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Kids line up for their first day as brand-new first graders at Miller Elementary, which opened its doors for the first in more than a year.

Vets, rookies alike get 1st-day nerves

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Erica Pirronello stood in front of her Spanish II class Tuesday morning, and with the words "Buenos dias, hola" (good morning, hi), the 2001 Salem High School graduate officially began her teaching career at Canton High School, not far from the room where she spent four years learning Spanish herself.

"I couldn't fall asleep (Monday) night," admitted Pirronello, 25. "I sat in my bed and looked over the lesson plans for the first two weeks. It was nerve-wracking."

"After five years of college, I'm finally starting my career," she said. "You work so hard in college and don't know when it will come. And, now, I have my own classroom. It was very surreal."

First-year teachers apparently aren't the only ones who get butterflies, though. Isbister Elementary fourth-grade teacher Marsha Fistler is starting her 11th year and said she still gets a bit nervous for the first day of school.

"Last (Monday) night I was thinking about what the day

would look like," said Fistler, 36, of Plymouth Township. "I was a little uneasy when I went to bed."

"But, this (Tuesday) morning, I was excited to meet the kids and see what would happen," she said.

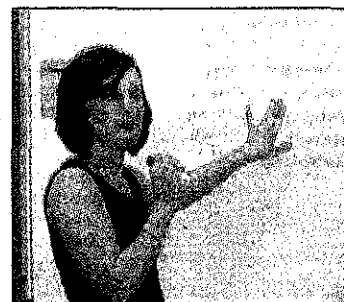
"Because you don't know the kids, you're not quite as prepared. You have to be flexible to see how the kids get along with each other and how they respond to me. I wonder about the mood of the class ... will they leave here having had a good day, or

thinking that I was mean." Pirronello overcame her nerves in two languages, using both Spanish and English to give out the supply list, and review some of the basics, such as the days of the week, months, numbers and the alphabet during the 20-minute first-day classes.

After asking students if they were triste (sad), nervoso (nervous) or tienes hambre (hungry), Pirronello - without mentioning it was also her first day - said she had many of the same feelings on the first day of school.

"I'm having you think about how you feel this morning

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Erica Pirronello, a Spanish teacher at Canton High School, goes to the whiteboard during the first day of school Tuesday.

Homecoming

A new day (and year) dawns on renovated Miller Elementary

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Like hundreds of kids all over Canton, Sean Barnett woke up Tuesday morning giddy about the first day of class, headed out of the door with his father and walked to school.

Sean, 6, wasn't able to do that last year. He, along with his fellow students at Miller Elementary, spent the year at Washington Elementary in Livonia while the 35-year-old school was gutted and renovated.

"He was a little confused," said Sean's mother, Linda Barnett. "He asked me if

his friends would be here and I had to explain it to him. He was excited and we are happy the building is open, it looks-really nice."

Sean, who started the first grade on Tuesday, is like many of the 460 students at Miller that live in the direct vicinity of the updated school.

"I am tickled pink that we don't have to drive to Livonia anymore," said Canton resident Teresa Mullenax, as she arrived at the school to get her daughter, Emma.

At the end of Tuesday's half day of

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Standing in the kindergarten line at Miller, Tamika Calhoun applies the strongest cleaner known to man, mother's saliva, to daughter Deivon Calhoun's face.

New police packet eases the pain of identity theft

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

A Canton woman recently went to the police station with an all-too-familiar story: Someone had stolen her identity and racked up thousands of dollars of debt under her name.

An unknown person pretending to be the 54-year-old woman had charged \$3,000 worth of goods at Sears.

"Unfortunately, this is pretty prevalent," said Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski. "Identity theft is one of our top five reported crimes."

In response, the Canton Police Department has created an identity theft victim's packet. The 12-page packet is filled with general information, police forms, a step-by-step process and sample dispute letters for credit card companies.

Pomorski said a version of the packet was spotted in a law enforcement publication and that it was modified to fit Canton.

"It took quite a bit of time," he said, adding that many cases of identity theft occur outside of Michigan and even outside the

IDENTITY FRAUD

- Canton Police have created identity theft victim's packet
- Identity theft is among the top five most reported crimes in Canton
- Police say there is no guaranteed way to avoid the crime
- The packet is available by logging on to www.cantonpublicsafety.org. It is also available at the police station.

country. "We haven't gone out of state, but we will do everything we can in local investigations. We've been to many houses in the area."

On Aug. 29, a 43-year-old Canton man reported that someone had tried to get a \$2,500 cash advance off of his credit card at MGM Casino in Detroit.

The man, whose card had been stolen, was alerted by a Discover Card investigator after the thief's transaction was denied.

Pomorski said there are several factors that have contributed to the rise of identity theft, including the upswing of financial

transactions via the Web. He also said they've seen situations where cashiers will purposely keep a credit card or will sell credit card information.

"I don't know of any 100 percent way to (stay protected)," he said, but suggested frequent credit report checks and limiting credit card usage. "Make it less available, but even if people do everything correct, it doesn't guarantee they won't be a victim."

A Canton man, 44, was offered one of the packets on Aug. 28 after he reported that someone in Georgia had stolen his identity.

The man told detectives that the person had tried to make four purchases, but was only successful with two.

Upon completing the packet's forms and returning them to the police department, the information will be entered into a database and could possibly link the same person to other crimes.

To access the packet, log on to www.cantonpublicsafety.org. It is also available at the police station.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A tough loss

Plymouth keeper Brian Rissman sits dejected after one of five goals allowed during the team's 5-1 loss Tuesday to cross-campus rival Canton at the P-CEP soccer field. Canton is off to a hot start in this 2007 season, racking up a 4-0-2 record. For more about the big game, please see C1.

The 'diabetic rock star'

Author's rocky journey leads him to NYC, where he launched a Web site and nonprofit to help others with diabetes

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

For weeks, Christopher Thomas felt his life crashing around him and on July 7, he reached his breaking point.

Thomas, a fledgling author and publisher, was no where near close to literary success. In fact, he had just been rejected for a job as a waiter. On top of

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Coming Sunday in Health

Flu clinics to test emergency preparedness

AROUND CANTON

Senior Summit

The fifth annual Senior Summit will take place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 10 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The event, which is open to Western Wayne County senior citizens, will feature health care professionals and state Rep. Phil LaJoy.

In addition, the Summit will feature free health and hearing screenings as well as workshops and assistance programs, all geared toward senior citizens. The event includes bingo, food, door prizes and informal discussion on senior issues. The first 400 attendees will receive a box lunch and a free goodie bag.

Parenting seminar

The Canton Police Department and Canton Leisure Services are partnering together to present their third Positive Parenting seminar on Monday, Sept. 17, from 6-7:30 p.m., at Canton's Summit on the Park.

This is the third in a series of informative parenting seminars and will focus on bullying and cyberbullying. Guest speaker Robert Hayes, director of Student Services for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will provide information to help parents of

children and teens deal with this negative behavior. The criminal elements of bullying and cyberbullying will also be discussed by Canton Police Department's Community Relations Coordinator Sgt. Deb Newsome.

"We've had an outstanding turnout for the first two seminars and hope to continue," says Newsome. "The parents have been very interested in the topics, and had a lot of questions."

Parents attending the presentation are also invited to bring their children to enjoy activities and Summit facilities free of charge. Child care will be provided in the following manner: Ages 3 and under will be supervised in the Kids Corner; ages 4-6 may swim as long as an older sibling is present (otherwise, an alternative activity will be provided) and ages 7 and up are welcome to swim. Ages and activity intentions will be asked upon registration. Parents are invited to join their kids afterward.

The seminar is free of charge, but seating is limited. Canton residents interested in attending should stop by or call the Summit front desk at (734) 394-5460, by Sept. 13, for reservations.

Hazardous waste day

Canton will hold its annual

Hazardous Household Waste Day this Saturday, Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Canton's Department of Public Works Building, located at 4847 Sheldon Road. This event is open to Canton residents only and is an excellent opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable, or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected include, but are 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, anti-freeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, kerosene, motor oil, and acids.

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

To obtain a detailed list of what is and is not acceptable please call Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150 or visit www.canton-mi.org/engineering/projects.asp.

Coffee meetings

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Authority and Leisure Services will host two upcoming Coffee Meetings to provide information about marketing opportunities in Canton's downtown district.

The meetings will take place from 8-9:30 a.m., Sept. 11 at Buffalo Wild Wings, 41980 Ford Road, and 8-9:30 a.m., Sept. 14 at T.G.I. Fridays Restaurant, 44250 Ford Road.

Topics will include ShopCanton for the Holidays, the 2nd Annual Holiday Fest on Ford Road, holiday window murals, 2008 Women's Bowling Championship, updates on Ford Road construction project and more. Reservations are required. Call the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040. Reservation deadline is Friday, Sept. 7.

Barn bash canceled

The inaugural Boyer Barn Bash that had been scheduled for Sept. 15 at the Cady-Boyer Barn, in Cherry Hill Village

has been canceled.

Leadership Canton

Leadership Canton is now accepting applications for the 2007-2008 leadership class. Leadership Canton is an eight month class from October through May. Leadership Canton is a project designed by the Canton Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Canton Township. Established in 1994, Leadership Canton's main goal is developing leaders to meet the challenges of the future. It's a program that has been developed to help current and potential leaders broaden their awareness of leadership opportunities in the Canton Community.

Registration deadline has been extended to Friday, Sept.




Platinum dancin' feet

The Dancin' Feet Studio, coordinated through Canton Leisure Services, received several awards and high placements at the Dance Masters of America's 123rd national convention recently in New York City. The Dancin' Feet Competition Team was honored with a platinum award, and the group received third place overall in their division in the performing arts competition for their routine of "Touch of Cirque." Member Patricia Zhou (pictured), 13, represented Chapter 46 as the Great Lakes Regional Dance Masters Junior Miss Dance. Zhou placed 6th out of 29 contestants. She will be attending the Kirov Academy of Ballet in Washington, D.C. this September on a full scholarship. Dancin' Feet, which provides dance instruction at Summit on the Park, still has openings for dancers for the 2007/2008 dance season. Fall classes will begin on Sept. 12. For more information about the classes, contact Cheryl Reitz, Dancin' Feet director, at (734) 451-9411.

7. The class costs \$800. Each day long seminar includes a lunch. Each meeting is held at a different location around Canton, where the group will tour the facility and have a guest speaker that is an expert in the field. Participants will learn a wide range of specific topics aimed at educating the participants in important topics essential to the community's well being. The class meets once every month at various locations around the com-

munity and discusses topics like, The Nature of Leadership, Community Development, Business and Economic Development, Business and Economic Development Health and Human Services, Local, County and State Government, Education, Public Safety and the Justice System and Challenges of the Future.

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CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

- Age: 27
- Grew up in Canton and is a 1998 graduate of John Glenn High School (he has dropped last name of Polack)
- Author of novel, "An American Scene." Has also started a Web site, DiabeticRockstar.com, and a non-profit group, Fight It, to help provide support to people with diabetes.

Christopher Thomas

Armed bandit hits Lotz Road motel

An armed robber was nowhere in sight by the time police were called to the Super 8 Motel on Lotz Road during the early morning of Aug. 28.

A motel employee called police after the incident occurred. By that time, the thief had climbed into the passenger seat of a waiting vehicle and sped off.

A slender, 20-something white man, who wore baggy tan pants and a white T-shirt, entered the motel's lobby just before 2 a.m., brandished a silver gun and demanded money. His face was covered with a blue cloth.

He told the woman, "Give me the money, no change, cash only." When he began to get anxious, he asked the woman if she was trying to activate an alarm and instructed her to "hurry up."

Surveillance footage from the motel has been entered into evidence.

COP CALLS

sible swindle.

The woman, who is a make up artist, said a man contacted her and claimed he had seen one of her portfolios online and wanted her to be included in a photo shoot for a company called Shark Motors.

The man, who contacted the Canton woman via e-mail, told her the job would pay \$650 and that the model would meet her in Michigan. When the woman agreed to take the job and gave her mailing address, the man sent her a check for \$1,460.

When she questioned the large amount, the man instructed her to take her payment and send the rest to the motel. The woman says she thought the request was strange, but cashed the check anyway.

After the funds cleared, she sent the extra amount to the motel. Days later, the man contacted her and said the photo shoot was cancelled and that he wanted his money back.

She informed him she was filing a police report about the situation.

The woman reported that she was nervous the man would get access to her bank account information.

Ex-boyfriend stalks woman

A township woman filed an aggravated stalking report against her ex-boyfriend Thursday afternoon. The woman, who has already been named in a personal protection order against the man, reported that he has been calling, e-mailing and texting her threatening messages.

She told officers that he had called her twice Thursday morning and that she wants him prosecuted.

By Tiffany L. Parks

DIABETES

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that, the uninsured 27-year-old had recently been diagnosed with type-one diabetes and was grappling with his blood-sugar level.

"When I was leaving that job interview at the restaurant and I looked over and saw the book I wrote, but was too broke to promote," he said. "I thought about me trying to deal with diabetes and the college degree that I had framed on the wall. I started thinking 'What did I go to school for?' I couldn't even get a job in a restaurant."

The 1998 Westland John Glenn High graduate, who dropped his last name, Polack, and goes by his first and middle, said he decided to leave Canton — and the state — as soon as possible.

"I was going west or east and east was a shorter drive," Thomas chuckled. "But really, if you want to be a writer, one place to give it a go is New

York."

Two days later with "zero plans," Thomas arrived in Manhattan and began sleeping on the kitchen floor of a distant cousin's home. The two had never met.

"Everything there is go, go, go," said Thomas, who soon found a job and a roommate. "I realized how complacent I had become. I had that 'I'll do it tomorrow' philosophy."

Since touching down in the big apple, Thomas said his focus has shifted from feeling helpless to believing that diabetes is one of the best things that could've happened to him.

"I have a reason to live," he said, adding that when he started blogging his health journey on MySpace, he threw out the nickname "diabetic rockstar" and gradually amassed a fan base by "mixing hard-hitting commentary, sarcasm and humor against everything society holds sacred."

He has now started his own Web site, www.

DiabeticRockstar.com and is in the process of creating a non-profit agency, Fight It.

"I'm blessed to have a support system, but I've realized there are a lot of uninsured diabetics who are struggling," Thomas said. "They're working two jobs just to buy test strips."

Fight It, which has already raised its first \$100, will be centered around helping uninsured diabetics get medical care and other items, such as insulin.

Thomas, who went from 150 pounds to 115 just before he was diagnosed in May, has the support of his mother and stepfather, Rose and Michael Burns of Canton and father, Thomas Polack of Ypsilanti.

"When he first told me, I said 'OK, another kid with a Web site' but then I really thought about it," Rose Burns said. "This could be something big and not only that, it's important."

Like any mother, Burns said she worries about her son, but said he appears to be doing

better and has gained some weight.

"I was nervous when he said he was going, just because I want him to take care of himself but I'm thrilled to death for him," she said. "I know he can do this."

Thomas, who authored the 210-page novel *An American Scene*, said he went to New York with the goal of nurturing his writing career, but stumbled onto something "even bigger and more important" through DiabeticRockstar.com and Fight It.

"It seemed as if my life had become worst-case scenario," he said. "But there I was complaining when thousands of people are struggling and don't have support. I realized that I've got one life here and I want to make a difference."

To learn more about Thomas, make a donation to Fight It or purchase his novel, log on to www.DiabeticRockstar.com.

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Liquor luges keep ice carver busy in summer

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Would you prefer your martini shaken, stirred or sent down a slide?

This time of year, liquor luges account for most of the business at Michigan Ice Carvers in Redford.

It may be 85 degrees outside, but inside, snow piles up behind Matt Sokolowski, who's wielding a chain saw to cut a 300-pound block of ice in half. The freezer is kept at 20 degrees, and he wears a snow-suit to work.

"On a day like this, it's not a bad job," he said.

Sokolowski, 39, who lives just four blocks away from his store on Six Mile, began carving ice sculptures on the side while working as a chef.

He learned the trade from classically trained culinary experts at Schoolcraft College. He graduated in 1988.

Demand for ice sculptures grew, and he left the food service industry behind. First, Sokolowski worked out of his home, but 12 years ago, he opened Michigan Ice Carvers, which now employs four workers.

In addition to ice sculptures, the company sells 500 to 600 ice luges per year. "It makes the liquor ice cold," said Sokolowski, who doesn't drink. "Years ago, a customer asked me to do a luge. I had never heard of it."

One bar asks him to design a new one each week.

On Tuesday, he was working on a motorcycle-shaped luge to help a Commerce Township man celebrate his 40th birthday. Sokolowski says he could have made a full-size replica of a Harley-Davidson. Instead, the design will fit on a table top.

"Stuff like this keeps me artistically challenged," Sokolowski said. It will take about two hours of sculpting with various chisels and power tools.

Birthday celebrant Jason Breckenridge also ordered an ice bar, which will keep five fifths of liquor chilled throughout the night. He said he saw a full-sized ice bar in Las Vegas in February. "It was the coolest thing I'd ever seen."

"It's a novelty," said Breckenridge, who learned about Michigan Ice Carvers through its Web sites, www.



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Sokolowski was also working on a martini liquor luge for a wedding this weekend at Canterbury Village.

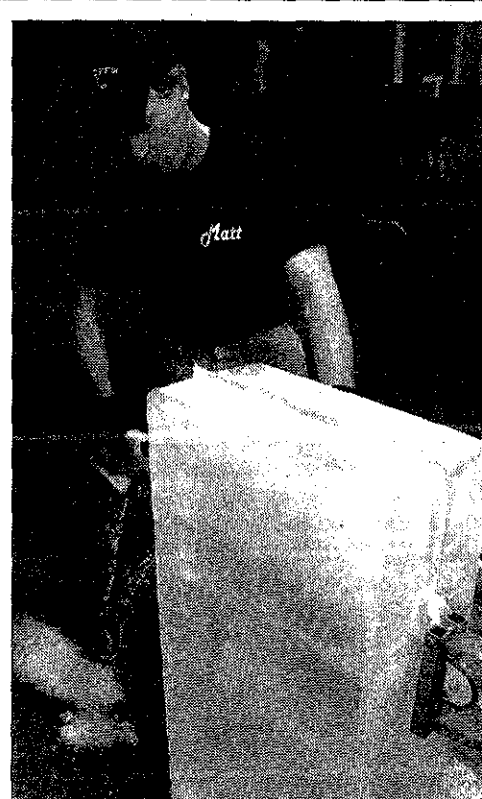
Instead of putting their mouths up to the slide, guests can have their glasses filled neatly.

Luges range in price from \$80 to \$1,500.

Sokolowski is a two-time gold medalist at the Plymouth Ice Festival. His apprentice and nephew, Jesse Leviit, who is still in high school, took home the silver medal this year.

Sokolowski said there's such a market for ice sculpting in the Detroit area because of all the talent available locally. "It all stems from Schoolcraft College."

Personally, he prefers cold weather activities, like ice fishing and snowmobiling. Sokolowski said he would be fine with one week of warm weather each summer, so he can take his family to the



Above, Matt Sokolowski carves a birthday message into an ice bar for an upcoming party. At left, Sokolowski of Michigan Ice Carvers uses a chain saw to cut a 300-pound block of ice in half for an ice sculpture he's designing.

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David Sedaris, a playwright and regular commentator for National Public Radio, will be at the Village Theater on Oct. 14.

New season brings new buzz to Village Theater

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Smooth jazz fans take heed — tickets are going fast for the opening show of the Village Theater's fourth season.

"It's going to sell out," said Jennifer Tobin, performing arts coordinator for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. "There's just always such a buzz at the start of a new season."

The theater's season, which goes from September to May, will kick off Friday with a 8 p.m. concert featuring Alexander Zonjic and Friends with special guest Alex Bugnon.

"We are organizing, we are cleaning and we are polishing," Tobin said. "We are ready."

This season's offerings include art exhibitions, music, drama and dance.

On Saturday, the theater house will belong to Orchestra Canton, one of the theater's four anchor groups.

During the intermission of the orchestra's 8 p.m. "Movie Music Magic" performance, the dedication of a piece of artwork, Joyful Dancer, will take place in front of the building.

The stainless steel sculpture, which was purchased by the Richter Foundation, used to sit in front of Canton Cinema and was included in the Downtown Development Authority's temporary art exhibit last year.

"This is an exciting thing," Tobin said. "It will be unveiled and then dedicated."

The arrival of the new season translates into more customers for businesses near the theater at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

While referencing the Cold Stone Creamery location that sits across from the theater, Tobin said the managers there like to stay updated on the season's schedule.

"They need to bring in extra staff when we have shows," she said. "I can't tell you how many people we see come and go with ice cream when we have a performance."

Christie Gilliam, owner of the Cherry Hill Perk coffee shop, 50166 Cherry Hill, said she's amped about the



Alexander Zonjic

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- Oct. 5, 8 p.m.: First Friday Studio Series featuring "Blues Infusion"

For a complete schedule of the Village Theater's new season, visit the Web site, www.cantonmi.org/villageheater

theater's new season.

"I really wouldn't know what to do without them," she said.

"It helps out a lot."

In order to purchase tickets for performances at the theater, access www.cantonmi.org/villageheater or call (734) 394-5460. The theater's box office is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets are also available at Summit on the Park from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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ATTENTION LANDLORDS

The Plymouth and Dearborn Heights Housing Commissions will be hosting a Landlord Informational Session on Friday, September 14, 2007 at 2:00 pm. at the housing commission offices, 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, MI. 48170. This session is open to all landlords with rental property in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties who are interested in learning about the Housing Choice Voucher Subsidy Program. If you want to know more about the program, how to become a Section 8 landlord and explore a new opportunity to expand your tenant base, you are encouraged to attend. There is no cost to attend the session however you must pre-register by calling (734) 455-3870.

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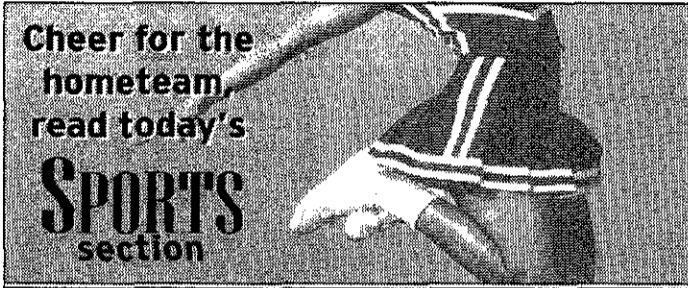
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Fifth-grade teacher and safety coordinator Wendy Flynn gives last-minute instructions to safeties Nick Durocher, Ben Stover and Lauren Lattimore.



MILLER

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class, parents who had walked to the elementary school lined the outside of the building with family pets and strollers carrying younger siblings. Other students flocked to a row of neon-colored bikes, snapped on their helmets and sped home.

In between greeting students and posing for pictures, Lynn Haire, Miller's principal, said morale at the school couldn't be higher.

"This has been an awesome day," Haire said. "It's a big homecoming. While the footprint of the building is the same, the (before and after differences) are night and day."

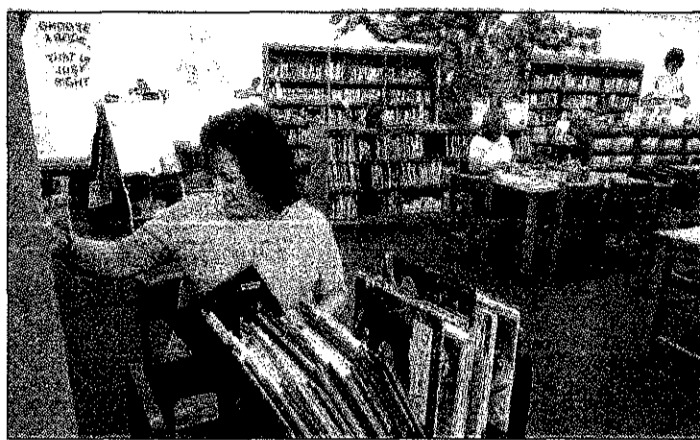
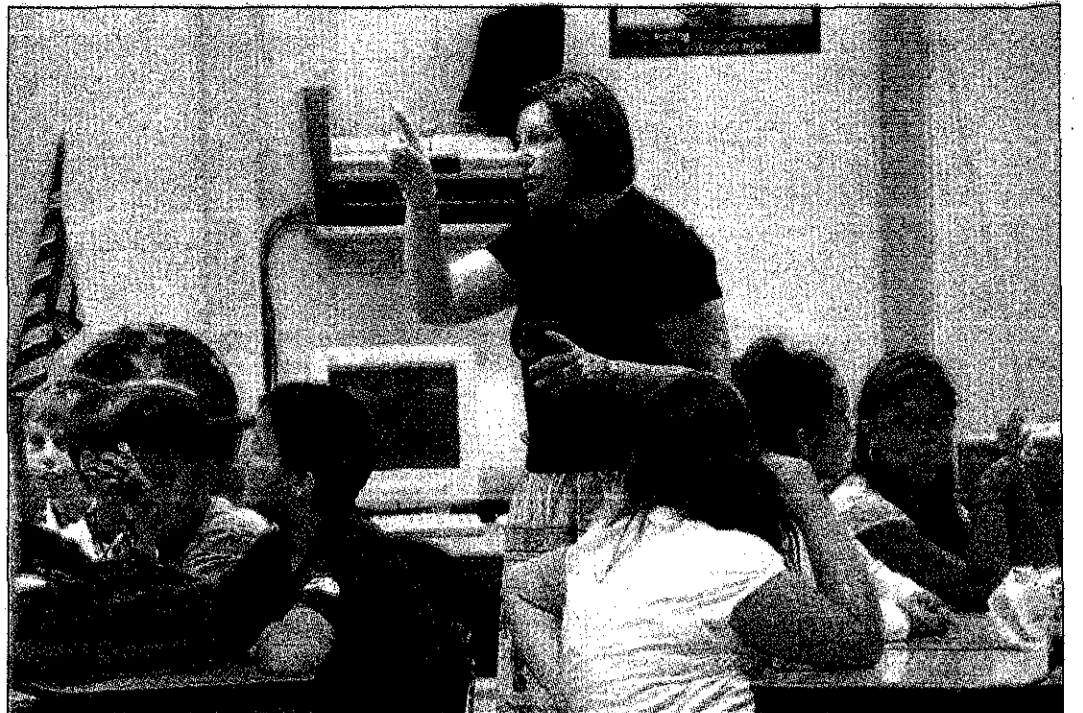
In addition to new flooring and a new ceiling, the school's pie-shaped classrooms were closed off, a computer lab was built and hallway lockers were installed.

As younger kids stopped and chatted with their teachers, older students marveled over their new lockers.

"These are like the perfect size," one boy said, while a girl chimed in, "My best friend is right underneath me."

Monique Gamblin of Canton has two daughters at Miller and said she's thrilled with the new look of the school.

"It's beautiful," she said. "My oldest is really excited



Above, fifth-grade teacher Amy Koch asks her students what they think about the new classrooms at Miller elementary. At left, parent volunteer Kathy Berliner (left) works in the Miller media center, while teacher Mary Salata works in the background.

about her locker because they only had the hooks in the classroom before."

Andrea Osbourne has been a teacher at Miller for

nine years and said students and parents aren't the only ones happy to be back at the school.

"It's hard being a nomad,"

she joked. "I love being back here."

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The 35th District Court is accepting bids for its Assigned Counsel Program (Public Defender's Program). The contract will be awarded from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. Bidders must not be single practitioners and must have offices in, or reside in the Court's jurisdiction: Cities of Plymouth or Northville, and Townships of Canton, Plymouth, or Northville. Sealed bids must be received by 4:00pm, Oct. 15, 2007. Please clearly mark envelope with "CAA BID" and address to: Debra Kubitskey, Court Administrator, 660 Plymouth Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170. Interested parties are invited to contact Ms. Kubitskey for further information at (734) 781-0123 or dkubitskey@35thdistrictcourt.org.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PROGRAM AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION FY2007 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On August 29, 2007, the CDBG Advisory Council at a public hearing voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees changes to the FY 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan. The recommended changes are to: (1) cancel the Teen Parenting program due to lack of a service provider; (2) reprogram remaining funds (\$1,499) to Adult Day Services; and (3) to designate Revival Outreach Center as the new service provider for Adult Day Services. The recommendations will be considered by the Board of Trustees in a public hearing to be held at 7 p.m. on September 11, 2007. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO 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 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 20, 2007 for the following:

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF 2006-2007 UN-PROGRAMMED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

A public hearing is scheduled before the Mayor and City Commission on Monday September 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, located at 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 for the purpose of:

RECEIVING COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PROPOSED USE OF UN-PROGRAMMED YEAR 2006-2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING (CDBG).

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- Inspection of sidewalk curb cuts for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements
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Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed project listed above, and to suggest other projects. All projects must meet one of the Federal CDBG objectives.

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NERVES

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because I'm feeling a lot of the same things you are," Pirronello told students. "I'm feeling a little nervous because I'm meeting 156 of you for the first time; I'm slightly hungry and I'm a little tired myself. I want to let you know we're all on the same page and doing this together."

Along with her 10 years of studying Spanish, Pirronello also visited Spain for six weeks before going on a church mission to Guatemala.

"I taught English there to the kids in the village, and worked in the medical clinic with American nurses," she said. "Going to another country where the language is spoken, it really puts your skills to the test. It was a very humbling experience."

The Salem grad is replacing Linda Kleinow, Pirronello's high school Spanish teacher who retired after more than 30 years of teaching.

"After having her, it solidified what I wanted to do," Pirronello said. "I saw how enthusiastic she was about the culture and language, and just how much knowledge she had. Her shoes will be hard to fill."

Fistler, meanwhile, got into the first day having her students play a game of ABC Classroom Scattergories, in



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Isbister teacher Marsha Fistler works with student Malcolm Jones on the first assignment of the year.

which students found objects beginning with each letter of the alphabet, and taking a Quiz on Mrs. Fistler. Nine-year-old Dylan Patel said he learned some interesting things about his new teacher.

"I learned that she hiked down the Grand Canyon, and she likes gardening," said Dylan, who lives in Canton Township. "I think she's OK, but it's my first day. My mom said I have to get good grades." Fistler spent much of the summer getting ready, even taking a teaching manual to the pool instead of pulling out a favorite novel.

"The curriculum, over the last ten years, has become more rigorous, like the Everyday Math," she said. "They're doing things I was doing in ninth

grade. There's a lot of emphasis on reading strategies, and writing the last couple of years has really taken off."

Fistler, who moved into the Isbister boundary so her own children could attend the school where she teaches because "I'm so upbeat about what's going on here," said her fourth-graders are "very uplifting," and the reason she loves her job.

"You can't really have a bad day at school," Fistler said.

"Even if you have a bad day before school, you see the kids and they're happy and glad to see you, and say nice things to you. They just bring you up."

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Retirements bring new leaders

Five retirements and one promotion bring six new principals to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for the 2007-08 school year.

At the end of last school year, Ann Kuhn (Farrand Elementary), Peggy Brooks (Smith Elementary), Jane Van Steenis (Bird Elementary), Ellison Franklin (West Middle School) and Marsha Hoff (East Middle School) retired, taking more than 100 years of experience with them.

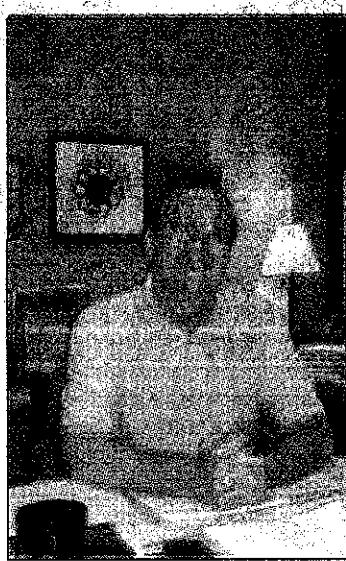
One of the principal vacancies was created when George Belvitch became the district's director of elementary education. Belvitch had been the principal at Tonda School since it opened in 1994. Field Elementary Principal Kurt Tyszkiewicz will replace him at Tonda.

Peter Kudlak is the new principal at Field Elementary. Kudlak was a principal the past five years at Flat Rock Community Schools.

Susan Kelty returned to Plymouth-Canton Schools as Bird Elementary's new principal. Kelty was a learning specialist at Miller Elementary School from 1995 - 2002. She left P-CCS to become the principal of Madison Elementary School in the



Cindy Swift



George Belvitch

Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Dana Jones, formerly a second grade teacher at Workman Elementary, was promoted to Farrand Elementary principal.

Jill Cantin, the new Smith Elementary principal, moved from Hamtramck Public Schools, where she was the principal of Dickinson West Elementary.

Discovery Middle School assistant principal Clint Smiley replaced Ellison Franklin as principal at West Middle School.

Amy Potts will officially become the principal at East Middle School in January when Marsha Hoff leaves. Potts is currently principal of Western Middle School in Parma, Mich.

Less than two years after she began her Plymouth-Canton Community Schools career as the district's director of elementary education, Cindy Swift will take over as the new Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services. She replaces Barbara Rodenberg who retired this summer.

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MILITARY NEWS

County resolution

Former Canton resident John Hamann was recognized with a County of Wayne Resolution, signed by commissioner Laura



Hamann

Cox, honoring Hamann for receiving his U.S. Navy pilot's wings June 8 at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton, Fla. Hamann is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central, where he played football and ran track. He graduated the University of Michigan, where he studied economics. Hamann got involved in ROTC while at Michigan.

Hamann spent 18 months in physical training and 250

flight hours in fixed-wing and rotary aircraft while training in Pensacola, Fla. Hamann and his wife, Heather, whose family lives in Canton, are set for their next duty assignment in Norfolk, Va.

Manan is the son of former Canton residents John and Urszula Hamann of Northville.

Air Force retirement

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Green, who recently celebrated a birthday, has retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years and has returned to the home of his family in Plymouth. "We are so proud of our son," said his father, Frederick J. Green.

Basic training grad

Air Force Airman 1st Class Elizabeth J. Boulet has gradu-

ated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Boulet is the daughter of Gilles and Paula Boulet of Canton. She is a 2000 graduate of Jefferson High School in Monroe.



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Stopping for school buses isn't enough

They're back — yes, the kids have returned to school this week, but so have the long, yellow buses and, with them, the need for renewed attention to safety precautions. When parents send their kids off to school by bus, trusting they'll make it without a mishap, they're trusting that drivers will use good common sense as well.

Unfortunately, that doesn't always happen. According to a state Web site, while the number of bus accidents has decreased from 1995-2004, the number of fatalities has actually risen.

It's just because this is the first week of school that drivers need to pay special attention at bus stops, on the road and near schools. If there is one characteristic common to all kids, it's that they get excited, and excited kids don't always pay attention to the traffic around them.

For other kids, finding the bus stop — and the right bus — can lead to careless darting between parked vehicles. In fact, 2.8 percent of all school bus accidents reportedly happen at bus stops.

Parents, teachers and kids all can play a role in keeping youngsters safe. It's suggested that parents get their kids to the bus at least five minutes early, to avoid carelessness born out of haste.

Teachers and parents need to instruct youngsters on the elements of bus safety, and then see to it that those same youths practice what they've hopefully learned.

Caution by drivers is also called for in areas where there are no sidewalks, such as subdivisions and rural areas. Without a defined area for walking, like a sidewalk, it's easy for kids to wander into the middle of the road.

Coming around a bend in the road, a driver bent on making it to work on time could be unable to stop in time to avoid kids in the car's direct path. Headlights ought to be on at all times, for viewing by both drivers and kids, especially since the return to Eastern Standard Time is now delayed in the fall and mornings will be darker longer.

The key to child safety from the bus stop to the school door is for drivers to use good common sense. But for those who want to go by the book, Michigan requires that drivers stop 20 feet behind and before a bus whose red overhead lights are flashing. But don't wait until then; prepare to stop the moment the bus's yellow lights are activated.

If you think you're seeing more of them, you could be right. The number of registered buses has been up in recent years, but it's still less than in the late 1990s. And that's the important thing, isn't it? That we see the buses and act accordingly.

There's a reason why we're called adults. We're supposed to understand that actions have consequences.

A combination of common sense and good driving practices will ensure that our kids have a safe return to school.

Michigan puts on its best face during autumn

Although the thermometer doesn't seem to know it yet, autumn is right around the corner. While many people might be lamenting summer's pending departure (school children come to mind), it is during the fall season that Michigan is at its finest.

Fall means cooler days, football and bountiful harvests, but most people associate the season with the dazzling show of color that takes over Michigan's plentiful forests. With Labor Day weekend now in the rearview mirror, it won't be long before trees start changing color. In fact, some trees are already beginning to change in the northern part of the state.

Between now and late November, forests in the state will undergo a wonderful transformation, changing from their summer green to an array of gold, yellow, scarlet and orange. If you are lucky enough to catch them at their peak, these colors provide a breathtaking vista unmatched during any other time of the year.

Fall is certainly a time much anticipated by hunters in the state. There are more than 750,000 licensed hunters in Michigan, which ranks third in the nation. And they are chomping at the bit to get out in the field. More importantly, they will be spending lots of money not only buying gear, but also staying in hotels, eating at restaurants and buying gas. According to state officials, hunters will contribute about \$1.3 billion to the state's economy, which helps many northern towns stay afloat after the busy summer tourism season has waned.

But you certainly don't have to be a hunter to get out and enjoy the brilliant fall colors. There are dozens (if not hundreds) of fall color tour routes across the state. Some follow major state highways, while others are on secondary roads. For a list of some of these, check out the Web site, www.michigan.org.

You can also make up your own route. All you need is a map and an afternoon or two to enjoy Michigan at its finest. Visit a cider mill or a winery — the state has plenty of both. Or drive along one of Michigan's beautiful coast lines to really get an appreciation of this state's bountiful natural resources.

Of course, the one negative about fall is that it is too short. And, unfortunately, we all know what comes next. But it's too early to think about winter. First, let's enjoy Michigan's most beautiful season.



Smoking ban needed

Although I seldom agree with the views/editorials of the *Observer*, I do however support the banning of smoking in public places: bars and restaurants.

I travel quite a bit on business, including frequent visits to California and New York. These states have instituted said ban and I can tell you it is a wonderful thing. No more worries about what toxins you are breathing or having to fumigate yourself (and wear) immediately upon arriving home.

I do not see this as an individual rights issue whatsoever. The smokers can still light up, their rights are not being infringed upon. In fact, let them smoke until the cows come home, but I should not be subjected to the effects of their vice.

I am all for civil liberties; for example, I should be able to drive my car without a seat belt if I so choose, or ride my motorcycle without a helmet. These are my choices not impacting others safety on the road; however, I would rather not feel like I have smoked a box of cigarettes over dinner and a drink when in fact I had never lit up.

G. Gordie
Canton

Don't pull out of Iraq

I'm responding to Jim McFerran's letter to the editor ("War on Terror is real," Aug. 9). Right on, Jim. You really tell it like it is and I agree totally. The politicians are concerned with pulling out. What about the bloodbath that would occur to thousands of Iraqi people if we went along with a complete pullout?

I quote from Jim's letter: "Sept. 11, 2001 was a declaration of war by radical Islam on the U.S. and western civilization, not some criminal act by misguided Middle Eastern men. And if we are to survive, we must accept this reality. It's not going away any time soon — maybe not in our lifetime. To win you have to take the fight to the terrorist. The price of freedom has always cost America the lives of some of our young men and women ... At least those dying today are dying in pursuit of democracy and freedom."

Barb Schmid
Canton

Note was offensive

My husband and I stopped in to one of the local markets here in Canton — the Holiday Market. Me being handicapped, we proceeded to pull into a handicapped parking spot. We do have a special tag for our mirror and it is a permanent one, unfortunately. I have numerous medical issues along with the fact that I walk with a cane. Some medical issues that make one handicapped are not visible such as: heart problems, stroke, breathing problems, pain issues, back/leg issues, pain diseases such as "complex regional pain syndrome," etc. I have had many of the above and I still try to make myself look good to make myself feel better.

To get on with this letter, I would just like to say that people who don't

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have correct information about others should not judge them. We came out to our car and someone had stuck a napkin in the window wipers with insulting and vile words written on it questioning my handicap. They were too cowardly to sign it, so that we might explain our situation even though we don't have to.

I was crying, appalled and saddened. I'm a pain patient and I have had so many bad things happen to me in the past five years especially, and I still try to keep my chin up and keep a good attitude, but things like this just shoot me down and it hurts to the very core of my soul.

Please tell people not to "assume." Tell people if they need to know, or want to say something, then just ask and we'll tell them what's wrong if they really want to know. But don't put nasty notes like that on our car and then not sign it, run away like a coward with no way for the person you just "hurt" to respond. There are many "hidden" handicaps and you should never "assume."

Suzanne Stewart
Canton

Veteran needs help

I would like to tell a story about WHY Veterans Haven Inc. was born. Fourteen years ago this concept was developed from a seed in my mind. I knew it had never been done and would be able to provide a great deal of assistance to vets that were homeless or in need. To date we have given away more than \$1.4 million worth of food, tons of clothing, furniture, appliances and hundreds of vehicles to help vets maintain their employment or go to school. Gleaners Food Bank has been a great supporter of vets and Augie Fernandes, president, recently donated \$5,000 to help us purchase food.

Even though we do receive some federal dollars to operate our housing program, we operate strictly on donations from the public, businesses, churches and various vets organizations. Recently I seen a news story on Channel 7 Action News, it involved a disabled vet, Terry Edwards, with post-traumatic stress disorder and his wife, Brenda.

Apparently, they were behind in their property taxes and needed to borrow some money. They owned their home, paid in full. The individual/company that they thought they could trust to borrow this money came to their home and did a JOB on them. While they were signing the papers they thought were was for a loan, this slime ball snuck in a quit claim deed and voila, the Edwardses no longer owned their home. I've been in contact with these people and now they have to get a loan to buy back their house from the bank that bought the paper from Mr. Slick. How anybody can do this to another person is beyond my comprehension and I've seen and heard many stories.

Val Clark from Channel 7 came out to our center and interviewed me about this event. I could care less about being on TV, but the word about the Edwardses hit the airways. While being interviewed, we, the staff and crew at Veterans Haven donated \$10,000 to

help these people out of this bind. I did some investigating before we put our money in the hat, all money collected on their behalf will go toward the down payment and other fees associated with obtaining this loan. A trust fund has been set up at National City Bank. If anyone would like to make a donation, please send it to the attention Andy Daily, Edwards Home Relief Fund, National City Bank, 114 S. Stevenson Highway, Royal Oak, MI 48067. I'm sure the Edwards family would appreciate any support they receive. In closing, on behalf of Veterans Haven, our crew and volunteers, we would like to offer our thanks to anyone that can help.

Vince Berna
president, founder
Veterans Haven Inc.

A way to solve state budget

I was reading in the newspapers about how "Governor Taxholm" was crying about how there wasn't enough money in the general fund to pay state troopers' salaries and they would have to lay off about 60 to balance the budget. I have a wonderful suggestion and that is ... to pass a state law that would prohibit using a cell phone while operating a vehicle and use those funds to help pay troopers' salaries.

I know of communities that have policemen, after putting in eight hours of regular work, who can come in and take an unmarked car equipped with radar and write as many tickets as possible and receive time and a half to pay for judges salaries and maintenance of court buildings. If you don't believe me, check with some of the surrounding communities. But this will never happen because so many politicians are talking on their cell phones.

Robert Siedlik
Livonia

Stop this administration

It's finally happening, the economy is falling apart. The U.S. is falling apart. But this administration felt it better to kill people, line their pockets, allow business to abandon the U.S. and eliminate jobs. Now we're going to all pay the price for their stupidity. Let's remove this administration before they start WWII with Iran.

Paul Bunker

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"(The first day of school) always has the same excitement. It's different in that we're always ready for the new challenge of the year. (But) you never know what that's going to be."

- Marcia Moore, Allen Elementary School principal, on the excitement of the first day of school

Jobs program would give state workers preference

Last weekend, we celebrated Labor Day — a day set aside to honor Michigan's working men and women, who make up the backbone of our state.

We know here in Michigan that our workforce is second to none. We have highly trained and highly skilled workers who can give workers from elsewhere a run for their money.

Unfortunately, though, Michigan's working families have been hit hard in this tough economy. Many of our workers' jobs have been outsourced to other states and countries. Still more are losing out on job opportunities right here at home when out-of-state companies that contract with the state of Michigan choose out-of-state workers over our own.

When companies receive economic development incentives from the state, Michigan workers should be the ones on the job, plain and simple.

That's why I've proposed an aggressive job-creation plan that gives priority for economic development projects to companies that employ 100 percent Michigan workers.

The Hire Michigan First plan gives companies that hire 100 percent Michigan workers priority in the awarding of tax breaks and other economic development tools. This rule would apply to projects handled by the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and certain state-funded programs, including the Strategic Fund Act, Transportation Economic Development Fund, Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act and the 21st Century Jobs Fund.

It requires businesses with contracts for construction of state buildings to hire 100 percent of their workers from Michigan, strengthening the current requirement of 50 percent.

It cracks down on companies that hire illegal immigrant workers by

canceled their state contracts and tax incentives. The plan also requires them to pay back incentives already received and bars them from future contracts.

The Hire Michigan First plan sends a clear message to companies: Incentives that are funded with taxpayer dollars should be used to create jobs for our workers here in Michigan, not workers from other states and countries.

Since 2000, Michigan has lost more than 240,000 manufacturing jobs, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. That number will continue to climb unless we take action, and that's what the Hire Michigan First plan is all about. We must fight to ensure that when Michigan invests in companies, our workers are first in line for the jobs.

Companies that bring in workers from other states and countries hurt the qualified, experienced workers we have in our state. Here are two examples:

When Michigan approved a tax-free Agricultural Processing Renaissance Zone to support the construction of an ethanol plant in Marysville, an out-of-state company brought in its workers from Texas for the project.

Battle Creek-based Duncan Aviation received a tax break valued at more than \$2.2 million over six years when it decided to undergo a major expansion in 2005. The Colorado-based company working on the project not only brought in its own workers for the project, it also failed to obey Michigan's wage laws, according to the Michigan State Building and Construction Trades Council.

Our taxpayer dollars should not be used to support businesses that choose workers from elsewhere over our very own highly skilled workers here in Michigan. Hire Michigan First will make sure that our workers come first because when we invest in our workers, we invest in our future.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau of Northville represents the 20th state House District.



Rep. Marc Corriveau

Unite citizens, leaders to solve woes

Take a minute to cast your mind forward to New Year's Day, 2011. For that will be a key moment in Michigan history — the day we start over with a leadership that is nearly all new.

That presents us with a challenge and opportunity unlike any other in recent history. We know that a new governor and lieutenant governor have to be sworn in at noon that day in Lansing. Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Lt. Gov. John Cherry are term-limited and cannot run for those offices in the November 2010 election.

Mike Cox and Terri Lynn Land also will be both term-limited out of office, so we'll have a new attorney general and secretary of state.

The day the voters choose their replacements, the entire 110-member House of Representatives will also be up for election. The revolving door will be operating there, too: A sizable number of state representatives are sure to be term-limited out. Others will voluntarily be defeated or step down, so that a majority of the House will be new.

And the Senate will resemble a freshman dorm. At least 31 out of 38 presently sitting state senators will be term-limited out of office. Others will undoubtedly leave voluntarily or be defeated.

That means a large majority of the 152 elected state officeholders sworn in on Jan. 1, 2011, will be men and women who are rookies, just starting their jobs.

That's why they are starting to call Nov. 2, 2010, a "watershed election." Much of today's leadership slate will be wiped clean.

But though we will be starting with a fresh cast of characters, the problems we face today — problems that add up to the greatest economic and political crisis since the Great Depression — will not have gone away.

That's why Michigan's present state of flux represents truly a "defining moment" — a time to call forth a new generation of citizenship and civic leadership to help make a new Michigan.

As a result, a statewide effort called "Michigan's Defining Moment Public Engagement Campaign" is being launched this fall. The goal: To bring leaders and citizens together to grapple with some of the problems our political system hasn't been able to solve.

The economic challenge is formidable. Dominated by the automobile industry, Michigan is experiencing terrible stress as the industry struggles to remake itself in a globalizing economy. The long-term effort to restructure the industry and its labor relations will certainly not have been completed by Inauguration Day, 2011.

Partly as a result of the auto woes, the state General Fund budget has experienced a chronic annual structural deficit of more than \$1 billion for years. It's a good bet the existing Legislature and present governor will not have fully succeeded in getting our financial house in order by 2011. They have failed to do so, year after year.

For six straight years, Michigan has foolishly disinvested in its long-term, competitive assets — our colleges and universities, the Great Lakes and our environment and the quality of life they bring.

That has made it far harder to nurture, attract and retain talented people. Even if our lawmakers finally launch a sustained public investment program to undo the damage done over the past

decade, it will be far from complete by January 2011.

On another front, the structure, workings and costs of government at nearly all levels is complicated, mostly unexamined, in some cases excessively expensive and ripe for reform. This includes not only the state government, but thousands of units of local government and the schools. At most, this process will have only barely gotten under way by the time the new governor moves in.

So we face a series of massive problems — and each of them calls for in-depth public input leading to broad consensus about what to do to guide our state toward prosperity. That's the purpose of the Michigan's Defining Moment campaign.

On an optimistic note: Leaders in Michigan are taking up the challenge. More than 100 gathered in two separate meetings this May to discuss these problems. They agreed on three reform principles designed to transform Michigan to a new era of prosperity. They are:

- Greatly enhance the skills and potential of our people so they can compete with workers around the globe — and win. That means we must grow, retain and attract talent.

- Invest in those competitive assets which differentiate Michigan from other places in order to best attract and retain those who provide jobs and other talented people.

- Make our public sector nimble, thrifty and accountable.

And now it's your turn — your chance to weigh in and refine these ideas for statewide transformation. The Defining Moment Campaign will launch more than 80 statewide Community Conversations in October and November. Through those meetings, more than 1,000 additional leaders and engaged citizens will discuss and refine these reform principles. Then we will tackle the job of prioritizing the trade-offs in taxes and public services that may be necessary to achieve significant change.

This is not something new, or unique to Michigan. In northwest Ohio, more than 20,000 citizens have worked together to come up with priorities and solutions for transforming that struggling region. In New Jersey, citizen panels are working to rewrite the state's outdated tax system. In New Orleans, officials are hearing from the diaspora of residents displaced by the hurricanes of 2005.

They may be elsewhere, but they are weighing in on the rebuilding plans through large-scale, teleconferenced town hall meetings. Involving citizens in discussing and refining these reform principles and in making the tough trade-offs required to achieve them is the highest challenge of our times.

Truly, what we are about to do will be Michigan's Defining Moment. And through the campaign, you, too, can have a voice in the future of your state. I'll further detail the reform ideas for Michigan and the Community Conversations in additional columns over the next several weeks. Meanwhile, to learn more or reserve a seat for a conversation near you, go to www.thecenterformichigan.net.

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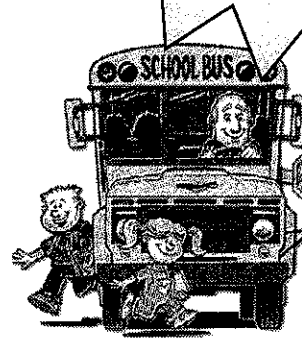
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Don't toss out those proxy statements with junk mail

don't know about you, but I no longer read half my mail. The junk mail comes and I shred it without opening it. One piece of mail that may be considered junk mail but merits close attention is the proxy statements from various companies.

Unfortunately, because these documents are sometimes confusing and difficult to understand, they get thrown away.

It is important for investors to review these documents to make an informed decision on investments.

Proxy statements are required by law to be sent to investors when a publicly held company seeks shareholder approval on a corporate matter.

In the proxy statement, you will find information on proposals along with other pieces of information including executive compensation, insider ownership and credentials and affiliations of directors who serve on the company's board.

WEALTH OF INFORMATION

Proxy statements contain a wealth of information about the company and its management. One piece of



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information I find helpful in reviewing proxy statements is how many shares of the company are owned by the directors and management team.

When I analyze investments, I want to see members of the management team owning the company stock. After all, if they're not committed to the company, why should I be? When I review a mutual fund proxy, one item I always focus on is fees. I am a big believer that fees do matter and before a mutual fund company raises my fees, it better have a very good reason. In most cases, if a fund company is seeking to raise fees, it's an indication something is changing within the company and I ought to be aware. Underperforming funds that already have high fees are typically the ones that ask for more fees.

PROPOSALS VARY

Some of the proposals in proxy statements may seem

somewhat strange and unusual. The reason is you do not have to be a large shareholder to submit a proposal. Some proposals also have political and social implications.

In today's world, voting is easier than it's ever been. The traditional method of voting is to cast a ballot by mail. However, in many situations a shareholder can also vote by phone or the Internet.

Whether you choose to vote your proxy or not, the key is to review the document to increase your knowledge of an investment.

An informed investor is a successful investor. When you receive proxy statements from a company and, in fact, even when you receive annual and quarterly reports, it's a good idea to spend some time reading the document. An informed investor is a better investor.

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SEPTEMBER

Tent/rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, one block west of Newburgh, Westland. Under the tent rent space for \$20, \$35 to rent space with church's table. Inside the church you'll find gently used clothing and shoes for the family at \$2 a bag. For more information, call Mary Rose at (734) 722-4363 or Barb at (734) 722-3233.

Paloza/community jubilee

11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago. 12:30-6:30 p.m. chicken dinners, hamburgers, hot dogs, Polish sausage, etc., and car show, health fair, dunk tank, inflatables, caricatures, cake walk, games, prizes. 12:30-5 p.m. silent auction with lots of great items including Tigers tickets. Concert by BMCR (Black Methodists for Church Renewal) Choir 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All activities at family friendly prices.

Singers wanted

Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. If you like to sing and love God (or just want to get to know God) join us! Choir practice meets once a month on Saturday and sings the following Sunday at the church, 11771 Newburgh, corner of Plymouth road, Livonia.

Upcoming practices are scheduled 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 8th and Oct. 13. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

Grow to Go!

A Family Fun Rally Day Celebration and Sunday School Registration Event 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer road, Westland. Everyone is invited. Parents accompany children. Please join in for games, crafts, prizes and fellowship on the church lawn commemorating the start of the 2007-08 Sunday School year. Call the church office at (734) 722-1735 if you have any questions.

Church picnic

Newburgh Church & Neighborhood Picnic, after 10 a.m. worship Sunday, Sept. 9, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Newburgh groups will have information on upcoming programs and how to grow closer to Christ. Food, Moon Walk, magicians, face painting, music, games and fellowship for everyone. Call (734) 422-0149.

Religious education

Children's Religious Education available beginning 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$90 for first child, \$30 for each additional child. Call (734) 425-9333.

LOGOS Youth Club

Registration days are 10:30 a.m. and noon Sunday, Sept. 9 and 16, at Northville First United Methodist Church. Calling all youth grades 4-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at the church. Recreation, dinner, bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 26. For more information or registration

forms visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

Swami bhayandana

Steve Bhayandana, whose alter ego is Swami Bhayandana, entertains with his comedy 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Donation is \$20. For information, call (734) 421-1760.

Worship schedule

10 a.m. Sundays through Sept. 9, when fall worship schedule resumes at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi. For more information, call (248) 349-2345.

Grief/Share recovery seminar

And support group begins 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at Romulus Wesleyan Church, 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive. No charge. For more information, call (734) 941-1511 or visit www.griefshare.org.

Colloquium

St. Andrew House - Center for Orthodox Christian Studies will host Faith of Our Fathers: A Colloquium on Orthodoxy for Lutherans Sept. 10-11, for Lutheran clergy and their spouses and Lutheran lay leaders from the Great Lakes region of the U.S. and Canada, at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft next door to the St. Andrew House complex near the intersection of I-96 and Telegraph. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Sept. 10, colloquium concludes with farewell reception 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11. Registration fee is \$75 per person, includes meals and refreshments at retreat center. Rooms at the center, either single or double occupancy, including several that are handicap-

accessible, may be reserved for one to three nights, Sunday through Tuesday, at \$95 per night.

While the colloquium is designed for Lutherans, it is also open to Orthodox Christians and members of other Christian faiths. Seating is limited, however, and priority will be given to Lutherans. Ancient Faith Radio (www.ancientfaithradio.com), the online Orthodox radio station, will record all colloquium presentations. Compact discs of the recordings, in MP3 and standard audio format may be ordered in advance or at the colloquium. For information or to register, visit www.orthodoxdetroit.com. For further assistance, contact colloquium coordinator David Adrian at (248) 322-9226 or david.adrian@adrianassoc.com. St. Andrew House Center for Orthodox Christian Studies was founded in 2001 to promote the Orthodox Christian faith by word and example through formal instruction, worship and good works.

Taste of Greece

Festival takes place 5-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth. Festival grounds open one hour earlier. Stroll the Agora (Greek marketplace). Indulge in delicious homemade Greek food and pastries. Try the Loukoumathes (Greek doughnuts). Inflatables fun sponsored by Oasis Golf (one price to play all day). Admission is \$2 per person, \$5 per family (2 adults, up to 3 children). Bring your festival program back for free admission all weekend. Festival proceeds to benefit church mortgage reduction. Handicap parking available in church parking lot. No exceptions. Guest parking is available at the Bosch Corp. parking lot adjacent to church. Please use Bosch Corp. Haggerty Road entrance across from St. Kenneth's Church.

Reformed Protestant service

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are warmly welcome to attend. The Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio, will preach at the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, Humby at (937) 252-1156, or visit www.westminsterconfession.org.

Victorian fashion show/tea

Shows 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (30 minutes each) Saturday, Sept. 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Guests are served tea and sweets on china during the show. Many guests are dressed in Victorian attire (although that is not required). After each show, a tour of the historic First Presbyterian Church is offered to guests. The church was established in 1829 recently celebrated 175 years of ministry in historic Northville. For information and directions, visit www.firstpresville.org. Tickets 10 for adults, \$5 students age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the church office. Group tickets are more easily obtained for the 3:30 p.m. show. Any member of the Red Hat Society who joins in for the 3:30 p.m. show receives \$1 off of admission.

Lay caregiver series

Workshop is designed to talk about chronic physical illnesses and how they can lead to depression 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$10. Register by Sept. 13, at (248) 474-4701.

Catholic marriage

The facts - things you thought you knew but didn't, things you didn't think you knew but did, and a couple of new things to ponder 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 16, in the Activity Center Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter is Deacon William Meahan, no need to register. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group begins meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Laverne, Redford. The first session is 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Global village night

Liberia, West Africa, Global Village Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Detroit West District Peace Center at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway, near Lahser, Southfield. Speaker is the Rev. Charles Boayue Jr., senior pastor, Second Grace United Methodist Church, Detroit. Liberia history, culture, customs, folk storytelling, Liberia Art and dancing, music, thoughts about PEACE, sign up for Liberia Pen Pals (ages 12-17). Bring donated items for 2008 February, Liberia Trip Mission Trip Open to the public. Refreshments. For further information, call (248) 356-1020, Ext. 137.

Alpha - Questions of Life

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a

relaxed, nonthreatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township. Includes a free dinner each week. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy. Burkhardt@wardchurch.org. Riverside Park Church of God is pleased to present The Allens 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at the church, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for more information. The Allens sing of One who brings us back to reality. Listen to their music, hear the message. Their music is their mirror. You never have to ask them about the things in the world that count the most... their music says it all.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women, a women's study group to discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching, series of sessions explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women while enjoying a prayerful, relaxed atmosphere of faith, friendship and fellowship, runs Thursdays, Sept. 27 to Nov. 15, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com or call (734) 425-5950.

Mom to Mom sale

Tri-City Christian Center is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

Registration

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, Preschool, Pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413

UPCOMING

Smart Discipline seminar

6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$12 per person, \$20 per couple. To register, visit www.christoursavior.org. For more information, call (734) 522-6830. If unable to attend the seminar, the DVD and 4 workbooks are available for \$89. Call (800) 208-0807 or purchase online at www.smartdiscipline.com.

Rummage sale

Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia, will be holding a Rummage Sale fund raiser. Pre-sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 (admission \$2 per adult), Big Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6 (admission free). Saturday everything is half price.

Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hashbrowns, pancakes, and more... when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile road in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Next breakfast is Saturday, October 6th. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

Church Women United

Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring one salad for every three persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Avenue, Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6, at First United Methodist Church, 6448 Merriman, Garden City. Admission is \$1. Rental cost is \$25 for 6-foot table, \$27 for 8-foot table, \$3 for a rack with table rental. Call (734) 532-7818 for information.

CROP walk

To raise awareness and funds for international relief and developments as well as for the Plymouth Salvation Army 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Township. There will be two-mile and four-mile routes. For CROP Walker envelopes and further information, call Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867.

Fall craft show

Get a jump start on holiday shopping at the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth road, Livonia. A few spaces are still available for any hand-made craft items. Call (734) 464-0990 for an application.

Crafters needed

For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Catholic women's conference

Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Convenient registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aodwomensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

Cruise

St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Space limited.

ONGOING

Explore the Catholic faith

We are constantly confronted with competing faith claims. What to make of them? Indeed, is truth even knowable? Explore the Catholic option and see if curiosity leads to conversion. Tuesdays, started Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (church building), at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.com.

Uplifting church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to the open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as participants examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Youth wanted

Twins and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you

Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

Summer worship

Summer schedule for worship to Sept. 2, is 10 a.m. Sunday services (with nursery), and 7 p.m. Wednesday Contemporary Service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

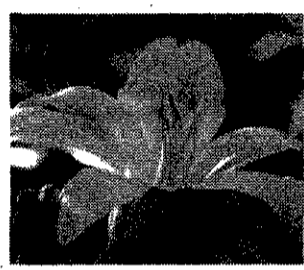
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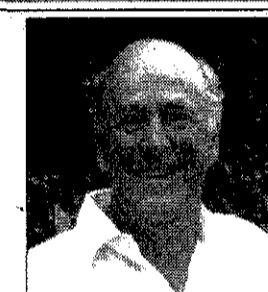
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DR. WILLIAM CYRAL FERMAN

78, Clermont, FL, passed away August 31, 2007. He was born November 29, 1928 in Detroit, son of the late Myron Ferman & Josephine Irene Struck Ferman. He was a member of the Air Force Reserve attaining the rank of Captain; member of and past-president of Wayne County Society of Optometrists, Metropolitan Detroit Optometrists Society & Michigan Optometrist Assoc; member of Rotary & Masons & First United Methodist Church of Clemont. He maintained optometrist offices in Detroit & Plymouth, MI for 43 years with his family. Permanent residents since 2001, he and his wife were snowbirds at Bee's Resort in Clermont for a number of years. Surviving is his wife of 57 years, Ora Lee Ebersole Ferman; children Dr. Gregory Ferman & wife Christine of Plymouth, MI; Susan Gordon, Westland, MI & Ted Ferman and wife Debra, Canton, MI; five grandchildren & six great-grandchildren. The funeral service for Dr. Ferman will be held at 12:00pm on Wednesday, September 5th 2007 in the Becker Chapel with Rev. Doug Kolk officiating. Friends may call from 10:00 a.m. until service time. The family suggests memorial contributions in his name to the American Parkinson's Assoc., 2191 9th Ave. North, Suite 120-Office A, St. Pete, FL 33713. Becker Family Funeral Home, 806 W. Minneola Ave., Clermont, FL 34711. Telephone 352-394-7121. Online guest book at: beckerfamilyfuneral.com

CORINNE D. KEELER

Of Plymouth, born April 16, 1918, passed away September 1, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Eugene Keeler; loving mother of Patricia D. Van Vuren, Lawrence F. Keeler and Thomas Paul Keeler; devoted grandmother of Mark A. Battle, Craig A. Battle, Sharon M. Battle, Michael S. Battle, Katherine J. Battle, Kenneth E. Keeler, William A. Keeler and Matthew D. Keeler. In lieu of flowers of donations, please send your prayers to the family.



CHARLES "Chuck" Jr. LOUIS WILSON, Jr.

84 years old, a native Detroit resident, and third generation owner of the Detroit based Ira Wilson and Sons Dairy, died peacefully with his wife by his side on August 30, 2007 at his home in Harbor Springs, Michigan. He was the devoted husband for 56 years to his childhood sweetheart, the former Consuelo Diane Wenger, and loving father to three daughters Camille Wilson Broadbent and her husband Bill, Consuelo Wilson Piereport and her husband Seth, Caprice Wenger Wilson Baun and her husband Mark, and his son Charles Louis Wilson, III and his wife Kerry. Also, surviving are ten grandchildren: Consuelo, Avery, Seth, William, Wellesley, Nathalie, Mark, Josephine, Charlie IV, and Place, and a brother Ira Wilson. He was preceded in death by his parents Carrie Place and Charles Louis Wilson, his sister Thelma Brain, and a brother Stanley L. Wilson. Chuck grew up in Palmer Woods, Detroit, Michigan, attended Hampton Grade School, and graduated from Detroit Country Day School and The Kiski School. While attending Bowling Green State University, he enlisted in the Navy Air Corps during World War II. After his tour of duty where he earned the rank of lieutenant, Chuck became Vice President of Wilson Dairy and President of its Quik Pik subsidiary. Like his father, he was a 32nd degree Mason. He was a member of the Detroit Rotary Club and was a former board member of Security Bank and Trust and Wm. Beaumont Hospital. Throughout his life, Chuck was a passionate sportsman and athlete. He was captain of the varsity football, hockey, and baseball teams at Detroit Country Day School. In 1941, he was drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers. He began playing golf in his late twenties and became a scratch golfer with seven holes-in-one. He was also an avid sportsman and an expert marksman hunting in North America, Asia, and Africa. A family service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation, 360 Connable Avenue, Petoskey, MI 49770. The family was assisted by the Schiller Funeral Home of Harbor Springs, MI.

HOWARD C. SHIELDS

61, of Farmington Hills, MI, died Saturday, September 1, 2007. He was born on November 28, 1945, in Detroit, the son of Leo and Genevieve (Klaus) Shields and graduated from Inkster High School. On August 28, 1965, Howard married Terilynn Nordquist who survives. The couple recently celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. Shortly after marriage, Howard was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served his country for two years, receiving his honorable discharge in November of 1967. Howard was a Journeyman Machinist and was employed for over 40 years with Spiral Carbide in Livonia. He was also a member of the Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville. In his spare time, he enjoyed nature and the outdoors, his rescued dog "Cooper", and was especially fond of road trips on his motorcycle. Howard was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, who was saved by Grace, walked daily with the Lord, and now is at home with Him. Along with his wife, Howard is also survived by his three daughters, Kari (Rick) Berton of Hersey, Kristi (Rob) Firby of Southfield, and Kathryn (Sean) Menoch of Westland; four grandchildren, Jonathan, Emily, Raven, and Sarah; his sister, Carol Potter of Westland; and several in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Along with his parents, his brother, Jim Shields, also preceded Howard in death. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at the Reed City Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Chris DeMott officiating. Burial followed at the Oak Dale Cemetery in Hersey. Memorial contributions to the Gideon's International may be forwarded to the family or left in care of the Mohrke Funeral Home in Big Rapids.

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CALENDAR

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Worship services

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holy-crosslivonia.org.

Bible study

7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Farmington Women Aglow

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11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053 or (248) 890-5494.

Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

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Bible study

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by the Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the

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Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

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Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between

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Worship service

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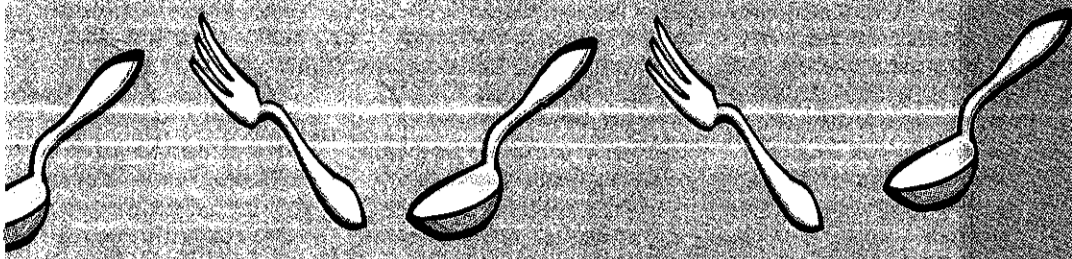
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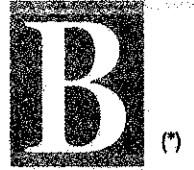
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Helping congregations handle real estate needs

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Selling churches for a living, Bill Skubik, says every once in a while he witnesses what some people might consider divine intervention.

Like the time a pastor wanted to buy a piece of property, but was short on cash. A few days later, the pastor received a call from a parishioner's father who came into unexpected money and wrote a \$30,000 check to the church.

Another time, he sold a church owned by the Apostolic Christian Tabernacle (United Pentecostal Church) in Warren to an International Assembly of God (East Indian) group. The sellers ended up renting the building from the buyers. They also built a working relationship with each other.

"They shared the building and they have a couple of joint services a year," says Skubik, who sold commercial real estate before starting Religious Real Estate in 2000.

"The gratifying parts are helping people use their monetary resources to achieve a building that works for their ministry goals. I help people further their ministries."

PERKS

One of the perks of his job is that he's got churchgoers often telling him they're praying for him to close the deal. But, all the other nuances of any sales job are the same complete with rigorous negotiations and countless showings that sometimes lead nowhere.

"People are driven by faith and the vision of serving Christ, because generally I work with Christians," Skubik said. "Sometimes that drive to serve Christ, supersedes the material blessings they have at hand."

In other words, he says, many times the churches are short on cash and the pastors say they are going on faith that they will get the money.

Despite these kinds of challenges, the hallmarks of his business are honesty and integrity. And that's what pastor Ruth McGill, of Living Word Outreach Church of Lansing, appreciated the most when Skubik recently sold her congregation's property.

"He was very, very professional and if he said he was going to be somewhere or if he was going to do something, he was there and did what he said," McGill said.

"He was good at dealing with prospective buyers. When you're dealing with pastors you can have pretty big egos. He can diffuse a situation that may escalate and cost you a sale by dealing with both parties. He was terrific to work with."



Bill Skubik enjoys his work handling religious real estate.

COOPERATION

Most of the churches he's sold in seven years were religious groups that bought the property from other religious groups. In that time, there have been a joining of hands among different denominations. Like the time the Galilean Baptist Church in Livonia bought a Sikh temple in Northville Township. The building was originally used by a Baptist congregation, it became a day care, then a Sikh Temple and is now converting back to its original use.

Religious groups have different building needs at various times. While some of his clients might talk about ladders to heaven, Skubik explains the growth ladder in church real estate: "Some want to relocate for a bigger building and some churches are on a downhill decline and may want to relocate to a more prosperous neighborhood."

In both cases, Skubik says, his Religious Real Estate, can help. Sitting in the pastor's office of the Victory Baptist Church (which is currently for sale) on Grand River in Farmington Hills, Skubik talks about the dynamics of his business.

He got involved in church real

INSPIRED

Name: Bill Skubik

Age: 45

Hometown: Plymouth Township

Marital Status: Married to Julie

Children: Matt, 16; Adam, 15

Education: B.S. in engineering (elec-

tronic materials science) and M.B.A.,

both from University of Michigan

Business: Owner Religious Real Estate,

859 S. Main, Suite 1, Plymouth (734) 604-

6222, www.religiousrealestate.com

In his spare time: Trains for and runs

marathons

estate in 1992 when he was selling an office building in Southfield. The real estate market for offices was so poor that it became a great opportunity for a charitable donation to the United Methodist Church.

BUSINESS EVOLVED

"That blossomed over the years and lead to me starting the Religious Real Estate in 2000," Skubik said. "This is an evolving process and we're continually looking at new and better ways

to reach the religious community."

Some of the bigger denominations, like the Roman Catholic churches, have their own in-house real estate organizations. The other churches, however, become part of his neighborhood packet information as potential building sites to congregations that are looking to change locations.

Other times, the property is worth more without the church, which is the current case with a parcel on 4.84 acres in Dearborn Heights. Potential buyers are looking at building a charter school, residential homes, or town houses and a banquet hall.

Even though there are bids on this property, church properties haven't been pardoned from the pains of Michigan's slumped economy.

"We're seeing more and more foreclosed churches," he says.

He's quick to add that there are a lot of success stories, too.

"On the buying side it is fulfilling to see renters become owners and have a stake in the future of a building," Skubik said. "It is gratifying to see churches move up in size and quality to provide more ministries to the people in need."

Work may not require attorney's training

Q. I am buying a house and am having to pay for the preparation of mortgage documents by a non-attorney; that is, to complete the deed and the mortgage. Isn't this an unauthorized practice of law?

A. While some may believe that it is indeed an unauthorized practice of law, including this writer, at least four states, including Michigan, have held that there is no unauthorized practice of law when form mortgage documents are prepared by non-attorneys.



Robert Meisner

Moreover, the courts have indicated that the mere charging of a fee does not transform permissible conduct into the unauthorized practice of law. The court stated that the purpose of the restriction to limit the practice of law to licensed and trained attorneys is to protect the public from serious harm for "unknowledgeable legal advice." The court in Indiana in a similar case was not willing to suggest that that purpose is effectuated by prohibiting charging fees for mortgage preparation by non-attorneys.

Q. Our management company may have federal tax liens being filed against their property and I am wondering what we can do about it. Should we have any concerns?

A. It all depends what the nature of the federal tax liens are, but if, in fact, it is for monies, for example, not paid to the IRS for employee wages, you may be legitimately advised to retain the services of another management company. Keep in mind that your management company is holding thousands of dollars of association funds and if they are suffering economic hard times, there is always, of course, the temptation to use association monies. If the management company is not functioning viably from an economic standpoint, it bodes poorly for your association and you are best off to go somewhere else. You should check with the IRS to determine what the extent and magnitude of the liens are to confirm the information that you have before taking any action. You may also wish to enlist the services of your attorney to facilitate any issues that you have with the management agent. Hopefully, your attorney is not someone who is so financially beholden to the management company, that he or she is not in a position to assist you in that regard.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com.

State rep urges passage of Home Loan Protection Act

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, Aug. 31 unveiled the Michigan Home Loan Protection Act, a comprehensive package that cracks down on predatory mortgage-lending practices and strengthens consumer protections in the face of the collapsing subprime mortgage market.

"You can't go a day without hearing in the news about the demise of the subprime mortgage market and the negative effect it's having on the economy both here in Michigan and across the nation and world," said Corriveau, who is a lead sponsor of the package. "Michigan has one of the highest foreclosure rates in the country. This legislation will protect consumers and homeowners from the subset of reckless lending practices that line mortgage lenders' pockets and lead to foreclosures with no tangible benefits to homeowners."

The Michigan Home Loan Protection Act will:

- Ban predatory lending practices, such as making loans without requiring borrowers to prove their ability to repay the loan, encouraging borrowers to default, charging excessive late fees and

charging fees for a payoff statement.

- Protect homeowners' equity by prohibiting home refinancing to generate fees for the lender unless there is a tangible net benefit to the borrower.

- Protect consumers from being steered toward high-cost loans when they would otherwise qualify for a traditional loan.

- Prohibit the financing of any points and fees that hide the true costs of the loan.

- Prohibit prepayment penalties.

- Require vulnerable borrowers to receive independent counseling from a certified third-party, nonprofit counselor.

- Give injured and aggrieved homeowners legal recourse so they can independently enforce these consumer protections against unscrupulous lenders.

According to federal data, subprime borrowers often are steered by brokers into signing Adjustable Rate Mortgages (ARMs) and are not given the option of fixed-rate loans, nor informed of the

inherent risks of ARMs. Some lenders and brokers write loans they know borrowers cannot afford just to collect the fees and commissions. Federal home-loan agencies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac estimate that 30 to 50 percent of all borrowers with subprime loans could have qualified for more affordable mortgages.

The latest figures from RealtyTrac, an Irvine, Calif.-based online foreclosure firm, show that Michigan ranks third in the nation in foreclosures, with 13,979 foreclosure filings in July, up 39 percent from June and up 130 percent from July 2006. According to federal data, Wayne County had 2,316 foreclosures in April, with 59 homes going into foreclosure in Corriveau's 20th House District.

"We can prevent more residents from losing their homes by holding lenders accountable," Corriveau said. "Foreclosures are taking a toll on our communities and our economy in Michigan. Setting basic standards for home lenders will help reverse the skyrocketing rate of foreclosures in Wayne County and across Michigan."



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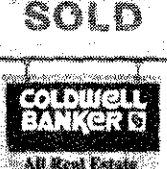
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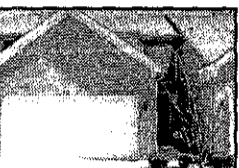


















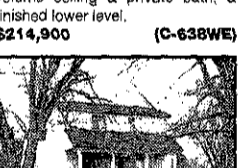
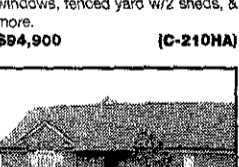
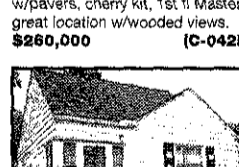

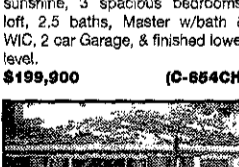
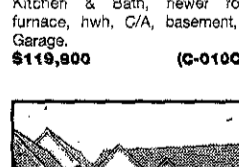
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 <p>EXQUISITE MODEL UNIT Wonderful open floor plan w/cath ceiling, hwd floors, 1st fl laundry, 1st fl Master w/bath, appliances stay, lots of storage space, home warranty, & close to walking trails & parks. \$199,900 (P-3768O)</p>	 <p>SPECTACULAR CONDO Vacation at home in this gorgeous 3 bd condo w/1st fl Master, volume ceilings, walking distance to pool, fantastic view of pond from wall of windows, gourmet Kitchen, & more. \$249,900 (P-546CL)</p>	 <p>PARK LIKE SETTING A premium treed lot tucked away in a great Bloomfield sub. Well built home w/hwd floors, wet plaster, built-ins, 2 Patios, & situated on almost an acre. \$449,000 (P-674CO)</p>	 <p>A RARE FIND Unique find in Pheasant Run. Brick ranch featuring 3 bd, 2.5 baths, 3 car Garage, Kitchen w/hickory cabinets, Family Room w/frpl, Master w/hic & her WIC's, & paver Patio w/mature evergreen. \$319,900 (P-431CV)</p>	 <p>ENJOY THE VIEW! This home is terrific for entertaining. Beautiful landscaped lot w/view of fountain & pond. Great sunroom, deck & patio, vaulted ceilings, updated oak kit, fin bsm w/garden wndws, & more. \$299,900 (P-955OR)</p>	 <p>GREAT LOCATION Situated on an oversized corner lot, just a short walk to neighborhood clubhouse, pool, park, & schools. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, 2 car Garage, huge backyard, & over 2000 sq ft. \$249,900 (P-656ED)</p>	 <p>GORGEOUS COLONIAL West Dearborn colonial boasts 4 bd, brand new cherry Kitchen w/granite, Formal Liv & Din Rm, Family Room w/frpl, finished bsm, hwd floors, & too much more to list. \$239,900 (P-539ED)</p>	 <p>GREAT STARTER This 3 bd ranch in Dearborn Heights is perfect for 1st timers. Basement, garage, updated electrical, windows, flooring, & more. \$84,900 (P-908ET)</p>
 <p>STOP PAYING RENT Everything you need is here! Family Room, finished bsm, over 1200 sq ft. 3 bd, Garage, appliances included, & too much more to list. \$124,900 (P-078FO)</p>	 <p>DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH Motivated seller offers this 4 bd, 1 bath home featuring a new oak Kitchen, freshly painted, 2 car Garage w/workshop, & 1st fl laund. Needs some more work but has potential. \$99,900 (P-173QA)</p>	 <p>GREAT FIND! Fabulous 2 bd, 2 bath condo in popular South Lyon neighborhood. 1139 sq ft, neutral decor, Master w/WIC, 3 season Florida Room, vaulted ceilings, & area pool & tennis. \$109,900 (P-139OR)</p>	 <p>ABSOLUTELY STUNNING Glenary colony w/huge lot & in-ground pool. Fabulous decorating t/o, finished bsm w/full Kitchen, great location, & a 1 yr home warranty. \$380,900 (C-415HA)</p>	 <p>FANTASTIC HOME This home offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Great Room w/sloping ceiling, skylights, & too many updates to list. Great location, an absolute must see! \$219,900 (C-260LA)</p>	 <p>GREAT PLACE Nice 3 bd home in a great area. Hwd floors, updated Bath, newer furnace & C/A, finished bsm, 2 car Garage, large yard w/fruit trees, & a home warranty. \$129,900 (C-207MA)</p>	 <p>DAZZLING OPPORTUNITY If you love extras this house is for you! New carpet, remodeled Kitchen, hot tub, indoor/outdoor speakers, new trees & an abundance of flowers in gorgeous fenced yard. \$149,900 (C-508MA)</p>	 <p>CUSTOM BUILT HOME Newer construction home on cul de sac featuring cherry Kitchen w/trey granite, private Master w/trey ceiling, WIC's in all bedrooms, covered porch w/fruit overhanging - acre lot. \$473,000 (C-899MUN)</p>
 <p>PLYMOUTH CONDO Cute ranch condo w/large brick paver Patio, updated appliances & windows, pets allowed, good location, & clubhouse activities w/ heated pool. Good storage space & home warranty too! \$104,900 (C-699NE)</p>	 <p>CUSTOM BUILT RANCH Situated on almost an acre in Livonia, this ranch offers a newer furnace, hwh, elec, plumbing, Pella windows, oak floors, 2 full baths, full finished bsm, & large Garage. \$264,900 (P-723ND)</p>	 <p>END UNIT CONDO Immaculate condo in popular Novi sub. Great location, new windows, carpet, entry doors, paint, Pergo flooring, finished bsm w/berber carpet, & more. \$112,900 (P-825OL)</p>	 <p>IMMACULATE Spacious home w/open floor plan. Numerous updates including Walkside windows, C/A, paint, gutters, Kitchen, & beautiful Deck. Convenient Plymouth location. \$179,900 (C-845OR)</p>	 <p>ALREADY REMODELED This 3 bd brick bungalow is awaiting it's new owner! Home has been completely renovated. Maple Kitchen, tile floors, new appliances, custom lighting, newer carpet, & large Master w/bath. \$149,900 (C-469OU)</p>	 <p>GREAT VALUE Fantastic view of the pond from this large ranch condo. End unit featuring lots of windows, GR w/cath ceiling & frpl, formal Dining, oak Kitchen, private Deck, prof finished bsm, & area pool & tennis. \$212,500 (C-263PI)</p>	 <p>CHECK THIS OUT! Attention first time buyers! Look no further! 3 bd, 2 bath home offering a large Kitchen w/all appliances, 3 tiered Deck w/pool, finished basement, & close to everything. \$109,900 (C-633PP)</p>	 <p>MOVE TO THE LAKE! Here's an opportunity you can't afford to miss! Over 2700 sq ft, newly built, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, formal DR, maple cab's, Great Room w/frpl, Master w/sitting area, 1.3 acre lot w/privileges to all sports lakes. \$324,450 (C-515SA)</p>
 <p>RANCH ON 4 ACRES! Located in Canton, offering a large floor plan with over 4 acres (possible split), 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and a 40x48 pole barn. Family room fireplace & appliances stay. Call now. \$364,900 (C-331SA)</p>	 <p>PERFECT CONDO Great for 1st timers! Crown moldings, decorator paint, Pergo, neutral carpet, all appliances stay, balcony, spacious bedrooms, & great location. \$99,900 (C-4198A)</p>	 <p>GENEROUSLY UPDATED This 4 bd, 2 full & 2 half bath home is ready to move into! Beautifully decorated, granite, cherry cabinets, cathedral ceilings, brick pavers, Pella windows, upgraded fixtures t/o, & neutral decor. \$329,900 (C-451SH)</p>	 <p>MAINTENANCE FREE Charming ranch in great neighborhood offers cove ceilings, leaded glass doors, updated bath, 1st fl laund, Kitchen w/nook, new garage roof, updated plumbing & hwh. \$159,900 (C-316SH)</p>	 <p>WONDERFUL RANCH Lots of updates on this 3 bd brick ranch w/4 bd Kitchen, hwd floors, fresh paint, appliances included, updated bath, & some lawn equipment included. Just move in. \$128,000 (C-9665Y)</p>	 <p>WONDERFUL RANCH Fabulous 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in sought after Ridgmont Sub. Updated t/o including siding, A/C, gutters, roof, & furnace. Full bsm w/cath ceiling, neutral decor t/o, updated Kitchen, & nice yard. \$138,000 (C-851TE)</p>	 <p>SPACIOUS CONDO 1st floor condo just steps away from Laurel Park shopping. Well maintained, in unit laundry w/new washer & dryer, 1200 sq ft, & more. \$115,000 (C-312UN)</p>	 <p>LOVINGLY CARED FOR Spacious Kitchen w/hwd floors, large dining room, formal Liv & Din Room, Master w/private bath & WIC, covered porch w/fruit overhanging - acre lot. \$219,900 (C-664WE)</p>
 <p>EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY Very open floor plan w/brick elevation. Spacious Fam Rm w/frpl & views of backyard, sun filled island Kitchen w/nook, Master w/volume ceiling & private bath, & finished lower level. \$214,900 (C-638WE)</p>	 <p>ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS Fantastic 2 bd condo featuring neutral decor, huge Master w/WIC, open floor plan, hwd in Kitchen, Dining Room w/bay window, full bsm, & Patio. \$129,895 (C-599AR)</p>	 <p>GORGEOUS RANCH Beautiful Livonia ranch - ready to move into! Open spacious rooms, neutral decor & carpet, oak cabinets, newer roof, updated Kitchen, Bath, awesome neighborhood & more. \$214,900 (C-668BA)</p>	 <p>THIS ONE IS SPECIAL! All the updates in this stunning home. Cherry Kitchen, Pergo flooring, new roof, updated baths, windows, circ breakers, plumbing, paint, windows, prof finished bsm, oversized Garage, & fenced yard. \$148,000 (C-435BR)</p>	 <p>READY TO MOVE INTO! Nice & open 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in Westland, freshly painted & new carpet t/o, updated Kitchen, finished bsm, large Great Room w/frpl, fantastic backyard, & more. \$154,900 (C-274DD)</p>	 <p>BACKS TO TREES & PARKS Immaculately maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath - Canton home. Updates include roof, windows, lighting, Kitchen, whirlpool tub, fresh paint, fresh landscaping, 1st floor laund, & above ground pool w/large Deck. \$225,000 (C-607FA)</p>	 <p>WOW If you desire privacy & a beautiful yard, this is it. Huge master's dream Garage, newer roof & windows, 3 bedrooms, oversized lot, & convenient location. \$149,900 (C-453FL)</p>	 <p>HUGE YARD!! Lovely updated home on almost an acre of land backing to woods. Newer paint, finished hardwood floors, vinyl windows with warranty, & a 2 car garage. \$219,900 (C-721HA)</p>
 <p>ROOM TO ROAM 4 bd bungalow w/2 full baths, full bsm, 1330 sq ft, formal Din Rm, large Kitchen, 1st floor laundry, updated roof, furnace, C/A, windows, fenced yard w/2 sheds, & more. \$94,900 (C-210HA)</p>	 <p>CUTE RANCH 3 bd brick ranch on a pretty tree lined street. Freshly painted t/o, hwd, new furnace & C/A, part finished bsm w/lav, & good location. Sellers are very motivated! \$115,000 (C-944HE)</p>	 <p>BETTER THAN NEW! Before you spend \$1,000's more on new construction, come check out this upgraded cape cod! Tray ceilings, central vac, prof inspcing w/pavers, cherry kit, 1st fl Master, & great location w/wooded views. \$260,000 (C-042HI)</p>	 <p>MECHANIC'S DREAM Let your dreams come true in this 3 bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Garage w/pt & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, nice eat in Kitchen, full bsm, & covered Patio. \$189,900 (C-025JO)</p>	 <p>UPDATED CANTON COLONIAL Beautifully updated 3 bd, 1.5 bath home. Open floor plan, formal Liv Rm, maple Kitchen w/granite, prof finished bsm, new furnace, C/A, & hwh in '06, updated vinyl siding & windows. \$226,000 (C-824MA)</p>	 <p>BETTER THAN NEW! This awesome 3 bd ranch home offers an updated Kitchen, updated baths, neutral decor, updates galore, Woodhaven Schools, & it's ready for you to move in to! \$126,000 (C-051ME)</p>	 <p>GREAT INVESTMENT Perfect for rental property or live in one side & rent the other side. Multi-family home w/2 units. Appliances remain, full basement, brick, & priced to sell! \$53,000 (P-74AV)</p>	 <p>GREAT DEAL! Great investment opportunity here! All appliances stay, 3 spacious bedrooms, full basement, Dining Room, & 2 car Garage. \$81,000 (P-6468O)</p>
 <p>SENSATIONAL CONDO 2 bd ranch condo w/2 baths, 1278 sq ft end unit, Liv Rm w/cath ceiling & frpl, honey maple Kitchen w/appliances, 1st fl laundry, full bsm, & great location. \$175,000 (P-215CA)</p>	 <p>PERFECTLY APPOINTED This 2002 built Canton condo has it all! Gourmet Kitchen flooded w/sunshine, 3 spacious bedrooms, loft, 2.5 baths, Master w/bath & WIC, 2 car Garage, & finished lower level. \$199,900 (C-884CH)</p>	 <p>PRICE TO SELL Updated 3 bd bungalow close to shopping & parks. Remodeled Kitchen & Bath, newer roof, furnace, hwh, C/A, basement, & Garage. \$119,800 (C-010CH)</p>	 <p>BEAUTIFUL NORTHVILLE Colonial on low traffic cul de sac. Expanded W/O bsm, over 3900 sq ft, fully inspcd 1/2 acre lot, atrium leading to Trex deck & paver patio, kit w/gran, 3 car gar, & clubhouse w/pool, tennis, & fitness center. \$739,900 (P-497EA)</p>	 <p>POPULAR NOVI LOCATION Open floor plan w/extensive upgrades. 2 story Foyer, Liv & Din Rms, Fam Rm w/frpl, Kitchen w/granite & cherry, 4 spacious bdrms, Master w/glamour bath, finished walkout, paver patio, & Deck. \$439,900 (P-909LA)</p>	 <p>AWESOME STARTER Completely redone in 05. Ceramic baths, oak Kitchen w/appl's, neutral carpet, updated windows, updated concrete, huge Garage, & more. Seller Motivated! \$129,900 (P-221LE)</p>	 <p>6 BEDROOM MANSION Well maintained home in historic Boston Edison District. Large Liv Rm w/frpl, Din Rm, 3rd floor in-law suite, newer roof, freshly painted, 2 car Garage, Patio, fenced yard, & so much more. \$190,000 (P-217LO)</p>	 <p>PRIVATE NORTHVILLE RETREAT Beautiful Cape Cod situated on a park like setting. Loaded w/tons of top of the line updates such as roof, furnace, C/A, windows, hwd floors, & more. 3 baths, 2 garages, finished bsm, Deck, & Patio. \$389,900 (P-275ME)</p>
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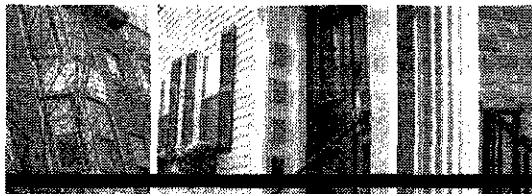
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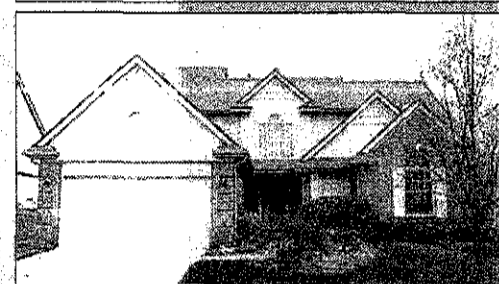
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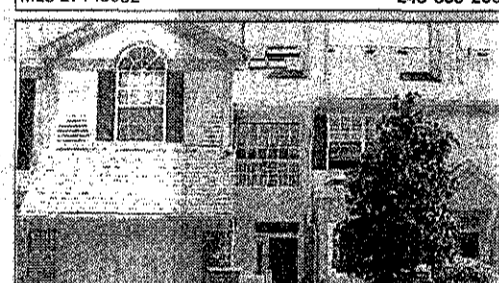
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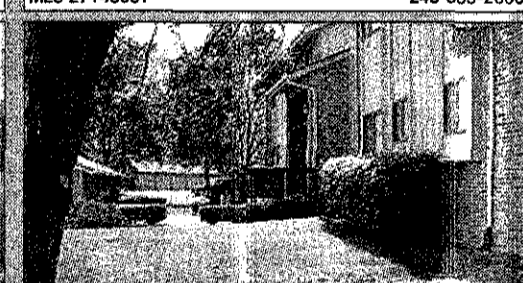
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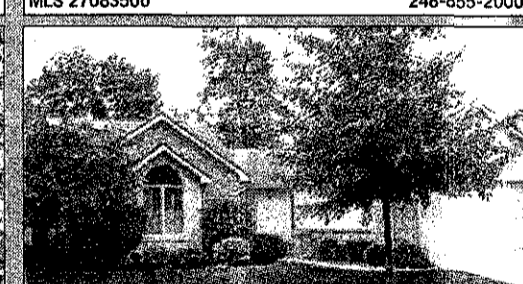
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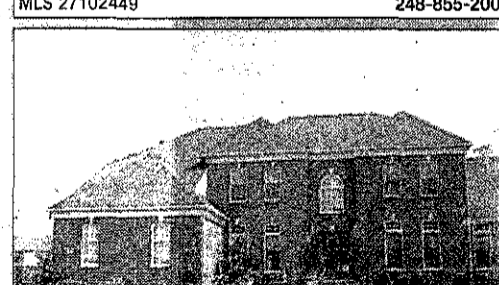
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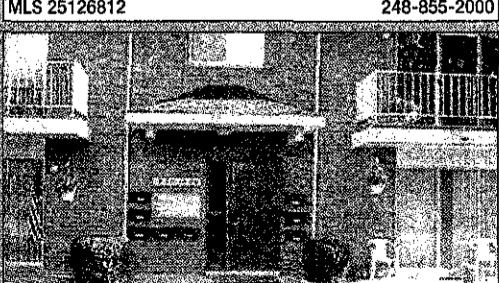
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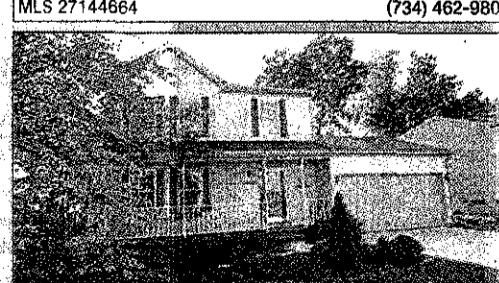
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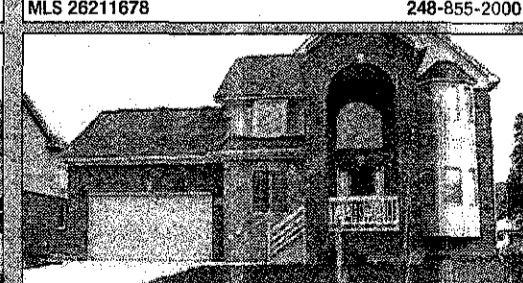
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UNRAVELING PROJECTS AND FOOT-DRAGGERS



WORKWISE

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When you're working on a team, even if you're not the leader, you're investing in the success of the project. You don't want it to

person who's clearly responsible for some part of the project but, without making excuses, never really accomplishes anything. When you confront the person about foot-dragging, he doesn't assure you that he will take care of the problem. In fact, he may not even perceive that he's causing a problem. You have several alternatives, one of which is to do that person's work, in the interest of time and effectiveness.

Another route is discussing the situation with your boss. But you can't guarantee yourself that your boss manages projects well, according to Fritsch. That leaves you to tackle this quandary on your own.

Make certain that you understand clearly what the project is in terms of scope, schedule and resources. "If you change one of them," Fritsch comments, "it tends to impact the other two."

Agreeing with Fritsch, Gammel states that you must be certain about where you're headed and that flexibility is important. Ask yourself whether the person is just marching to a different drummer (i.e., just not doing it your way). Gammel's key to getting someone motivated is to ask yourself, "What's in his own personal interest to assure that the project is successful?" Make it possible for him to feel safe in his dealings with you.

Gammel also mentions that, while you redirect the project, stifle the impulse to blame the individual for its near-failure: "This is especially important if you are a peer of the person at fault rather than a supervisor."

Using a very different approach, Zuk agrees that "people need to have a stake in what's going on, that they need to be enrolled in it," but she doesn't expect people to tell each other what to do. She

slide into a ditch. What are the warning signs? What can you do before it's too late?

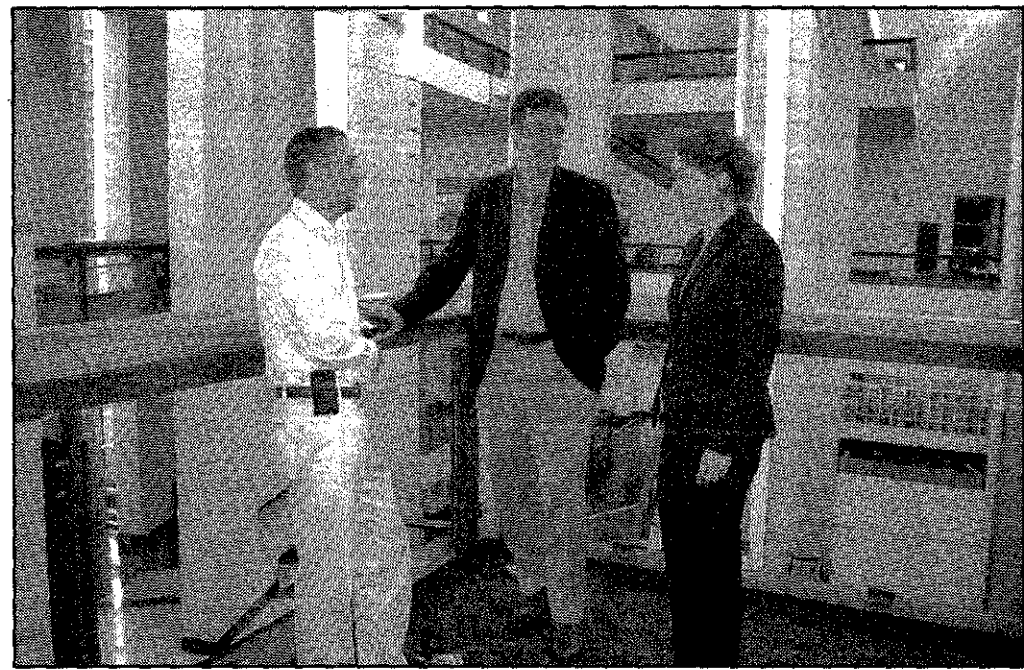
TROUBLE AHEAD

Michael Fritsch, president and COO of Danco Inc., in Austin, Tex., maintains that lack of clarity about objectives and lack of "buy-in" frequently derail projects. Other, more obvious signs, include:

- a fluid project scope, which can cause consternation and confusion;
- budget and schedule overruns;
- meetings with late arrivals or no-shows;
- negative statements about the project made outside of meetings; and
- a leader who isn't respected.

Linda Zuk, president of Fast Forward Process Inc., in Marietta, Ga., would add that irregular meetings and no time line after the project begins can propel it into a ditch. Your gut might also tell you something. David Gammel, president of High Context Consulting L.L.C., in Salisbury, Md., says that if you can't turn off thoughts of the project at night and you're nauseous thinking about it at work, "Listen to your body. Feeling sick to your stomach is your subconscious project manager telling you that you are doomed unless something is done."

FOOT-DRAGGING
Another derailer is the foot-dragger, a



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L to r: Ben Martin, Virginia Association of Realtors; David Gammel, president of High Context Consulting L.L.C.; and Shelly Sanner, managing consultant, McKinley Marketing, discuss project efficiency at the recent annual conference of ASAE and Center for Association Leaders held in McCormick Place, Chicago.

recommends discussing what needs to be done so that you share the same vision and getting them to agree to do their tasks by a certain date. "This could be followed up by an e-mail confirming what was agreed upon," she continues. If the co-worker keeps missing deadlines, the manager or teammates need to develop, with documentation, "an improvement plan or put them on probation" to assure accountability and reinforce management

support. "When people are on the same page," she adds, "communicating and clear about where they need to go and are supported and held accountable non-parentally, the team will move forward and the project will get accomplished."

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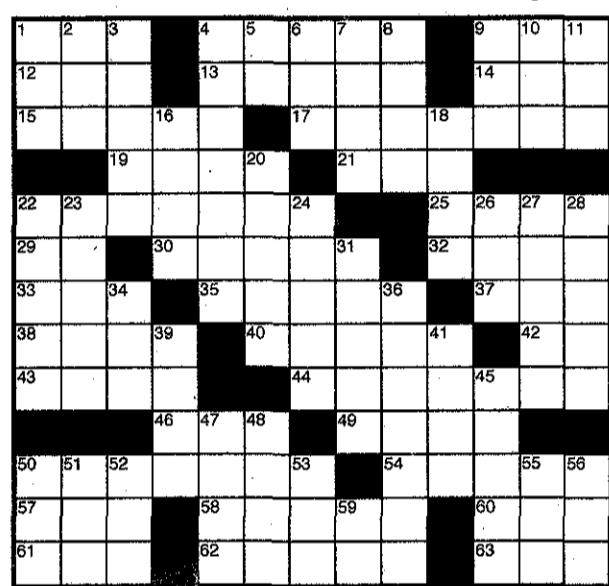
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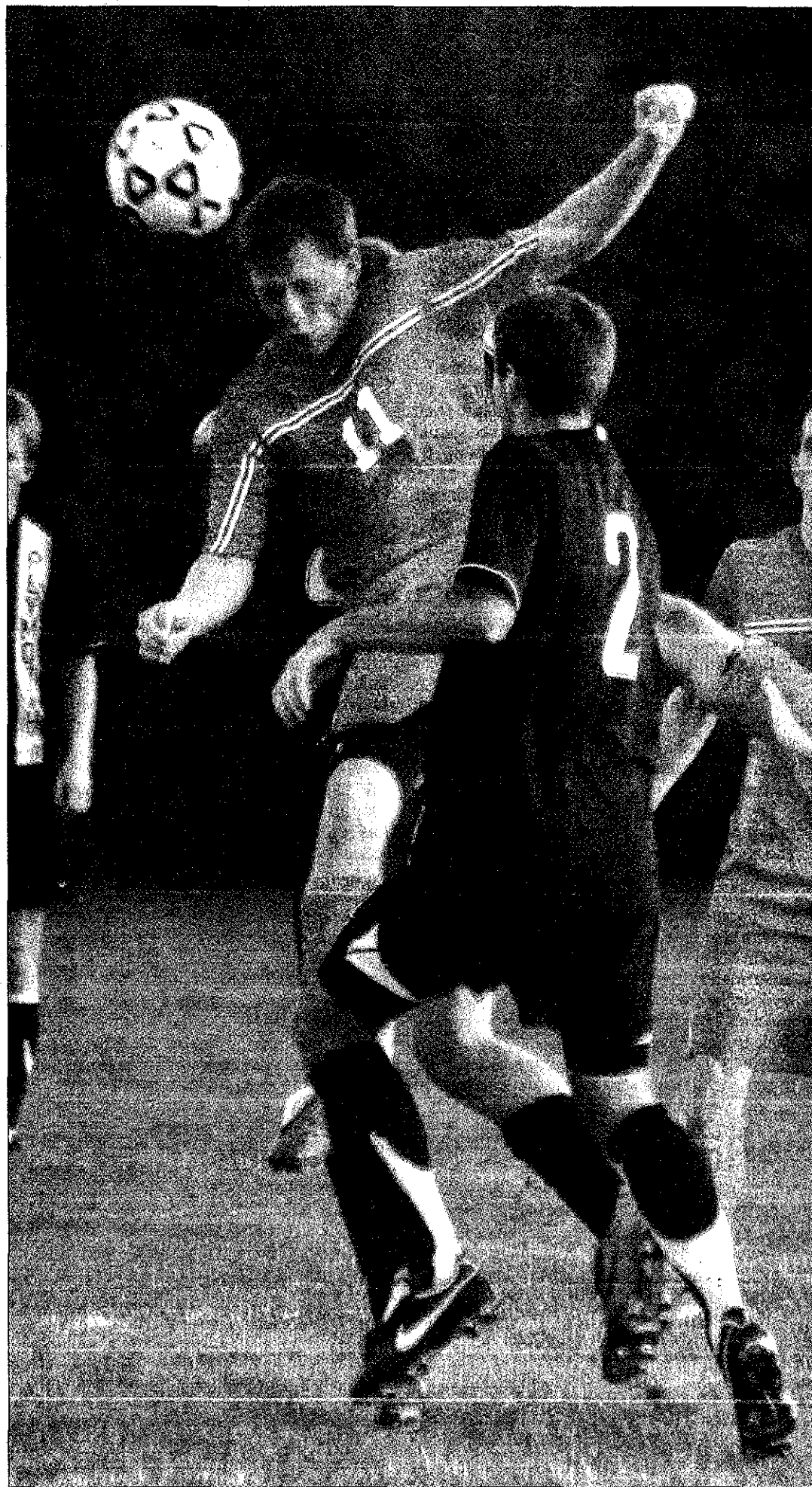
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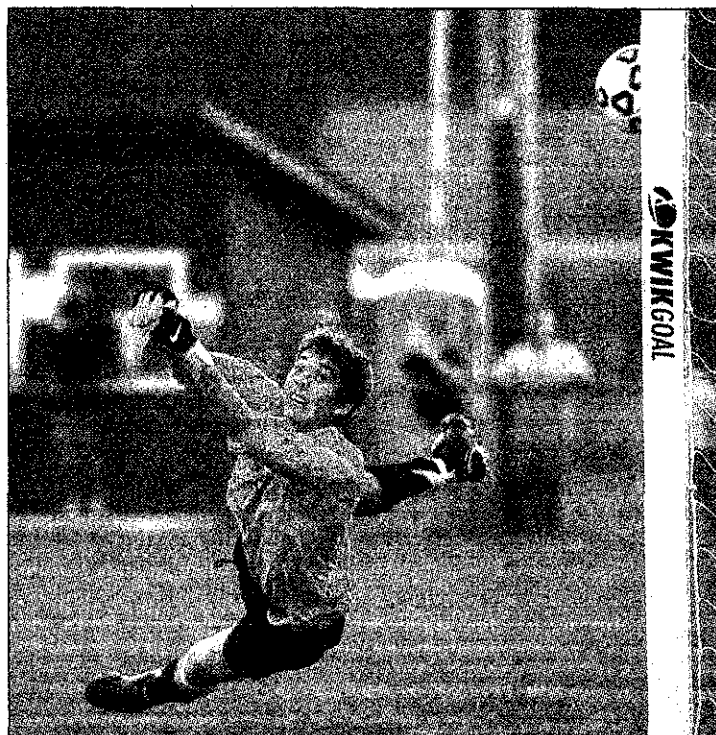
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Canton's Joey Massel (11) launches a header past Plymouth's Michael Korona (2) during Tuesday night's cross-campus soccer match. The Chiefs prevailed, 5-1, to improve to 4-0-2.

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Plymouth goalkeeper Brian Rissman's all-out effort wasn't enough to prevent Canton's first goal of the game Tuesday night.

Sidelines

Plymouth 'Y' news

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of instructional sports programs that will focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

The 'Y's' preschool-aged programs for kids between the ages of 3 and 5 include sports sampler, Y-Hoops, Bumble Bee soccer, Y-Pucks and Pee Wee T-Ball. The instructional programs for kids aged 6 to 10 include Hoop Skills, Y Soccer Academy, Flag Football Clinic and the Fall Basketball Challenge. The six-week programs run the week of Sept. 10 through Oct. 15. For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904; or visit www.ymca-detroit.org.

The 'Y' is also looking for preschool instructors for these programs. If you are interested, call the phone number listed above.

Crusaders lauded

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honored three Madonna University soccer players for having outstanding weeks.

Livonia native T. J. Djokic was selected the WHAC Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week after netting the game-tying goal in a 1-1 tie at Bethel College (Ind.) and he added another marker in a 2-0 triumph over Albion College. For the week, the senior midfielder collected four points, helping MU to a 2-0-1 record.

His teammate, senior goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons, earned the conference's first-ever Defensive Player of the Week honor after giving up just two goals in three games between Aug. 26 and Sept. 2. He stopped eight of nine shots during the week.

The defensive award was added by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics prior to this season.

Meanwhile, MU's women's soccer program also had some conference honors as junior midfielder Ashley Stoychoff was named WHAC Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week. Stoychoff, a junior from Canton, scored her second game-winning goal of the young season in a 1-0 conference victory over visiting Cornerstone.

Canton hands 'Cats 5-1 loss

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton senior forward Tim Belcher weaved through Plymouth's defense like a Porsche through rush-hour traffic with just over two minutes left in Tuesday night's cross-campus battle on the P-CEP soccer field.

As Belcher neared the shadow of the Wildcats' goal, he dropped off a soft pass to teammate Mark Edwards, who buried the ball into the back of the net to increase the Chiefs' lead to 2-0.

The play epitomized the way Canton has played throughout the early portion of the 2007 season as it has racked up a 4-0-2 record including Tuesday's 5-1 triumph.

"Their performance has definitely been above-average so far; I've been very satisfied with the effort," Canton coach George Tomasso said, assessing his team's early-season success. "There are some things we need

to work on defensively and our midfield play needs to be a little sharper, but offensively they've had the finishing bug in them. I don't know where it came from, but hopefully it sticks around."

The one-sided loss left Plymouth with a 1-3-2 mark (0-1 in the Western Division).

"It was not a good effort on our part," said Wildcat coach Jeff Neschich. "It was very uninspired. We didn't go hard after the 50-50 balls. It was like one guy was working and the others were watching him."

"I don't want to take anything away from Canton, though. They outworked us and they showed that they know how to play in big games like this."

The game resembled anything but a 5-1 contest during the opening 23 scoreless minutes as both teams traded a few golden scoring opportunities, but failed to convert. Canton senior captain Pat Nolan finally broke the scoring ice when he launched a

Please see **CANTON, C3**

Marathon man Salem grad has sights set on '08 Olympic team

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The odds against Salem graduate Jon Little making the 2008 United States Olympic team will be stacked higher and steeper than "Heartbreak Hill" when he lines up alongside close to 100 other marathoners on Nov. 3 at the Olympic trials in New York City.

But just making it as far as Little has required hurdling some pretty serious odds, which is why those who know him well aren't betting against the former Rock star.

"Jon has a chance because he is very driven and he's very motivated," said Geoff Baker, Little's former cross country coach at Salem. "Making it to the Olympic trials is awesome, but it doesn't surprise me one bit."

UPHILL CLIMB

Just three of the approximately 100 marathon trials qualifiers will earn the honor of wearing the red, white and blue warm-ups in Beijing, China, next summer — a statistic that doesn't faze Little, who graduated from Salem in 1999.

"I'm not going to New York with the attitude that I'm just happy to be there," Little assured. "I'm going there to finish in the top three and make the team. I realize I may have to run a little recklessly, which is something I don't normally do. But if you finish fourth in New York just one second out

of third, you go home like the other 97 guys. They only take the top three."

Little qualified for the trials by posting a time of 2:21.48 at the Chicago Marathon last October.

"At the 20-mile mark, I was five seconds ahead of the time I needed, so I knew I had it," said Little. "I was pretty excited over the last 50 meters because I had worked so long and so hard to qualify for the trials."

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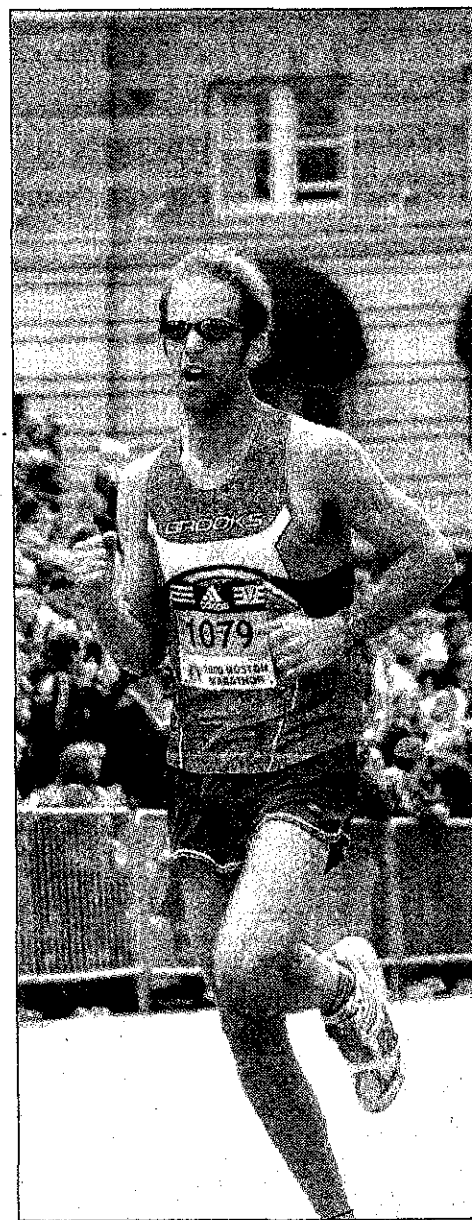
Little's quest for a coveted spot on the U.S. Olympic roster has been soaked with sacrifice. He routinely runs at least 100 miles each week and he's postponed a promising career in law in order to realize his ultimate dream.

"Every time I go out for a run, I have an Olympic daydream," he said. "When I see former Olympians on TV — people like Diego Maradona and Michael Jordan — I think about how talent alone isn't enough. I realize it's going to take an incredible amount of sacrifice, discipline and commitment to pull it off."

Little's passion for running was stirred at a fifth-grade field day competition in upstate New York, where he lived before moving to Plymouth with his family when he was in eighth grade.

"The thing I liked the most about

Please see **MARATHON, C4**



Salem graduate Jon Little is pictured during his 23rd-place finish in the 2006 Boston Marathon. Little is one of 100 runners to qualify for the 2008 Olympic marathon trials, which are set for November in New York City.

PREP SWIMMING PREVIEW

All-Stater Schmitt to lead Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Next September, Allison Schmitt may be basking in the glow of Olympics glory.

But for now, one of the most accomplished swimmers to ever plant her feet on a Canton High School natatorium starting block is more than content leading the Chiefs into what promises to be a memorable season.

Schmitt, a senior captain, has qualified for the 2008 Olympic Trials. She is also coming off a junior season that netted a pair of individual freestyle state titles.

But all that success hasn't changed Schmitt's admirable work ethic nor has it bloated her ego, according to Canton coach Molly Raines.

"One of the nicest things about Allison is that she is so genuine," said Raines. "She works hard every day and she sets a great example for the other girls — especially the young ones — to follow. She doesn't let everything she's accomplished go to her head."

Please see **SWIMMING, C2**



Schmitt

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
FRIDAY, SEPT. 7
 Wayne at Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
 Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
SATURDAY, SEPT. 8
 Salem at East Lansing Invite, 11:15 a.m.
 Plymouth at Farmington, 12:30 p.m.
 Novi at Canton, 12:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
SATURDAY, SEPT. 8
 Salem at Madonna Invite, 8:30 a.m.
 Plymouth and Canton at Wildcat Invite, TBA

GIRLS SWIMMING
THURSDAY, SEPT. 6
 Tecumseh at Plymouth at Canton H.S., 7 p.m.
 Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8
 W.L.A.A. Relays at Salem, noon

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
THURSDAY, SEPT. 6
 Plymouth at Ypsilanti Early Season Invite, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8
 Salem at Brother Rice, 10 a.m.
 Plymouth at Tommy Titan, 4 p.m.
 Canton at Tortoise & Hare Invitational, 9:45 a.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
SATURDAY, SEPT. 8
 Salem at Brother Rice, 10 a.m.
 Canton at Tortoise & Hare Invitational, 10:15 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF
FRIDAY, SEPT. 7
 Northville at Salem at St. John's, 3 p.m.
 Canton at Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS
FRIDAY, SEPT. 7
 Plymouth at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Canton at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8
 Plymouth at Don Zielinski Memorial Tournament at D.H. Crestwood H.S.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-August 28, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 28, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack. Members Absent: Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomaro, Director Conklin, Director Faas. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as amended, deleting C-5 Allow Beer and Wine at the Cady Boyer Barn. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the regular Board Minutes of August 14, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** Janice Weslin, 3319 Wall Street, representative from Kevin McNamara's office presented proclamation to Trustee Caccamo Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. ADOPT THE RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO CANTON AND SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, NICHOLAS M. QUEEN, UNITED STATES MARINES. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution in recognition of service to Canton and service to his Country, Private First Class, Nicholas M. Queen, United States Marines. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO THE SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the appointment of Bobby Woods to the Senior Advisory Council, to fill the un-expired term of Eileen McCallum. The term will commence immediately and expire on December 31, 2008. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. AUTHORIZE CHANGE TO THE SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL BY LAWS. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the proposed change in the Senior Advisory Council By-Laws to expand the number of At-Large members from 3 to 9. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS) MOM TO MOM SALE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for Tri-City Christian MOPS Mom to Mom Sale to be held on September 8th, 2007 at 3855 Sheldon Road. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. ALLOW BEER AND WINE AT THE CADY BOYER BARN. (CLS)** Deleted **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SITE PLAN VILLAGE GARDEN RETAIL CENTER - CHERRY HILL VILLAGE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for site plan for Village Garden Retail Center. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. CONSIDER AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS OF BECK @ CHERRY HILL, CANTON CENTER @ SALTZ AND HAGGERTY @ PALMER TO DAN'S EXCAVATING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the 2007 IAC Program including the intersections of Beck at Cherry Hill, Canton Center at Saltz and Haggerty at Palmer in the amount of \$728,369.02 plus a 5% contingency of \$36,420 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$764,789.02 to Dan's Excavating, Incorporated to be charged against Account #403-506-969-0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. CONSIDER PURCHASING MAST ARMS AND ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the purchase of mast arms and related signalization equipment from Account #403-506-969-0000 for the intersections of Haggerty @ Palmer, Canton Center @ Geddes and Warren @ Beck in the amount of \$195,559 plus a 5% contingency of \$ 9,778 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$205,337 from Carrier & Cable, Incorporated. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. CONSIDER AWARDED ENGINEERING SERVICES TO MANSSELL ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE SIGNAL MAST ARMS DESIGN AT WARREN/SHELDON AND WARREN/MORTON TAYLOR INTERSECTIONS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to waive F.15 Finance Policy and authorize Manssell Associates, Inc. to provide engineering design services for traffic signal mast arms at Warren / Sheldon and Warren / Morton Taylor in the amount of \$10,400 to be charged to Account #403-506-803-0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. CONSIDER AWARD TO HART PAVEMENT STRIPING CORPORATION FOR THE ANNUAL PAVEMENT STRIPING OF VARIOUS TOWNSHIP OWNED ROADS AND PARKING LOTS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the Pavement Striping of Various Township Owned Roads and Parking Lots to Hart Pavement Striping Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$12,263.00 (Account 246-750-970-0000, Community Improvement Fund - Pavement Management). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. CONSIDER PAYMENT TO GAGLIO P & R CEMENT, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,000 FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SIDEWALK INSTALLATION AT THE BARTLETT-TRAVIS HOUSE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize payment to Gaglio P & R Cement, Inc. for installation of concrete sidewalk along the frontage of the Bartlett-Travis House for an amount not to-exceed \$9,000 (account No. 246-750-970-0000, Community Improvement Fund - Pavement Management). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PARKING LOT AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AT SUMMIT ON THE PARK TO BEST ASPHALT, INCORPORATED. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the construction of the parking lot and sidewalk improvements at Summit on the Park to Best Asphalt, Inc. for a total of \$116,948.75 plus a 10% contingency of \$11,695 for a project award of \$128,643.75 (account No. 246-750-970-0000, Community Improvement Fund - Pavement Management). Furthermore, Best Asphalt Incorporated will be retained in 2008 to complete the parking lot improvements at the Pheasant Run Golf Course and High Velocity Sports, as specified and quoted in the original 2007 bid documents. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to reimburse the Mannik & Smith Group for geotechnical testing in the amount of \$12,500 and the amount be subtracted from the original contract bid and a separate PO be opened up. Any additional inspection costs, based on the rate of \$500 per day, will be deducted from the contractor's price if the contractor exceeds the number of specified inspector days in the contract. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. AUTHORIZATION OF EMERGENCY REPAIR COST FOR THE LOTZ/WARREN ROAD SANITARY LIFT STATION. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the emergency repairs in the amount not to exceed \$12,000 to Kennedy Industries, 4975 Technical Drive, Milford, MI 48381. Funding to come from 2007 Public Works Account Number 592-441-935-0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. SET TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR DECEMBER 1, 2007 TAX LEVY. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that a Public Hearing be held on September 11, 2007 to receive public input on the proposed millage rates and the proposed 2008 budgets. I further move that the maximum millage rates to be levied by Canton Township on

December 1, 2007 be set as follows:	Charter Mills (General Fund)	2.6160
	Fire Protection Special Assessment	2.3580
	Police Protection Special Assessment	3.6760
	Total	8.6500

Motion carried by all members present. **Item 10. PURCHASE OF IRRIGATION SATELLITE BOXES. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the purchase of four (4) Toro LTC Satellite Boxes for Pheasant Run Golf Club from Spartan Distributors, 1050 Updyke Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 in the amount of \$9,975 to be taken from Account 584-756-971-0000, Capital Outlay. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. CONSIDER EOC EQUIPMENT PURCHASES - 2005 UASI GRANT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of a Motorola 8-channel desktop console and accessories and the purchase of 18-Motorola portable radios and accessories through a State of Michigan bid from ComSource Inc, 3130 Austin Dr, Rochester Hills, MI 48309 in the amount of \$25,503.10. Funding to come from account #101 860 977 0000 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 12. CONSIDER UPGRADES TO MOBILE COMMAND POST - 2005 UASI GRANT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase upgrades to the Mobile Command Post as quoted through the federal contract prices from LDV, Inc, 180 Industrial Drive, Burlington, WI 53105 in the amount of \$40,717. Funding to come from account # 101 860 977 0000 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 13. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF LAPTOPS FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 2-laptop computers from EDS, PO Box 848433, Dallas, TX in the amount of \$5,907.37 and to approve the following budget amendment to create a capital line item for this purchase: Decrease Appropriations Contribution to Fund balance 207 301 999 0000 (\$5,908) Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay 207 301 977 0000 \$5,908 This budget amendment will neither increase nor decrease FY 2007 Police Fund Budget. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 14. CONSIDER PATROL VEHICLE REPLACEMENT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the replacement of patrol unit #2605 with an Interceptor through the Macomb County Bid Program from Signature Ford, 3942 W. Lansing Road, Perry, MI 48872 in the amount of \$20,945 and to approve the following budget amendment to create a capital line item for this purchase: Decrease Appropriations Contribution to Fund balance 207 301 999 0000 (\$20,945) Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay 207 301 977 0000 \$20,945 This budget amendment will neither increase nor decrease FY 2007 Police Fund Budget. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 15. CONSIDER LIVE SCAN PURCHASE. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of the Live Scan system (\$29,514) and maintenance costs (\$3523) (Police Contracted Services, account #207 301 818 0000) through a State of Michigan bid through Oakland County Budget and Management, 1201 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan in the amount of \$33,037. Funding to come from Police Capital Outlay Computers and Police Contracted Services (Police Capital Outlay Computers #207 301 977 2580). Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated there will be a regular Study Session on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, First Floor, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. The topic will be Funding Local Road Improvements in Canton Township. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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SWIMMING

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Senior Monica Blaesser, who excels in the freestyle events, will combine with Schmitt to give the Chiefs a potent 1-2 punch in the pool. "Monica really worked hard this summer," said Raines. "She's one of those swimmers who you can watch in the pool and just tell she's working hard by her movements."

Two more seniors — Maddy McDuff and Katie Kubacki — are also expected to be top point-earners for the Chiefs. McDuff excels in the backstroke and the 200 freestyle while Kubacki's specialties are the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events.

Key returners include sophomore Maggie Carlson, who qualified for the Division 1 state meet last year, and junior freestyler Hannah Maxam.

Sophomore Mallory Hudak and freshman Robyn Piwowar will provide depth in diving while newcomers Kayla Eyster, Katie Irwin, Kari and Sara Schmitt — the younger twin sisters of Allison — and Lindsay Kubacki (Katie's younger sibling) have shown vast potential in Raines' estimation.

"I'm excited about the season," said Raines. "We have a lot of talented, versatile swimmers on the team this year. We have more depth than we've had in the past, but our conference should be tough. We'll just have to see who steps up. It should be interesting."

The Chiefs open their 2007 campaign tonight at Westland John Glenn. The opening event is set for 7 p.m.

SALEM

The Rocks will be bolstered by a potent blend of talented returners and a deep class of freshmen that promises to keep them among the W.L.A.A.'s elite programs.

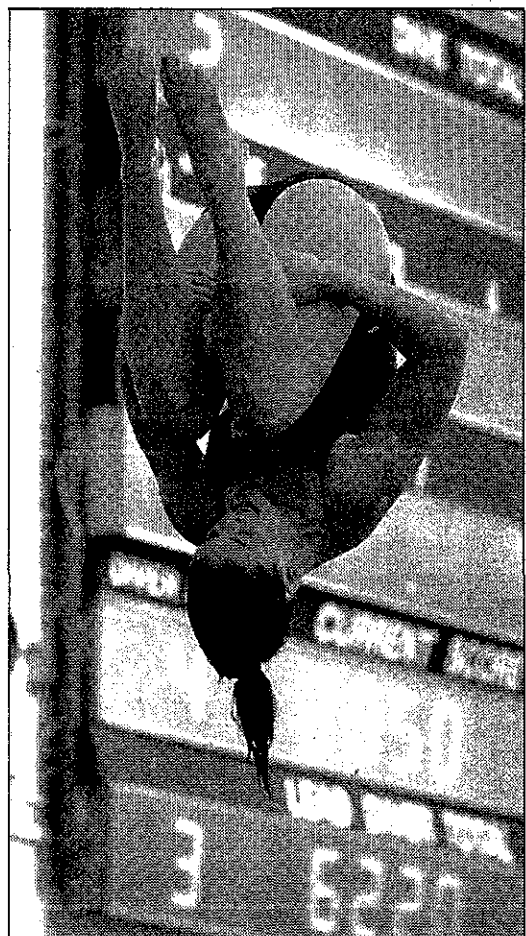
"We have 60 girls on the team right now, so the numbers are there," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "We have a lot of experienced girls back and we have about 12 ninth-graders on the team. We just have to use the experience to our advantage."

The Rocks will be led by a trio of outstanding senior captains: Katie Gorman, Allison Burke and Kristin Hartwig, all of whom are embarking on their fourth varsity season.

"All three of them have been working hard getting the team together and ready for the season since our banquet ended last year," said Olson. "They're all excellent leaders."

Gorman shines in the freestyle, butterfly and backstroke events; Burke's specialty is the freestyle; and Hartwig excels in the freestyle and backstroke, according to Olson.

Four other seniors will also play a major role in the Rocks' successes this season: Kaitlin



Junior Katie Koetting returns as one of the top divers in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Heaney (freestyle, breaststroke), Sandy Nahra (butterfly, freestyle), Angie DiNicola (freestyle, backstroke) and Megan Burke (breaststroke).

Salem's talented contingent of juniors includes Whitney Aumiller, Emily Bair, Katie Koetting, Amanda Price, Kristen Clemons, Mary Schremser, Alexis Thornbury and Casey Zimmerman.

"Whitney and Emily can swim everything," said Olson. "Katie had a great year diving last year and she's even better now, and Amanda has really worked hard during the off-season."

Among the team's top underclassmen are sophomore Sara Spala and freshman Emily Nelson.

"Livonia Stevenson will be very good again this year," said Olson. "I talked to their coach and he said they're probably better than they were last year. Canton should be very good again and John Glenn has at least four good swimmers back."

The Rocks will be hosting the W.L.A.A. Conference Relays on Saturday beginning at noon.

Whalers even pre-season mark

Goaltender Jeremy Smith stopped 43-of-46 shots and Joe McCann scored twice as the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Windsor Spitfires, 6-3, in an Ontario Hockey League preseason game played Monday afternoon at Windsor Arena.

Plymouth and Windsor are both 1-1-0-0 in preseason.

Besides McCann, Chris Terry, Taylor Carnevale, A.J. Jenks (Wolverine Lake) and Brett Valliquette all scored goals for the Whalers. Matthew Bragg, Brad Snetsinger and Josh Bailey replied for Windsor.

Smith, a second-round pick of the Nashville Predators, was sharp in his first action of the preseason as Plymouth built a 3-0 lead after one period and never looked back.

Terry started the scoring during a two-man advantage at 7:02 of the first period with a hard shot from the left faceoff dot that pinged off both goal posts and then beat Windsor goaltender Andrew Engleage. McCann made it 2-0 23 seconds later when he batted home Jordan O'Neill's shot past Engleage. McCann chased Engleage at 16:57 of the period when he scored a shorthanded goal from the top of the right circle.

Bragg (12:13) and Snetsinger (15:27) cut the

Plymouth lead to 3-2 with shorthanded goals in the second period for Windsor.

But Plymouth put the game away with third-period goals by Carnevale (4:15) and Jenks (4:28) 13 seconds apart and added some insurance on Valliquette's goal at 6:55. Bailey closed the scoring with a minute left in the game.

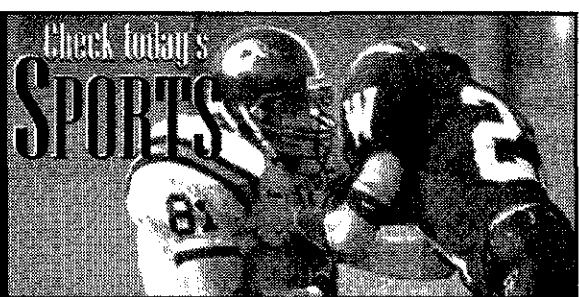
Windsor outshot Plymouth, 46-27.

Plymouth scratches included Michal Neuvirth, Brett Bellemore, Tyler J. Brown, Leo Jenner, Steve Lock, R.J. Mahalak, Steve McDonald, Sean O'Connor and Zack Shepley.

Plymouth continues its preseason slate in Sarnia on Friday. It will then host Sarnia on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth's home opener is Saturday, Sept. 22 at 7:05 p.m. against the Erie Otters at the Compuware Sports Arena. The Whalers will raise their OHL championship banner before the start of the game.

Single-game tickets are being held at \$14 for Center Ice Seating and \$10 for Executive Reserved. Season tickets for 2007-08 start at \$239 and can be purchased by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

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Spartan kickers upend Rocks



Stevenson's Joseph D'Agostino collides with Salem's Dan Radosevich during Tuesday night's game at Stevenson.

Anytime Lars Richters can get a win against long-time nemesis Salem - no matter what the Rocks' record might be - he'll take it.

The Livonia Stevenson boys soccer coach let out of a deep sigh of relief Tuesday night as his host Spartans gained a hard-earned 3-1 victory.

Stevenson, last year's Division 1 state runner-up, is off to a 4-0 start, including a 2-0 mark in a Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The loss drops Salem to 0-2-4 overall and 0-1 in the division.

"I have tremendous respect for Salem and their program - I'm pleased that early in this season that we played a pretty strong game," Richters said. "But everybody knows it's a long season and they'll continue to improve."

Midway through the opening half, Stevenson's Chris Long scored from Adrian Fylenko to make it 1-0 for the Spartans.

Salem sophomore Mohammad Pourmandi tied it later in the half on an assist from Kevin Cope.

The Spartans took the lead for keeps, 2-1, at half-time, on a goal by Brian Klemczak assisted by Joey D'Agostino.

David Simor tacked on an insurance goal from Brandon Kopitz to make the two-goal margin hold up.

Connor Burton (first half) and Justin Collins (second half) split the goalkeeping duties for the Spartans, who also received strong play on the back line from Dylan Green.



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Joseph D'Agostino and Salem's Josh Pascarella both have their eyes on the prize during Tuesday night's pivotal WLA Lakes Division soccer match on the Spartans' home pitch. Stevenson won, 3-1, to grab the upper-hand in the race for the division title.

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sizzling free kick from 30 yards out that barely eluded the reach of diving Plymouth netminder Brian Rissman to give the Chiefs a 1-0 advantage with 4:21 left in the first half.

Edwards' goal off the slick dish from Belcher doubled Canton's lead to 2-0 with 2:19 remaining before intermission.

"The combination of Timmy's speed, touch and quickness creates a lot of dangerous situations for our opponents," said Tomasso. "He loves to cut into the 18-yard box, draw a bunch of players to him, then drop it off. He's a very smart, unselfish player."

"I thought (junior defenseman) Scott Zech played one of the better games I've seen him play in his career. He's just so consistent."

Whatever message Neschich and his assistant coaches relayed to the Wildcats during half-time, it appeared to work as Danny Jasewicz scored on a header from Tyler Floyd less than two minutes into the second half to cut the Wildcats' deficit to 2-1.

Plymouth owned the momentum for less than five minutes as Canton junior forward Sherif

'The combination of Timmy's (Belcher) speed, touch and quickness creates a lot of dangerous situations for our opponents. He loves to cut into the 18-yard box, draw a bunch of players to him, then drop it off. He's a very smart, unselfish player.'

GEORGE TOMASSO, Canton coach

Hassanien outsprinted Rissman for the ball 15 yards out and toed in a soft roller to make it 3-1. Canton senior midfielder Logan McGraw set up the net-finder with a slick move near mid-field followed by a pin-point lead pass.

Hassanien put the game out of reach with 7:53 to go when he scored again off a pass from Edwards.

Josh Hurst closed out the scoring with 15.9 seconds left. Nolan assisted.

Canton senior goalkeeper Matt Revers recorded the victory between the pipes, stopping seven shots.

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Plymouth's Gordon Libby (left) battles Canton's Mark Edwards for possession of the ball during Tuesday night's match. Edwards scored the Chiefs' second goal in their 5-1 triumph.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth hoop league

Madonna University will stage a Sunday Youth Basketball League beginning Sunday, Sept. 9 through Oct. 28, at the MU Activities Center.

Ages 10-12 will report at 3 p.m. followed by ages 13-15 at 5 p.m. on Sept. 9. Each day will consist of a skill-building session and a league game.

Included in the \$100 cost is league jersey, league games (plus playoffs) and skill building drills.

For more information, call (734) 398-5975 or (734) 432-5591.

Kickball league

Canton Leisure Services will be offering a fall adult kickball league Sept. 10 to Oct. 22. The Monday night league includes doubleheaders that will be played at the Canton Sports Center. Game times will rotate between 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:45-9:45 p.m. Team registration is \$250.

There is also a \$10 referee fee per team per game paid at the field. Awards will go to league and playoff champions.

You can register in person at the Summit on the Park; or by calling (734) 483-5600.

Ignition tryouts

The Detroit Ignition Major Indoor Soccer League team will hold open tryouts Sept. 15 at High Velocity Sports in Canton, team President Greg Bibb announced recently.

The tryouts give area players and international players the chance to compete for a spot on the 2007-08 Ignition roster. The annual event will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m.

Following the tryouts, a select group of participants will be asked to return to an invitation-only combine slated for Sept. 21 and 22 at High Velocity Sports. Those interested in trying out need to complete a registration form and submit a \$50 processing fee. To register or for more information, contact Kyle Karns at (248) 304-2855, ext. 1264. Additional information can be found on the team's Web site at www.detroitignition.com. Last year's tryouts featured over 100 participants representing 13 states and four countries. An impressive local turnout included a number of former area collegiate level players representing a total of 13 Michigan colleges.

Observer pickers can relate to Wolverines' upsetting loss

Pigskin prognosticators all over the land were sacked for huge losses Saturday as Appalachian State handed University of Michigan the upset of the century in college football. (Hey, it's only 2007, so that's not too much of a reach.)

So, whether you're talking college or high school, this job of "grid picks" is not such a sure thing.

The U-M meltdown at The Big House perhaps takes a little bit of the sting out of what was a so-so week for those of us in the Observer sports department. You throw in all the information you have on a particular matchup into the mixer and see what gets churned out.

Obviously, this isn't rocket science. But people like to guess what could be happening with their favorite teams, so I guess it is somewhat of a community service that football forecasters big and small attempt to provide.

And since Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons last week basically called my first-place showing in Week 1 a fluke, I guess I should be gloating about another top finish last weekend. But both of us didn't exactly light it up, tying at 6-4 for the week to edge Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright, who went 5-5 and is struggling with an overall mark of 12-11.

Yours truly, the Redford-Garden City Sports Editor, remains at the top of the standings with a record of 15-8, one game ahead of Emons. I'll enjoy the view for now.

That's because there are no guarantees.

It never fails that a slam-dunk pick - whether concerning a bonafide powerhouse or a team at the bottom of the heap - goes awry every week.

So, fully aware that any contest can be this week's version of Appalachian State-U-M, here is the slate for another unpredictable week of games.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)

WAYNE (1-1) AT PLYMOUTH (2-0) AT PCEP, 4:30 P.M.:

These two WLA Lakes Division rivals collide after posting impressive victories and both will be eager to open conference play on a winning note. The Wildcats pounded crosstown rival Plymouth Salem while the Zebras trounced host Walled Lake Central.

PICKS: Smith (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth); Emons (Wayne).

LIV. CHURCHILL (2-0) AT W.L. CENTRAL (0-2): Both the Chargers and Vikings play their first WLA Lakes Division game headed in opposite directions so far. In order for the Vikes to turn things around, they'll have to move the football despite Churchill's defensive standout Ryan Whitum.

PICKS: Smith (Churchill); Wright (Churchill); Emons (Central).

W.L. WESTERN (1-1) AT LIV. FRANKLIN (0-2): The host Patriots are keyed up to win their confer-

ence opener, but to do so means having to slow down a high-powered Warriors attack. Western last week routed Walled Lake Northern, 37-2.

PICKS: Smith (WLW); Wright (Franklin); Emons (Western).

CANTON (1-1) AT NORTHVILLE (0-2): This game will pit two teams with polar-opposite offensive philosophies as the Chiefs rarely throw more than five passes a game while the Mustangs are apt to put the ball in the air close to 50 times. PICKS: Smith (Canton); Wright (Canton); Emons (Canton).

W.L. NORTHERN (0-2) AT JOHN GLENN (1-1): After the Rockets fizzled in the final minute Thursday against Canton, they'll be chomping at the bit when Walled Lake Northern comes to town. The Knights, meanwhile, have nowhere to go but up after a slow start.

PICKS: Smith (Glenn); Wright (Glenn); Emons (Glenn).

LIV. STEVENSON (2-0) AT SALEM (0-2) AT CEP, 7:30 P.M.: Could this be this week's Appalachian-U-M mismatch? Nah, probably not. The Spartans gained 419 yards offense last week against Livonia Franklin, and Salem will have difficulty slowing them down.

PICKS: Smith (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson).

WOODHAVEN (1-1, 1-0) AT REDFORD UNION (1-1, 0-1): If the host Panthers are to stem the tide, it would be a good idea to do so against the Warriors, fresh off a 27-0 thumping of Taylor Kennedy. RU should rebound from a tough loss to Wyandotte Roosevelt and have a dynamic running duo of Yourye Wilson and David Caloia - who combined for nearly 350 yards in the defeat.

PICKS: Smith (RU); Wright (RU); Emons (Woodhaven).

GARDEN CITY (1-1, 1-0) AT YPSILANTI (1-1, 1-0): Week 3 might be a bit early for a Mega Blue showdown, but one of these teams could start to get on a roll with another win. The Cougars are eager to build off of a 14-9 win over Romulus, their first victory since 2005.

PICKS: Smith (Ypsilanti); Wright (Ypsilanti); Emons (Ypsilanti).

SATURDAY'S GAMES

LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (0-2, 0-2) AT CRANBROOK (0-2, 0-1), 1 P.M.:

Livonia Clarenceville needs to get on track and this Metro Conference matchup with winless Cranbrook-Kingswood could be the right tonic.

PICKS: Smith (Clarenceville); Wright (Clarenceville); Emons (Cranbrook).

A.A. GABRIEL RICHARD (1-1) AT LUTH. WESTLAND (1-1, 1-1), 1 P.M.: The Fighting Irish scored 51 points in a come-from-behind win against Sacred Heart Academy, and will be looking to keep the momentum going. But the host Warriors also won, with a solid defensive effort against Livonia Clarenceville.

PICKS: Smith (Gabriel Richard); Wright (LW); Emons (Gabriel Richard).

RED. COVENANT (1-1) AT OLD REDFORD ACADEMY (1-0), 1 P.M.: After winning in their opener, the Spartans took it on the chin 49-7 at Galesburg. But their opponent this weekend lost 51-0 in its lone contest so far. Something has to give.

PICKS: Smith (Covenant); Wright (Covenant); Emons (Old Redford).

RED. THURSTON (0-2, 0-1) AT INKSTER (2-0, 1-0): The Eagles have struggled mightily, giving up 61 points in two games. Inkster, even though in the lower Mega Gold, will go into the matinee on a high note after blanking River Rouge, 36-0.

PICKS: Smith (Inkster); Wright (Inkster); Emons (Inkster).



Tim Smith

Wildcats hope to match last year's success

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The nucleus of Plymouth's 2006 WLAA conference championship boys cross country team has run off to college, but the cupboard is far from bare for coach Lee Shaw's program.

After leading the Wildcats to a 12th-place finish at the Division 1 state meet last fall, Pat Slavens has taken his distance-running skills to Albion while Anthony Scaparo is currently competing as a freshman at Wright State University.

Christian Chagas and Henry Xu also graduated, leaving voids in their wake.

"We'll be OK this year, but we only have four guys back with vast varsity experience," cautioned Shaw. "We have three decent lead runners, but we need a couple of people to step up and provide some depth at four and five."

The Wildcats will be paced by a trio of seniors — Justin Huey, Matt Lewandowski and Alex Noble — along with junior Derek Lax.

"Justin had a very good track season in the spring and he trained very hard over the summer," said Shaw. "Derek was our No. 2 runner late last

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year. He and Justin should be pushing each other this year. Alex is one of the hardest-working kids on the team."

Senior Lucas Seibel has also impressed Shaw during early-season workouts. Another junior to watch is Steven Schultz, who is making the shift from the football field to the cross-country paths.

The Wildcats' sophomore class is led by Warren Buzzard and Matt Neumann. Buzzard possesses the school's all-time freshmen record.

The team's top ninth-grader this fall should be Zachery Koch, who has been displaying strong potential during pre-season training.

Shaw mentioned Livonia Churchill, Canton and Salem as the teams to beat in the WLAA in 2007.

CANTON

With everybody returning from last year's up-and-coming squad, the Chiefs have the talent and depth it takes to transform into instant contenders this season following a few rough years filled with growing pains.

"We've put our goals as high

as they can be," said Canton coach Bill Boyd. "This group has put in more miles over the summer than any Canton team in the past eight years."

"Last year, after they all went to watch Duncan compete at the state meet, they came back and said their goal was to qualify as a team this year."

The resurgence will be led by junior Duncan Spitz, whose 16:24 clocking at the 2006 Division 1 state meet broke Steve Debien's school record time of 16:25.

"Duncan has the fastest time of any returner in the league this year," said Boyd. "I expect him to battle the Daltons, Verilones and Gryskos all season."

The Chiefs have a quartet of talented seniors led by co-captain Derek Hoerman, who has posted a personal best of 12:05.

"Derek is a real leader by example," said Boyd. "He doesn't say much, but he works extremely hard at every workout."

Seniors Dave Catalan (a co-captain along with Hoerman), Aaron McClellan and Anton Schauerte will also be counted on to provide strong performances throughout the course of the season, Boyd emphasized.

The Spitz-led junior class includes Kyle Clinton, Greg Reed and Mark Eimers, all of whom could flirt with the 17:00 mark this fall.

Sophomores Zach Spreitzer, Josh Osinski and Jon Peck all shined as freshmen in '06.

"This team has chemistry and they all love to run," said Boyd.

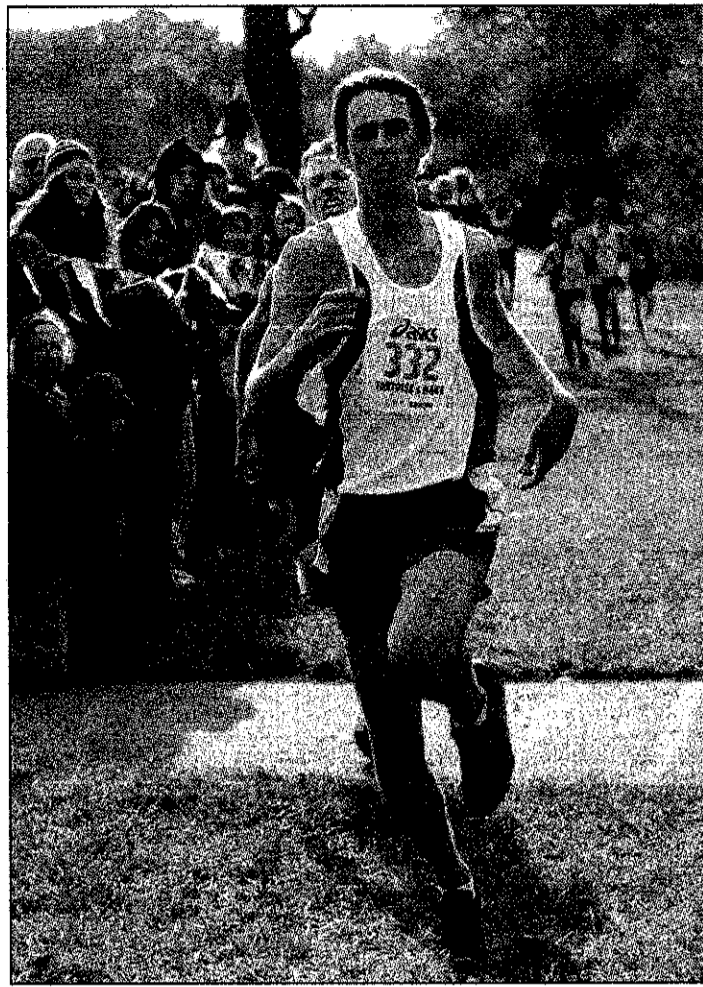
SALEM

The Rocks will be paced by a trio of high-achieving seniors, including Kevin deBear, the lone Salem runner to qualify for last year's D1 state meet, Justin Kane and Craig Cowing, who placed 16th at the Regional event in 2006.

"I'm looking for us to be vastly improved from last year," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "As long as we stay healthy, we should be pretty good."

"Our three seniors are very good leaders. They know what it takes to get to the state meet, so they can show the young kids what it's all about."

Three juniors — Rob Curtis, Jared Jones and Matt Devey — will provide valuable depth while sophomore twins Eric and Alex Volstramer will be "right there in our top 12," Baker said.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior Kevin deBear will be working hard toward a return trip to the Division 1 cross country state meet in 2007. deBear was the lone Rock to advance to the state meet in 2006.

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running was that everybody started at the same point and everybody finished at the same point," said Little. "You either got beat, or you didn't. You either won, or you didn't. There were no referees. It was all black-and-white and it was fair."

TALENTED TRIO
Little, who currently lives in Indianapolis, teamed up with long-distance stand-outs Nick Allen and Donnie Warner to help propel

Salem's cross country program into elite status.

"When I moved to Plymouth in eighth grade, there was no middle school cross country program, so one of my teachers at West (Middle School) would drive me over to Salem so that I could run with coach Baker's guys," Little recalled. "That helped show me what I could expect at the next level."

After excelling at Salem, Little ran track and cross country at Rutgers University in New Jersey before transferring to Indiana University.

"I learned a lot about long-distance running at Indiana," he said. "I was training alongside guys who had run 3:55 miles; athletes from all over — from Kenya to Ireland — who taught me the character and focus it took to be a world-class athlete."

The 26-year-old Little said if the odds prevail and he doesn't qualify for the 2008 games, it won't derail his dream.

"Marathoners usually don't reach their peak until they're in their mid-30s, so I'd probably give it another shot," he said.

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Salad days, with beer

A spoonful of brew helps the vegetables go down

BY MAGGIE BOLEYN
SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE

Tablespoon parsley, ½ teaspoon salt and a dash of pepper.



Sierra Nevada Pale Ale pairs well with salads.

Face it, many men of a certain age just don't eat enough vegetables. My guy is a staunch meat and potatoes type. He's not alone — most Americans manage only 3.5 of the recommended 5 servings of fruits and vegetables.

"Hey, ever hear of potato salad?" he asked. "That counts."

What to do? Vegetables are good for you, and loaded with lots of beneficial properties. I've learned to be sneaky — like using sautéed mushrooms, onions and peppers served on top of a thick steak to get more vegetables into my husband's diet. So, he eyed the Sautéed Mushroom Salad (see recipe) a little skeptically.

"This would work out a lot better for me piled on a steak, and paired with a cold Pale Ale," he said. The distinctive flavor and assertive hoppiness of Pale Ales offers a counterbalance to many dishes, including meat and salads.

In addition to using all the standard tricks like adding spinach and extra vegetables to spaghetti sauce, I have a very easy and tasty basic dressing recipe for green salads — it's great with any and all combinations of salad fixings: 1/3 Cup oil, 3 Tablespoons sugar, and 3 Tablespoons vinegar. Optional add-ins include: 1

If you like it spicy, splash in a dash of red pepper (Tabasco) sauce. Shake all ingredients in a tightly covered jar. Refrigerate for a couple hours, or overnight. Toss the dressing in salad just before serving.

Hmmm ... if a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down, how about a spoonful (or more) of beer to help with the vegetables?

IN THE PALE

The National Beer Wholesalers Association (NBWA) offers a recipe for a dressing that uses one of my husband's favorite beer styles, pale ale, as a key ingredient. (See recipe)

The distinctive hoppy flavor which I usually find too biting is transformed by the lime, honey and mustard notes. The Pale Ale added a light and fresh taste to the greens. This recipe can be made in countless variations — try using different ales and mustards till you find your favorite taste. I used Sierra Nevada's Pale Ale with a stone ground mustard and was very pleased with the results. What was my honey's reaction?

"It's still a salad," he moaned. "Tired of the groan from your family when you put vegetables on the table? Try adding a little honey," Jami Yanoski, Marketing Manager National Honey Board

Please see **BEER & SALAD, D2**



Beer pairs well with late-summer salads, and is great added to dressings.

Accents



Paul James, host of HGTV's Gardening by the Yard.

'The Gardener Guy'

Paul James, known as The Gardener Guy, will visit Michigan to host a dinner party and home garden tour for one lucky local bidder. The well-known host of HGTV's *Gardening by the Yard* has put himself on the auction block during A One In a Million Night benefit concert beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

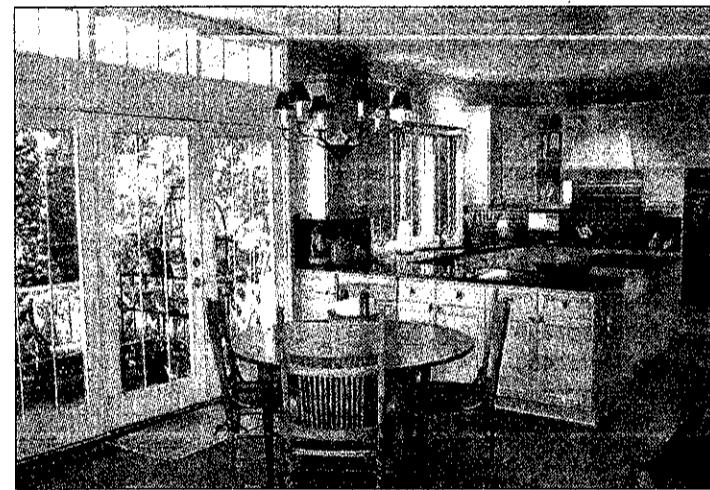
The event will feature performances, along with a live auction featuring the "Party with Paul" package. For the winner, James will lead a tour of the bidder's own garden, followed by a catered meal for 20 courtesy of The Big Rock Chophouse in Birmingham.

Tickets, \$20, are available at the Royal Oak Music Theatre box office or online. Visit www.spencerbellmemorial.com or call (248) 640-0610.

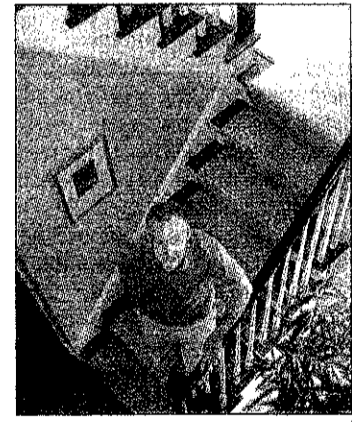
Foods of Rosh Hashanah

Commonly known as the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset on Sunday, Sept. 12 and ends at nightfall, Tuesday, Sept. 14. On Rosh Hashanah it is customary to eat foods that are sweet with flavor. This symbolizes the "sweetness and good fortune" of the New Year ahead. Foods flavored with honey, apples and carrots are commonly served. The Rosh Hashanah meal begins with apple and challah dipped in honey.

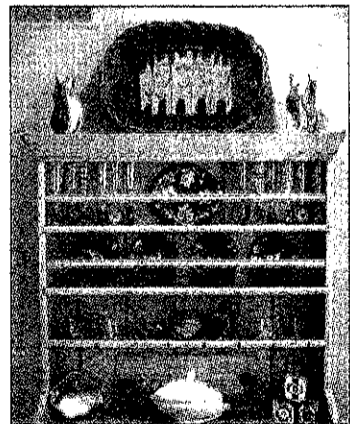
Challah, the bread usually eaten on the Sabbath, is also specially prepared for the holiday. Instead of the traditional braided loaf, the Rosh Hashanah challah is round — symbolizing the cycle of the new year. The design of ladders or birds are added to the holiday challah by some families to commemorate the prayers rising to heaven.



The kitchen's open space and accessibility to an outside deck adds to the home's ambience.



Chuck Fulgoni stands on the steps inside his Birmingham home.



Fulgoni's home features a pleasant mix of art.

Home tour kicks off autumn

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

When autumn's brisk evening breezes begin, they mark a time that homeowners think about the indoors more.

It's also time for fall home tours, and kicking them off is actually one in late summer — The Community House Home Tour on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

This year's tour also features a brunch and lecture from Frank Fontana, host of HGTV's *Design on a Dime* and *Takeover My Makeover*. (Tickets for the tour, brunch and lecture are \$60, while the tour alone is \$25.)

The event, presented by Hall & Hunter Realtors, offers seven unique homes ranging in style from traditional to contemporary. At each home, attendees will have the opportunity to view the newest selection of cars presented by Fred Lavery Co.

Chuck Fulgoni's traditional, New England-style home blends a mix of Chinese and contemporary looks alongside English and country antiques. It sounds eclectic, but it's all done seamlessly and fabulously within the confines of 4,000 square feet.

Fulgoni decided to volunteer his home for the tour following the suggestion of his decorator Bob Endress. The Community House offers approximately 800 different classes and community forums each year and partners with organizations and businesses to bring educational, social and cultural enrichment to people. It also sponsors 17

outreach programs ranging in scope from storytelling to schoolchildren to race relations.

The Community House presents programs that he could take advantage of, so the home tour seemed like a good fit, Fulgoni said.

Homes are selected for their uniqueness and variety of styles, said Gigi Nichols, publicist for The Community House. "You can enjoy seeing that minimalist look and how other people live," she said. "You can also get ideas from these homes."

Fulgoni moved to his home 10 years ago from a house on Lone Pine Road, which had three acres, but he wanted more privacy, tucked into a Birmingham neighborhood. His current home, built by Mill Creek, is on an L-shaped lot.

Hosts decorate the yard in small circles, and thrive in the shade. Chairs invite guests to a quiet area to just chill from a hectic day. And it is private, too. There's no noise here, even though Maple (and downtown Birmingham) are within walking distance.

Fulgoni has decorated his home with antiques collected by his grandmother and mother. "My grandmother liked the old country antiques, and my mother liked the English antiques," Fulgoni said.

The home houses 10 rooms (four bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths). You can see hints of the Chinese and English influences all over it. Chinese chairs are placed at the dining room table and in the master bedroom.

"I like them because they are very comfortable," he said.

HOME TOUR

What: Birmingham House Tour features brunch, lecture with HGTV host

Frank Fontana and tour of seven homes. Proceeds from the House Tour are used to fund The Community House's community outreach programs.

When and where: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, for home tour; 8:30 a.m. brunch at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

Tickets: Brunch, lecture and home tour, \$60; home tour \$25. An afternoon tea will be held at The Community House 3-4:30 p.m., which is included in the \$25 home tour ticket.

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Frank Fontana, HGTV host, will be featured in the Birmingham House Tour.

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Readers ask about air quality and refrigerator maintenance

I get all sorts of e-mails through this fine newspaper and some of them stray from the subject of major home appliances. I hope my editor will allow the following to be printed for the education of our readers. It's a subject that I have researched at great length, please read on.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Judy writes — I hope you can help us by giving us the name of a company/companies that come out and do a quality air control check of your home. We just recently finished a room in our basement, and now my husband is having a lot of breathing problems. He already has asthma and chronic lung disease, so we need to get this done as soon as possible and find out what the problem is in our home. We live in Canton and are looking forward to some info ASAP. Thank you.

Let me say that your e-mail has caused a real serious sense of concern and that this sounds like a matter of utmost importance for your husband. Any time that remodeling goes on in a home you can be assured that the workman's vacuum is not going to get everything. You will have airborne particles traveling through the ductwork. The American Lung Association says that indoor air quality is worse than outdoor air and duct cleaning should be on everyone's list of projects to get done.

BUT, we have a huge problem in this country. The Air Duct Cleaning industry is saturated with many unethical companies who are ripping off homeowners all across the country. They come on to consumers with low price quotes and smooth talking sales people, but their work is of the poorest quality, and causes more damage than good. I tell you with all sincerity to make sure you check out who comes to your home to clean your air ducts.

Naturally I know who the good guys are but it is not my policy to

use this forum to advertise any business. You may call me anytime for my recommendations.

Lois writes — I just read your Aug. 23 column about the woman who takes such good care of her refrigerator. I have never done this cleaning and would like to know: are these coils to be vacuumed the ones at the bottom front of my refrigerator? Do I take off the cover in front of them and how far back would I put the vacuum attachment? She also mentioned the back cardboard cover — what is that about? I had two refrigerators in 36 years at my old house and the last one was still running great, but I never did any maintenance on them.

Assuming that they are not made like they used to be, I would like to do what is required to maintain them. I have no one here to help me pull it out from its very tight space, so would like to know whether it is necessary to get to the back. I would really appreciate your advice.

Lois, purchase a long handle refrigerator condenser brush from your local hardware store. Remove the bottom refrigerator grill or toe plate, shut off the control and get underneath there with the brush and vacuum cleaner crevice tool. If your refrigerator is three years or older, get someone to move it away from the wall, remove the cardboard cover on the lower-bottom and clean it from back there as well. All of this is the most important piece of maintenance that can be performed on any refrigerator. In the old days, many refrigerators didn't have a coil underneath; it was attached to the back wall of the refrigerator. Thank you so much for paying attention to this column. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays and on WDTW-AM 1310 at 6 a.m. Sundays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to wvonn@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

RECIPES

GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD WITH LIME PALE ALE DRESSING

Lime Pale Ale Dressing
 1 cup Pale Ale beer
 1 teaspoon grated lime zest
 ½ cup fresh lime juice
 3 tablespoons whole grain mustard
 1 tablespoon honey
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon ground white pepper
 1½ cups canola oil
 1 tablespoon fresh chives or minced scallion

Marinade and Chicken
 ½ cup Pale Ale beer
 3 tablespoons orange marmalade
 4 cloves garlic, smashed with side of a knife
 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 8 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 3 pounds)
 Olive oil for grilling
 1 pound asparagus, ends trimmed
 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
 1 large cucumber, thinly sliced
 1 (16 ounce) bag washed mixed baby greens
 8 ounces crumbled gorgonzola or blue cheese
 ½ cup toasted pecan pieces

Prepare dressing by combining on low speed in blender or food processor the Pale Ale beer, lime zest, lime juice, mustard, honey, salt and pepper. With machine running, slowly add canola oil, a few drops at a time, then pour in a steady stream until incorporated and dressing is emulsified. Stir in chives. Dressing may be made up to two days ahead and stored in refrigerator.

In large zipper lock storage bag, make marinade by combining Pale Ale beer, marmalade, garlic cloves and mustard, squeezing to blend well. Add chicken; seal bag and toss to coat chicken. Refrigerate 2 to 8 hours. Prepare gas or charcoal grill with a medium-high heat. Remove chicken from marinade and pat dry with paper towel; discard marinade. Brush chicken and asparagus with olive oil. Grill chicken about 7 minutes, turning once, or until cooked through. Grill asparagus 2 to 3 minutes, turning frequently, until crisp-tender and slightly charred. Brush chicken and asparagus lightly with Lime Pale Ale Dressing before removing from grill.

Remove chicken and asparagus to cutting board; cut chicken into thin strips and asparagus into ½ inch pieces. Place in large serving bowl; add cherry tomatoes and cucumber slices. Toss well. Add ½ cup Lime Pale Ale Dressing and salt and pepper to taste. Toss. For each salad, place 2 packed cups greens on each of 8 serving plates. Top with chicken and vegetable mixture. Sprinkle each serving with cheese and toasted pecans. Serve with extra dressing on the side. Leftover dressing can be stored in refrigerator up to 1 week. Makes 8 servings.

Recipe courtesy of The National Beer Wholesalers Association (NBWA)

HERB GRILLED CHICKEN WITH BEER POTATO SALAD

5 lbs boneless Chicken Breasts
For Marinade:
 1 cup oil
 ½ cup apple beer
 ½ cup chervil, fresh-minced
 ½ cup tarragon, minced
 1 tablespoon rosemary, minced
 2 tablespoons garlic paste
 2 teaspoon salt
 1 tablespoon black pepper, coarse

Combine marinade ingredients. Trim chicken breast. Place in marinade for 1 to 2 hours. Heat grill. Mark the breasts on a hot grill. Turn. Cook to 150 degrees F. Pull and rest.

For Potato Salad:
 ½ pounds fingerling potatoes
 1½ pounds redskin potatoes
 ½ cup chives
 1 cup celery, minced

Greens:
 2 heads Belgium endive
 4 heads red oak
 4 heads baby romaine
 2 heads frisée

Wash and cut potatoes: fingerlings, ¼ to ½ lengthwise wedges. Redskins, ½ or ¾ lengthwise wedges. Steam, cool. Combine celery and chives to potatoes in large bowl. Add Creamy Tarragon Dressing (recipe follows) in parts to coat. Adjust seasoning. Wash greens by cutting off root end. Soak whole leaves in cold water 10 to 15 minutes. Drain spin gently and chill. Serve potato salad on greens, accompanied by grilled chicken.

Creamy Tarragon Dressing:
 1 cup apple beer (or substitute a red malt beer)
 ½ cup tarragon vinegar
 ½ cup tarragon, fresh
 ½ cup shallots, minced
 1½ quarts mayonnaise
 ½ cup Dijon mustard
 ½ cup fresh dill weed
 ½ cup fresh tarragon
 ½ cup fresh chervil
 2 teaspoons garlic paste
 2 tablespoons - ¼ cup white wine vinegar
 dash Tabasco
 1 tablespoon dry mustard
 Coarse black pepper to taste
 Salt to taste
 Heavy cream as needed for consistency

Combine beer, vinegar, tarragon and shallots in saucepan. Reduce by half. Strain and cool. In large bowl, combine mayonnaise and ½ of the reduction. Add remaining ingredients, except cream, to the mayonnaise mixture. Mix with a fine wire whip. Add heavy cream to reach your desired consistency.

Recipe courtesy of Chef Susan Baier, Culinary Studies Institute, Oakland Community College

BEER & SALAD

FROM PAGE D1

told me via e-mail. She shared a recipe for asparagus which calls for a half cup of dark beer. I made this with Pale Ale, too, with pretty good results.

Chefs caution that care must be taken when pairing craft beers with vegetables.

"Heavy beers can overpower the lighter flavors of salads," said Pam Gustairs, a recent graduate from the Culinary Arts program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Gustairs works at the Holiday Market in Royal Oak.

I've found Gustairs' advice to be true. I love them, but porters and stouts are not my first choice with the salad course. I must say, however, I did find that Guinness wasn't terrible when sampled with a simple salad of romaine lettuce, tomatoes, shredded carrots and cucumbers accompanied with raspberry vinaigrette. The sweetness of the carrots and the raspberry taste, coupled with the dark stout worked for me, but this is not always the case.

BALANCE THE BITTERS

Bitterness is a key taste when thinking about salad greens. You want some sweetness to balance the bitter. Think about it — most salad dressings contain sugar or honey for sweetness. So, malt-rich brews with caramel notes play well off the mineral contents of greens. Also, beer is often a better choice with salads. Wine is challenged by greens such as baby spinach and arugula but, most beer styles handle the bitterness of these greens with ease.

"You don't want a big, aggressive tasting beer to overpower the light, earthy salad ingredients," is the way Chef David Burke, summed it up at SamuelAdams.com. Burke recommends several good combinations of salads and beers (naturally, they are all varieties of Sam Adams, but that is to be expected). For instance, try a Caesar salad paired with Summer Ale, (or your favorite summer wheat beer). "The rich creamy Caesar dressing is somewhat tart and is contrasted with the crisp wheat malt. The lemon citrus notes will compliment the tart lemony dressing," he writes.

Think summer beers — wheats and hefeweizens are great choices for pairing with late summer salads. The clove-like accents of hefeweizens make a perfect compliment to summer potato salad, while wheat ales go great with a tangy, vinegar-based dressings, according to NBWA. Brown ales can also match up very well with vinaigrette-topped salads. The sweet, nutty flavors of brown ales are a good counterpoint for the vinegar tang.

POTABLE SALAD PAIRINGS

Chef Susan Baier, Program Coordinator, Culinary Studies Institute, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus shares an elegant potato salad recipe invented in one of her gardemanger (preparation of cold dish) classes. Using beers as a substitute for wines and vinegars in recipes was an experiment proposed by some of Baier's students who are also brewers.

"The conversation turned from using wine and vinegars in recipes to using beer," Baier said. The experiments paid off with a creamy herbed dressing for potato salad and a marinade for chicken. (See recipe) "The earthy flavors of the potatoes are a good match for this dressing," said Baier.

Homebrewer Larry Boufford, one of Baier's students, created the apple brew using cider instead of water, adding northern and cascade hops, malt, and yeast. He warns that this mix is very active. "You can blow up your bottles easily," he chuckled. Boufford said that a malty red could serve as a good substitute if apple beer is not available.

The bottom line is, let your taste guide you. Try out different pairings, and find out which combinations you like. Burke concludes, "Some of the best food and beer pairings I ever tasted were things I just stumbled on. Experiment a little and see what works," is Burke's rule.

Enjoy beer with the bounty from your own garden or local produce market. You'll find that pairing a craft beer with a crisp salad is very cool!

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Italian wines showcase site personality

Letting a vineyard site and grape variety show in the wine, rather than the hand of the winemaker, has become the oft-repeated comment of winemakers around the planet.

Sometimes when we taste, we evaluate by remarking, "just another cabernet sauvignon" or "just another merlot," because quite honestly, the wine has no site personality. Without reading the label, we can't identify its origin.

That was not the case as we tasted the wines of Castello di Corbara with owner Fernando Patrizi and his 30-year-old winemaker Marco Bernabei, son of the internationally-renowned Franco Bernabei, who elevated chianti classico quality at such Tuscan estates as Fontodi and Fattoria de Felsina.

Father and son are a winemaking team at Corbara a 3,000-acre estate (300 acres planted to grape vines) at the foot of Lago di Corbara in southern Umbria, about a 15-minute drive from the prominent city of Orvieto.

RECOVERING TRADITIONAL VALUES

Since 1997, the Patrizi family has made strides to recover the traditional values of the estate, which boasts heritage back to medieval times and the late 13th century.

"We began re-evaluating the vineyards," said Patrizi, who runs the estate with his sister Patricia, an attorney and doctor respectively. "For all new plantings, the Bernabeis considered varieties that have been on the property for decades and for new plantings, microclimate, soil and correct clones were the top considerations."

Red grapes, including sangiovese, merlot and cabernet dominate Corbara plantings. To expand production of a Bordeaux-style wine, cabernet franc was added. To grechetto, an ancient Italian white variety found on the estate, sauvignon blanc, semillon and gewurztraminer have been included.

That's what we like about the thought going into Castello di Corbara. So often, and a case well-exemplified by merlot, plantings in California chase the market. Merlot became popular, so grape farmers planted more. In many cases, microclimates, soil and correct clones were not considered. Merlot was planted everywhere, including vineyards where it did not ripen and gave the wine a green bell pepper character. Some merlot plantings were made in vineyards that were too hot and over-ripe grapes yielded flabby wines with high alcohol.

No wonder that Americans have shunned merlot! But here's one you'll love: 2003 Castello di Corbara Lago di Corbara De Coronis Merlot \$35. De Coronis is a single vineyard and the wine is 100 percent merlot. It was aged in French oak cooperage for a year and showcases black cherry and blackberry fruit with hints of vanilla and a touch of black pepper in the finish. Round and mellow, it's simply delicious.

WINE PICKS

Wines for the waning days of summer. Wine can be a seasonal treat, so in these last warm days and into Indian summer, try:

PINOT GRIGIO/GRIS

2006 Villa Pozzi, Delle Venezie \$9
2006 Estancia \$12
2006 Gallo Family Sonoma Reserve Pinot Gris \$15 (pinot grigio style)
2006 Swanson \$21
2006 Terlato Russian River Valley \$25 - luxurious mouth-ful.

RANGE OF PACE

2006 Valley of the Moon Sonoma County Pinot Blanc \$16
2006 Zaca Mesa Santa Ynez Valley Viognier \$18

SAUVIGNON BLANC

2006 Concannon Selected Vineyard Central Coast \$10, melony style
2006 Dancing Bull \$12, New Zealand style from California
2007 Villa Maria Marlborough NZ \$16, a first from the vintage

CHARDONNAY

2006 Bulletin Place Chardonnay \$8
2005 Cupcake Vineyards Edna Valley \$10 available in Cost Plus World Markets only.
2006 Hess Monterey \$12

2006 Clos LaChance Emerald Unoaked \$15

2006 Grant Burga Barossa Unoaked Chardonnay \$15

2006 Kim Crawford Marlborough Unoaked \$17

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MORE CORBARA WINES TO BUY

2005 Podere Il Caio Grechetto \$15 has green apple, pear and mineral notes, typical of grechetto with a crisp, lengthy finish.

2004 Podere Il Caio Rosso \$15 is 60 percent sangiovese and 20 percent each of cabernet sauvignon and merlot, sporting loads of juicy and delicious red fruit flavors.

2003 Lago di Corbara \$18 is a similar blend to the Rosso above but older vines make it more intense and complex.

2005 Lago di Corbara Cabernet Sauvignon \$20 is 100 percent varietal with all the likeable elements -- berry fruit, fine tobacco scents, vanilla and a generous, mellow finish. In the recently published *Savor Michigan Cookbook* co-written by Matt Sutherland of Traverse City (\$24.95), this wine is paired with Manzo di Braciolo from Giovanni's Ristorante in Detroit -- a simple-to-prepare recipe. Try it.

And if you've given up on sangiovese from California, as many consumers have, try the Corbara version, Calistri Sangiovese Umbria \$35, with aromas of violets and anise leading to bright red fruit flavors and a lingering, satisfying finish.

Castello di Corbara wines offer site personality tastes and are not just another merlot, cabernet or sangiovese.

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Home movies go high-def thanks to new camcorders, software

A few weeks back I extolled the virtues of high-definition DVD players, which I now consider must-have hardware for anyone who owns an HDTV. (Good news on that front: Rumor has it we'll see a \$199 HD-DVD model by the end of the year.)

Now, let's briefly turn our attention to high-definition camcorders, which, like the new DVD players, record video at HDTV resolutions.

I recently spent some time with Sony's HDR-HC5 (sonystyle.com), an HD camcorder that looks no different from a typical standard-definition model, but serves up glorious high-def video (HDV).

When I say glorious, I'm not just tossing out a random word from my thesaurus. My wife and I shot some video of our kids (what better way to test a camcorder?), then plugged the HC5 into our HDTV. Then we collected our jaws from the floor; the footage looked incredible.

In fact, I'm now feeling bad about the seven years' worth of comparatively crummy-looking video we shot with our old camcorder.

As with high-def DVDs, the jump to high-def videography is nothing short of dazzling. In a few weeks I'll give you

the scoop on a few different camcorder models and tell you more about HD formats.

HIGH-DEF VIDEO EDITING

In the meantime, allow me to put the cart before the horse and talk about video-editing software, which you'll invariably want so you can turn your hours of future footage into entertaining home-movie masterpieces.

There are three major players to consider: Adobe Premiere Elements 4.0 (adobe.com), Pinnacle Studio 11 (pinnacle.com), and Ulead VideoStudio 11 (ulead.com). All three are Windows products.

Adobe's program wasn't available for review at press time (though the 3.0 version received universally high marks from other reviewers), but I was able to test both Studio 11 Ultimate and VideoStudio 11 Plus.

Priced at \$129.99 and \$99.99, respectively, these recently updated programs now support HD camcorders. That means you can copy your footage to your PC, edit it, and then distribute it any number of ways.

For example, you can turn your movie into a file that's suitable for uploading to YouTube, arguably the top spot if you want to share it with the world.

You can also generate a file that's compatible with iPods, Zunes, and other portable media players.

Of course, the most popu-

lar option is burning the movie onto a DVD, which both programs can do easily (and with fancy menus to boot). Unfortunately, while both programs can also burn HD-DVDs, your PC probably can't do likewise.

That's because HD-DVD burners have yet to see the light of day, except in a handful of high-end new PCs. At the moment you can't buy one for your existing PC.


Indeed, if you want to enjoy your edited HD movie on your HDTV, your best bet will be to copy it back to your camcorder (an option both editing programs offer), then connect the camcorder to the TV.

Both Studio 11 and VideoStudio 11 are mature, stable, feature-packed programs, though I recommend the former for anyone new to video editing. It's a bit easier to learn and use thanks to its logical, uncluttered interface.

But you can't really go wrong with either one. Your only possible mistake would be forcing friends and family members to sit through hours of unedited home movies -- high-def or otherwise.

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Ladies Who Launch — next week in PINK!

pink picks



Jennifer Boris 19, of Westland is so of-the-moment, her Reader PINK Picks have risen to the top all three years we've held the contest. The first two years, her picks were singled out for honorable mention. This year, she was among three runners-up, who each will receive a \$100 gift card for Westland Shopping Center. Boris studies communication and poli sci at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Pay attention to her picks for a lesson in style:

- Face It!** Diorshow Mascara in black
- Mane It!** TIGI Bed Head Superstar Blow Dry Lotion to prevent heat damage
- Smell It!** Escada Magnetism

- Wear It!** A blousy tunic with leggings
- DON'T Wear It!** Open toe shoes without a pedicure



Tote It! Tuxedo Park Bow Becca by Kate Spade, a perfect clutch for a night out

Kick It! Nude colored pumps

Wear It! The Free Single of the Week on iTunes

See It! The Nanny Diaries with Scarlett Johansson

Accessorize It! Dooney & Bourke Crystal Classic watch in white



Use It! Yoga Toes after a long day in heels



A French-Inspired Fall

Acclaimed author shares advice on food and fashion

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

As a French woman, Mireille Guiliano knows how to savor the good life. She drinks wine with dinner, champagne at parties and frequently indulges in dark chocolate. She cooks with heavy cream, and counts bread, potatoes and pasta among her *amis*. Guiliano abhors diets and doesn't believe in counting calories or depriving herself of any foods. Yet, like other French women, she remains slender and stylish. Her secrets? Well, it took Guiliano two best-selling books to divulge them all, but here she shares a small taste of her French recipe for fabulous living with PINK.

In French Women For All Seasons you go through a "A Year of Secrets, Recipes & Pleasures." What do you say about cooking for Fall?

During the summer you have such exotic foods like berries and tomatoes and corn. They are very colorful and you cook outdoors, and it's simple food. In Fall you have to sort of adjust a little bit, like in life when you reach your 50s and 60s, and women have to think about fine tuning. It doesn't mean it's not as exciting as summer, it's just different.

You are big on eating seasonal, locally-grown food.

Welcoming the change of seasons, that's something that Americans have to learn. With globalization people are lost. They don't know what's in season. For example, you don't eat tomatoes in January. Yes, we have exotic fruits like kiwi and mangoes that can be eaten all year long, but seasons should be respected. Asparagus in November is not so good, but in spring — fantastic! In the fall we have beautiful mushrooms that are wonderful in sauces and soups. The same as fashion, you don't need to change 100 percent, but you should adjust for the seasons.

What do you look forward to in Fall?

I love the colors of Indian summer — the leaves turning yellow and red, the food — squash, pears, apples and later on grapefruit and prunes. You change your cooking style a little bit. Also it gets colder



Mireille Guiliano

eat a loaf, eat a slice.

You are against diets. Why? A diet tells you do that and don't do that, and your mind takes revenge. As a French woman, I think counting calories is very boring and unimportant in a way, because it's all portion sizes. First of all you should never eat standing up or multitasking. Eating is one of the true, real pleasures in your life, and you have to respect some kind of rituals. Sit down, chew well and eat slowly. When you eat slowly, you will eat less. That's why in France we have lots of little courses and little dishes. When you stress quality over quantity you look at eating with a different perspective.

What do you think of fashion for Fall?

I love the fashion this year. I just got back from Paris, and Fall fashion hasn't been this great in many, many years. The colors are so beautiful, shades of grey and beige, and maroon and purple. Also the style is very beautiful and comfortable. We're back to leggings and I think they are fantastic. You can wear them with a long sweater, with or without a belt, a jacket and a little accessory and you are dressed like a million dollars. Plus they're not expensive, and they are accepted everywhere. You can wear them with stilettos, boots or ballerinas, which are very much in style in France.

In your latest book, you end each chapter with a lesson on how to wear scarves for the season...

In the Fall we like long scarves in cotton or wool or cashmere. We have so many ways to wear a scarf. We always play with a scarf ad nauseam because it's our best accessory, but the belt and necklace do the same.

Of course, French women always look fabulous because they don't get fat...

The French have their little tricks. Americans say 'we blew (the diet), we might as well continue' and in winter gain eight pounds then panic and go on freaky diets. Your body needs consistency, three meals a day, no snacking except for maybe fruit, yogurt or nuts. French women will also do the detox, the leek broth. Once in a while you need to purge your body and let it be cleaned so you have a day on leek broth. Those things help a lot to put you back on track. We react before it gets too late.

And all this without a single visit to the gym?

We move much more. We take walks, go up stairs, do all kinds of things to have movement. Too many people — not only in America but in all the developed world — spend most of our time sitting in the car. That's very anti-French. In Paris they're all bicycling, walking to work, walking to the subway. To stay thin, you need to eat smaller portions, drink plenty of water and get more movement. Anyone can do it. You do not have to live in France to do it.

REMARKABLE WOMEN

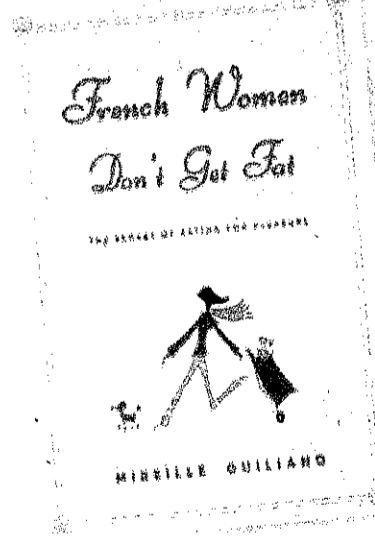
Mireille Guiliano will be among featured speakers at the 8th Annual Remarkable Women Luncheon, sponsored by the WW Group. **When:** 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 **Where:** Ritz Carlton, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn **Who:** Other speakers include Linda Kaplan Thaler, best-selling author of "Power of Nice," and Glinda Bridgforth, author of "Girl, Get Your Credit Straight." **Tickets:** \$60; \$55 for Weight Watchers members, benefit Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Beaumont Women's Heart Center and U-M Cardiovascular Center. **Information:** Call 888-3-Florine, Ext. 1377, or visit www.florineonline.com.

so your body wants a little richer food, so to me it's kind of a maturity phase.

With that craving for richer foods, how do French women avoid getting plump?

It's learning to know yourself, your body, your needs, what you like and don't like. My books are considered 'the ultimate non-diet books' because they are about learning to eat whatever you want, but in small portions. You can't lose 20 pounds in a week on the French lifestyle, but you will lose progressively and not gain it back. You will change your lifestyle and that is the goal. My books teach people how to look at food. You can have your glass of wine, you can have your piece of chocolate. There's nothing

wrong with that. Stop looking at it as a sin. There are women who think bread is the enemy and it's not. Bread is rich in fiber, and very good for you, but you don't have to



PINK List



Local girls pose in costumes during an American Girls Fashion Show last year.

American Girl Auditions

Gilda's Club and Friends of Suzette will hold auditions 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 for the 4th Annual American Girls Fashion Show. During auditions at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road, 30 models will be chosen to represent American Girl dolls at a total of four shows, Oct. 27-28. Girls must be 5'2" tall and able to wear a child's size 6. Four female narrators, ages 16-18, also are needed. Call (248) 210-5591 or e-mail Debbie Bienstock at dbienstock@twml.com.

Red Hat Photo Contest

Rochester-based Red Hats and More has announced an interactive photo contest on their popular Red Hat Society apparel and accessories e-store. Red Hat customers are encouraged to submit photos of themselves dressed in their red and purple regalia. One winning photo will be posted on the site each month. Visit www.redhat-sandmore.com to enter.

Ladies Night Out

Downtown Plymouth will host Ladies Night Out 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13. Among downtown merchants hosting giveaways, refreshments and sales galore is GIGI's Mode, featuring lines related to women's

causes, such as "feel your boobies" tanks and tops for breast cancer, along with favorites like Cordelia, Thinqe Pinque, ZoZo Bella, Young Essence and Betsey Johnson. For more information call the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

Victorian Clothing Sale

Shop for fashions from the past at the Victorian Festival Clothing Sale at Mill Race Village. Find period costumes and accessories noon to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, and noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7. Merchandise has expanded and will be offered in the Cady Inn, Wash Oak School and New School Church. The 19th Annual Victorian Festival will be held Sept. 14-16 in downtown Northville. Call the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845.

Amy Kuschel Trunk Show

The Bridal Salon at Macy's Somerset will host an Amy Kuschel Bridal trunk show Sept. 7-9. Kuschel's gowns, which combine modern elegance, sophisticated sex appeal and couture quality, are available exclusively in Michigan at the Bridal Salon at Macy's. Make your appointment to view her latest collection and meet with a representative by calling (248) 816-4270.

Clinique Gift

Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia will offer a Clinique gift with purchase through Sept. 10 while supplies last. Spend \$21.50 and receive a girly gift that includes Moisture Surge Extra Thirsty Skin Relief; Blushing Blush in Smoldering Plum; High Impact Mascara in Black; Long Last Lipstick in Sugared Maple; a Marie Claire subscription card; and more. Call (734) 953-7500.

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