He saw the excitement over the commercial as being a symbolic insult to American car companies.

"I'm sure there are people that have been affected and will be affected by what's happening with the car companies and the economy," Gresock said. "I'm retired, and I mentioned to my wife that we are the last generation to enjoy a pension and not be fearful in our later years. I know that the commercial isn't going to change anything and I'm looking at it from outside and what I grew up with, but I still can't help but look at what put bread on the table at my house."

Andre Barros has worked for Ford Motor Co. for 12 years, and is currently a resident of Cherry Hill Village, though he has sold his house and will soon be moving out of the neighborhood.

"I think my biggest problem was that they wanted to park the cars in the driveways," he

said. "If they wanted to come shoot a commercial here and the cars were just driving through, that's one thing - it's a public area - but parking in front of the houses was too

He said that because many Canton residents work for American automakers, Cherry Hill Village was an inappropriate site for the commercials, and he said he's pleased that some autoworkers made their concerns public.

'COMPETITIVE'

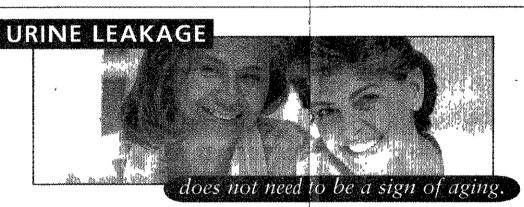
"The auto business is competitive and there's no problem with a Ford employee standing up for their company," he said, adding that he also has no problem with Toyota manufacturing cars in Michigan, and providing jobs for automotive workers.

But Yack noted that many Canton residents make their living supplying Toyota with parts. Yazaki North America is headquartered in the township, and Lotus International, which supplies Yazaki, is relocating its headquarters in Canton, as well. He added that he had talked to many Canton residents who were excited that the commercial would be filmed in Cherry Hill Village.

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Wayne-Westland seminar stresses school bus safety

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Thick smoke billowed from a Wayne-Westland school bus Tuesday, prompting an evacua-

No one was injured. Still, it might seem odd that some of the evacuees smiled as they escaped out the back door of the bus.

And there were no emergency sirens, no fire trucks rushing at break-neck speed to reach the "burning bus" at John Glenn High School.

That's because the incident capped a bus safety seminar that Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Riley and Assistant Chief Dennis Wysocki brought to a training session for Wayne-Westland transportation workers.

"I think it was a great success," Riley said.

Fire officials taught bus drivers how to react during traffic accidents and how to help children get out safely during a fire.

Fire officials brought in a smoke machine that belched non-toxic, vanilla-scented smoke as they simulated an engine fire.

It's the same type of machine that DJs use to smoke up a dance floor," Riley said. "We put it in the front of the bus and simulated an engine compartment fire. The bus was loaded with drivers so that they had an idea of what would happen."

In such a fire, he said, bus drivers should open the side. passenger-boarding door to let smoke escape, all the while



TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

School buses also have push-

out windows and roof hatches

students at every school partic-

"The safety of our students is

for escape, Gregory said, and

ipate each year in evacuation

our No. 1 priority," he said.

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School bus driver Jessica Walsh exits a smoke-filled bus with some help from the Westland Fire Department during a safety training seminar at John Glenn

steering students toward the rear emergency exit.

High School.

"It can make the difference, quite frankly, between life and death," Riley said.

Dennis Gregory, Wayne-Westland transportation director, said the district has 80 buses that are driven by 130 workers.

We put about 15,000 miles annually on each bus," he said. That's 1.2 million miles a

"I'm happy to say we have not had a serious bus fire," Gregory said. "Hopefully, we'll never encounter anything like

Still, he said Tuesday's seminar can help drivers be better prepared, should they have a

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For Canton High School, it's the second year in a row special education students failed to meet standards in language arts. If a school fails to meet AYP for three consecutive years, consequences could range from providing a change in curriculum, additional staff development, to replacing the principal and staff.

Canton is a high priority for us to make the necessary corrections and continue to work throughout the school year to prepare students for the MEAP tests," said Bender.

The failed AYP in math for Canton and Salem is a firsttime situation. Plymouth High School failed to meet minimum standards in special education math scores, however since it didn't have all four grade levels at the time of the MEAP tests, it was not part of the state report card.

Last year, Canton and Salem failed to reach AYP because 95 **Last year, Canton and Salem** failed to reach AYP because 95 percent of students failed to take the MEAP tests. That was corrected this year when the Board of Education established a policy making the MEAPs a graduation requirement.

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"Over time, the number of students meeting standards needs to be increasing," said Bender. "We're very close, it's just a small number of students.

"We're in the process of evaluating each individual student and developing a plan for our special education students to help them meet the standard," he said. "We're analyzing the numbers and see where we stand."

Since the high schools are not considered Title I schools, if Canton High School were to get a "third strike," the state would most likely tell the district to do what it's already doing - develop a plan of action to correct the problem.

"If a district gets to phase 3 or 4, the state board would probably authorize the school district to develop corrective action and develop a plan in areas where students aren't making progress," said Martin Ackley, spokesman for the Michigan Department of Education. "If the school isn't a Title 1, the state can't implement any sanctions or consequences that would cost the district money."

All Plymouth-Canton elementary and middle schools earlier made Adequate Yearly Progress.

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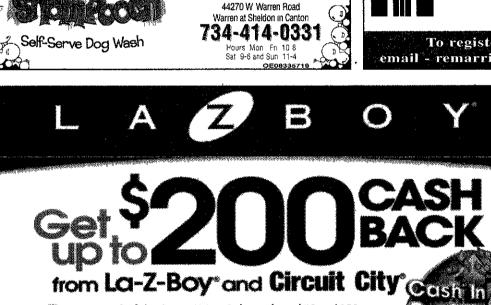
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OUR VIEWS

Children's safety is top concern

Sometimes, things seem so obvious we fear insulting vour intelligence by saying anything.

The opening of school seems like one of those times. You already know, especially if you're a parent, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools resume operations Monday morning. You already know, because you've bought backpacks and pens and pencils and school clothes.

You've probably already gone over bus routes and bedtime schedules ad nauseum, all in preparation for the

2005-06 school year.

But for the benefit of all involved — even at the risk of insulting someone's intelligence — we make this bold announcement: the 2005-06 school year begins Monday. That means school buses will be back on the road, and children who live too close to their schools to be bused will be walking along our streets and our sidewalks.

For a community that has gone several months without facing those obstacles, it's never too obvious to point out the safety concerns.

It's not going too far to remind you to watch for those crossing guards with their stop signs helping our children cross busy streets.

It's simply a good safety tip to say there aren't crossing guards at every corner, and kids will be kids, and you have to watch out for the possibility of them darting out when

you least expect it. It's not too obvious to gently remind drivers you have to stop for school buses when they're pulled over with their red lights flashing. And while we're on the subject of buses, there's no harm in having a discussion with your

children, too, about school bus safety. The National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration reports that an average of 11 children are killed inside school buses annually and another 15 die

while boarding and leaving buses. Any figure is too high, but in perspective about 10 billion — that's billion — student rides and 20 billion student boardings and deboardings are recorded annually. And the number of deaths recorded boarding and leaving buses has declined considerably over the past 35 years.

Most of these points should be obvious, but so is the need to remain vigilant and promote safety among our kids. Their safety is critically important.

Let the games begin!

The high school sports season gets under way in earnest this week and thousands of student athletes from public, private and parochial schools throughout the Observer coverage area will participate in one of eight fall sports.

The fall season statewide is generally the most popular participation season, according to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, and it's no different in our local schools.

Boys football, golf, soccer and cross country along with girls tennis, basketball, swimming and cross country are expected to attract more than 118,000 young athletes statewide at schools which belong to the MHSAA.

Participation in school sports has grown throughout the last 25 years with the addition of new sports such as lacrosse and girls ice hockey. And more and more student-athletes are involved in more than one sport.

Fall is a special time for all students returning to the classroom, but for student-athletes and their communities, it signals the start of a competitive year in which personal bests will be recorded and championships remain within reach.

One of the finer aspects of student athletic programs is the personal development it brings. Athletic programs provide students the opportunity to test their limits, set personal goals and achieve beyond what they originally believed themselves capable. Each time a team takes the field of play for practice or competition, individuals enter the ring of personal challenge and accomplishment. Each is there with a "personal best" which only they can determine.

Often that personal best goes unnoticed in the larger scheme of the game. But those goals are the ones that last a lifetime. These are the goals that often go without public recognition, sans trophy or medal.

Sport, at its best, teaches discipline and teamwork. High school athletes work hard to train and to develop their potential. They are skillful, focused and determined to achieve both in sport and in the classroom. They are supported by coaches and parents who are equally dedicated and ready to guide and encourage.

Here's to a productive and fun fall season for all of our young athletes. We look forward to the excitement and spirit our student-athletes engender in our schools and communities.



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Save Miller Woods

I am extremely concerned to learn of a

school district to put Miller Woods up for

sale. My mother, Evelyn Edgar, and many

others worked tirelessly to develop the

Woods aside as a nature preserve. She

worked especially hard to include the

Declaration of Restrictions to set Miller

words "in perpetuity" so it would never be

destroyed. While I understand it has been

taken off the market to wait for the need

to build an elementary school, that is not

how the property is to be used either.

No useful purpose can be served by

Declaration of Restrictions with Wayne County. Now that we know that was not

done, it should be done immediately.

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pointing blame as to the failure to file the

While that failure allows the legal right to

sell or build on this land, there can be no

school board as to the intent. What does it

intent of this document for the short-term

financial gain? Miller Woods is a legacy to

past, present, and future to experience the

intent of the Declaration of Restrictions.

The evacuation of Jewish colonizers in

Gaza was played out like a made for TV

drama, complete with "extras" brought in

from outside Gaza settler community for

them sympathetic media coverage, which

ensured them a sympathetic world audi-

ence as the "drama" played out in Gaza.

According to an article in *Ha'aretz*,

Israel's leading paper, the Synagogue at

make "their last stand" and prominently

erected only four months ago in prepara-

by the Jewish settlers, whose very presence

The media was played like a cheap fiddle

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tion for the disengagement charade.

on stolen Palestinian soil, contravenes

ventions, as they trucked in Jewish

under Israel's nefarious occupation.

We can't see you

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extremists from outside Gaza for show.

It is a shame that the 4,000 strong

crush of media would highlight such bad

acting, but continues to ignore the real life

pain and misery of the captive Palestinian population of Gaza and the West Bank

I work a late shift in Ann Arbor and trav-

surprised to see people riding their bicycles,

without any reflective clothing, reflectors or

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Mike Odetalla

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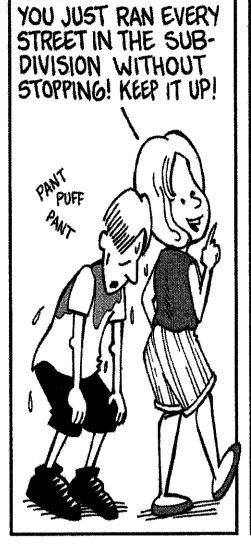
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Gaza pullout a farce

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LETTERS

lights. While traveling at speeds of 50-55 mph on roads with narrow shoulders, I have been caught by total surprise by large shadows on the side of the road that turn out to be people. I thanked God every time I did not hit them with my car.

This week, there was a man with two children, riding bikes at 10 at night, on Geddes Road, with no helmets, lights, or reflective clothing. When these night riders and night walkers get hit, they should also share the blame. I do appreciate the night biker who rides around Canton with the flashing, red light on the back of the bike. I can see you from a distance. Others, please use common sense. I do not want to read about another bicyclist, walker or jogger getting hit at night.

Linda Whiteaker

Quit ruffling feathers

I wanted to respond to a recent letter to the editor that gave an example of news in the Canton community. I would submit the following is important news:

Canton is ranked 14th safest community of its size in the United States. Our roads are improving thanks to a proactive township strategy for a number of intersections, plus the Michigan Department of Transportation projects recently secured. We are the recipient of multiple awards for the outstanding performance of our schools, marching band, township Web site and library. The Leisure Services Department is the only accredited department of its kind in Michigan and one of 55 in the country. Literally thousands of residents volunteer their time for community events.

Canton is envied and respected for leaders having a vision - Yack, Conklin, Zarbo, Santomauro, Salla, Shufeldt, McLaughlin, Cojei and so many more.

For most of us, this is not news, it's the reason we moved here/have lived here for years/love it in Canton. For those whose goal it is to "ruffle some feathers." may I respectfully suggest most would prefer a playbook that contains facts and examples, with real solutions, and real monies/business and charitable efforts brought to the community.

> **Jamie Certo** Canton

Caccamo brings competition

This is a response to the editorial published in the Observer entitled "Caccamo's victory comes with excess baggage," which touched very lightly on the Board of Trustees vote on the subject of the local TV channel.

The results of the vote in a way are encouraging - a possible positive swing in the pendulum of voting, but we need to examine some of the comments from board members. Tom Yack was quoted in a previous article as saying "I don't like his methods" (referring to Todd Caccamo). Questions then are - what methods and why? To get to the root, if not the seed of the comment, Mr. Yack needs to probe deeply into his inner self and examine the true value and benefit of his methods in their entirety.

An imminent change occurred with Caccamo's election - competition and challenge in search of improvement in ways, taxes, water, methods, and means. Why has there been no competition in the past for elected officials? That bears meditation as well.

I looked at the township Web site and found a brief outline of the local channel programming. I found it via a search and clicked on the answer at www.cantonmi.org/cable/television.asp. There are nine program categories to select from. If we watch them all, we can easily become couch potatoes and socially engineered by what appears to be excess editing and rehearsed performances by eloquent orators.

Let's look at three of the categories. First, the board meetings are broadcast late, which suggests pork in the editing process. Why can't it be shown in its natural real time state? Second, the Canton Search program seems to be limited to specially selected people and rehearsed to predominantly show the current administration's "I support Tom Yack's visions." While I have seen only portions of these programs, they appear to me to be partisan biased, circumventing the local press, and a misuse of taxpayer funds.

Third, there is a program oriented to township business experts that seem to compete with HGTV. If this is a sample of free advertising recently discussed at a board meeting, then who's in the background selecting these programs? Bearing in mind we have over 42,000 households in Canton, is there social justice on local TV? Or is it designed to propagate Yack administration ideals? Other programs I've watched feature Tom Yack and others, while Todd Caccamo has to explain his methods on Comcast Channel 18? Hello – anybody there?

The "Majority Board" has proven there is a significant difference between my suggestions (as well as many other people) and their means of using township funds. My suggestion has been to conduct affairs in a more businesslike manner, while the current method is oriented to liberal tax and spend methods.

It isn't just Caccamo with excess baggage - it's a very large group of many unknown people in Canton.

Charlie Page Canton

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QUOTABLE

"We know we are getting pickups from private schools. ... They're coming from the Canton charter school, Ladywood (High School in Livonia), All Saints and Plymouth Christian Academy (in Canton). Most of those schools end at eighth grade. ... We're a tight squeeze. At Plymouth High School, rooms that were held as labs had to be turned into classrooms."

- Carolyn Anulewicz, PCCS assistant high school principal, on the prospect of the district gaining some 500 new students this year

Michigan left in the dust of new global economy

've been reading Thomas Friedman's newest best seller, *The World Is Flat: A Brief History of* the Twenty-first Century (Patna \$27.50), while on vacation up north.

I know, I know. I have peculiar ideas of fun. But while too long, Friedman's book is terribly relevant, especially for Michigan.

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Friedman, a renowned foreign affairs writer who has won three Pulitzer Prizes, demonstrates that a combination of very fast-developing and widely accessible information technology, combined with improvements in the global supply

chain, has utterly changed the



Phil Power

world's economic landscape.
Whereas we used to think the earth was "round" in the sense that only a few advanced countries were fully part of the economic system, the world today

looks much "flatter."

Vast numbers of people in
China and India are now ready
to plug 'n' play in a globally competitive system. And for a state
like Michigan, which has seen
its vanilla-flavored manufacturing job base evaporate over the

past few years, this book is a real wakeup call. So, too, is his prescription for succeeding in the

so, too, is his prescription for succeeding in the earth's now flattened playing field: Emphasis on math and science in our schools, coupled with ferocious support for our research universities, the primary source of innovation and high-tech inventions.

He argues that we also need to recognize that success comes from migrating up the value chain to offer high-end products and services that rapidly developing nations will want to buy.

And we desperately need to realize that the race today goes to the swift and the ambitious, not the entrenched or the monopolistic.

All of which brings me to consider our political masters in Lansing and how they're reacting to the new realities. Trouble is, too often, they aren't. Given their demonstrated track record, the word "react" seems hopelessly optimistic. After all, the budget that the Legislature (rested after its own two-month vacation) will adopt this fall will represent the fifth straight year of reduced funding for K-12 schools, community colleges and universities.

That has caused something called the K-16 Coalition (K-12 schools plus the two-year community colleges plus the universities.) to last week launch a petition drive that would to lock into the state budget guaranteed annual spending increases to at least keep up with inflation. I have little doubt the organizers will come up with the several hundred thousand signatures to put the measure on the November 2006 ballot if the Legislature chooses not to approve it.

Adjusting school spending to make up for inflation (beyond Proposal A) would cost around \$300

million, while immunizing universities would take another \$50 million. Of course, the Legislature isn't about to think about finding that kind of money.

When somebody proposes shutting down a prison or two, local legislators turn purple, and when Gov. Granholm proposed closing a few special-interest tax loopholes, the Republicans went into orbit.

While all this is going on, there are rumblings in the distance about something called Tax Expenditure Limitations (TEL). In Colorado, for example, the libertarian wing of the Republican Party is proposing a hard expenditure cap on all state spending.

Marketed under the beguiling slogan, "we must live within our means," the proposal has split the GOP and the business community. TELs have already been introduced in 17 states, and the rumor here is that the Mackinac Center and House Speaker Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, are canoodling about playing the same game here in Michigan.

Which is why Michigan legislators who attended the 2005 National Conference of State Legislators in Seattle earlier this month might remind their colleagues about what the keynote speaker, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, had to say.

According to Gongwer News Service, "To applause, Mr. Gates said states should look at their education policies, both K-12 and higher education, as one of their highest priorities. ... The U.S. has no 'inherent' advantage in terms of personal character towards keeping its economy dominant. Where it did have a major advantage was in the quality of its universities and overall education, he said.

"Where top universities are located is where new companies dealing with biosciences and other high-technology projects will locate, he said."

The Gongwer story also pointed out that, "Mr. Gates commanded attention from the audience such as few other speakers at an NCSL meeting have done. Literally every seat in the ballroom where he spoke was taken, and people stood two and three deep along the walls and in the back of the room to hear him.

"The undercurrent of whispered conversations often present at addresses was missing. The only interruptions (were) cell phones, and generally those getting the calls simply turned their phones off rather than miss what Mr. Gates was saying."

Will Bill Gates' message get through to our legislative masters — oops — elected representatives?

Sadly, I doubt it. Our economic future as a state is being hijacked by a bunch of ideologues and know-nothings in both parties. We all deserve better than that, and what is fascinating is that nobody seems willing to step up and call a halt to this nonsense.

Your move, dear voters.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com.

Veteran's case shows Internet chat rooms aren't always what they seem

nyone who thinks of Internet chat rooms as soul-less places frequented by online groupies hanging out to hook up probably, ought to talk to Colleen Wagner or Wade George.

George, a Grand Blanc resident, is a Gulf War veteran recently diagnosed with three inoperable brain tumors and given 90 days to live by doctors back in July. Wagner is a Westland resident, and former roommate of George, who helped organize a benefit for him at the Plymouth Elks Club a few weeks ago.

That benefit raised a surprising \$2,200 to help George ward off mounting medical and legal bills. And while George struggles to get any support from the Veterans Administration or the

Department of Defense, much of the success of that benefit can be attributed directly to the folks in that chat room.

"A lot of the people at his benefit were from that chat room," said Wagner, who said she met George online at a time when both were "down on our luck." "People (in the room) just kind of pull together when someone's in trouble."

And if anyone's in trouble, it's Wade George. A

Gulf War veteran, George came home with a disease doctors had been unable to diagnose. He now grimly faces the prospect of death after doctors found the inoperable brain tumors

Kadrich

Last week, George underwent the final radiation therapy in his current course of treatment, and doctors were waiting for some swelling to subside before determining the status of the tumors.

Meanwhile, his medical costs continue to mount as he also struggles to get help from the VA. He was in the VA's "system" back in 2003, when he was last seen for the undiagnosed illness. This time, his friends say, it was like the VA had never heard of him.

"When he called this time, they put him on a nine-month waiting list," Wagner said. "He had a prognosis of 90 days!"

Critics of the government aren't surprised by that. George's story drew the attention of groups like the Gulf War Service Organization, an unchartered support group working on veterans' issues. Kirt Love, the group's director in Virginia, said treatment of

that sort isn't uncommon.

That's why Love, who said he himself suffers from congestive heart failure, was happy to see people banding together to help George.

"What got my attention (in George's case) was the brain cancer, because the Institute of Medicine made an announcement Gulf War veterans were twice as likely to develop brain cancer," Love said. "Veterans are generally spurned by the public, so to see this benefit, I knew there wouldn't be very many people who could make it

wouldn't be very many people who could make it.

"Most of the Gulf War groups are incapacitated," Love added. "There's not many of us left, and not many who help each other, and by the time we do, it's usually too late. It's almost impossible to find fellow vets, and most of them are destitute. I jumped in my car and flew up there."

At the moment, George's issue is a little narrower. While changing that mindset is part of a bigger picture, George's immediate concern is his family.

Doctors found the tumors July 8, and George went ahead with plans to marry his wife, Deanna, the next day. Between them, the Georges have five children, the youngest of whom, 30-month-old Allie, is Deanna's from a previous marriage.

Here's the rub: George wants to adopt her, but he can't afford the legal help needed. And he's fighting what could be a 90-day death sentence. In other words, there isn't much time. According to Wagner, he's doing what he can — getting treatments, prescriptions from the VA, even putting himself out there for potential experimental treatment — all interest an effort to take care of his family.

"There's more than just living now,"
Wagner said. "There's a goal, a cause to fight
for. We're hoping there's an attorney out there
who will step up and help, pro bono. This is a
priority for Wade before he dies."

Which is where his friends come in. Wagner and Mary Brown of Wyandotte organized the recent fund-raiser at the Plymouth Elks Club. Now his mother, Patricia O'Leary of Lapeer, is organizing another one, Sept. 24 at the Moose Lodge on Lapeer Road in Lapeer. Dinner is 3-6 p.m., with an auction at 6:30 p.m. and a DJ until people's dancing shoes wear out. For information on the benefit, call (810) 667-8906.

Wade George had trouble getting aid from the VA and the Department of Defense, agencies that are supposed to help veterans.

Instead, he's getting love, support and, perhaps most importantly, friendship from the unlikeliest of places — an Internet chat room.

"A lot of this disease is emotional," Wagner said. "Just knowing there are people out there is vital for his emotional well-being. He's not ready to give up, and we're not ready to give up on him. There will come a time ... but not yet."

Maybe that shows the Internet isn't simply

a place for hooking up. Maybe it's a great

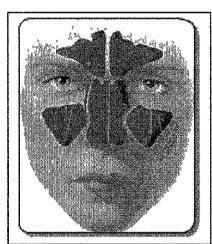
place for hanging on.

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Feeling right at home in the dorm

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

The scene: Move-in day at a college or university. A long line of vans, SUVs and rental trucks jockey for a spot on the grass that fronts one of the large dorms.

With a parking spot found after a few minutes, mom and dad help a freshman student unload all the necessities needed to make "a home away from home."

This scene will be repeated many times in the coming weeks as area students — recent high school graduates — land on campuses to begin their college education. These freshmen will arrive filled with excitement, a little fear of the unknown and several concerns, foremost of which is setting up and decorating their dorm room. Their goal

is to not only create a comfortable space for study and rest, but one that is inviting to a host of new friends.

WHAT TO TAKE

Sarah Kesler of Beverly Hills heads to the University of Michigan at the end of the month. Kesler isn't worried right now about decorating her dorm room. This freshman's concern is just making sure that she has everything she needs not only for her room, but for school.

"I'm lucky," the Groves High School graduate said. "I have an older brother at Valparaiso University in Indiana, so he's given me lots of advice on what to take and what not take for my dorm room."

Most colleges and universities, including Oakland
University in Rochester, provide incoming students with
lists of what they can and can't bring for their rooms.
Like many other universities, Oakland University
restricts candles and any open-flame items, halogen
lamps, pets (except fish in a fish tank), space heaters, sun
lamps and such cooking appliances as slow cookers
(Crock Pots), electric frying pans, grills (including the
popular George Foreman models), toasters and toaster
ovens. The only small appliances allowed are coffee makers, popcorn poppers, microwaves and dorm-size refrigerators

Kesler wanted to avoid having a dorm room filled with two of everything, so she contacted her future roommate to decide who was bringing what in terms of television, stereo and small appliances, Kesler said.

Kesler and her roommate agreed that they didn't need to decorate their room or buy matching bedding. "I bought new sheets since most dorm beds require the extra-long twin size, but that's about it," she said. "I'm not really into dorm décor and a room theme and, fortunately, neither is my roommate."

Decorating dorm rooms, however, is popular with many incoming freshmen and they are purchasing what is "in" this fall. So what's in? A visit to area retail stores revealed that bright and bold colors, such as pinks, lime green, orange and purple, are popular choices. In prints and patterns, these colors are found not only on bedding, but in such accessories as lamps, linens, chairs,

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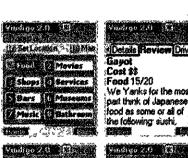
Now, suppose it's not music you're interested in, but movie showtimes. Send the text message "movies 48390" (or whatever ZIP code you're in) to GOOGL (46645), and in a few seconds you'll receive the listings for local theaters.

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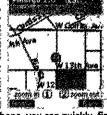
SMS iceberg. You can also access Yellow Pages listings, get driving directions and stock quotes, compare product prices, and even look up word definitions.

Best of all, GOOGL costs absolutely nothing. You pay only what your carrier charges to send and receive text messages. If you have trouble remembering the service's query language, there's a wallet-sized tip sheet you can print (google.com/sms).

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Don't fix that microwave all alone

Paul writes: I received an email stating that if you use dryer fabric softener sheets in your dryer, you should wash the lint filter to keep the chemicals in the dryer sheets from clogging

How do you do this? Do you use soap and water? Or, is this an "urban legend?'

■hank you for your question. I have used one of these lint filters at seminars when demonstrating to consumers how air movement is restricted because of this film. A filter that is not cleaned regularly with a brush and water can add more than 15 minutes of time to each dryer cycle. A dirty, clogged filter can add large dollar amounts on your yearly energy bill.

alt isn't just the fabric softener that causes the problem. Any other washer bvproduct (and that includes the detergent itself) can contribute to the film.

A gentle brushing of the lint screen with plain water will be enough to remove the film.

To give yourself an idea of how much restriction occurs, before you clean the screen, hold it horizontally with the palm of your hand, and pour in some water. Notice that the water just sits there and doesn't fall through the holes. If the water can't go through the screen, imagine how hard it is for the air to travel through it, With the air restriction, you have a clothes dryer that is taking much too long to dry a load of clothes.

Even more critical than this money-saving tip is the fact that a restricted lint screen will help to accumulate lint inside the frame of a clothes dryer. That lint can cause a dryer fire.

Don't forget that you should take apart your clothes dryer occasionally and clean it of all lint. It's not hard to do yourself, but do get a little direction.

Kevin writes: "We have a **General Electric Profile** microwave and convection oven (model JVM290). It is about 7 years old and is wall mounted above the range. The problem seems to be with the door witch. Previously, the microway ròuld not activate. We would



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open and close the door again and it would work. Now it will not activate at all. The timer indicates time left to cook and ticks down, but the microwave does not come on.

Is there a switch that would work off the door latch that would need to be replaced? How do you get to it? Where would you recommend to get a replacement part?

Wherever you go to purchase that particular part for your microwave, I would hope that the company selling you the part would also warn you of the serious nature of this part you need.

It is apparent that a door latch switch is causing your problem, but which one is the culprit? You have three of them inside the microwave.

In 1970 the U.S. government set standards for safety still in compliance today. A door on a microwave oven can only open so far, before a latch switch shuts off the magnetron tube. To make absolutely sure that you can't open the door during operation, the manufacturers must install three different latch switches which all do the same thing – shut off the unit.

These switches are very difficult to get to for replacement. Keep in mind that they are set in place with a jig during production. I would say that these door latch switches are "governmentcontrolled parts" and I would not advise any consumer to attempt to repair this sort of problem. Please seek some professional advice.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals His phone number is (248) 455-7281 Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? Email your question to kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net and your question will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Iris club

The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500 Marais

The center is three blocks east of

Crooks and three blocks north of 13

Mile (phone (248) 246-3900). Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call Ann at (248) 280-0848. Ann Cline will present the program, Reblooming Irises, featuring slides of irises that rebloom in Michigan. What are reblooming irises? Where do

I buy them? How do I grow them? Why

won't my rebloomers rebloom? Attend

the program to find out. **Bonsai show**

> The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society will have its Annual Show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 27-28, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens greenhouse, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for chil-

dren through teens. More than 100 bonsai trees will be on display. Bonsai experts, and vendors of plant material, bonsai trees and bonsal tools and equipment, will be available. Demonstrations of bonsai design from nursery stock will be offered several times both

Tomato tasting

Goldner Walsh Nursery in Pontiac will present The Great Tomato Tasting with Nancy Szerlag 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27. The event is free and reservations aren't required For more information, call (248) 332-6430. Goldner Walsh Nursery is at 559

Orchard Lake Road. At the tasting, you can enter a tomato you have grown in one of six categories: heirloom, saladette, cherry, beefsteak, largest and ugliest. Register your tomato at the garden center prior to the event. Special guest Nancy Szerlag will lead the judging along with all tomato-tasting guests who will designate their favorites in each category. Winners in each category will receive a Goldner Walsh Nursery gift certificate and a Goldner Walsh Nursery Golden Anniversary Cookbook Fresh-baked tomato pie will be served,

unite supplies last. The recipe is Szerlag's very own and is featured in the cookbook Everyone is welcome, the only

requirement is that you love the taste of tomatoes Fall gardening

A free program, Earth-friendly Fall Gardening, will take place 7-8 30 p m Tuesday Aug 30 at the Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford To register, call Westland Community Relations at (734) 467-3198 weekdays

or e-mail LFDean@aol.com

Garden writers Nancy Szerlag and Jeff Ball will speak on easy-care perennial flowers, mulches and fall fertilizing tips, managing weeds and pests without chemicals, and landscaping with

the Rouge River in mind. The seminar will help home gardeners manage water and wastes in their home landscape, helping to keep storm water out of storm drains. A folder with information will be distributed to all who register in advance. The city of Westland is sponsoring the

workshop

Home composting A free, hands-on workshop on home composting will take place 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) offices, 3910 W. Webster, on 12-1/2 Mile between Coolidge and Greenfield in Royal

SOCWA master composter volunteers will present the workshop. In case of rain, the workshop will take place indoors.

To register, call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 weekdays or e-mail LFDean@aol.com. Getting started, balancing materials,

troubleshooting, the composting process, tips for making compost in six months, bin choices, benefits for water quality, and using compost will be featured.

Downriver Rose Society

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept 7, at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph in Brownstown, south of Sibley and north of West

Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230.

Joe Rarus of Southfield, Michigan's "Container Rose Expert," will speak on Growing Roses in Containers. He will share many practical tips for longterm survival of container-grown

Rarus successfully grows hundreds of roses in containers. He moves them into sunny areas, mostly on his driveway, in the spring and returns them to his garage for overwintering in the fall. He has won many awards with his roses and arrangements made with them.

Butterflies

A free program, Native Plants and Backyard Butterflies: Making the Connection, with naturalist Joe Derek. will take place 6-7:30 p m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Heritage Park Nature Center, 31555 W 11 Mile in Farmington

Advance registration is required Call (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol com

The program is sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority for Rouge River education. DORM

FROM PAGE B1 shelving, storage containers

and desk organizing sets. For the male student, this year's favorite color choices, in addition to reds and greens, are blues, silver and black in stripes, solids and plaids. For a masculine touch, accessories include the currently hot metals of shiny chrome or brushed steel, as well as metal mesh items in silver or black.

Color choices are often combined with a decorating theme to create a haven that reflects the student's interests. If "everything Hawaiian" or a surfing motif or retro or Bohemian and bright floral prints — all top themes for 2005 dorm rooms - are desired, Bed Bath & Beyond, with stores in Westland, Canton, Farmington Hills, Beverly Hills, Troy and Rochester Hills, and Linens N Things, located in Livonia, West Bloomfield, Troy and Rochester Hills, has the bedding and accessories needed to carry off these looks. Additional theme items and other necessities can be found at HomeGoods stores in Farmington Hills, Bloomfield. Hills, Troy and Rochester.

SOFTEN WITH RUGS

After the colors and theme are selected, it's time to fill the room with those items that will add all the comfort of home. Top buys include a big rug that will soften the look and feel of hard institutional flooring; good lighting for desk and reading areas; comfortable seating, such as butterfly chairs and bean bags; and lots of pillows, including large body pillows, which not only are great for sleeping, but can turn beds into sofas for seating for guests. Another must is a mattress topper, in either feathers or fiberfill, to improve the comfort of a dorm bed.

With the basics in place, it's time to add the necessities needed to handle all the "stuff" that goes away to college with the student. Storage items and "organizers" are needed if everything is to fit into postage-sized rooms that usually have a roommate to accommodate. Bed elevators will provide added space for under-the-bed storage. Closet accessories, such as peg racks, over-the-door clothing and shoes racks, belt and tie holders and hanging shelves can help solve storage problems. Crates — there are plastic and metal varieties in the colors that match the room's décor provide filing space for schoolwork and important papers. A large bulletin board or white board is needed for messages, photos, notes and schedules.

Laundry and shower totes with handles are must-haves in the dorm. These are designed to hold and carry needed supplies. Shower totes are especially needed if the student is assigned a dorm room on a floor that has group bathroom facilities.

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Because the student will no longer have access to the home medicine cabinet and all the other places where needed items are stored, basic supplies should be packed for college. A medicine kit with pain killers, bandages, cold and other medicines for common ailments should be assembled for the student. (The college's health care center is available for treatment of more serious conditions.) Some basic tools are dorm room necessities, such as a small hammer, a 6-in-1 screwdriver (has assorted heads), flashlight (and batteries), measuring tape, scissors and reusable adhesive tape to hang posters and photos on the wall. Also needed is a sewing kit with thread in basic colors, especially black and white, needles, pins and a few assorted buttons.

New college students will have just what is needed - and many of the things they want for their dorm room if they do a little homework before leaving for campus. Below are suggestions that will make the transition from home to campus smoother:

■ Check with the college or university about room sizes, furnishings and recommended items needed by the student. This will alleviate the disappointment of bringing a too-big or too-small rug and items that aren't needed or won't fit into the room.

■ Check with schools to see if there are specific rules, such as what can be used to hang pictures, photos and posters on the walls. Many do not allow the use of nails and screws.

Find out the amount of space available for clothes and, if limited, which is usually the case, bring only seasonal clothes. These can be exchanged later in the school year for clothes appropriate for the next season.

Ask ahead of time if lofts, which expand dorm-room space, are allowed and if there are requirements on who can build these additions.

"My roommate and I aren't worried about having too much stuff or not having everything we need," Kesler said. "Since both of our families live fairly close to campus, if we find that we need something, we can have them bring it to us after we check into our room, and take back what we don't need."

Sandy Dalka-Prysby writes freelance articles for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.





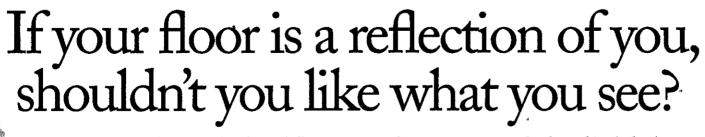
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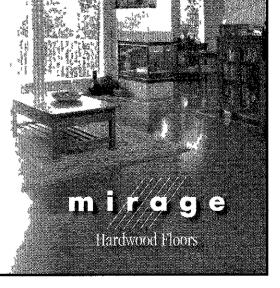




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Don't feed your pets this stuff

hate to think about it, but autumn's coming.

I really have no problem with autumn itself. It's not so hot, the trees are pretty, and the loud neighbor kids go back to school. All good things.

Fall makes me sad because it signals the end of summer, and because it serves as the harbinger of winter, which means cold and snow again.

Michiganders know how to deal with the cold, dressing like South Park characters to protect ourselves, and preparing our cars, because we need them for the 20-minute commute that takes two hours through snow.

One precaution many people take every fall for their car involves changing the antifreeze. Numerous sources remind everyone just how toxic antifreeze can be, and how just a little puddle under the car can kill your pet.

Ethylene glycol, the chemical in antifreeze, is an immensely strong poison, being very potent and very fast acting. Animals want it, because it tastes sweet. (I've always wondered who tasted it in a final act of scientific sacrifice, blurting out "it tastes sweet" before collapsing. But I digress.)

When interviewed on other radio shows about ethylene glycol, I explain the risks, recommending routine precautions to prevent tragedy.

Then I am asked how often I see antifreeze poisoning. Twice. Ever.

This statistic does not reflect the lack of risk. The liquid can kill easily, and treatment is quite difficult if not impossible. The low number shows what knowledge can do to help protect both pets and people.

Every year, a plethora of news stories implore people to take precautions. They make it sound as though every clinic in the Detroit area has dozens of animals on life support from the dreaded chemical.

This consistent informational blast educated everyone about the antifreeze danger, so

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About **Animals**

Dr. Brad Davis

few animals get exposed. Knowledge, plus a little fear, helps keep critters safe.

Some toxic items get less coverage, and few people realize they're dangerous before it's too late. If only someone would compile a general listing of a few of the many common dangerous items:

Chocolate - Like ethylene glycol, chocolate gets regular play in the media, and most people have heard about the dangers. Is chocolate really dangerous to pets, or is it an urban legend?

High doses of chocolate can be deadly when fed to dogs and cats. It takes a little to make them sick, and a lot can make them dead.

When people hear dogs can have a little chocolate without dving, the immediate question always seems to be, "Well, how much would be OK?'

Take the dog's weight in pounds. Divide by 2.2, which gives you the weight in kilograms. Now add the number of calories in the chocolate you plan to give to the dog. Now multiply by zero.

If you came up with a number besides zero, buy a new calculator.

There's nothing good in chocolates for dogs and cats. While it takes a bunch to be 'deadly, a little can cause problems, like gastrointestinal upset.

Seriously, when was the last time you heard of a pack of wolves hunting and bringing down a Hershey bar? Won't

Grapes/raisins - Yes, grapes and raisins can be toxic to dogs and cats when consumed in large quantities. This doesn't mean that if Fluffy races over and eats the grape that you

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dropped on the floor you should immediately race to the vet for emergency care.

A larger quantity of either of these products causes concern about renal disease. Make sure to prevent grapevine snacking in your yard.

If your pet's eating raisins, you might get other problems that you don't want, unless you really enjoy shampooing carpet.

Onions - Yes, onions can be toxic. meaning you shouldn't give them to your pet, no matter how much they try to convince you to play Harold and Kumar and drive to White Castle.

If you want to know about how many onions your pet can have, refer to the chocolate equation listed above. It works equally well for onions.

Aspirin/Tylenol - These antiinflammatories can certainly cause problems with critters. Tylenol can cause severe blood problems in cats, and aspirin, when not in an extremely low dose, can kill your kitty.

Some vets use low doses, so ask your vet before you start any regimen of antiinflammatory medication. Too much aspirin might not kill your dog, but ulceration of the stomach could be a side effect of the treatment. Make the phone call. . .it's better safe than sorry.

It's not made for critters to eat, don't feed it to them. If it's an industrial product or a medicine, try to keep it cleaned up and away from lapping tongues.

It might not be a problem, but finding out something is toxic the hard way could be devastating. With non-pet foods, be really good to your pets. . .don't kill them with kindness.

Dr. Brad Davis is medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135. Mail questions and comments there. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show Animal Talk, visit the web site www.Animaltalkradio.com. E-mail questions or comments to ques-

tions@animaltalkradio.com.

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your phone back. It's not foolproof, but it greatly improves your chances of recovering lost gear.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including How to Do Everything with Musicmatch and 101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

Among the classes at the Rochester Community House is Knitting for All Levels, Wednesdays, Sept. 14 to Oct. 19, or Thursdays, Sept. 15 to Oct. 20. Fee is

For more information, call (248) 651-0622 or visit www.rochestercommhouse.org. The Rochester Community House is at 816 Ludlow. In the class, basics for beginners will

include pattern reading, cables, fair isle, instarsia, knitting in the round, lace, beading and construction. "Design your own" will be offered for

advanced students. Showcase benefit

Lighthouse Community Development will present Designer Showcase, an event to raise money to build affordable homes for low- and moderateincome families in Oakland County, Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 8-11. The fund-raiser is an opportunity for the public to tour a 22,000-squarefoot English manor house at 730 Vaughan in Bloomfield Hills that has a sale price of \$14 million. Designer Showcase will kick off with a gala 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8. The gala will feature valet parking, viewing of table settings by leading interior designers, hors d'oeuvres and drinks, a silent

auction, entertainment and tour of the home. Gala tickets are \$150. The home will be open for self-guided tours and table viewings 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 9-11. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. For tickets and more information, call

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The schedule includes Basic Throw Blanket, Tuesdays, Sept. 6-20 (fee is \$60), and Advanced Curtain, Thursdays, Sept. 8-29 (\$80). In Basic Throw Blanket, make the per-

fect home accessory for the cold winter months ahead in a quick and simple project using luxurious fabrics. Keep the cozy throw for yourself or give it as a holiday gift. In Advanced Curtain, learn how to make pleated draperies, a classic,

ever-popular window treatment. Create a personalized look by changing the style and spacing of the pleats, or choose the more informal tab-top drape.

The first class will be a discussion of style, fabric choices and supplies. You will make a custom window treatment for your home in the next three sessions.

Meadow Brook Hail

Daily summer tours are offered to Wednesday, Aug. 31, at Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University camous in Rochester.

The summer tour, 75 and Still in Style: A Celebration of Fine Furnishings and Interior Decoration at Meadow Brook Hall, highlights basics of furnishings of the Hall and the fine shops the Wilsons employed to design distinctive pieces of furniture and art displayed throughout their home The guided tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and includes a tour of Knole Cottage. Tours are scheduled 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily.

seniors, free for ages 12 and under. The Meadow Brook Hall Museum Shop is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The shop sells a variety of unusual items and Meadow Brook Hall mementos, including books on Meadow Brook Hall. For more information, call the Visitor

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for

Services Desk at (248) 364-6200. Cranbrook House and Gardens

Visit Cranbrook House - Detroit's oldest manor home - and its glorious gardens during Thursdays at Cranbrook or Sundays at Cranbrook. Cranbrook House is the former resirates dence of Cranbrook founders Georges. and Ellen Booth. It is at 380 Lone Pines Road, between Lahser and Cranbrooki? roads in Bloomfield Hills. Thursdays at Cranbrook will continue: until Oct. 27, offering guided tours of

historic Cranbrook House at 11 a.m. 🛷 and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays. Fee for the Thursday tour is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Stay after* or come early for a salad buffet lunch at noon in the Oak Room, for an addi-xtional \$15.

Now through Oct. 30, take a guided agr. tour at 3 p.m. Sundays with a garden : visit. Fee for the Sunday tour is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors.

Reservations for the lunch and tours ∞ are required, Call (248) 645-3149. Now to Labor Day, the gardens are we open to the public 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., & daily, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. In 💢 🚜 September, they will be open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily; in October, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekends only. Admission is \$6 > for adults, \$5 for seniors. Prearranged guided tours are available to

groups. Cranbrook House was designed by 1 famed architect Albert Kahn in 1908 The English Arts and Crafts-style - Te home is filled with rare antiquities, and surrounded by more than 40 con acres of beautiful gardens, fountains, (and sculpture.

If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be pub's lished. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At 🧸 🗸 Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric 🚕 Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

to sneeze at Fall allergies are nothing

With autumn just around the corner and humidity still on the rise, now is the time to do some clean-up in order to prevent a harsh allergy outbreak in and around your home.

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John Cohen of Molly Maid of Plymouth recommends a good late-summer cleaning to reduce the buildup of those allergens

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that can wreak havoc on your respiratory system.

"Although most people think of spring cleaning as the essential time to rid your house of dust, dander and other potential allergy-inducing offenders, we also recommend our clients do a solid cleaning in the late summer to rid their home of big trouble spots," Cohen says.

While one big cleaning job every month or so may be a great start, you should keep a regular routine of cleaning including mopping up standing

water around leaky faucets and? tubs, keeping counters free of ... crumbs and dirty dishes, store' opened food packages in airtight containers and make sure you clean your microwave.

According to the American Lung Association, these allergens, along with cockroaches, can aggravate cases of asthmass

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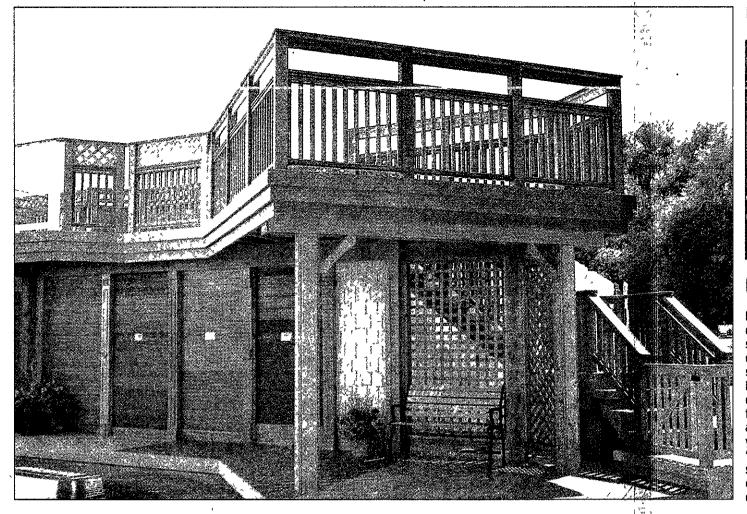
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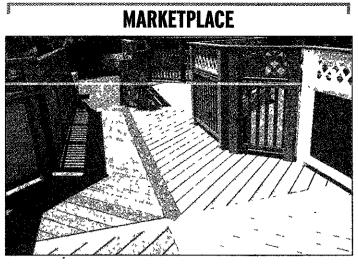
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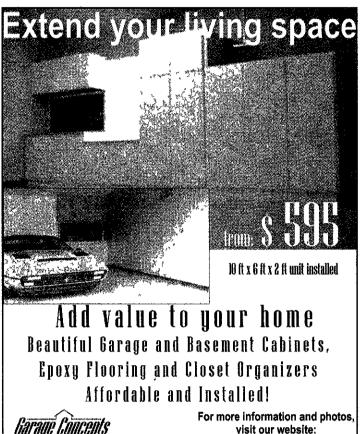
Looking to compare real wood cedar decking right next to a cedar synthetic composite? How about a glass rail insert or an aluminum spindle? The new Deck Center at Dillman & Upton, 607 Woodward in downtown Rochester, is a two-story, full-size deck that displays just about all the options you could dream of for your outside playroom.

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Zinc, copper strip solves streaking problem

FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Burt Murray asks: "I have a northern exposure to the front of my house. It does not get direct sun.... I have black streaks and a slight green color (moss?).

"I recall you talking about running a strip of copper under the top ridge and the rain causes a chemical reaction to help with this problem.

"Could you please explain this again and will this take care of the problem?"

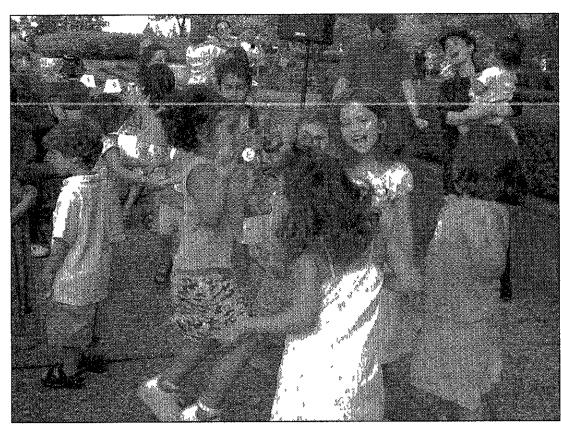
A zinc or copper strip that is attached to the roof just below the hip or ridge can be found in the roofing section of most hardware stores or home centers.

The product can also be found at most roofing supply companies.



11 am-5 pm





Children and adults sang and danced to the beats laid down during a Shabbat Rocks service in July.

Shabbat Rocks services draw members to their feet

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Daniel Nevins is one of the few drumming rabbis in the country and as such has been experimenting with creative formats for the last five years. That's not so unusual when Nevins plays the music outside of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills where he's senior rabbi, but inside is a different matter.

At 6 p.m. on Sept. 16, Rabbi Nevins and guitarists Dan Shere and Marty Liebman celebrate the Sabbath by performing traditional and contemporary melodies for the Friday night liturgy. Nevins says "the idea is that we welcome Shabbat (the Sabbath) as if she were a queen, with great excitement and joy."

Shabbat Rocks is an inventive way to encourage members to sing and dance. The synagogue does not traditionally use musical instruments on Shabbat so the celebration is conducted before sunset and gradually transitions into the Sabbath service.

"There's a trend on a national level. Religious music has become much more charismatic over the years. It's not completely new. There's been religious music as long as there's been religions," said Rabbi Nevins who moved to Farmington Hills in 1994 to serve as the synagogue's assistant rabbi. He was installed as rabbinic leader of the congregation in 2000.

"People are looking for less formal music, one that is spirited and helps them feel joyous. Often we can communicate better in songs than sermons. As a rabbi I look to being a musician and a formal teacher."

Although Nevins started learning to drum in second grade in his hometown of New Jersev and later played in rock bands, Shabbat Rocks focuses on a subdued style of music. Instead of playing a trap drum set like Nevins does when he



Rabbi Daniel Nevins leads Shabbat Rocks, an inventive service that transitions into the celebration of Shabbat (the sabbath) at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. Nevins plays a variety of percussion including conga, bongos and an Arabic doumek.

and Shere "rock it up" for teenage members of the synagogue, Nevins sticks to percussion instruments - conga, bongos, chimes, and the Arabic doumbek - for Shabbat Rocks. Their unique sound comes from years of experience as musicians. Nevins was initially impressed by Shere's talent upon listening to a CD of his music shortly after arriving at Adat Shalom with his wife Rachel, the synagogue's newest rabbi. Liebman has been conducting high holiday choirs for some time so Nevins was well aware of his skills.

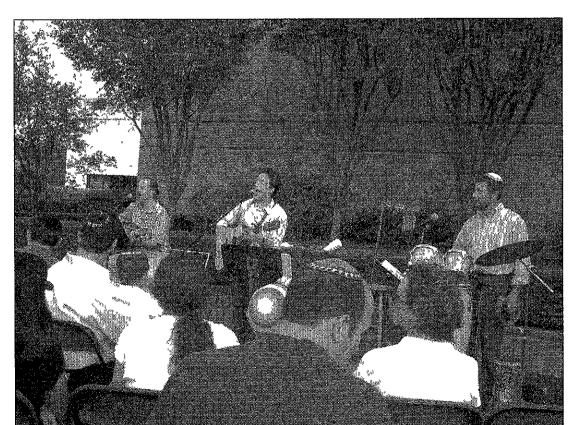
Nevins played percussion all through his days at Harvard College where he graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in history, and the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he earned a master's in Jewish studies. He continues to find time for his drums while serving on the board of the Farmington Area Interfaith Association, Detroit chapter of the National Coalition for Community and Justice, and the faculty of the Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit.

"We've been experimenting with this format for a few years and typically do this once a month," said Nevins. "It's very popular with younger families and the older regulars really like this. It's very joyous and gets people involved in clapping and singing and dancing.

"For this program quieter percussion is better, Latin and hand drums. It's not a rock and roll service. It's very mellow, beautiful music that's supposed to inspire singing."

Adat Shalom Synagogue is at 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information about Shabbat Rocks, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adatshalom.org.

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Marty Liebman (left), Dan Shere and Rabbi Daniel Nevins played Shabbat Rocks services outside during the summer months. On Sept. 16, the trio goes inside Adat Shalom Synagogue for a program of traditional and contemporary melodies for the Friday night Sabbath liturgy.

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-

7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

AUGUST

Open house

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program (14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia) will have an Open House 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25. The church is currently enrolling children for the 2005-2006 school year. Christian care for children ages 15 months to 5-years old is available. Call (734) 513-8413 for more information about child care, preschool, and pre-K classes.

Scripture from scratch If you've always wanted to learn about

the Bible from square one, here's square one 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning Aug. 25, in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950 to register. Lighthouse cafe

Presented by Single Point Ministries 7-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$5. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-

Rummage Sale

Large selection of household items, books, children's games, videos, and more (no clothes) 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 West Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh, Livonia. ice cream party

Come register your children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school during an afternoon of fun, ice cream, games

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and crafts 1-3 p m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information or to RSVP, call (248) 477-8974 by Aug. 24. Community festival

Spirit of Community service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, followed by free family fun festival with food, movies, music, moonwalk, games, face painting, at First Baptist Church of Plymouth on North Territorial between Sheldon and Beck. Call (734) 455-2300.

Crafters wanted

St. Damian Catholic Church of Westland (30055 Joy Road) is having its annual fall arts and craft show in October If you interested in participating in the show, call Carol for an application or more information (734) 721-4758 or send e-mail at nelius@comcast.net.

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, donuts, conversations and Christ are always present. Call (248) 374-5920.

Sunday services

Continue with traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m. at Garden City Presbyterian church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. Baptism and Holy Communion are the focus of the school curriculum at this time. Nursery care available. Refreshments immediately after the service. The Mustard Seed service at 6 p.m. offers an informal, casual environment. Refreshments afterward. Handicap accessible. Call (734) 421-

UPCOMING

Greek festival

Homemade Greek food and desserts, live music and dancing, Greek marketplace, coffee house, kid's activities, tour of church, cultural exhibit, 50/50 raffle 4-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, and 11 a.m. to 5 p m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth. Call (734) 420-0131.

Mom 2 mom sale

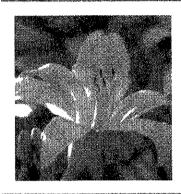
Tri-City Christian MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) in Canton is having a sale of children's gently used clothes, maternity clothes, toys and miscellaneous items that their fami- _ lies have outgrown 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at 3855 Sheldon, north of Michigan Avenue. Admission is \$1. For information, call (734) 397- 🕱

Memorial service

Congregation Beit Kodesh remembers the victims of the terrorist attacks 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, with guest speakers Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson and state Sen. Laura Toy. quest soloist is Cantor Harry Sturm, at 31840 West Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. The public is welcome. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Welcoming Sunday

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. the first Sunday after Labor Day in the sanctuary at Nardın Park United Methodist Church 29887 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Discover the new activity center for youth featuring fellowship, computers, foosball, billiards, lounge and kitchenette; loving nursery care available for pre-schoolers; Sunday school classes for children; adult classes including Bible and topical studies, and choirs and ensembles. For more information, call (248) 476-



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ROSE KAITSCHUCK

Age 68, August 19, 2005 Beloved wife of Lee Loving mother of Robert (Sharon) Tolentino, Lawrence Kaitschuck and David (Teresa) Kaitschuck. Dear grandmother of 8. Survived by brother, Louis Duplessis and sister, Mona Docuseon. Visitation Monday 5-9pm at Harry J Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Chapel service Tuesday 1 pm at Glen Eden Memorial Park



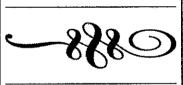
SALLY F. FOX

Age 80, of Farmington Hills, died July 27, 2005 at the Fountains of Franklin in Southfield. Mrs. Fox was born September 7, 1924, in Brooklyn, New York. Mrs. Fox graduated with a Bachelors Degree from Brooklyn College in New York and a Masters/PhD in Psychology from Wayne State University in Detroit. Mrs. Fox enjoyed collecting antiques, reading, traveling and maintained a large and diverse circle of friends Mrs. Fox is survived by her children, Amy (Erick) Ryberg of Farmington Hills, Dr. Gordon (Kathy Whitley) Fox of Tampa, Florida and Barbara Fox of New York City. She is also survived by her grandson, Ben Ryberg; two nieces and one nephew. Mrs. Fox is preceded in death by her husband Henry J. Fox. A memorial service will be held at the Fountains of Franklin, 28301 Franklin Rd., Southfield, Saturday (September 10th) at 2pm.

DR. BROWNLEE WILMOTH ELLIOTT 1925-2005. Educator, musician and poet, Dr. Brownlee Wilmoth Elliott died Sunday, August 21, 2005, in Columbia, Missouri, surrounded by family and friends. Services will be (were) held Saturday, August 27 at Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia, Missouri, Born September 16, 1925, in Jefferson City, Missouri, Dr Elliott graduated from Westminster College with a BA, from University in Missouri with a MA and a PhD from Wayne State University in Detroit. He was a devoted teacher for many year at Milford High School in Michigan. He participated in a number of musical ensembles, including church choirs at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He was an avid reader and a gifted poet In June, 1953, he married Brenda Constance at Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia. For many years they lived and worked in Michigan until their retirement to Columbia shortly before her death in 2002. Surviving is their son, Andrew Elliott of Milford, Michigan. On December 27, 2003, Dr. Elliott and his friend Betty Hosmer Miller were united at Calvary Episcopal Church In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Memorial Garden Fund of Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

STUART VAUGHN

Age 73, died August 21, 2005 in St Augustine, Florida Former resident of Livonia Retired environmental engineering manager at Ford Motor Company World Headquarters. Beloved husband of Barbara. Loving father of Mary Victoria (Robert)
Thom, Janice Vaughn, Susan (Casey)
McChesney, and Shona (Elton)
Ammons. Also survived by 8 grandchildren. Beloved brother of David Vaughn and brother in law of Katherine and Charles Naber, Funeral service August 26 in St. Augustine, Florida. Memorials to National Kidney Foundation.





BETTY M. CANEVER

Age 87, of Fenton, wife of the late Victor Canever, founder of Vic Canever Chevrolet, died Monday, August 22, 2005 at her residence. Funeral Mass will be held 11AM Friday, August 26, 2005 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St. Fenton. Rev. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Interment following in St. John Cemetery Visitation will be held Thursday 2-5 and 7-9pm at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel 1000 Silver Lake Rd. Fenton, with a scripture service beginning at 7:30PM Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church or Capuchin Missions, 1820 Mt. Elliot St., Detroit, MI 48207-3484 or Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302. Betty was born February 25, 1918 in Detroit, the daughter of Howard and Catherine (Gunder) Howard and Catherine (Gunder) Rohrer. She graduated from St. Anthonys in Detroit and Detroit Business College. She married Victor W. Canever in Detroit and he preceded her in death on June 26,1997. Betty had resided in the Fenton area since 1972. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Bay View Women's Club and Spring Meadows Country Club. Surviving are her 5 children, Constance Meyer and husband A.J. of Westport, CN, Susan Winks of Foster City, CA, Jayne Canever of Birmingham, John Canever of Fenton, Richard Canever and wife Mary of Fenton; 10 grandchildren, Matthew Winks, Jennifer Winks Lubick, Michelle Meyer, Eva Meyer, Brian Winks, Daniel Winks, Sara Canever, Anne Canever, Jeffrey Canever, Laura Canever; 11 greatgrandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Victor; brother Howard Rohrer and sister Laura Lashbrook. Those desiring may share online condolences or post a tribute at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



EDWIN N. BUFORD

Age 85, August 21, 2005, of Garder City. Beloved husband of Virginia A Dear father of John (Jacqueline Buford, Amber Mae Gerris, Sheryle Jean (Douglas) Powell, and the late sons Edwin D and Terry J. Buford Also leaves 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were entrusted to Vermeulen Funeral Home, 734-326-1300. Donations to the American Cancer Society. To leave a message of condolence, please log or to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

OPAL B. GRADY

Age 83, died August 15, 2005, sur rounded by her loving family. She was born on September 14, 1921 in Obsor County, Tennessee, to James and Lura (Bowden) Caksakkar. On Oct. 28, 1939, she married Samuel Grady and he survives. She is also survived by two daughters, Laverne (Conrad) Henry of Milan, and Sue (Clyde Truesdell of Pickford; a son Bill (Susan) Grady of Canton; a daughterin-law, Sharon Grady of Loveland CO; ten grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. A sister, Jean Calhoun, ister-in-law Vivian Caksakkar, both of Union City, TN, and many loving nieces and nephews survive. Her parents, a son, Ralph, three brothers, and one sister preceded her in death. Services were held Friday, Aug, 19, at the Ochalek-Stark Funeral Milan. Burial, Marble Park Cemetery Milan. Those desiring may make con tributions to Hospices of Michigan St. Paul Lutheran Church of Milan, or Stalwart Presbyterian Pickford, MI. Opal's guestbook may be signed online at www.ochalekstark.com



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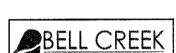
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Chili cookoff needs a new home

🦠 hili cookoffs are a blast. On a Sunday afternoon, every October, chili cooks from the Detroit area, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and sometimes as far away as Texas, would fire up their kettles and pots, grind their dried ancho, serrano and New Mexico chilis and simmer their meaty concoction for the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff at Kellogg Park in Plymouth.

The event drew thousands of visitors to downtown Plymouth. Those throngs included families, residents from the metro area and chili lovers of all ages, along with motorcyclists as the event was held in conjunction with the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Show.

The regional cookoff, sanctioned by the International Chili Society, sends the winner to the World Championship cookoff in Las Vegas. With all due respect to the salsa competitors (there was a salsa competition at the event, too), the best part of the cookoff is the chili.

Last year cookoff organizer Annette Horn paid \$2,500 for Plymouth's police services for the event, which acru illy cost the community \$22,000. More officers would be needed this year, so when Horn learned this information and then saw the fewer dollars pledged from sponsors, she canceled the event.

But for those of you who absolutely love this event, you need not lose hope.

While there won't be a competitive cookoff this year, Horn remains determined to help the charities the cookoff assists. Approximately \$100,000 has been donated over the past nine years to charities. including Make-A Wish, The Rainbow Connection, the Plymouth Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and Bridgepoint.

Horn is committed to scheduling'a cookoff next year; it's just a question of where.

Belleville, Canton, Howell, Livonia, Milford and Taylor were all mentioned by Horn as possible homes for next year's cookoff.

Many of the chili cooks locally and from other states call the Plymouth event one of the top ICS

PLEASE SEE COOKOFF, B9



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Michelle Butler (left) and Tracey Pawlowski present tea cakes at Back Home Bakery in Canton. Pawlowski, one of the owners of the bakery and a Schoolcraft College culinary arts graduate, will prepare these cakes for the college's Culinary Extravaganza on Sept. 25.

Culinary Extravaganza fills plates, appetites

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Tracey Pawlowski always wanted to learn about pastries and baking when she entered Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program 10 years ago.

She learned about pastries, and a whole lot more about food prepa-

ration before graduating in 1997.

On Sunday, Sept. 25, she'll return to Schoolcraft with Russian tea cookies, cranberry white chocolate cookies and her ABC cake, a mix of Amaretto, Bailey's Irish Cream and Chambord with fudge, creating a bumpy cake-like dessert, all products of Back Home Bakery in Canton, which Pawlowski owns with four other family members.

Pawlowski will be one of several Schoolcraft

PLEASE SEE EVENT, B10

What: Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza 2005: A Food and Wine Event. Guests can try culinary delicacies from more than 50 restaurants. bakeries, and beverage vendors in the Detroit area. Food lovers can take in a wine-tasting seminar and participate in a live and silent auction.

Where: VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads), Livonia When: 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25. Tickets: \$50 per person.

Sponsorship packages: Range from \$300 (Bronze) to \$5,000 (Platinum) For information: Call (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5008, or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/event

Women and wine - just the facts

🐃 rossly underestimated for a number of years - that's women's buying power and their influence on the global wine industry.

Today's marketing statistics show that women buy more wine, drink more wine and are more willing to experiment with their selections.

According to the nonprofit Wine Market Council, women now account for about 64 percent of all wine consumers.

"As the majority of wine buyers and drinkers in the country, women comprise the largest slice of the enological pie," wrote Leslie Sbrocco in her book Wine for Women (William Morrow, \$24.95).



Michelle Butler pours fudge topping on ABC

fillings; Amaretto, Bailey's Irish Cream, and

Cake. 'ABC' stands for the three flavored cream

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MORE FACTS

A study of more than 1,000 consumers indicated that women are more involved with wine than men and more often choose to drink wine at restaurants, by itself as a cocktail and for celebratory occasions.

Motto, Kryla and Fisher, a wine research company based in California, disclosed that women don't buy only value wine. Women account for 60 percent of high-end wine drinkers in the

United States. MKF defined "high-end" as those wine drinkers who occasionally to frequently purchase wine costing more than \$15. Also "high-end" purchasers often have more than 12 bottles of unopened wine on hand and will buy a wine costing over \$15 for a casual meal at home.

ADVENTUROUS

Wine retailers indicate that women

often try wines from different global wine regions, with alternative closures such as twist-off caps or alternative packaging such as 187mL bottles.

If the latter sounds interesting, try the 2004 Lindemans Bin 65 Chardonnay Minis (4-pack of 187mL about \$9). In the minis series, there's also Bin 40 Merlot, Bin 50 Shiraz, and Bin 45 Cabernet Sauvignon.

A 187mL bottle is slightly more than five ounces and is perfect for enjoying a glass of wine without opening a full bottle. It's the same popular wine as the 750mL.

PLEASE SEE FACTS, B8

Calling all wait staff

Waitresses and waiters from Michigan are welcome to participate in the third annual Greater Waiter Waitress Races in Harmer Park in the village of Metamora (on Dryden Road, 1/4 mile east of Lapeer Road, north of Oxford) on Thursday, Aug. 25. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Races begin after registration at approximately 6 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Metamora and Oxford Area Chambers of Commerce.

Teams of two compete through an obstacle course. Those entrants who record the fastest time with the least amount of water spilled are crowned the winners. This event is open to staff from country clubs, restaurants and bars located in the state of Michigan. The cost per team is \$30.

silver serving tray with their names engraved in their eating establishment for one year. They can return the next year to defend their title.

Winners get to keep a

For more information. call the Metamora Chamber at (810) 678-6222 or Oxford Chamber at (248) 628-0410.

Tomato tasting

Nothing evokes summer like a warm tomato just picked from the vine. If you grow tomatoes, join Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, for The Great Tomato Tasting at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27. You can enter a tomato you have grown in one of six categories: heirloom, saladette, cherry, beef-

steak, largest and ugliest. Gardening columnist Nancy Szerlag will lead judging along with tomato tasting guests who will designate their favorites in each category. Tomato growers can register their tomato at the garden center prior to the event.

Winners in each category will receive a Goldner Walsh gift certificate and a Goldner Walsh Nursery Golden Anniversary Cookbook. Fresh baked tomato pie will be served to attending quests while supplies last. This recipe is Szerlag's own, featured in the cookbook.

The event is free and no reservation is required. For information, call (248) 332-6430.

Have a story idea?

Do you have a relative or friend and who is an excellent cook who would make a good personality profile for the Taste section? Do you have a favorite recipe you love you'd like to share with our readers? Is there a topic you'd like to see covered in the Taste section?

Let us know about it. Send your idea with your name and a daytime phone number to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, **Observer & Eccentric** Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or kabramczyk@oe.homeco mm.net.

FACTS

FROM PAGE B7

WINES THAT TASTE GOOD

In a recent survey by Wine Opinions, a highly regarded research provider to the U.S. wine industry, 43 percent of females found the descriptor "jammy fruit" appealing, while only 20 percent of males did. Male respondents preferred

"heavy and full-bodied" wines. Sbrocco also wrote: "After compiling research done by others and conducting my own interviews and surveys, I discovered that the majority of women are less focused on wine ratings, vintage charts and acquiring bottles.

"Forget the notion that women sip white while men slurp red (women actually drink more red than white these days). It's not about what's in the bottle but how we approach what's in the bottle.

"Women tend to be interested in personal recommendations, food ideas and helpful tips on finding wines that simply taste good.

And after one says that a wine is delicious, what more is there to say?

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

WINE PICKS

Worldwide, Boutari is known as the best winery in Greece. Since we mentioned trying wines from different global wine regions, here are a few from BOUTARI.

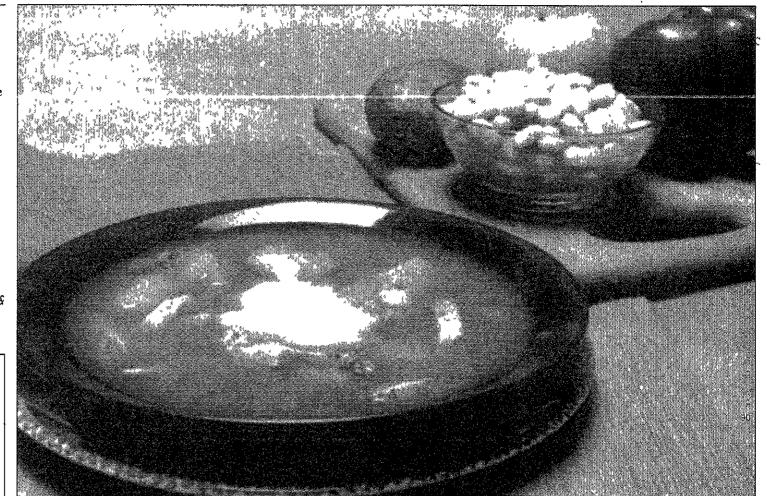
- 2003 Domaine Roxane Matsa, \$20, 50/50 sauvignon blanc and assyrtiko, yielding a fresh, crisp and refreshing white with mineral notes.
- 2003 Fantaxometocho (fan-tak-so MET-o ho), \$20, from Crete is 60 percent chardonnay blended with two other grapes of local origin. It's like a barrel-fermented chardonnay at a very good price.
- 2001 Evinos (EV-ee-nos), \$21, is half xinomavaro and half merlot. Maybe this is just what some merlots need to taste good!
- 2001 Odé, \$26, is 50-50 cabernet sauvignon and agiorgitiko. It's a light red filled with flavor and perfect for red meats with sauces and aged cheeses.
- 2002 Filiria (fil-eer-YAH), \$28, is a blend of two Greek grapes that offer a bitter red wine with nice grip but mellow finish.
- 2003 Skalani, \$28, from two native grapes grown in Crete is lighter in body and filled with amazing new flavors to discov-

AND FROM ELSEWHERE:

California: 2003 Beckmen Cuvee Le Bec, \$15, and 2002 Joseph Phelps Le Mistral, \$30.

South Africa: 2003 Fairview Pinotage, \$16, and 2004 Boekenhoutskloof, \$12.

All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.



This mulligatawny includes beans and an apple.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Mulligatawny soup originated in India

BY DANA JACOBI CORRESPONDENT

When the weather is hot, spicy dishes provide a form of internal air conditioning. This is one reason Indian dishes, as with those in most tropical parts of the world, use fiery ingredients so liberally. Whether it's a vindaloo heavy with cayenne pepper, curries studded with fresh chile peppers, or a steamy cup of masala chai spiced with cinnamon and black peppercorns, Indian dishes all encourage your body's natural cooling system by making you perspire.

During the Raj, the period when India was ruled by the British, Anglo-Indian cooks, understanding the health benefits of highly spiced food yet aware of the more sensitive Western palate, created dishes

whose intensity was adjusted to please the colonials. They succeeded so well that recipes for favorite dishes of the Raj, especially gentler curries made with prepared curry powder and mulligatawny soup, traveled as far as the United States. For Americans who grew up before the influx of Indian immigrants brought more authentically native cooking to our shores, dishes popular during the Raj were among the first Indian foods Americans tasted.

Summer and winter, mulligatawny soup, a ruddy purée that the British enhanced by adding chicken, is a light but filling one-dish dinner. To enrich the broth, whole, bonein but skinless breast, can be poached in a commercial chicken stock. It comes out beautifully succulent, while boneless cutlets overcook easily, turning dry and tough.

This mulligatawny includes beans and an apple. Puréed in the soup, the beans assure a creamy texture while keeping it healthfully lean and adding beneficial complex carbs. The apple's sweetness softens the underlying edge of the ginger's flavor and the many spices used in curry powder. Adding a

dollop of yogurt to each bowl of the finished soup provides a cooling contrast to the soup's flavor. You can also garnish it with unsweetened coconut flakes, available now with reduced fat and without sulfites, at many health food stores.

MULLIGATAWNY SOUP

1 skinless whole chicken breast, 1¼ pounds 4 cups fat-free, reduced sodium chicken broth 1 can cannellini beans, drained

and rinsed 1 large onion, chopped, 13/4 cups ½ Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and diced

1 tablespoon canola oil 1 small green bell pepper, seeded and diced

1-11/2 tablespoon curry powder Cayenne pepper to taste (optional)

1 teasoon grated fresh ginger 3 tablespoons tomato paste 1 medium potato, peeled and diced

cup plain (unflavore or low-fat yogurt 8 teaspoons reduced-fat dried coconut (optional), for gar-

Place the chicken in a deep,

large saucepan. Add the broth, beans, 1 cup of the onion, and apple. Over medium-high heat, bring the liquid to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer until the chicken is white in the center, about 25 minutes. Remove the chicken. When it is cool enough to handle, pull apart the meat into bite-size pieces and set aside. Transfer the remaining contents of the pot to a blendered and whirl to a puree. Set aside. Wash out the pot.

In the clean pot, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Sauté. 4 the remaining onion, and green pepper until soft, about 6 minutes. Mix in the curry powder, ginger, and cayenne, if using, until they are fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the puréed soup, potato and tomato paste. Simmer until the potato is tender, about 15 minutes.

To serve, divide the chicken among 4 soup bowls. Add the soup then the yogurt Sprinkle on the coconut, if using, and

Makes 5 servings.

Per serving: 323 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 34 g. carbohydrate, 38 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 530 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Cooking 101: Skill Development Learn basic cooking terminology and techniques, and how to properly use basic knives and hand tools. To make sure you stay healthy and happy, discover safe and sanitary methods for food preparation. This two-day course, instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel, is a prerequisite for all Schoolcraft College's Culinary Education hands-on Culinary Arts · classes or you'll need chef's approval for those classes. Cooking 101 is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20 and 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept 21

Swiss Chocolates Acquire chocolate knowledge. Enjoy demonstrations of how to temper chocolate, produce hollow shells, dip chocolate, and caramel dipping techniques.Class is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 and taught by certified master pastry chef Joe Decker. Fee is \$98 and \$78.40 for seniors. Hands-On

Fee is \$105 and \$84 for seniors.

Note: Hands-On classes have a prerequisite of the Cooking 101: Skill Development class listed above or instructor's approval. Plan to wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. Please prepare a tool kit with the following: a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. Visit Web site www.schoolcraft.edu for more information on these classes and others. International Breads, 5-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6; Cooking with an Asian Flair, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, Basic Cajun & Creole Cooking, two days, 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22.

The Community House The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, has scheduled fall cook-

ing classes. Each class will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. and has a fee of \$30. To register. call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.community-

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direction of renowned chefs, including Jimmy Schmidt, Wolfgang Puck and Madeleine Kamman. His well-rounded career includes working as chef de cuisine and as a pastry chef in gourmet restaurants as well as corporate and private settings. Freeman recently received the prestigious International Association of Culinary Professionals Pastry Award to study at Ecole Lenotre in Paris. Expanding Your Palette with Herbs and Spices (Wednesday, Sept 21) will also be taught by Gunnell. Enhance your cooking by learning how to match your ingredients with herbs and spices. Equally important. learn when to use them in the cooking process.

Wanna Try Something a Little Different? will take place Tuesday. Sept. 27. Join Peter Engelhardt, **Executive Chef at The Community** House, in preparation of this threecourse meal that will appeal to all of your senses: thyme-scented mushrooms on bibb lettuce, sautéed shrimp with feta, marsala with couscous. Top it off with peppermint ice cream pie. Engelhardt moved here from Atlanta,

where he was the Executive Chef for Turner Field and Philips Arena. He graduated with degrees in culinary arts and food management from Johnson and Wales University in Providence.

Wine Exploration

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, has scheduled a Wine **Exploration Series on Wednesday** nights. The classes will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted You must be 21 years of age to attend the wine classes. Cost is \$162 for seven sessions. To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna will be the instructors. Daher, certified sommelier, has been

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more than 15 years. Daher was wine director, event sommelier and catalog scriber for the Detroit International Wine Auction He is a professional member of the French gourmet society Chaine De Rotisseurs, founder and president of the wine consulting company Sommelier Connections Inc. and Unique Wine Cellars for custom designing and building of wine cellars

and cooling equipment. Jonna, national wine buyer for Whole Foods Market, has been in the retail wine business for more than 17 years. He assisted in the production of wine in France and visited wine regions in Europe and North America.

Classes in the series are: ■ An Introduction to Wine, 7:30-10 p.m. Sept. 14 (one session, \$29). Enjoy a casual and uncomplicated introduction into the world of wine, suited for both the novice as well as the slightly experienced. This is a great foundation course for taking further wine classes. Topics include wine grapes varieties, wine making techniques. types of wines and wine labels, and proper wine storage. Evaluate and rate wines while tasting six wines representing different regions around the world. Learn to identify and read wine labels and order from a restau-

■ California and the Pacific Northwest, Sept. 21 (one session, \$29). Discover wines of California, Oregon and Washington state. Learn to find the values as well as highly acclaimed and rare wines from these regions Learn to discern the differences between varieties and how to optimally match wines with appropriate meals. A parallel tasting of eight wines representing these areas is included.

rant wine list.

■ French Wines, Sept 28 (one session, \$26) Receive an introduction to wines

from Bordeaux, Loire, Alsace and lesser-known areas. Learn about the variety of French wines and how to read appellations, distinguish between vintages and evaluate wines as experts do. Both red and white wines will be tasted.

■ More about French Wines, Oct. 5 (one session, \$26). Enjoy this introduction to wines from Burgundy, the Rhone Valley and Provence, Discover these varieties of French wines by tasting both reds and whites while learning to evaluate wines as experts

Italian Wines, Oct. 26 (one session, \$26). Take an introductory exploration into the world's largest wine-producing country. Through a step-by-step process, the prominent production regions will be analyzed.

The New Worlds of Wine: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, Nov. 9 (one session, \$26). Instructors will provide eight wines and a clear explanation of the different classifications and breakdowns of the various growing regions.

Champagne and Sparkling Wines. Nov. 16 (one session, \$26). Learn the history of champagnes and sparkling wines, the regions and the process of producing them. Learn about matching champagne and sparkling wines with food and examples of great matches. A tasting of six different champagnes and sparkling wines is included.

Arts & Apples Festival

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cookoffs and best attended. The cooks try to create imaginative booths and outfits. along with the best chili. Cooks from Michigan and Ohio exchange banter about their home states.

What a great setting for the event, too.

"It was an exciting event," Horn said. "Plymouth was a wonderful town for the event. You had the park, the town, the shops and restau-

But she's moving forward for next year. "I do not want to lose this cookoff," Horn said. She herself is a competitive chili and salsa cook (not at the Plymouth event, but at other competitions).

"I will pick the best spot and the event will still be held," Horn said. "I hope to have something set within the next few weeks."

It's not only a great, fun food event, the cookoff (as does all ICS chili cookoffs) assists local charities. On Saturday, the North Central Regional Chili Cookoff scheduled at Fratello's

Restaurant, 4501 Fort St. (at Van Horn Road) in Trenton, will raise funds for the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. (Horn does not organize that cookoff, so she, the will participate.) She expects next year's location to continue to serve not just as a competition, but a fund-raiser to help others.

"Every single penny we ની raise after expenses goes to 🛶 the charity," Horn said. "I'm an chili cook by trade and I truly love running this event."

Chili lovers can visit the North Central Regional Chili Cookoff on Saturday, Aug. 27, at Fratello's Restaurant, 4501 Fort St. (at Van Horn Road) in Trenton or the Michigan State Chili Championship & on Sept. 24 at Biker Bob's Harley Davidson, 14100 Telegraph in Taylog. Both events are open to the public. at 11 a.m., with chili available at 3 p.m. Both events will raise money for the Penrickton Center for Blind & Children. Visit chilicookoff.com for a information

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alums at the Culinary Extravaganza 2005. (See related information.)

Since 1991, annual the fundraiser has collected more than \$1.2 million for the Schoolcraft College Foundation. This fall, the foundation will award nearly \$400,000 in student scholarships and fund 13 instructional projects developed by faculty and staff totaling \$80,660.

The event brings her business to a whole new group of people, but more than that, "it's pretty fun," Pawlowski said. "I really like being there. It's really changed since I've went to school there."

VisTaTech opened three years ago and contains a state-of-theart cooking facility with demonstration kitchens, closed circuit monitors and individual work stations for students.

John Walsh, Schoolcraft's executive director of development and government relations, said the event is the single biggest fund-raising event for Schoolcraft scholarships. He expects it will raise \$95,000-\$105,000 in income for the fund. That's a "tremendous amount of money," Walsh said, in light of college tuition costs statewide.

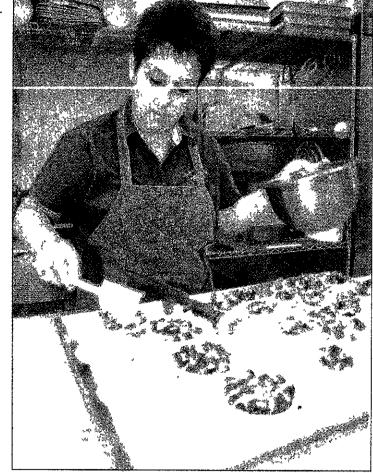
The event also showcases the VisTaTech Center and the culinary arts program, Walsh said.

"On a personal level, it's a great event to try foods from different restaurants, some that I've been in and some I've never been to," Walsh said. "It's a fun and uplifting event."

Bruce Konowalow, culinary arts director, said the event showcases talent from instructors, along with graduates like Pawlowski, who now own their own businesses.

"So many of the restaurants have chefs or owners who have graduated from here, and they come back once a year to participate in this event, which is a nice thing," Konowalow said.

"It's a fun venue. Chef Brian (Polcyn, who teaches at Schoolcraft) always represents Five Lakes Grill and chef (Jeff) Gabriel (another Schoolcraft instructor) brings The Farm here. Our pastry department does a nice spread out there. It's a major event and we showcase ourselves, but we also have numerous restaurants and wineries that come here to support this event." Food vendors will be moved



That emphasis is also stressed

"We try to be very careful and

on the food booths selected for

use restaurants that are quality

said. "We are getting top quality

Previous events included beef

tenderloin and large shrimp from

Konowalow said. "It gives them a

chance to showcase their high-

places. (The restaurants) don't

hold back on their products."

some of the establishments,

establishments," Konowalow

the Extravaganza.

Tracey Pawlowski fills Harvest Tarts. The tarts are filled with a mix of cinnamon, apple, cranberry and walnuts, and finished with a rum topping.

down the hallway of the facility to give guests more room to enjoy the food and beverages.

Pawlowski remembers many of the instructors, such as chef Dan Hugelier and pastry chef Joe Decker.

"They're very realistic," Pawlowski said of Schoolcraft's culinary instruction. "The program was nothing like I thought it would be.

"They're very down to earth. They stress consistency. They don't want you to serve food that customers will say, 'That's doesn't taste like it did the last time I was

Participants at the Culinary Extravaganza 2005 include:

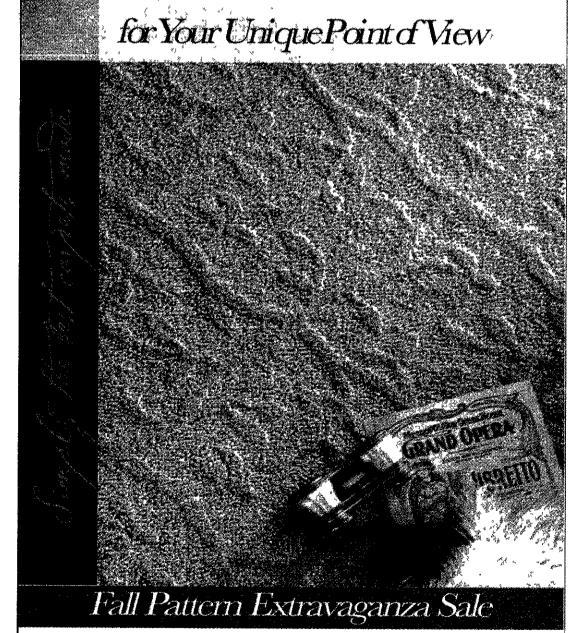
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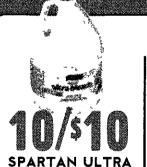
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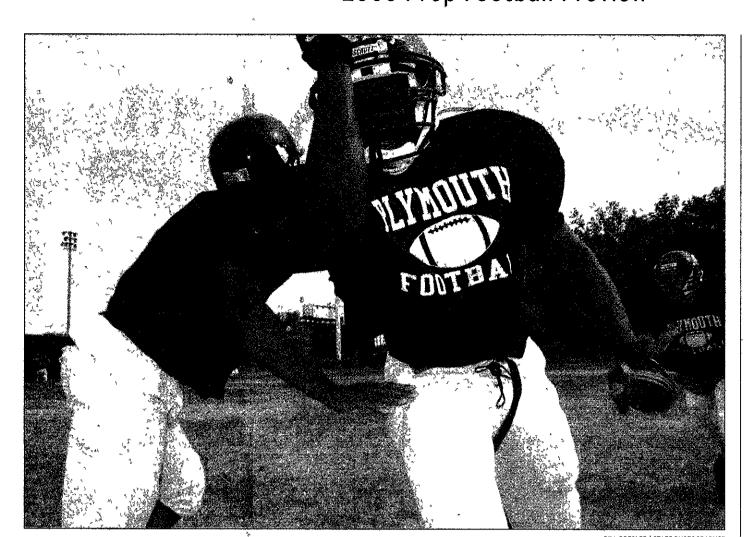
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— 2005 Prep Football Preview ———



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SPORTS

BILL BRESLER [STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth linebackers Mike MacIntosh (center), Derek Bradford (left) and Jared Panyan work through a drill during practice last week. The Wildcats are returning all of their offensive and defensive starters from last year's 2-7 squad.

Fully loaded

Plymouth grid team looks forward to first season with seniors

STAFF WRITER

Last year, they were young and sen-

One year later, Plymouth's football team is arguably the most experienced team in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

That's what returning 22 starters

Top soccer

to Balconi

on Page C3.

main course.

Please see 2005 prep soccer previews

BY ED WRIGHT

STAFF WRITER

watching the annual Gary Balconi

Soccer Tournament is kind of like

For high school soccer fans,

being served dessert before the

This year's Balconi tourney,

which is set for Saturday on the

like its eight predecessors -

stocked with eight talent-rich

teams that are looking to gather valuable momentum heading into

their regular-season schedules.

nament is very strong," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "There

"Each team in this year's tour-

is a lot of talent in it this year, just

like in the past. Whoever wins it

has to go 3-0 against some tough

teams, so the winner can expect

Top 10 ranking."

Arbor Huron.

to be a front-runner for a Top 5 or

Joining McCarthy's Rocks will

be fellow P-CEP rivals Canton

Novi Catholic Central, Midland

Dow, Royal Oak Kimball and Ann

First-round games will kick off

at 10 a.m. The semifinals are slat-

ed for 11:45 a.m. with the final

contest set for 3 p.m.

and Plymouth, U of D Jesuit,

P-CEP soccer fields, will be much

teams drawn

with significant game experience can

Entering the fourth year of the program, Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock is hopeful the Wildcats' abundance of vetw eran leadership equates into victories.

"Last year, our goal was to win at least three games, because that's something no Division 1 team without a senior class had ever done before,"

Blaylock said. "We ended up 2-7, which didn't sit well with anybody around here. We have everybody returning from last year's team and a lot of them have game experience, which puts us in a unique situation this season."

Speaking of unique, Plymouth will utilize a two-platoon system this season, so no players will play offense and

'We feel that with the strength-andconditioning program we have, there are enough good football players on this team that we can try two-platooning," Blaylock said. "It gives us an

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Set, hit!

Return of prep football energizes thought processes

andom thoughts as the 2005 football season approaches.

Since George Lovich and Armand Vigna are back together on Livonia Franklin's coaching staff, can Jack Reardon and Jack Gabel be far behind at Livonia Stevenson? Has there ever been a reunion of

the 1969 undefeated Redford Thurston football team?

Somebody say hello for me to former RU lineman Tom Piette.

> Nobody ran the option better than former Salem great Rich Hewlett. Wonder what former Canton QB Karl

Wukie is doing these days? I miss those Friday night games

under the lights at old Livonia Bentley. Northville is the only school in the Western Lakes Activities Emons

Association with real

I hate it when parents gather on the team's opposing field to listen to the head coach do his postgame talk. (It should be banned.)

grass.

Picks

Brad

Can somebody shed light on the new 9-yard marking?

Is it true that Chuck Gordon is now a football consultant for Central Lake H.S.? I'd rather be a golf ranger.

Did you know Belleville's Bob LaPointe was Eastern Michigan University's interim head coach for eight games in 1982?

I miss those Monday afternoon chats with former Redford St. Agatha coach John Goodard.

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Youth hoop league

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' **Community Education** Department will be hosting a youth basketball league beginning in the fall for boys and girls in grades 3-8. The season will include practices, games and a post-season tournament for fifth grade and up.

Teams will consist of up to 11 players and all players will receive a jersey to keep.

The Community **Education Basketball** League (CEBL) will have registration on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Pioneer Middle School. The registration period will run from 6-8 p.m.

Registration fees are \$85 for third- and fourthgraders, and \$95 for players in grades 5-8. There is a \$10 fee for non-residents.

Seasons for different age groups will vary. Starting dates will be distributed at the time of registration. For more information, e-mail cebl@pccs.k12.ml.us.

Aloisi a splash hit

Plymouth-Canton Cruisers swimmer Kali Aloisi excelled at the Central Zone Championships held recently at the University of Michigan Aloisi won the 50-vard breaststroke in the girls 10-and-under division. She also was a member of the first-place 200 medley relay team.

Aloisi's time in the 50 breaststroke currently ranks eighth in the country among 10-and-under girls.

Other Cruisers who competed in the Zone Championships were: Abby Aumiller, Whitney Aumiller, Sarah Azmi, Emily Bair, Sarah Baumann, Kelley Hodges, Kaitlyn Jefferson, Jocelyn Lamoureux, Brandon Larkins, Kelsey Lincoln, Emily Nelson, Casey Peterson, Jill Peterson, Jennifer Pisani, Adam Seroka and Lauren Seroka.

Hole-in-one

Canton resident Lisa Hengtgen aced the 17th hole at Hilltop Country Club Sunday afternoon. Hentgen's first career hole-in-one was struck with a 7-wood on the 135yard par 3. She finished with a round of 94.

Fall baseball

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association is currently forming its fall baseball leagues. Teams are available for boys and girls: between the ages of 4 and 18 years old for Tball, coach-pitch and regular-pitch leagues.

Practices will commence at the end of August with games beginning in September.

Registration forms can be completed at the Summit on the Park in Canton or by visiting the Web site www.csc.cantonmi.org; or call (734) 394-5489.

The deadline for registering is Aug. 26.

Former walk-on earns starting spot at U-M

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The massive Sleeping Bear Dunes off the shores of Lake Michigan are a popular sight-seeing attraction for northern-Michigan vacationers.

This past week, they also provided a perfect training site for the University of Michigan men's soccer team, which was up North for its annual preseason, two-aday workouts.

Perfect, that is, for coach Steve Burns, whose goal was to get his players conditioned for the fast-approaching season.

"It was a pretty grueling workout," said former Salem soccer standout Kevin Savitskie, who has turned a walk-on supportunity into a starting spot in the Wolverines' line-up the past two years. "Two-a-days at Michigan are a lot more difficult than they were at Salem, but that's to be expected because you're dealing with a different kind of athlete. These



Savitskie

are the best of the best high school athletes, so they can take a lot more." With an outstanding

prep soccer career on his résumé, Savitskie walked on at U of M in the fall of 2003. He not only made the team, but he broke into the starting line-up

as a defender a short time into the sea-Last year, he followed up a stellar

freshman campaign by rising to the occasion in the season-opener against the University of Connecticut. Savitskie scored the only goal in the Wolverines' 1-O victory when he headed a ball into the back of the net with five minutes left.

"It was a nice win because U-Conn usually has a strong team," said Savitskie. "At one point last year, we were ranked as high as No. 3 in the country. We ended up getting in the NCAA tournament as a

bubble team and we won our first game against Akron before getting knocked

"This year, our No. 1 goal is to win the Big Ten championship and then do well in the NCAA tournament. Indiana has won the title the past two years, so they'll be the team to beat."

Savitskie didn't hesitate when asked the biggest difference between high school and college soccer. "The speed of the game," he said.

"Players are a lot faster up here. There's a lot less time to make decisions. I'll never forget the first five minutes of my first college game. Everything was like a blur the game was moving so fast." Savitskie is excelling in school as well

as on the soccer field. He currently carries a 3.2 grade-point average while working toward degrees in psychology and math.

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Musial champs rely on local pitcher for K's

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Ever since they began playing baseball together in the same Bay City Little League more than 20 years ago, Redford's Anthony Holyszko and Canton's Mark Blomshield have compiled enough noteworthy accomplishments to fill a decent-sized scrapbook.

Following Little League, Holyszko and Blomshield turned in memorable diamond careers together at Bay City John Glenn High School and Western Michigan University.

Earlier this month, the two longtime friends wrote the latest chapter to the book when they helped Flint-based Halo Burger-Foutch Auto Wash capture the 2005 Stan Musial World Series, which

was played at Battle Creek's Bailey Park. It was the team's second national championship in the past five years.

TOP TALENT

The tournament featured eight of the most talented 18-and-over amateur baseball squads from across the United States. Much like the Halo Burger-Foutch contingent, most of the teams — which trekked from as far away as California, Florida and Texas - had rosters stocked primarily with up-and-coming collegiate

"A lot of the younger college players on the other teams look at guys like Mark and I and think, 'What's up with these older guys?" said the 29-year-old Holyszko, smiling. "Then we go out on



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Mark Blomshield played a key role in Flint-based Halo Burger-Foutch Auto Wash's Stan Musial World Series title Aug. 8 in Battle Creek. The 29-year-old southpaw earned a win in the World Series opening game and pitched PLEASE SEE CHAMPS, C2 five effective innings in the team's clinching win.

All matches will last an abbreviated 60 minutes and each team is guaranteed three games.

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CHAMPS

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the field and put a beating on them. It's kind of fun to show the younger guys that we can still play."

Can they ever. Holyszko, the team's starting second baseman, hit in the neighborhood of .320 and provided stellar defense as the team rolled to a 44-11 regular-season record and its 13th straight league title. He also rose to the occasion in the Stan Musial championship game, recording three hits and three RBI in Halo Burger-Foutch's dramatic 11-10 victory over Canton, Ohio.

IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS

Blomshield, a 29-year-old lefthanded pitcher, went 10-0 with a 1.20 earned-run average during the regular season. He notched an opening-round World Series win over a team from Navato, Calif., and - just three days later — left the title game after five innings with a 10-2 lead. Following Blomshield's departure, the Canton, Ohio, squad rallied for eight runs in the sixth inning to knot the game at

"It was hard to watch," Blomshield said, referring to Canton's big inning in which his team committed six costly errors. "But we came back and

scored one in the seventh to pull it

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Holyszko, who is a physical educa tion teacher in the Romulus School District, completed the hour-plus drive up I-75 three to four times a week to play in the tri-city-area Musial league. Blomshield, a physical education teacher at Field Elementary School in Canton and the junior-varsity baseball coach at Canton High School, usually made the trip just once a week when it was his turn to pitch.

"Along with the league, we played in some very competitive tournaments on the weekends," said Blomshield, who keeps hitters off-balance with a circle change-up that complements his 85-miles-per-hour fastball.

Holyszko admitted he's not sure how much longer he is going to play, considering the time it takes him away from his family.

"I said last year was going to be my last, but I came back this year," he said. "I'm going to take it one year at a

Blomshield said he's not ready to hang up his spikes quite yet.

"I'm going to pitch as long as my elbow holds out," he said, smiling. Which means the scrapbook is bound to get bigger.

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Anthony Holyszko (left) and Mark Blomshield, both 29, have played baseball together since their Little League days in Bay City. They both played key roles in helping Flint-based Halo Burger-Foutch Auto Wash captured the Stan Musial World Series Aug. 8 in Battle Creek.

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Scrimmage leaves SC spikers pleased

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

It was only a preseason scrimmage, but Tom Teeters came away encouraged about his 2005 Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team.

"I think we did quite well over the weekend," said Teeters, who took his squad of 11 freshmen and two sophomores to Owens Tech (Ohio). "I was pleased with the way things went.

Schoolcraft is coming off a 29-10 season, including a 14-2 Eastern Conference mark in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

The Lady Ocelots lost six starters to graduation including All-Region players Kelly Sines, a setter now playing for Wayne State, and Angre Wangler.

Also gone are Kathleen Knutson (Westland John Glenn), Mayssa Bazzi, Meghan McAuliffe, Caitlin O'Hara and libero-defensive specialist Naoko Ninomiya. "I was not too sure about this

vear because we lost one of our top players to eligibility, our top blocker and top defensive player," Teeters said. But Lady Ocelot fans don't

fret, because Teeters has two outstanding left-side hitters to fill the void led by 5-foot-11 Amy Golem (Dearborn High) and 5-5 Nicole Brandt (Novi).

"This is the first year we've been dominant hitting on the outside in a long time," said Teeters, who has coached in the Schoolcraft program for 22 years. "We can move a lot of players around and match up, especially with Amy (Golem). We may be short in the middle blocking area, but we're very strong defensively."

The only two returning players from a year ago are 5-6 sophomore Ashley Cecil (Livonia Churchill), a setter, and 5-6 middle blocker and outside hitter Tamika Fellows (Toronto, Ontario), who is "an all-around, strong defensive

player.'

from Dearborn High, also impressed Teeters during the scrimmage. "She did very well," the

Roni Juszcyk, a 5-3 setter

Schoolcraft coach said. "We're blocking stronger this year over last year even though we're a smaller team." Also expected to see playing

time this season are: Stephenie Manning, a 5-10 right-side and middle hitter (Ortonville Brandon); Liz Primeau, a 5-11 middle blocker (Berkley); Daniell Sergison, a 5-4 defensive specialist (Hartland); Mindy Shannon, a 5-4 defensive specialist (via Dearborn Heights Crestwood and Wayne State); Chelsey Weber, a 5-9 left- and right-side hitter (Allen Park Cabrini); and Marcie Hill, a 5-7 right- and left-side hitter, along with playing libero (Dearborn High).

Possible red-shirts for the 2005 season include 5-9 rightside hitter Brittany Phillips (Taylor Truman) and 5-7 leftand right-side hitter Amand VanGemert (Novi Franklin Road Christian).

"We might not have to go to a libero this year because of the type of talent we have and rules are more liberal as far as substitution." Teeters said.

Last season, Schoolcraft was runner-up to St. Clair CC in the Eastern Conference.

St. Clair CC went on to win the NJCAA Division II championship with a 69-2 record under coach Terry Gamble, who left for Iowa Western CC. Gamble led the Skippers to a pair of national titles (2000 and 2004).

"St. Clair, (Flint) Mott and Macomb should all be strong teams in the conference," Teeters said. "But there are four new coaches in the conference, including Henry Ford's, so you don't really know what

to expect.' The Lady Ocelots open their season for real Friday and Saturday, Sept. 2-3 at the Owens Tournament in Toledo.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Canton Pride girls fast-pitch softball teams will be held Aug. 27-30 on fields 9-12 of the Canton Sports Complex, located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave. The Pride sponsor teams in the 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U age divisions.

Registration for the Aug. 27 and 28 tryouts begins at 1 p.m. with the actual tryouts slated to be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Aug. 30, tryouts will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m with registration starting at 5 p.m. Visit the team's Web site: ww.eteamz.com/pcpride; or call Denny Taylor at (734) 667-4257.

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Deep Rocks should be factor in WLAA boys soccer race

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Salem's boys soccer team is relying on its impressive depth to take it to great heights this season.

The Rocks' roster may not be iammed packed with flashy, slick-dribbling superstars, but it has more than its share of extremely dangerous players.

"I don't think we're particularly dominant in any area, but we're very good in a lot of areas," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy, who is entering his 10th season as the head coach and his 15th year with the program. "Our strength this year is our balance. We have the ability to be solid in net, at defending and at the mid-field.

We still have a lot of work to do, but this team runs different formations very well. You can tell these players were welltrained at the club level."

Salem enjoyed its typical solid season in 2004, running up a 13-5-6 overall record. Its 9-2-1 mark in the Western Lakes Activities Association was good enough for a share of third. Graduated from last year's squad are captains Thiago Harris (an All-State performer who currently plays for Schoolcraft College), Sean Williams (also at Schoolcraft) and Dave Hall. Combined, the

departed trio ripped 28 goals into the opponents' net.

"We definitely have a lot of offense to replace," McCarthy said.

Helping fill the void will be this year's senior tri-captains: mid-fielder Jake Bennett, defender Joe Halewicz and defender Brett Windecker. Bennett earned All-Conference recognition as a junior and Windecker was voted to the All-Division contingent.

"Jake is very athletic and he covers a lot of ground," McCarthy said. "He always works hard on the field and he defends well.

"Joe will probably be our central defender. He's good in the air and he'll help anchor our defensive unit.

"Brett is probably best at distributing the ball. He's a great passing defender who does a excellent job of getting the ball out of our own end and to the mid-field area."

The Rocks who will be most responsible for following in the high-scoring footsteps of Harris, Williams and Hall will be forwards Steve Gallagher. Chris Lidster, Brooks Belhart, Baze Efrmov and Ryan Quinn. Gallagher and Lidster are seniors; the others are juniors.

"Steve has good size and he's good in the air," McCarthy said. The Rocks' mid-field will be

patrolled by senior Alex Lumley and juniors Bobby Towne, Tom Bennett (the younger brother of Jake) and Adam Brown.

"Bobby is our best distributing mid-fielder," McCarthy said. "He has great vision. Tom has excellent speed and he's a good finisher and Alex is a very creative player. Adam gives us good pace on the flank.

Senior Josh Hulet and junior Aaron Florn will serve in reserve roles for the Rocks.

Salem's defense will be bolstered by the presence of senior Ryan Rowe and junior Jon Gibson. Juniors Dan McGlaughlin and Kyle Freeman will provide depth off the bench.

Junior Brian Field returns as the Rocks' starting goal-keeper.

"Brian is very very quick, he positions himself well and he has great reaction time," McCarthy said.

Junior Matt Smokevitz will back-up Field.

"Northville will probably be the front-runner in the league." said McCarthy. "They'll be followed closely by Livonia Stevenson, Canton, Plymouth and Livonia Churchill. It should be a very competitive

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Goose eggs

Defense, senior leadership should be strengths of Canton's soccer team

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

If Monday's pre-season scrimmage at Saline is any indication, Canton's soccer team is going to be extremely difficult to score against this

If not impossible.

The Chiefs didn't yield a single goal in their four scrimmage games, upending Ann Arbor Huron (2-0) and Rochester (1-0) while playing defending state champion Okemos and Brighton to scoreless draws.

"Our defense was phenomenal Monday," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "It was nice too because a lot of underclassmen stepped up and played well. Some of the juniors played as well as the sen-

Canton recorded a solid 12-5-4 season in 2004. The Chiefs

nailed a fourth-place finish in the competitive Western Lakes Activities Association standings. Much of the success was due to the play of graduated seniors Brad Marsh, Jason Houdek, Stephen Mischung and Andy Cortellini.

"Like last year, I think the strength in this year's team will lie with our senior leadership," Tomasso said. "We have senior captains on our defense, midfield and on our forward line."

The senior captains Tomasso referred to are defenders Erik McKee and Josh Shifford; midfielder Garrett Fishaw and forward Ben Krause. McKee is coming off an All-Conference junior season while Fishaw tallied an impressive nine goals and 10 assists as a junior. Krause was shifted to forward after playing on the defensive end in 2004.

Other key returners include junior defenders Eric Zech and Ryan Dugan; and junior midfielder Keith Campbell. Tomasso's bench will be filled by players who helped lead the Chiefs' junior-varsity squad to a 12-win season and a freshmen unit that went unde-

feated. "Our goals stay pretty much the same every year," Tomasso said. "Number one, we want to win the division. Number two, we want to win the conference. And number three, we want to play well in the state tournament. I think one reason we're a competitive team every year is because we do set our goals

high." Tomasso mentioned Northville first when asked to assess the battle for the WLAA crown. "Livonia Stevenson and Salem will also be very good this year," he added. "And Plymouth has seniors now, so they will have stepped up one more level."

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FROM PAGE C1

The first-round brackets look like this: Salem vs. U of D; Plymouth vs. CC; Canton vs. Midland Dow; and Kimball vs. Huron. The winners of the first two listed games and the victors in the latter two games will square off in the semifinals.

The tournament was named in honor of longtime Plymouth-Canton schools athletic administrator Gary Balconi, who was instrumental in developing the P-CEP soccer field, which is widely regarded throughout the state as one of the premiere soccer-

only facilities in Michigan. Balconi, who has been retired for the past several years, will be on hand to pass out medals on Saturday after-

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Aug. 26 Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 4:30 p.m. Ann Arbor Pioneer at Canton, 7:30 p.m. Salem at Pinckney, 7 p.m. Belleville at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m

BOYS SOCCER Saturday, Aug. 27 Plymouth, Canton and Salem at Balconi Invitational, 10 a.m. **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY** Saturday, Aug. 27 Canton at South Lyon Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
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Saturday, Aug. 27 Canton at South Lyon Invitational, 10 a.m. **BOYS GOLF** Friday, Aug. 26 Canton at Saline 9 30 a m **GIRLS SWIMMING** Saturday, Aug. 27 WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

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Madonna vs. Urbana (Ohio), 3 p.m. Madonna vs. Bethel (Ind.), 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 (U-M Dearborn Early Bird Invitational) Madonna vs. Tiffin (Ohio), 9 a.m. **MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER** Saturday, Aug. 27 Schoolcraft in Macomb Tourney

at University of Detroit-Mercy, TBA. Sunday, Aug. 28 Schoolcraft in Macomb Tourney at University of Detroit-Mercy, TBA.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Thursday, Aug. 25 Madonna vs. Houghton (N.Y.)

at Greenmead (Livonia), 3 p m

Friday, Aug. 26 (Comm. College Baltimore Co. Tourney) Schoolcraft vs CC-Baltimore Co (Md), noon Saturday, Aug. 27 Madonna at Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 8 p.m. (Comm. College Baltimore Co. Tourney) Schoolcraft vs. Navarro (Tex.), noon.







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construction). See you Thanksgiving weekend for the state finals.

And by the way, here is a look at this weekend's action.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all at 7 p.m. unless noted) Liv. Churchill (8-4) vs. Plymouth (2-7), 4:30 p.m. at Canton: The Chargers were the area's Cinderella story last season, reaching the thirdround of the Division I state playoffs. But Churchill lost 22 starters to graduation, while 'Plymouth boasts its first senior class with all 22 returning. PICKS: Emons (Plymouth), Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Churchill).

Liv. Franklin (2-7) at Garden City (1-8): The Patriots were competitive in most games last year and return a slew of veterans They could be the area's surprise if the defense comes around. Garden City drops down to the Mega Conference's Blue Division. PICKS: Emons (Franklin): Wright (Franklin); Smith (Franklin).

Lincoln Park (4-5) at Liv. Stevenson (7-3): The Railsplitters, a member of the Mega-White, gave up just 150 points last year. They face a potent Stevenson offense led by senior quarterback Chad Casey. PICKS: Emons (Stevenson), Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson).

Belleville (6-4) at Westland Glenn (6-4): Two first-round playoff casualties from a year ago square off. Glenn needs Brandon Pratt to have a big season, while the Tigers need a big game from running back Carlos Clark and its young and under-sized defense. PICKS: Emons (Belleville), Wright (John Glenn); Smith (Belleville).

U-D Jesuit (4-5) at Wayne (3-6): The Cubs, a member of the Catholic

League's formidable Central Division, won their first three games last year before sputtering. They're led by highly-touted recruit Ian Conyers, a defensive back and wide receiver. Wayne will rely on running back Blaine Simmons as its big-play threat. PICKS: Emons (U-D Jesuit),

(U-D Jesuit); Smith (U-D Jesuit). Salem (3-6) at Pinckney (1-8): Pinckney's only win in the KVC last year came at the expense of Hartland. Salem opened its season last year with three straight wins, including a 35-7 thumping of the Pirates in a rematch of last year's opener. PICKS: Emons (Salem),

Wright (Salem); Smith (Salem). D.H. Crestwood (4-5) at Redford Union (8-2): Crestwood was runnerup to Trenton in last year's Mega-Blue. RU, a playoff team a year ago, is moving into the Mega-White after winning the Mega-Gold last year. PICKS: Emons (RU), Wright (RU); Smith (RU).

Red. Thurston (4-5) at Wyandotte (2-7): The Eagles marched past Wyandotte last year, 21-0. Wyandotte drops down from the Mega-Red to the Mega-White. PICKS: Emons (Thurston), Wright (Wyandotte); Smith (Thurston).

A.A. Pioneer (8-3) at Canton (10-1), 7:30 p.m.: A rematch of teams who reached the state playoffs last season. Canton beat Pioneer in last year's opener, 26-6. PICKS: Emons (Canton), Wright (Canton); Smith (Pioneer).

Luth. Westland (2-7) at Liv. Clarenceville (7-3), 7:30 p.m.: Clarenceville, which has gone to the state playoffs seven years in a row, has dominated the series. Ryan Irish takes over for Ryan Hockman as coach. Lutheran Westland, meanwhile, expects improvement over last PICKS: **Emons** season. (Clarenceville), Wright

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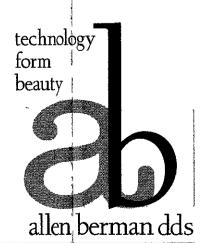
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WHALERS GOLF

Individuals are invited to participate in the Plymouth Whalers' eighth annual golf outing, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Northville Hills Golf Course in Northville.

Proceeds from the outing will go directly into the Whalers' Player Education Fund.

All participants will receive: 18 holes of golf with cart; a continental breakfast; full use of the golf range, putting green and locker-room facilities; an invitation to the post-outing buffet; and hole-in-one prize opportunities.

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Speedy Tigers seek fast start to season

STAFF WRITER

Can an abundance of speed offset a lack of size?

That is the million-dollar question for the Belleville football team heading into the 2005 season. At least a partial answer will come Friday night when the Tigers travel to Westland John Glenn to take on the high-powered Rockets.

'We have a lot of team speed," said Belleville coach Bob LaPointe, assessing his team's positive attributes. "We have a couple of extremely quick kids. On the other hand, we're inexperienced and small, especially along the defensive line. We need the kids who are coming back to step up and play well."

The Tigers sculpted a successful 6-4 record last season. A 3-2 league mark earned them a third-place showing in the competitive Mega-Red Conference.

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Among the graduated seniors from last year's contingent are lightning-quick running back Isaac Kindell, who led the team in touchdowns and thrills, nose tackle Greg Rochon, and offensive linemen Alan Butzin and Alton Woods.

LaPointe also suffered a non-graduation-related loss earlier this month that left a few holes in his depth chart.

"We lost the kid who was going to be our quarterback, start at cornerback and kick for us because his dad received a job transfer last week so he had to move," LaPointe said. "That was tough."

Battling to fill the open QB slot will be a pair of seniors: Josh Lemons (6foot-1, 170 pounds) and Brendan Madaj (6-0, 175).

"They're very close in ability, both running and passing," LaPointe said. There's no doubt about who the fea-

The Tigers sculpted a successful 6-4 record last season. A 3-2 league mark earned them a third-place showing in the competitive Mega-**Red Conference.**

tured running back will be for Belleville. Senior Carlos Clark (6-2, 165) will try to pick up where Kindell left off last season. He'll be joined in the backfield by Dajuan Roberts (5-8, 155) and junior fullback Waseem Elwadi (5-7, 160).

The blocking chores will be handled by tackles Ken Losey (6-2, 250) and Pat Toupin (6-1, 225), and guard Randle

Green (6-0, 215). The two other start-ing offensive linemen were still unknown as of Monday, LaPointe

Mike Donaldsen (6-1, 165) and John Roberts (6-0, 210) will start at split end and tight end, respectively. On the defensive side of the ball, Clark and Roberts will hold down the cornerback positions while Donaldsen is set to start at free safety. Other players expected to shine on defense include Brandon Tarhanich (5-11, 160), Darius Logan (6-1, 175), Derek Runyon (5-10, 250) and Jeff Phillips (5-8, 150).

Junior George Keating will serve as the team's place-kicker. LaPointe said the top of the Mega Red may not see much change from the past several

"Allen Park will have another great team," he said. "They have quite a few good athletes back." ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

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advantage in practice because we don't have work on defense one day and offense the next. This way, I can work with my offense every day in practice.

"There will be some situations where we use players on offense and defense. For instance, if the other team has a third-and-long situation, we'll put Josh Le Duc in at free safety for a play or two."

Senior quarterback Brent Jones will engineer the Wildcats' offense this season. A quick, shifty runner with a strong arm, Jones can punish opposing defenses on the

ground and through the air. "Brent has probably the best game speed of any player I've ever coached," Blaylock said. "He has a lot of football savvy. He's one of those players that makes things happen."

Jones will be joined in the offensive backfield by junior Nate Gholston (5-foot-6, 163), and seniors Anthony Green (5-10, 188) and Jeff Harrison (5-9, 172), who will rotate throughout the course of the game Gholston excelled in the team's four-way scrimmage last week, recording a 72-yard TD among other long

The Wildcats' offensive line is big and bruising, boasting an average weight of 256 pounds. Senior right guard Shaun Bailey (6-3, 280) will anchor the line. He'll be joined by senior center Nate McManus (5-11, 180) and junior left guard Sabatino Ruggiero (6-2, 327).

"Sabatino is one of the most improved football players on our team this year," Blaylock said. "He really worked hard over the off-season to make himself a better football play-

The starting offensive tackle slots will be filled by two of the following three players: James Pomerson (5-11, 271), Corey Van Spronsen (5-9, 185) and Brad Kraft (5-9, 205), all of whom were still battling for a first-team spot as of Monday afternoon.

Le Duc, a 6-4, 214-pound senior tight end, will headline the Wildcats' corps of receivers. Jones' aerials will also be directed at wide receivers Dan Norko (6-0, 155), a transfer from the Flint area, and senior Pat Goulet (6-0, 161).

"Josh is just a great athlete," Blaylock said. "He has a couple of colleges looking at him. Both Dan and Pat are both



Anthony Green Brent Jones

talented, so they'll take the defense's attention away from

Defensively, the Wildcats will be paced by senior defensive end Taylor Fox (6-2, 212), who was one of the team's top tacklers during the 2004 campaign. He'll be joined on the D-line by fellow end Ali Saleem (6-1, 200) and two tackles who will come from a group including seniors Matt Schultz (5-10, 195) and Theo Braboy (6-1, 216), and juniors Mo Hakkani (5-7, 226) and T.J. Storm (5-10, 260)

The line-backing unit will be solid with Gerald Lou (5-11, 220), Nick Rosochacki (6-0, 158), Jared Panyan (6-0, 206) and Mike McIntosh (5-10, 202) providing excellent speed. Roaming the secondary



Nathan Gholston

will be cornerbacks Kevin Minor (5-9, 176) and Vernon Stewart (5-8, 171), both seniors, sophomore strong safety Spencer Tobin (5-11, 170) and free safety Austin McKinney (6-0, 168). Labrodric Caldwell (5-9, 155) will also see plenty of action in the defensive backfield, Blaylock

Minor will handle the place-kicking duties while Le Duc will punt. Last year, Minor blasted a 44-yard field goal into the wind against Ogemaw Heights.

"Canton will be tough again in the (WLAA)," Blaylock said. "Walled Lake Central is returning a lot of their starters, so they should be up there, too, and Walled Lake Western is has a very athletic

WILDCATS AT A GLANCE

Head coach: Jay Blaylock 2004 record: 2-7 overall, 1-4 in Western Lakes Activities Association

Players on varsity roster: 63 Returning starters: 11 on offense; 11 on defense Kev returners: QB Brent Jones. RB Anthony Green, OL Shaun Bailey, RB Nathan Gholston, TE Josh Le Duc, DE Taylor Fox Circle this date: Sept. 2 vs. Salem. Wildcats will be looking to even "Black-and-Blue" series with Rocks following last season's one-point loss. Interesting note: Plymouth will start season with two platoons, meaning no players will play both offense and defense..

Plymouth opens its season at 4:30 p.m. Friday when it hosts Livonia Churchill at the P-CEP football field.

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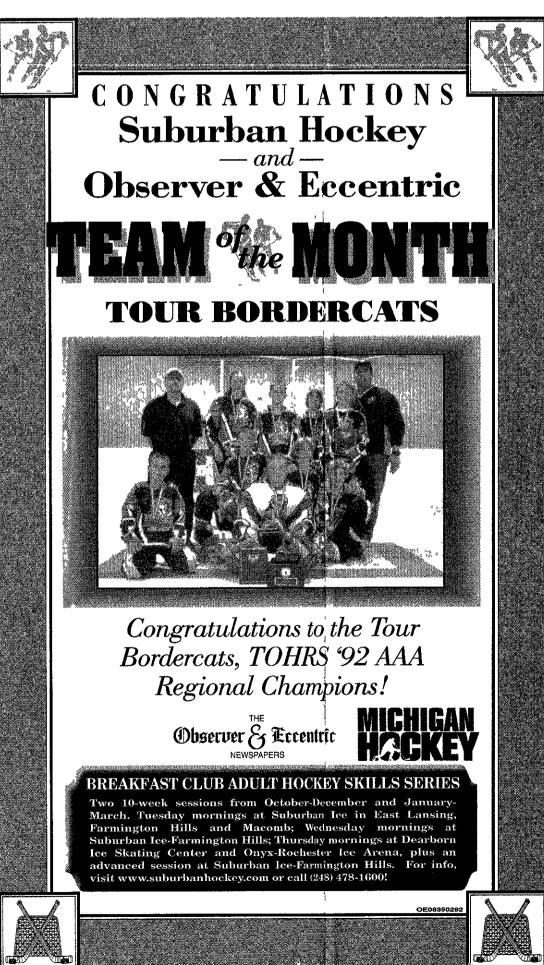


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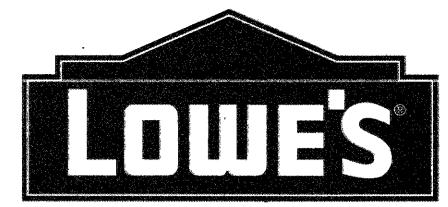
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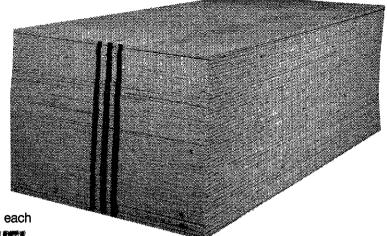




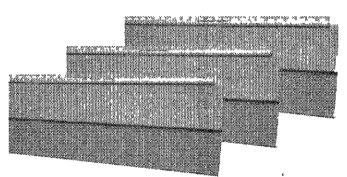
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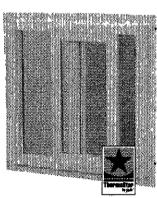
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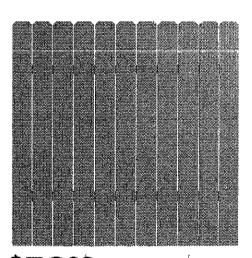
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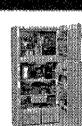
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MU to host sports conference Whalers' hope to build on '04

Madonna University Sport Management undergraduate program will host its inaugural Career and Professional Development Sport Conference sponsored by the Plymouth Whalers on Friday, Oct. 21.

The conference will be held in Kresge Hall on the campus of Madonna University from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sports agent Kevin Poston, president and CEO of Professional Sports Planners, Inc., will serve as the keynote speaker. Poston's clients include Detroit Lions wide receiver Charles Rogers, Milwaukee **Bucks** point-guard Michael Redd, Oakland Raiders defensive back Charles Woodson, Washington Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington, New York Jets defensive back Ty Law and Kellen Winslow Jr., tight end for the Cleveland Browns.

Sponsors for the conference are the Plymouth Whalers Hockey Club, Detroit Tigers

Baseball Club, Total Sports Complex, McNish Sporting Goods, Izzy's of Livonia and Sodexho catering services.

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The conference features two morning and afternoon breakout sessions addressing specific topics related to sports.

The morning session will focus on the business of managing collegiate athletics programs and professional sports organi-

Oakland University athletics director Jack Mehl and University of Michigan assistant athletics director-marketing, Tom Brooks, will provide insight into the commercialization and economics of collegiate athletics, including the never ending debate-paying student athletes.

Duane McLean, senior vice president of sales, and Stephen Quinn, CFO for the Detroit Tigers, will discuss the challenges of maintaining a professional sport franchise that does not just include player salaries.

Following lunch, the afternoon breakout sessions will feature Dr. Tom George, a sport psychologist and sociologist from the University of Michigan Sport Management program, along with Eric Pate, radio personality for AM 1130 WDFN and sports writer for the Michigan Chronicle.

Tickets for the conference go on sale Aug. 17 and are \$15, which includes lunch. After Oct. 17, tickets are \$25.

Online payments using MasterCard, Discover, American Express and E-Check are accepted. For check payments, mail registration form along with a check payable to: Madonna University Sport Management Club, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI

For more information or to register online for the conference visit www.madonna.edu or call Barb Dailey at (734) 432BY PETE KRUPSKY CORRESPONDENT

When the Plymouth Whalers start training camp Aug. 31, they'll be looking to build on a 30-29-6-3 season in which a host of skaters in their first or second year in the Ontario Hockey League saw major ice time last season.

Scrimmages run Thursday, Sept. 1, and Friday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Rosters will be provided at the scrimmages.

Something Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci said at the beginning of last season holds true now.

"Our average age is just under 18, so we're a real young team compared to some around the Ontario Hockey League," said Vellucci at the start of last season. "Just because you're young doesn't mean you're not going to be good. We have a lot of skill with our young guys. The skill is what's going to

make us a better team.

"We're counting on young guys to produce. It's going to be a long haul here and we need to just get better and better as time goes on."

Although the Whalers have some quality veterans returning like goaltender Ryan Nie, forward John Vigilante and defensemen Mike Letizia and Mike Looby - all overage candidates — the bulk of the team is starting its third season or are younger.

And if the adage holds that it often takes OHL players a couple of years to fully develop, then several Whalers could have career seasons, including:

■ 18-year-old right wing Dan Collins, who was taken in the third round of this summer's National Hockey League Entry Draft by the Florida Panthers, went from 22 points as a rookie in 2003-04, to 46 points last

■ 18-year-old left wing James Neal, who was selected in the second round of the NHL Entry Draft by the Dallas Stars, went from six points in nine games in a brief appearance with Plymouth in 2003-04, to 44 points last season;

■ 18-year-old center Andrew Fournier scored a goal in three games with Plymouth in 200304 and then scored 15 points in 34 games last year before suffering a season-ending injury;

■ 18-year-old defenseman Ryan McGinnis, who was selected in the sixth round of the 2005 NHL Entry Draft by the Los Angeles Kings, suffered through an injury-plagued rookie season in 2003-04, playing just 32 games before rebounding with a solid season last year; and

■ 19-year-old defenseman Steve Ward, whose career received a new lease on life after being acquired by the Whalers from the Sarnia Sting at the start of last season and responded with 18 points in his first chance at regular ice time.

"All five of these players are important members of this team," said Vellucci. "To their credit, they worked hard last year to become good players in this league. We look for them to continue to improve this year."

The "Getting Better Every Year" theory didn't hold true for every Whaler last season. Two forwards selected in the 2004 NHL Entry Draft — RW Gino Pisellini (Philadelphia) and LW Vaclav Meidl (Nashville) went from 30 points and 42, respectively, as rookies in 2003-04, to 10 and 28 last sea-

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Cantón, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-

August 16, 2005 A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday August 16, 2005 at 1150 Canton Center S., Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call: Board of Trustees: Members present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Staff Present: Anthony Minghine, John Spencer, Tim Faas, Tom Casari.

Item 1: GCSI Presentation (Governmental Consultant

Services Inc.): Mr. Kirk Profit and Mr. Eric Hingst of updated the Township Board on their representation of Canton Township and its' issues in Lansing.

Item 2: Water & Wastewater Cost of Service & Rate Study:

Mr. Mark Beauchamp of Utility Financial Solutions, presented water/wastewater costs and rate study. This study project revenue requirements and costs relative to use of water and discharge of wastewater in Canton Township This study develops a methodology to move customers from the existing rate structure to an updated cost base rate structure The Board of Trustees was asked to consider and evaluate for future discussion the model presented as related to development of a new rate structure for billing for use of water and treatment of wastewater. ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn the

- Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Comes of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter vaship of Canton, 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regu-business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval

NOTICE OF PUBLIC

HEARING ON

OBJECTIONS TO

FIRE AND POLICE

PROTECTION SPECIAL

ASSESSMENT LEVY

Notice is hereby given that the Charter

Township of Canton Board of Trustees will

hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Public

Acts 33 and 181 of 1951, as amended, for

the purpose of hearing objections to

defraying the expenses of the Fire and Police Protection Districts by a Special Assessment levy to be spread on the tax

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Room, Canton Administration

1150 S. Canton Center Road,

PLACE: Board of Trustees Meeting

Canton, Michigan 48188

On May 18, 1976, a Fire Protection Special

Assessment Levy was approved by the voters,

and at the June 22, 1976 Public Hearing, the

Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of

Canton unanimously approved the creation of a

Fire Protection Special Assessment District for

On August 27, 1977, a Police Protection Special

Assessment Levy was approved by the voters,

and at the September 13, 1977 Public Hearing,

the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton approved the creation of a Police

Protection Special Assessment District for the

The Fiscal Year 2006 estimated Fire and Police

budgets submitted by the Public Safety Director

rolls effective December 1, 2005.

7:00 P.M

Building

DATE:

TIME:

the entire Township.

entire Township.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE **EVALUATION REPORT** (FY 2004 CDBG "CAPER") PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The above named document for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program is available for inspection at the Community Services Division office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5194, during regular business hours. The document describes the performance of the CDBG program from July 1, 2004—June 30, 2005. Comments on the CAPER will be accepted for 30 days, beginning August 25, 2005. Comments received during the public comment period or during a public hearing to be scheduled at a later date will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the CAPER.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Casework for the New Elementary School at Cherry Hill. Bid documents are available by contacting Doug Underwood of the District's Construction Management Team of McCarthy & Smith at (248) 427-8400 A pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, August, 24th, 2005 at 1000 am at the PCCS EJ McClendon Educational Center, 454 S Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 This bid will solely cover Bid Division #BD128 Architectural Casework and sealed bids are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center on or before 1.30 p.m., Thursday, September 1, 2005 where they will be read publicly. The bidder shall provide a notarized copy of the disclosure of familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan. For additional information please phone Dan Phillips of the PCCS Finance Department at 734-416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

> > \$9,899,100

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total

and the Administration are as follows:

Salaries & O/T \$4,556,7775 Fringe Benefits 1,648,793 Capital Outlay 1,561,200 Operations 1,617,222 Bond Debt Service 495,110

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries & O/T \$7,886,551 Fringe Benefits 2,886,551 Capital Outlay 321,595 **Operations** 2,775,678 Bond Debt Service 71.564 \$13,181,888 Total

The proposed millage rates are as follows:

Increase P.A.5 (Decrease) 2005 over 2004 Limit

2.3580 N/A Fire Millage 2.3580 0.0000 Police Millage 4.1260 N/A 4.1260 0.0000 Charter Millage <u>2.3660</u> 2.3098 <u>2.3660</u> <u>0.0000</u> 8.8500 0.0000 8.8500

The Charter Millage is more than what the Township could levy under P.A. 5, 1982 (Truth in Taxation). The property tax Charter Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed fiscal year 2006 General Fund budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice published by:

Charter Township of Canton 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, Michigan 48188-1699 (313) 394-5100

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 300 pm., September 8TH, 2005 for the following:

CONSTRUCT AND INSTALL NEW WELCOME TO CANTON

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

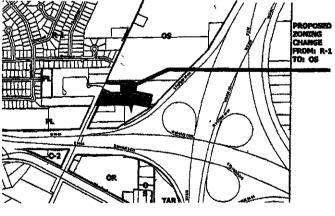
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 99.004

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 99 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 0008, attached thereto, and made part of this Ordinance.



ORDINANCE NO. 99.004 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 008 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R-78-021-99-0026-000; R-78-021-99-0027-000; R-78-021-99-0028-001

CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance

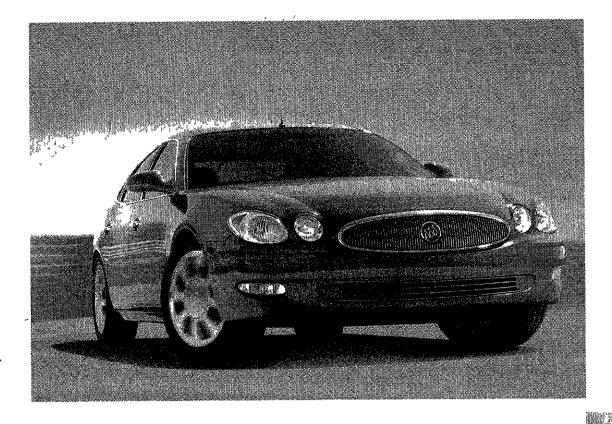
are hereby declared to take effect on September 9, 2005. ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1943, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on August 9, 2005 and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on August 9, 2005 Effective Date: September 9, 2005

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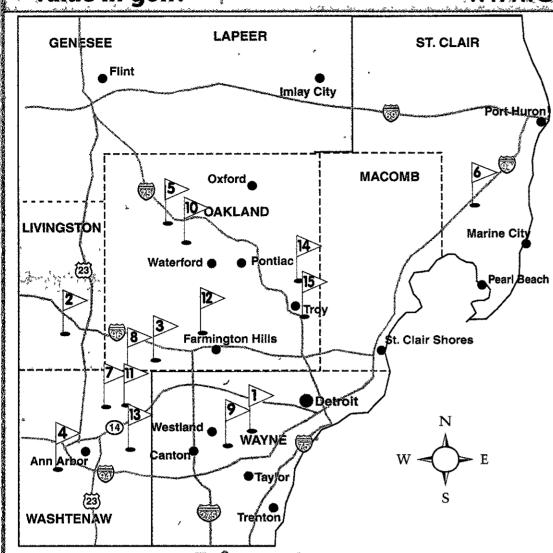
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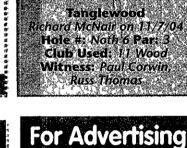
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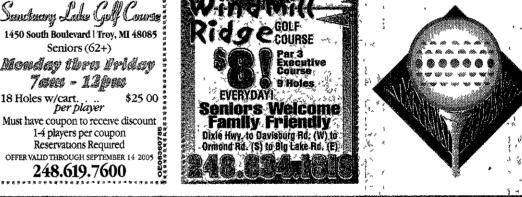
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Class act: School districts spread word to Realtors on quality of education

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Steve Wasko, assistant superintendent for West Bloomfield schools, finds those relocating to the district are interested in the quality of education.

"Very much so," he said of those moving, "whether it be a move across state or across region or even across the coun-

Homebuyers, even those without young children, are concerned about the quality of local public schools. Parents often go online to check such things as test scores and high school completion rates, Wasko said.

"We very much encourage them to pay a visit to the school," he said. Such a visit can help parents get a sense of fit and feel, and how the principal and staff connect with

When parents go online to research such things as Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores, some question very small differences between two schools within the district, Wasko said. Both schools will have done well, however, and offer high-caliber education.

His district has done Realtor events and tours, and finds it more effective for district staffers to go to Realtors' offices. West Bloomfield school officials have made dozens of such presentations in the last couple of years.

"Sometimes it's rumor control," Wasko said. "We're able to děfůše that quickly."

West Bloomfield also has an annual district open house with prospective district parents as the target audience. That Sunday afternoon event is followed by a Welcome Week in the spring in which parents visit schools in session, and by personalized contact.

Realtor Phyllis Pulty of Century 21 Town & Country in Plymouth used to get more questions on school quality when she started in 1991. "Now people can go on the Internet and pull it up themselves," she said. "They can do it more independently."

She does have some clients who have specific thoughts on

the school district they'll buy in. "I do have people who only want Plymouth-Canton."

Pulty finds Plymouth-Canton, Northville and Novi districts are good sells in her business. She agrees quality of education matters a great deal to homebuyers, particularly those with children.

In the Wayne-Westland district, educators hold an annual luncheon for Realtors, distributing packets with district information and answering questions. "It's been very well-received," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "It really sorts through the various myths about education, about MEAP scores. We address the perception head on. It's a great opportunity to give information to our Realtors.

The Wayne-Westland event, in the spring, answers questions about facilities, with Realtors wanting to know they're updated, safe and orderly. There are questions about technology and athletic facilities, along with what's offered in such extracurriculars as band, orchestra and debate.

"They look at your core curriculum," Baracy said. With No Child Left Behind, questions come in from Realtors about teacher qualifications. Some ask about North Central Association accreditation.

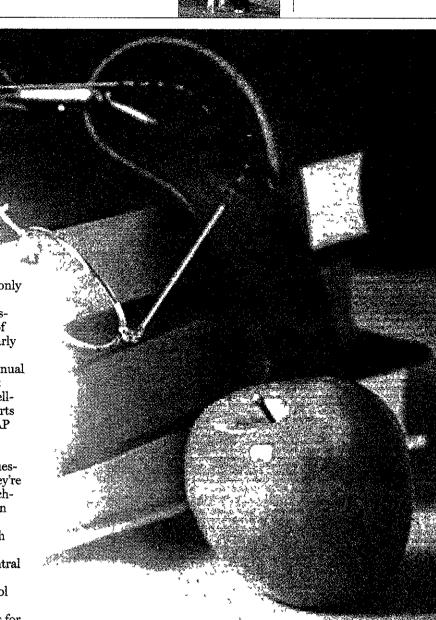
"Those are good indicators of a high performing school district," he said.

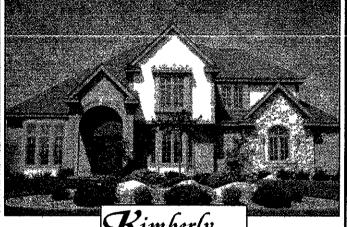
Busing and early childhood programs are also sources for questions. Baracy, like Wasko, encourages parents to call the building principal and set up a time to visit before the child enrolls.

Wayne-Westland's not an intracounty schools of choice district, but Baracy noted growing competition from private and charter schools. That means school districts must get the word out to Realtors and parents.
"We have to do a very good job promoting the good things

we do," he said. That wasn't true as much in the past, and districts now need a strategic plan for marketing.

"This is becoming a basic necessity of schools now," Baracy said.





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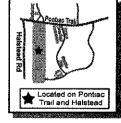
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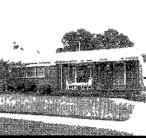
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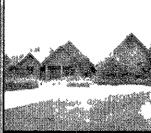
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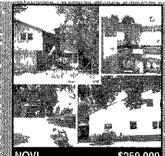
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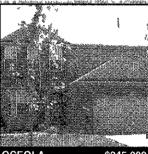
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Best to check if smokescreen exists

We have interviewed a management company who provided us with a glossy brochure including a list of references including a list of CPAs. Our CPA was not listed on their list of references and when we asked the management company why that was the case, they indicated that the CPA was well qualified but too expensive. Our CPA was outraged at that pronouncement and said it was just a smoke screen. What do you think?

It is difficult to determine whether the management company was operating in good faith or merely using as the excuse that your CPA was too expensive because it did not like doing business with your CPA. While management companies have preferred relationships with

professionals, in some instances those professionals have done favors for the management company which has resulted in their management company returning the favor. Your CPA may have made a legitimate observation and you may be best advised to consider another management company.

As a condo expert, do you have any information on whether associations can prohibit smoking in the common areas and inside units?

While there is not a great deal of case law, many associations already prohibit smoking in enclosed common areas such as elevators, lobbies, hallways, stairways, laundry rooms, etc. There is a move in many condominium associations to prohibit smoking on balconies because smoke drafts in their units. Some associations have also enacted bans in playgrounds areas to protect children. As to prohibiting smoking inside units, in a written opinion issued by the Public Health Institute, they claim that people do not have a fundamental right to smoke. There is increasing discussion about prohibiting smoking in condominium developments altogether because of fire, safety, and nuisance reasons. I am not aware of any statute or case law regulating second hand smoke in common interest developments although it is anticipated that



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there will be litigation in that area in the near future. You are best to consult with your community association attorney regarding this issue.

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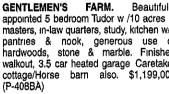
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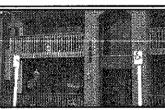
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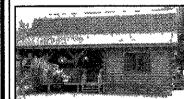
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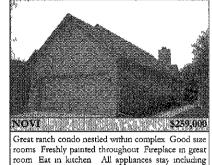
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> While noble in theory, some lender letters fall short of this desired end. In fact, mortgage pre-approval letters often are not worth the paper on which they are print-

Many people use the terms "pre-qualification" and "pre-approval" interchangeably. That's fine. Regardless of your word preference, properly prepared mortgage preapproval letters can be very helpful. Lousy ones can lead to disaster.

To properly "pre-quali-

fy" a mortgage applicant, a loan officer should review the borrowers' credit. If the borrowers' credit scores are impeccable and they would qualify for 100 percent financing without any sort of income verification, an immediate prequalification letter may be in order. However, most of the time, the loan officer will need to perform a debt-to-income analysis to determine the borrowers' eligibility.

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cable. A loan officer who writes a pre-approval letter without this step may be setting everybody up for failure.

A well-written preapproval letter also includes the borrowers' names and current address, the type of mortgage for which they may qualify, their maximum purchase price, and any sale limitations such as a requirement to sell their existing home.

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pre-approval letters include my personal contact information and an invitation for any interested parties to phone me should the have questions related to my letter. I

also usually state whether I actually reviewed income documents.

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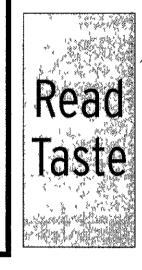
fication letter sets the stage for the success (or failure) for your real estate transaction. Make sure it's solid.

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Viking range, huge great
room w/ vaulted cedling &
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REMODELED FROM TOP
TO BOTTOM w/ dramatic 2story entry new kitchen w/
ceramic floor, custom
cabinetry & tray celling, large
master suite w/ private bath &
WIC, new deck &
andscaping new finished

CANTON MOVE-IN READY 4BR QUAD w/ all updates done incl roof, furnace windows & more New maple kitchen 03, big fam room w/ fireplace fenced yard w/ deck. Walk to elem school \$225,000 lb#7386

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master BR w/ balcomy, giant
2++ car garage w/ room for
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private bathroom, CA, great
iloor plan Full basement,
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cuite, finished basement wired
for theatre 2nd floor laundry
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OAKLAND TWP

OXFORD BLUFFS OF WATERSTONE W panoramic yiews of woods, golf & water Upgrades galore, raised mapie cabinetry, 2-story great room huge library w French doors vaulted master suite, hardwood floors 9 ceilings, deep basement 3-szr garage.

PONTIAC PERFECT STARTER in northern Pontiac STARTER in northern Pontiac minutes to 1-75 & Great Lakes Crossing Move-in ready w/ fresh paint, refinished wood

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DUPLEX w/ new carpet
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more Wood floors, full base-



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ROMULUS OPEN AIR LIVING on ½ acre wooded lot 3BR 2½BA ranch feat great room w fireplace, new deck, master sulte w jetted tub & shower, vaulted cellings, new AC & frest paint Built 2002 \$139 900 ID#7403

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NORTHVILLE
5 MINUTES W OF DOWNTOWN 3+ acres of woods for on extra-deep lot near privacy & sounds of nature schools, park & Beaumont Over 3500SF, finished walkout Ceramic floors Maple w wood floors, island kitchen, cabinetry, vaulied celings, 2nd fir laundry master suite prof landscaping huge deck & w H&H WIC and jetted tub bool 4 BRs incl st floor Full bsmt, 2-car gar, nuge master Salem Twp \$489,000 covered deck, fully landscaped \$325,000 lD#7326



NEW HUDSON

ARLAND TWP 2+ ACRES in neighborhood of upscale homes across from Paint Creek Pairkl Completely updated 3BR 2BA ranch w ceramic & wood floors, huge rooms & amenities galore \$369 900 ID#7390

OAK PARK COM-PLETELY REMODELED GEM W new kitchen-bath-windows-wood floors-carpet-plumbing & more Charming English tudor design W hgh cellings, arched doorways, gas fireplace \$156 000 D#7399

deep basement, 3-car garağe \$419 900 ID#7353

floors, big fenced yard \$94,000 ID#7360

ment, fenced yard w/ garage \$89,900 ID#7415



\$119 000 ID#7417





dist to downtown wilking dist to downtown w/ fresh paint, new carpet, oak kitchen w/ new ceramic floor, hardwood floors living room w/ coved ceiling & archways, master w/ bonus area, 1-car garage, fenced \$149,900 ID#7397

ROYAL OAK SHARP BUNGALOW walking dist to schools & parks w/ new kitchen, spacious family room addition, large LR w/ coved ceilings, hardwood floors, fenced yard \$169,900 ID#7396

ROYAL OAK WALKTO DOWNTOWN Move-in ready bungalow w/ updated maple & ceramic kitchen, arched doorways, coved ceilings wood floors formal DR, big yard, detached \$164,900 ID#7400



SOUTHFIELD STUNNING SOFT CONTEM-PORARY w/ finished walkout has skylir great room w/ FP & wet bar, large master suite, 1st floor laundry, huge private yard w/ hot tub backs to woods \$337,500 ID#7358

SOUTHFIELD GREAT LOCATION Move-in condi-tion ranch w/ sunken family room & oversized fireplace Lots of recent updates includance & windows, furnace & Lois or recent updates inclearet, windows, furnace & kitchen w/ built-in appliances Full bsrit, 2-car carage nice yard \$175,000 ID#7268

SOUTHFIELD ROOMY RANCH 3BR 2½BA feat LR w/ beamed ceiling & natural fireplace Both full baths updated in '02 Finished basement w/ garden win-dows, 2-car attached ga-rage \$179,900 ID#7343 TROY QUAINT & AP-PEALING 4BR 2 BA w/ Troy Schools! Great room w/ stone fireplace coved cell-ings, hardwood floors mas-ter w/ balcony, 2-car gar + separate workshop Major updates all done \$199,900 ID#7395

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w formal LR & DR, fam from
w access to fenced yard, prof landscape w fountain, at-tached 2-car garage, oak krichen, cathedral cellings \$199,000 ID#7418

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BEAUTIFUL OPEN RANCH
W all the belts & whistles at
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15x11 closet This home is
unbelievable, incl lake privisieges on all-sports Elizabeth
Lake 5 BRs, 4 full & 2 half
baths \$424,900 iD#7336

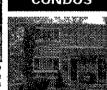
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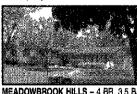


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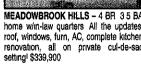
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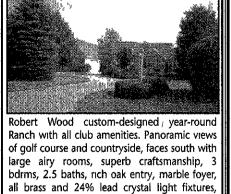
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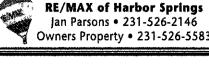
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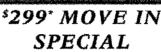
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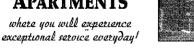
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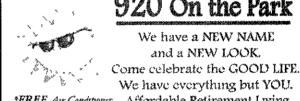
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WORKWISE

consultant at Leadership Acts in San Mildred L. Francisco, saw Culp no signs that

Mike Horne,

his boss was

about to be fired. Rather, he says, he saw the "everywhere, but I was either too loval or in some sort of denial." Brenda Christensen, director of Expansion at Panda Software in Glendale, Calif., a leading anti-virus software company headquartered in Spain, "was completely blind-sided" when her boss was axed at a publicly-held Canadian company where she was vice president.

Anyone who has watched a boss leave knows that this situation can present a major setback. With 20/20 hindsight, Horne recalls, "I noticed that others were beginning to position themselves for a new regime. Peers were having lunch with others in organization. My boss seemed distracted. Her focus was off-kilter."

POLITICS

Based in Chicago, Gene Morrissy, senior consultant at the privately-held RHR Intenational Company of 70 leadership consulting psychologists, says that such myopia may be caused by being "a layer below your boss; so you

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don't know what may be emerging. Also, in some companies, when people are struggling, they don't give a clear signal. The people below may not have a really good clue."

Horne did have clues, specifically from his boss. "She told me I should look for another job," he says. "She must have known. She said, 'There's a lot of change going on here. Maybe you should be thinking about exit strategy.' I decided to keep my head stuck in the sand. I talked to the boss's boss and asked how I could position myself for other opportunities in the organization. He was probably polite to me, but it was clear that my fortunes would rise and fall with her. There were signals from co-workers and

"Eventually, in about three to four weeks, they decided to help me," he says with a laugh. "Everyone who was a close ally was going to get the ax, because the new guy was bringing his own team."

Christensen had moved to corporate head-quarters three months prior to her boss's firing. A corporate officer herself, she was involved in setting strategy. She learned at lunch. "The chairman of the board told employees to come across for a special meeting where they introduced the new president," she recalls. "The old president had gone (elsewhere) to lunch." Christensen felt that there had been compelling evidence favoring

continuity. Shares had jumped from \$1 to \$5 in a four-month period and the quarter-to-quarter revenue reflected an upturn. The company had just won the industry's top

Morrissy says that politics take precedence over results, especially "when there's a conflict between the chairman and president . . . fit or lack of fit becomes very meaningful."

WHAT TO DO

Morrissy further offers this advice: - "When you believe your boss or CEO is on the way out, prove your value by preparing a list of your

group's accomplishments.

- "Do your homework when you're preparing for a new boss by calling someone in sales (they will tell you anything) at the CEO's old company and ask for the scoop on her or him.

 "When a new boss or CEO arrives, help by taking a lead in the boss's integration into the company so he or she gets up to speed more quickly and appreciates your assistance in gaining credibility.'

Horne would be less altruistic if he were confronted with the same situation again. His belief "that all humans are inherently good" and that "organizations are paragons of altruism" kept him from seeing the reality of politics and



Mike Horne, consultant at Leadership Acts in San Francisco, offers insight from first hand experience.

backstabbing. Today he'd build better alliances so that he'd have better information, particularly if he wanted to remain in an organization. He'd grasp the impact of authority on politics. Finally, he might consider following the boss to a new company.

Horne would also know that "it's every man for him or herself. People today are most likely to lawyer-up. I think that I'd pay attention to the tea leaves."



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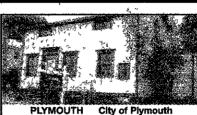
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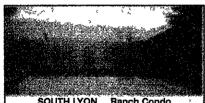
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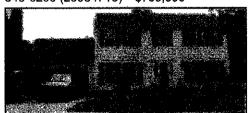


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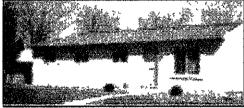
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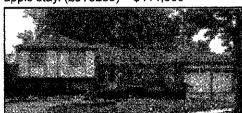
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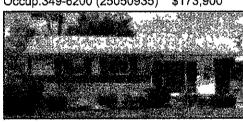
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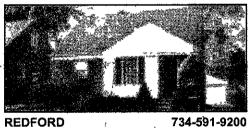
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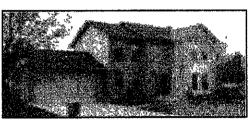
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734-455-7000 CANTON 4BR/3 5BA Sunflower Colonial. Fin'd bsmt. New roof. Newer HWH. Mstr ste w/cath ceil & bay, WIC, luxury BA w/jet tub & shower FR w/cath ceil and FP. (23G47179) \$369,900



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734-326-2000 WESTLAND Absolutely fantastic! Great floor plan and awesome fin'd bsmt. Skylit Int, Mstr BR Ste, Foyer, Newer frnc, In-ground pool w/ newer liner Real Sharp Ranch w/lots of updates (B204) \$199,500



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2.5 BA, FR, eat in kit, & part fin'd bsmt-plumb FIX ME UP and you will have a great home on over for lav. Plymouth/Canton Schls. Home warranty a half an acre with a 2.5 car gar for under \$100,000 How can you go wrong? (25084967) \$99,900

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COMMERCE TWP 248-348-6430 LIVONIA 734-35-7000
BUILDERS MODEL 3300 sq ft. All granite t/o CUSTOM HOME! 4 BR,3.5 BA Oak fir in foyer, kit, NOVI
1st fir mstr,GR, custom kit. Fully landscaped & nook & powder m. Custom trim pkg.Bsmt is roughed STARTER HOME ON 1/4 ACRE LOT 3 BR ranch. cedar deck. Beautiful! Nothing spared.349-6200 for a future full BA 3 car gar. Mstr ste w/fashion Open floor plan.2 car att gar. Huge yard with deck (25103103) \$649,000 BA,WIC & studio ceiling (23N37773) \$549,900 Move in and enjoy.349-6200 (25114760) \$165,000 WESTI AND 734-326-2000

248-348-6430 DEARBORN HEIGHTS

RAMBLING RANCH ON 3/4 ACRE CUL-DE-SAC A charming bungalow in the Westwood School Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial Low maint 3 BR, freshly painted inside, new windws. District. Updtd kit & BA, Newer hot water tank, entry Open floor plan offers gourmet kit w/skylight. Comes w/oak cabs, full bsmt & a (22x26) 2.5 car hdwd firs under crpt, full fin'd bsmt, c/a & all appl. doors, roof, & storm windows. Over sized gar and 2 car side entry gar. 349-6200 (25081278) \$394,500 cement in 1998 (25070568) \$105,900 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! New construction in the Westwood School School

734-455-7000 LIVONIA POPULAR GLENGARRY SUB 3-car gar.1st fl 3 BR BRICK COLONIALI 1 car gar, hdwd flrs, Updtd and in move in condition 3BR ranch @ 5 & kit w/loads of cupboards, roof (tear-off), a/c, drs, Indry Lg deck. 2-story foyer. Kit w/oak cabs, isl, stove, fridge, washer, dryer, new wndws, updated levan. Beautiful landscaped interior lot, 2 cargar, fin'd hdwd flrs, crpt, remod BA, glass blk wndws, copp hdwd flrs. FR w/gas FP. LR w/bay window. Mstr ste cabinets, custom blinds, new HWH, glass block bsmt and recent costly updts (25100660) \$224,900 plumb, painted-move right in (25104636) \$146,500 wndws, part fin'd bsmt (23I16135) \$100,000

LR & DR.1st flr indry. FR w/fpic.Mstr ste w/full BA, & hdwd flooring, newer wndws, carpet, siding, NORTHVILLE sep shower & jet tub. (25117902) \$284,900 appl 349-6200 (25060594), \$229,900 CAREFREE.

Huge 2-tier deck begs entertaining and fin'd bamt lot, updtd BA, new fir, jetted tub. New kit fir and w/pool. 349-6200 (25104792) \$139,900 newer appls. Farm schis Newer wides, freshly NORTHVILLE 248-348 painted. (23R21732) \$139,900 734-591-9200 GARDEN CITY

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The RR 340-8 brick paver patio C/A 2 5 BA. Partly fin'd bsmt.1st landscaped private yard. 2 story FR, den, frml DR, remod Custom trim work, cherry hdwd firs 2 full remodeled kit and BA. (25060976) \$84,900 fir BR. 349-6200 (25080502) \$229,500 fin'd bsmt & more (25102441) \$405,900 BA,1st fir office/den (23A40810) \$319,900

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4,900 & wndws. Oversized lot, 2 level pond & perennials. NOV! 248-348-6430 WESTLAND 734-326-2000 part fin bsmt, 12x12 barn. (25062841) \$155,000 QUAINT,CUTE&PLENTYOFUPGRADES Spacious neighborhood! Fin'd Bsmt w/4th BR & recreation located. 3 BR, GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000 floor plan, newer crpt, lovely kit, huge FR, 2 car area. Newer windows. including bay in LR. Home

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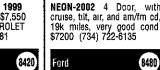
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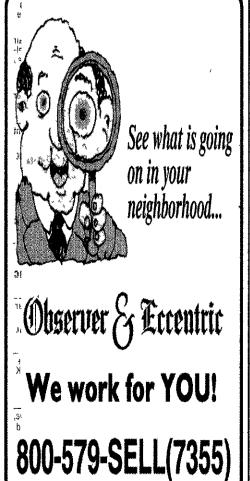
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BY DALE BUSS I'm not completely sold on the Infiniti FX35 crossover vehicle. I love its stunning looks, but I've got some performance issues with it. I just finished driving a 2005 FX35 and would like to see what tweaks the Nissan luxury division comes up with in

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the 2006 model. Let's back up a little bit. FX35 is perhaps the most extreme design statement in an individual vehicle of the last several years, by a company that has come back in the U.S. market in large part on the strength of its extreme design statements. Nissan was almost in the tank several years ago until it was rescued by Renault CEO Carlos Ghosn, who leveraged a Renault-Nissan alliance into a global renaissance for Nissan.

Ghosn has relied heavily on design statements to get Nissan vehicles back into consideration by increasingly style- and sizzle-conscious American consumers. That's why he came up with the Murano crossover vehicle and the Quest minivan as well as the trend-setting Xterra light SUV.

Nissan extended its radical design philosophy to its Infiniti brand as well, and that attitude is best expressed in FX35 and its slightly more upscale crossover cousin, FX45. Its shape is extremely organic and rounded, like something the Sta-Puf Marshmallow Man might drive. Nissan's intent apparently was to make the FX35 look sporty from the belt line up and more functional from there on down. And its proportions are striking, starting with its wide stance and long hood under a very tucked-in roof. The overhangs are short, exaggerating the distance between its front and rear wheels.

A bulging hood makes the front of the vehicle look high. And a yawning grill, featuring a series of little round bumps on the cross hatches, uniquely presents the car's badge, the Infiniti logo. Large tires - on 18-inch aluminum-alloy wheels on the 2005 version I drove - exaggerate the outsized proportions.



The 2005 Infiniti FX35

All of that is well and good. So, for the most part, are the performance characteristics of the vehicle. The FX35 is available only with a 280-horsepower, 3.5-liter V-6 engine and a five-speed automatic transmission with a manual-shift mode. This power is more than adequate to get the compact FX35 up and running and darting in and out of all routine traffic.

FX35 also is notable because of the fact that it's available with either rear- or all-wheel drive, the latter being one of its most attractive attributes as a true crossover vehicle. All-wheel-drive models use an electronically controlled system that automatically directs power to the wheels with the most traction. Fuel economy, for an SUV, is a respectable 16 miles a gallon in the city and 22 mpg on the highway. Actually, the V6 engine that powers the FX35 is the same powerplant used in the Nissan 350Z sports car.

And truly, FX35 is a driver's car, overall smooth, powerful and very stable. Its big brakes and firm independent suspension means that FX25 can be driven "harder" than most traditional sport utility vehicles, and the vehicle grips the roadway much more firmly. However, I found myself disappointed with at least one aspect of the vehicle's performance: I thought that the road noise on certain types of highway pavement was excessive.

Inside, FX35 offers plenty of amenities, ranging from eight-way power driver and front-passenger seats, a leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob to dual-zone automatic climate control, keyless entry, an in-dash six-disc CD changer and optional leather seating, a power tilt and telescoping steering wheel, heated seats and mirrors, a sunroof, and a 300-watt Bose audio system.

Clearly, a significant deficiency of FX35 is in its rear-passenger and cargo areas, which can only handle two people comfortably - and there is no optional third-row seating. Headroom is tight in back because of the vehicle's extremely sloping roofline, but the rear seats recline to give passengers there a break. The cargo area is extremely tight, not offering even enough room to count on for a short vacation for four people. But there is a neat soft-plastic mat on the floor of the cargo area, which is an interesting and more easily maintainable alternative to the carpet that the vast majority of SUVs still use.

If you want to drive hard and be noticed, consider FX35 for 2006, which sports a few enhancements, including standard leather-seating surfaces and standard heated outside mirrors. But don't count on hauling around a lot of stuff!

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